

Head of School

Friday 20th October 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Where has this half term gone? I cannot believe we are already at the end of term one for this academic year. Even though it has been the last week of term, we have certainly been busy.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had our Year 10 Geography field trip to support our students with their GCSE fieldwork element. On this field trip to Lincoln, students focused on Urban Issues and Challenges by beginning their day with a visit to the historic Cathedral Quarter making observations about the city layout and structure. Following this, students worked in small groups to gather primary fieldwork data relating to recent regeneration that has been carried out in the city centre and the Brayford Waterfront. They will now use their data collected to use in their Geography lessons back in the classroom.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended the 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening. It was a fantastic evening that provided invaluable information such as revision tips and timetabling, supportive techniques in the home and external websites and apps for additional practice. The feedback from the evening was excellent and we have already seen our Year 10 students utilising the information and techniques over these last two days of term.

On Tuesday evening, over 50 excited students (and staff) went to support England's campaign for the Euros 2024 football competition. The students left Spalding around 2.30pm to watch England win 3-1 against Italy at Wembley Stadium. Our students were incredibly excited and we have had some lovely comments from parents thanking us for the opportunity.



We also held our hugely successful annual Career Fair on Thursday. The support and effort our from our local and national businesses was incredible, where we welcomed over 40 exhibitors to our Careers Fair. It was, without doubt, the most engaging and active fair we have hosted to date. All students were exceptionally well behaved, approached companies and educators with confidence asking questions with genuine interest. Some of the feedback we received from exhibitors on the day were amazing, including 'being blown away by how engaged and confident the students are' and 'being impressed by the students questioning and interest.

We saw students (and staff) taking part in the planned activities such as, seeing the way a wall is fully constructed, taking blood, finger printing, trying on uniforms and PPE, taking blood pressure, naming vegetables, playing higher or lower, guessing the cost of vehicle repairs, using a tractor simulator and had the opportunity to sit in an HGV cab! Students took full advantage visiting the wide range of companies in attendance and spent time talking to our SLAT Sixth Form, based at Bourne Academy, about accessing a Post 16 pathway and were pleased to know how achievable it was for them. Students were able to find out about the different apprenticeships available to them and there was a large amount of myth-busting around subjects you need to go on to study professions such as Law and Finance, the alternative routes to get into nursing and how the construction industry is so much more than building houses!



I would like to promote our Show My Homework / Satchel One App to you. Through the app or website, you can access both homework and all aspects of your child's behaviour. The app allows you to support your child with their learning at home. Simply knowing what homework your child has been set can make great improvements to your child's learning and motivation. It allows you to see reward points given which will allow you to celebrate school success at home and initiate more difficult conversations if the need arises. If you need any support with logging into the app, email enquiries@spaldingacademy.org.uk

On Friday 17th November 2023 we will hold our Children in Need fundraising day where students will be allowed to wear non-uniform for the day and donate £1 to the charity. Please see the letter which was sent out on Wednesday for more information.

Please be reminded that we return back to school for the start of Term 2 on **Tuesday 31st October 2023** as Monday is a staff training day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful half term.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

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Upcoming key dates

Dates for your diaries for Term 2:

- Wednesday 1st November 2023 Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening
- Thursday 9th November 2023 SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening (Bourne Academy)
- Friday 17th November 2023 Children in Need Non-uniform Day
- Thursday 7th December 2023 Year 9 Remote Parents Evening



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

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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