

Head of School

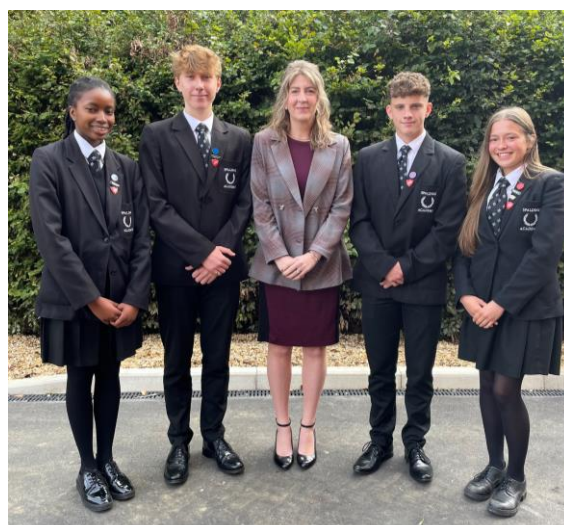
Friday 29th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I would like to start this week by congratulating our new Head Students for this academic year. We had many letters of applications and I had the really tough job of selecting the final candidates for interview. All of the students that we interviewed were absolutely amazing and represented themselves and the school so well. We were only looking to appoint two Head Students, but this year we felt four students deserved the job role, due to their superb applications and interviews.

I would like to congratulate Crista Ngoro, Jake Izatt, Jake Riddiford and Tilly Asplen (pictured left to right) who are our Head Students for 2023/24. I cannot wait to work with our Head Students this academic year!



This week, during assemblies, we have been introducing and reminding students about our school ethos, motto and student charter. Our motto – Aspire, Challenge, Achieve is really significant for all of our students to remind the students about our school values. The importance of the word Achieve being highlighted as our student charter which reflects the values of the Trust schools.

Our sporting season has started at full speed. We have hosted football and netball games with University Academy Holbeach. Our Year 7, 9 and 10 football teams did very well, winning all their matches. We have had a mixture of wins, draws and losses in our first netball matches. Our sport students always celebrate and reflect, ready for the next game.

We also had two honourable guests at Spalding on Wednesday 27th September 2023 as MP Sir John Hayes and Cllr Elizabeth Sneath officially opened our brand-new eight classroom block. Sir John Hayes and Cllr Sneath met with our newly appointed Head Students, had a tour around our new classrooms and even took part in some of the discussions our students were having with their teachers on a wealth of topics, from Haiku poetry to the sustainability of the 2020 Olympic stadium in London. We would like to thank our guests for supporting us with our opening of the new teaching block. This is another great asset for our students.

Year 11 this week have received a 'Young Passenger Awareness' presentation from an external speaker regarding safe travel. This is part of our PSHE programme and extremely important for this age group who, as they are getting older are more vulnerable to travelling with young drivers and being young drivers themselves. These events are so important to us to hold for our students.

Staff at the school today have been supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning by having a 'Bake A Cake' stall. Thank you to the staff that contributed to this event, and, as expected, I was a very happy Head of School trying the variety of cakes that have been baked or bought by staff whilst supporting a fantastic cause!

Our extra-curricular club to focus on this week the MFL Club - Bienvenue au club de jeux français! This popular linguistic club takes place in Room C5 on Friday lunchtimes where students can play a variety of French games. Students who are artistic can have a go at French Pictionary, or if they can use their thinking skills with an intense game of French Connect4. This club is open all students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in the preparation for the Open Evening on Tuesday next week. Our final preparations are well underway and we have received a fantastic response from students who want to support the school for the evening as tour guides and department helpers.

We are racing through Term 1 and I can't quite believe we only have three weeks left!

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

Open Evening

Tuesday 3rd October 2023
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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The banner features a photograph of two young girls in school uniforms looking through microscopes in a classroom setting. The Spalding Academy logo, which includes a laurel wreath, is positioned in the bottom left corner of the banner.

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.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

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Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm



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