

Head of School

Friday 26th January 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Year 11 online Parents Evening last night. This was well attended and was a valuable last opportunity for an informative appointment prior to your child sitting their formal examinations.

Year 11 students received their PPE results last week and following this we have now considered every individual performance to provide further support in a specific subject area until the examination period. Therefore, students will have been notified of a change of tutor as registration sessions have now evolved into subject interventions. This is a fantastic way of delivering additional bespoke support by subject specialists leading up until their final examinations.

This week, some of our Year 11 students started the National Tutoring Programme where individuals are assigned an online tutor to deliver revision materials to support and maximize their grade in English or Maths. All of the tutors are undergraduates that have undertaken a rigorous selection process to enable them to deliver lessons in their specialist subject area. The student feedback was very encouraging from their first session and we hope that this, along with other platforms such as GCSEPod, will support engaging students in a different way of learning and preparation skills for their examinations. We continue to encourage the students to be consistently using the GCSEPod and revision sessions that are being provided from their subject teachers.

On the sporting front, our boys and girls football teams have both played in high-level sport, across the county this week, where they played football in a National and County Cup. Both teams played incredibly well on the day, with determination and strategy. Our basketball team also played in a cup match. I am really proud of all of our sports teams this week.

Following on from our Parent Feedback from last term, I would like to focus on an area that parents/carers said they would like more information on. We aim to provide a high-quality education which enriches students' ambition and love of learning and equips our students with the skills, knowledge and cultural capital they need to access aspirational Post-16 pathways and meet the responsibilities and experiences of later life. On our school website - www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/curriculum (also under the Academic menu), we have a dedicated curriculum webpage where you can see each of the subject's curriculum in a lot more detail. Each subject gives an overview of topics being taught in each year group. This will allow you to see what topics are being taught and what other extra curriculum opportunities there are for each subject.



Our extra-curricular focus for this week is the National Theatre 'Connections' festival, where our Performing Arts department have been selected to take part. The 'Connections' festival gives students an amazing opportunity to be the first to ever perform a new production written by one of the up and coming playwrights. The performance our students have been set is titled 'Age is Revolting' and is based within a school where students have strong views against the older generation and their worlds are about to be fast forwarded when a new mysterious substitute teacher enters their lives and changes their outlook on the world. The performers will have two performances that they will take part in. The first performance will be staged at Spalding Academy on Wednesday 27th March 2024 in front of a live audience and will be watched by a member of the National Theatre!

For more information and exciting school updates, please make sure you are following us on our social media platforms and visit our website. You will find we share events, updates, to any job vacancies across the Trust.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS

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If you are interested in discovering the opportunities available at **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust**, we would like to meet you at one of our Recruitment Roadshow events.

Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September.

By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career.

These events are for those who are interested in working at **ANY** of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).

Giles Academy

Church Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9LD

Tuesday 6th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

Spalding Academy


Neville Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2EJ

Thursday 8th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

You can drop-in anytime between 5.00pm to 6.30pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff about the many teaching and support job vacancies that will be available. There is free parking on the school site and free refreshments will be served from 5.00pm.

To attend, you must register in advance - please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies



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