



SPALDING  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week, our students have been supporting the annual Poppy Appeal and learning about the Remembrance services which will take place over the weekend. Students have been donating to support our local Royal British Legion, as they help support the most vulnerable in our society.

As a school, we held a minute silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month. The Head Students and I have the honour of taking part in the Spalding Town Parade by laying a wreath on behalf of the school and the Trust, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

I would like to thank our amazing Art Department who have been working really hard to display our student and staff poppies to mark the occasion.



This week, our students have been celebrating their superb 100% school attendance for last term. Our students loved their reward as we gave out over 600 sweet treats! We want to increase the number of students who get rewarded for this during this term. As we all know, good attendance to school can have a huge positive impact on students' wellbeing and achievements. When poor attendance starts, young people fall into a pattern that are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. Although 90% attendance sounds like a solid attendance figure, this will have an impact on students' progress.



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On Wednesday, Miss Pearce from our PE Department organised multi school girl's rugby development day. The event was aimed at our Year 7 and 8 students who had shown an interest in rugby. The event had numerous experienced rugby coaches, who taught the students the key skills they need to develop to in order to succeed even further in rugby. This was an excellent opportunity for our students.



On Thursday, our Performing Arts team took 45 Year 10 students to the theatre to see a matinee performance of '2:22 A Ghost Story' at the Curve Theatre, in Leicester This is part of the BTEC qualification where it is recommended that students experience live theatre. The students had a wonderful time and really enjoyed this the live theatre experience.

Last night Year 10 and 11 were invited the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening, which is based at Bourne Academy. It was an great opportunity to speak to current Sixth Form students and subject teachers for over 20 subjects on offer with a choice of academic and vocational study pathways. Due to the popularity of the Sixth Form, we advise that all applications are made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to allow the Sixth Form to allocate students preferred subject choices. Applications made after this date may have limited subject options, but can still apply. Visit [www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform](http://www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform) for more information about the Sixth Form.

As a school community, it has always been important to us to seek stakeholder feedback. We appreciate and value all the feedback we receive from our parents/carers throughout the academic year. We would like to ask as many parents as possible, to complete our Trust feedback survey. We will use your stakeholder feedback, to ensure we continue to offer the best education our young people deserve. Please click <https://forms.office.com/e/W6W8Eq6FqU> to access the survey.

Finally, we were pleased to share exciting news that the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak visited Giles Academy who are part of our Trust on Wednesday. Please see the following link for details of the visit: [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/prime-minister-visits-giles](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/prime-minister-visits-giles)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your sincerely,

**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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