

Head of School

Friday 9th June 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome back to our final school term of this academic year. I am sure our Year 11 students appreciated the half-term break as they have continued to sit their formal examinations over the course of this week. I would like to thank all Year 11 parents and carers for continuing to support their child arriving prepared and on time – the crammers and support from teaching staff is still available for students as per their exam timetable. In addition to this, I would like to remind parents/carers and students that all school resources are still available for students should they require to access them for example; our safeguarding team and the careers department for any further advice or support.

Our first week back to school has been as busy as ever! Students have returned to school looking even smarter than ever. As the weather should start to warm up, we will ensure students can remove their blazers during the school day. We will make this decision on a daily basis, thanks to the ever-changing Great British weather!

I would like to thank our staff and students for their continuing time and dedication to our annual school show. As usual, the show will feature live music from Spalding Academy's very own Music Department. I would like to remind you that the tickets are still on sale. The tickets are already getting booked up, and you can purchase your ticket from www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy. The performance dates are Wednesday 5th July, Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July 2023 in the evening. Myself and my Senior Leadership Team will be on hand, each night to support the front of house. We cannot wait to see our students shine on stage.



The banner features a photograph of three students: a boy with a tablet, a girl with a guitar, and a girl with drumsticks. The text reads: "THE NEXT GENERATION SCHOOL of ROCK THE MUSICAL". A QR code is in the top right. Below it, the dates "Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July 2023" and "TICKETS £6" are displayed. The website www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy is at the bottom.

As a school, we are celebrating our second certificate, for our Spring Term attendance. As a school we are in the **top 25%** of secondary schools with our attendance. Our overall school attendance is currently above the national average. To be able to achieve this takes a team effort of everyone working together, from students, parents and carers and our school attendance team. School attendance is so important, not only for the academic progress but for the wellbeing of students. I am really pleased this has been recognised for the second term of this academic year. Well done Spalding Academy.



On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Year 10 Geographers went on their GCSE fieldtrips to gain an understanding and practical experience of the fieldwork enquiry process. Following on from their Lincoln field trip, our students needed to visit a coastal town, so our students visited Hunstanton, due to its distinctiveness, geographical features and ease of access. The students spent their day following the route from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach, to analyse physical processes and assess coastal defences. As usual, our students were exceptionally behaved and represented our school very well.

One of the House competitions in the school calendar is our annual Sports Day. As in previous years, if your child is chosen to represent their House for the Sports Day, you will receive a ParentMail with a proforma to complete to confirm you are happy for them to attend and represent their House team. In order to select participants for each House, students will be selected based on their scores/times achieved in PE lessons and the weekly after-school athletics club. Over the course of this week and next, the Sports Department will be leading the selection assemblies and will be able to answer any queries a student may have. I will provide further updates regarding the upcoming Sports Day in subsequent newsletters.

Finally, this month we are celebrating diversity by increasing the awareness of Pride Month. Students will be increasing their understanding of this Month, which will be delivered during tutor time. You may have also noticed our social media platforms are celebrating Pride Month and welcome any student from any year group to attend our LGBTQ+ club each Tuesday lunchtime.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend and enjoys the mini heatwave too!

Your sincerely,

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

Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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