

Head of School

Friday 24th November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What an amazing week we have had!

I am pleased to announce one of our students has been awarded for their literacy and creative writing skills. We had many students enter 'The Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition' which had the theme of 'Refuge' to support the 2023 National Poetry Day. The competition was judged this year by Stamford Poet Laureate 2023, Emily Dickens. I am really pleased to announce that one of our students has been awarded third place. Our Year 8 student, Biankq Mlodzinska was chosen out of over 600 Lincolnshire school entries. Well done Biankq!

We would like to encourage our families to support the Spalding Christmas Lights event, which will take place on Saturday 25th November 2023, from 11am to 5pm. Over 50 of our brilliantly talented musicians will support the event and represent Spalding Academy. Our school band and choir will be on the centre stage from 11am to 12pm. This is a great opportunity to showcase our talented music students to our local community. The South Holland Communities Team have asked us to promote this local community event to all our parents. The event has lots of family fun Christmas activities to do and it will be located in the centre of town from 11am to 5pm. Visit www.sholland.gov.uk/ChristmasCelebration for further information.

As you are aware the Festive Season is fast approaching and at Spalding Academy we would like to support others in our local community, by putting together some Christmas hampers. Each form will be wrapping and filling a box ready to be donated at the end of term. We are asking you to donate items to help fill the hampers. All donations need to be bought into school by Wednesday 6th December 2023. I would like to thank Warners Group in Bourne for their kind donations of the boxes for us to use in our local community. This year, the hampers will be delivered to our local foodbank to support our local community. Please see our separate letter with further details on.

Our Year 11 students have received their PPE examination timetable and an exam assembly this week in preparation for the start of their exams on Tuesday 5th December 2023. We host a variety of intervention sessions during lunchtime and after school to support our students through this important time of year. We expect excellent attendance for our Year 11 students during their PPE season. Any absences from the examination season must be followed up with a medical note and the missed examination will be completed in the last week of the term.



Finally, we would like to promote and support the current 'Big Ambition' campaign which is a national campaign for parents and students. I have provided the link so you can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. We feel it is really important that our community at Spalding Academy can participate in 'The Big Ambition survey' and have their say on a range of issues.

Another superb week. I hope you have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing as many families as we can, on Saturday at the Spalding Christmas Market.

Your sincerely,



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