

Head of School

Friday 3rd November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to our Term 2. Our students have come back to school looking very smart and ready to learn. As the weather is starting to change and get wetter and colder, students should wear a coat to school (preferably dark colours and plain). We will ensure our students have access to an inside area when the weather is wet or extremely cold.

As part of our rewards system, each year group have had their Strike Card prize draw this week in their assemblies. We always celebrate students for carrying out what we expect from our students on a daily basis. Each student with a clean Strike Card was entered to the prize draw to win Love2Shop gift vouchers. I was really pleased to see so many clear Strike Cards in the prize draw. Students have all been given a new Strike Card again this term.

Over the next week, we will also be delivering over 600 cookies and drinks to those students who have achieved 100% attendance last term. We pride ourselves on recognising everyday achievements and we believe all students who achieve 100% attendance deserve a little treat!

Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity to listen to the Sixth Form Team at Bourne Academy this week as this is one of the most popular post-16 choices for our students. I would like to remind parents/carers that the Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy is on Thursday 9th November 2023 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The event is for students in Years 10 and 11 to visit the Sixth Form and speak to staff and students about the choice of subjects and study pathways on offer.



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

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

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We had 10 teams from seven local primary schools, come together at Spalding Academy for an action-packed day of football. The competition forms part of the School Games which seeks to increase competition, participation and leadership in sport. This was a competitive event, giving the primary school children a chance to push themselves and learn from winning and losing. There was also an emphasis on RESPECT so teams were encouraged to not appeal for decisions, to shake hands and talk to the opposition after the game and to win or lose with good grace. The Schools Games competition is an excellent event for our Sports Leaders to gain valuable hours towards their Leadership qualification that they are studying at an extra-curricular club. The students spent the day officiating, organising and leading the fixtures for the football tournament. All of them showed excellent maturity and leadership skills to help the competition run smoothly – despite the cold and wet weather.

Year 10 had an assembly delivered by David Foster from the charity Stand Against Violence. The aim of the assembly was to raise the awareness of the increase in knife crime in this country, especially amongst young people. David spoke about some of the myths young people have and also about how actions have consequences. The students engaged brilliantly with this sensitive and difficult subject.

As we approach our annual Remembrance event on Sunday 12th November 2023, the Royal British Legion have visited the school to bring us Poppies to sell to our students. Our Head Students will be visiting form groups throughout next week and all donations are welcome for the 2023 Poppy Appeal. To raise our student awareness of this important event, we have launched an inhouse poppy competition for all students to take part in. Our amazing Art Department have also been busy working on ceramic individually designed poppies for our 2023 Remembrance display - these have been made by our students during their art lessons and by our staff too!

I would to remind our Year 7 parents/carers that their first online Parents Evening is next Wednesday 8th November 2023. This meeting is very important as you will be able to hear about your child's transition to us, and how they are settling in. Please follow the instructions on our original communication on how to sign up to our online system.

Our extra-curricular focus for this week is the Choir Club that runs every Wednesday lunchtime in room J2 with Miss Armstrong. It is available for all year groups and abilities to attend. At the moment, the choir are currently preparing to perform at the Spalding Christmas Lights event on Saturday 25th November 2023, which will involve the students singing a number of popular Christmas songs for the public. As well as preparing for numerous performances and exciting opportunities throughout the year, the choir also sing songs for fun from a variety of different musical styles and genres including 'Rolling in the Deep', 'Running Up That Hill' and 'Hold Back the River' to name just a few.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your sincerely,



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Head of School, Spalding Academy

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