

## **Head of School**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Spalding Academy.

This week, we have launched our new Aspire Passport to our students in Years 7 to 9. In a special assembly, students were given their new passports to begin the challenges within them. The passport lists all the exciting challenges they can take part in, in order to achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. Already, our amazing students are completing some of the Bronze tasks, including speaking a different language to asking parents and carers about their career journeys. There are a number of challenges parents/carers may sign to say these have been completed. I would like to remind you that photos of any cooked family meals are perfect, we do not need the actual meal being brought in. I cannot wait to celebrate our students achievements and new skills they have learnt.



Our new Year 7 students have been settling into school life really well. I am really pleased with their uniform, enthusiasm in lessons and their politeness. Our transition team have been working really hard to lead activities to support our new students. These sessions have included:

- House competitions
- Travelling safely to and from school
- Safeguarding
- Rewards
- Show My Homework Launch App

Well done to Year 7 on their resilience and courage during their first weeks with us.

Our annual Open Evening is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for prospective students in Years 4 to 6 and this is the perfect way to demonstrate how impressive our school is. Please can parents/carers sign any permission forms for students to help out on the evening. These need to be returned to their Year Lead or Teacher.



I would like remind parents that we are a nut aware school. The most common allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most common allergy in our school is nut allergies, which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students. Some students have allergies so severe, that even touching contaminated surfaces, or breathing in airborne nut protein, may cause an anaphylactic reaction. In order to maintain the safety of all students, we strongly request that parents/carers of students help us to ensure that all food brought into school is nut free. Nut based products (e.g. Snickers or nut bars) are not allowed on the school site.

And finally, we have launched our extra-curricular activities available at school. Here at Spalding Academy we offer over 60 activities for students to take part in. This year we have offered even more exciting and new clubs. Each week I will promote one of the clubs for your information.

Our extra curricular focus for this week is the Drama Club for Years 7 to 8 which takes place after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Mondays in Room B9. If students have a passion for the arts or think they have what it takes to be a star, then this might be the opportunity the have been waiting for! The Performing Arts Department are kick starting the academic year with a workshop based club to help nurture young talent and to broaden the horizons of young people who may not have much experience within the industry. We will explore team building, getting back to basics with foundation performance skills, the introduction to devising/how to create drama and giving guidance in using and interpreting scripts. Students will not need to bring anything other than creativity, focus and dramatic flair!

Your sincerely,

**Mrs Jemma Curson** 

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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- www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy
- www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy
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## Upcoming key dates



For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form will also have a separate Open Evening in November 2023.

