

Head of School

Friday 26th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we are at the end of term already. I would like to thank all our staff and students for being amazing this term. Spalding Academy is a truly special school that has a true community feel. I look forward to our next term together. Our school ethos of 'Aspire, Challenge and Achieve' can be seen throughout our school, from our sporting achievements to our preparation for our musical performance (please remember to purchase your tickets!).

As you know, our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard over the last term as they embark on their GCSE examination journey. The students are half way through their examinations and they have taken these in their stride. Our students have signed up to over 200 revision sessions, over the May Half Term. I am also pleased to announce our students have viewed over 22,000 GCSEPod support videos to support them in their revision. Keep this up Year 11, you are nearly there!

On Wednesday, we celebrated our Year 9 AOL data and achievements. Over 60 students were treated to a cinema experience in our East Hall where they enjoyed a film with some sweet treats too. These students have achieved over and above in their progress, positive rewards and attitude to learning.

This week, we have had Katie Falkner who is the Development Officer for Lincolnshire County Cricket visit our school. Katie has been delivering cricket sessions with the aim of increasing interest in girls' cricket. Girl's in Year 7/8 have already competed in a regional county indoor cricket tournament and will have another opportunity to experience competitive softball cricket in June at Market Deeping Cricket Club.



Last Thursday, selected students from Spalding Academy went to the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston to compete in the English Schools Track and Field Cup (ESAA). This is a team competition where you score points based on individual performances. We were in a tough pool against the likes of Lincoln LSST school and local Grammar schools, but regardless the students gave a really good account of themselves, with some fantastic individual performances including some personal bests. This competition gave a good opportunity for students to do their events in competitions ready for Sports Day and the upcoming South Lincs Superzone Championships.

I would like to draw your attention to a safeguarding element we have added to our website to support our young people. We know that students can be drawn to and influenced by risky behaviours. NSPCC have created a reporting tool for any young person who has taken a 'nude' photograph which has been shared online. On www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/safeguarding we have added a new Report Remove button, this will take you to a reporting form where support will be allocated to your case from the NSPCC team. We will be delivering this information to all students during assemblies on the first week of next term.



Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.

Please remember, all parents/carers and our students have access to our 'Feeling Worried' tab which is available on our website (worried@spaldingacademy.org.uk). This is monitored over the holiday period and we will respond to your email. If you feel there is an emergency safeguarding concern, please do not wait for an email response from the School, please always dial 999. We also have a wealth of wellbeing support on our school website for students to access during the holiday period.

Please can I remind parents we return to school on Monday 5th June 2023.

I hope everyone has a restful half term.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jemma Curson', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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