

# Head of School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we are already over halfway through our final term of 2023-24.

This week, our school performance 'School of Rock' was sold out for Thursday and Friday evenings. I had the pleasure of watching all the performances which allowed me to meet so many families on the evening. It was a fantastic feeling to have a live theatre in school and especially when it was so well supported by families and the local community, with 400 people filling up the hall. I was also extremely proud to watch our very own school band take a lead in the show too. The students and staff working behind the scenes helped ensure that there was a seamless transition from scene-to-scene and the standard of performance was 'first class' with a captivating stage presence plus perfect choreography and delivery, which was complemented by our incredible live band. I have included some photos from the evening. My thanks go to all the students (including some returning Year 11) for their efforts and dedication to our annual show.



Our sports team took around 55 students to the South Lincolnshire Schools Championships. We had a fantastic day with some students achieving their personal bests. Our students have been training hard for this event, to ensure they can achieve their best. I have to give a special mention to Magdalena Pliszka who ran the 100m in 12.8 seconds. This meant she equalled the current 100m record for Year 9 girls in the County! This is a fantastic achievement for Magdalena.

All students have had their year group assemblies this week. At each AOL data point, we reward the students who have excelled themselves in their progress and attitude to learning (ATL). These students are placed in our Super Prize Draw which allows them to win some shopping vouchers. We also reminded students about being kind towards each other in the school community in our anti bullying themed assembly. And finally, we told students about the Film Festival event in the last week of term. The students were told they all have access to this reward in school. We felt this was a really important message, as our students have worked very hard this academic year. However, we did reinforce that any behaviour which isn't acceptable over the last two weeks, will result in them missing out on the treat.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you, our staff and students for allowing the teacher strike days to be calm and allowed our learning to continue to be as close to normal as we could get. Although, we did not take the decision to close to certain year group lightly, this was the right decision to allow the school to run safely and smoothly.

Next week I am really looking forward to Spalding Academy's second House Celebration Event, on Tuesday evening for students who have excelled across the academic year in their House teams.

As we approach the final stages of the academic year, we will be reinforcing our expectations to our current students, ready for the September start.

Your sincerely,



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