

# Head of School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We had a fantastic Open Evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. There were over 300 student helpers, who volunteered to promote our school to new families. The students were an absolute credit to our school. Their enthusiasm and positivity about the school was incredible. We met all our student helpers today to sign their new Aspire cards for helping the school, issued achievements points and given them a sweet treat. I would like say a special thank you to our school band who performed a superb version of Pompei by Bastille! I have received so many positive emails from families who have taken the time to email the school to personally thank our students. One parent emailed in to say ***"The atmosphere of the event was great and the evening confirmed Spalding Academy is our first choice!"***

On the evening, we had over 1,600 people come through our doors which is unprecedented. Mrs Conley and I had to carry out four presentations in the main hall which has never happened before. It was an excellent evening all round and I went home feeling even more proud to be the Head of School. We cannot wait to meet our future students and start their transition to secondary school.



On Thursday we supported the National Poetry Day. Each of our students' lessons started with having a poem linked to the subject or topic. Students enjoyed listening to different poems linked to their subject areas. Also, I have also been impressed with the number of students in Year 7 and 8 who have completed Accelerated Reader quizzes. Next Wednesday, we have got our DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) for Years 7 and 8.

I would like to remind you that our annual Careers Fair will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We are inviting students to return with their families between 3.30pm and 4.30pm where exhibitors will have information on their own job opportunities as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents. The list of local and national businesses who are supporting us has been amazing. Our Careers team have done an amazing job in getting in a wide range of employers, from McDonalds to the NHS.

Please be reminded that we are working hard to maintain excellent attendance in school. However, if your child is ill and cannot attend school, you must report the absence using our email address [attendance@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:attendance@spaldingacademy.org.uk) or text 07860 055665 with full details of the student name. On the rare occasion when your child may have a medical appointment in school time please be mindful that evidence of the appointment needs to support the absence and a copy should be emailed to the above email address or handed in to our Attendance Office. For the fantastic achievement of 100% attendance and significantly improved attendance, students will receive a termly reward at the start of next term.

Our extra-curricular focus for this week is 'Poetry By Heart', which is an annual competition at the Globe Theatre in London. This year, at Spalding Academy, we are aiming to enter participants in this national event, showcasing fantastic poetry recitals and performance. Each week in the club, students are learning poems from across ages and continents. Once learned, our creativity will unfold, allowing us to interpret and perform the poems in ways that show off our individuality and expression. This club is open to students in Years 7-9 and takes place every Tuesday lunchtime, in room G7 with Miss Nicoll.

I hope you enjoy the very sunny weekend ahead!

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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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 have an Open Evening in November 2023.



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

# SIXTH FORM Open Evening

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Thursday 9th November 2023**  
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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