

# Head of School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 4. We have had a great start to term this week. The students have come back to school in smart uniform and with super attitudes towards their learning.

The SLAT Sports Games have returned for the second year running and I am hoping Spalding Academy will defend the trophy this year. Year 10 went first this season, as Spalding hosted the other Trust teams on Monday. The students (and staff) were all excited to see which school would top the league. It was great to watch the team spirit that all our students have across all four schools. I am proud to say our Spalding football team won the league. Our netball team finished second in the league. This is a great start to our campaign. I cannot wait for the other year groups to compete!

In celebration of 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we are inviting our Year 7 students only to dress up as a character from their favourite book. They may arrive to school in their costume and remain in their costume throughout the day. They are welcome to bring with them a copy of the book that they are dressing as a character from but they do not need to do this. On this day, we are also having a 'Best Costume' competition in our Library. Students wishing to enter the competition should attend the Library at 1.20pm on the day. There will be prizes available for winning entries. We do ask please that parents/carers ensure costumes are appropriate for school and clearly relate to a character from a book. This is not an additional opportunity for a non-uniform day.

In conjunction with World Book Day, we are running a fantastic competition where students in all years can create an illustrated short story or poem aimed at primary school children (aged 4 to 6 years). Students can work on their own or in pairs with another student to develop their ideas and design their story by adding characters, colours and design to bring the story to life. The story or poem could be completely original or a re-imagined version of a childhood favourite by adding some big twists of your own. As a guide the story should take no more than 3 minutes to read. Competition entries should be submitted to the school library by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and the competition is just for students at schools who are part of South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. The winners will be announced after the Easter holidays and they will have the opportunity to visit a local primary school to share their story with the primary school pupils. To reward students for their hard work and efforts, there will be prizes for the winners and highly commended entries plus the winner's stories will be published on our website.



On Thursday, our Year 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in a STEM session run by BAE System. The theme this year is 'Electricity'. This was a highly interactive show which explores what electricity is and how we generate it. Students and staff were amazed by some of the 'shocking' demonstrations. It was another great opportunity for our students at Spalding Academy.



With only 43 days left for Year 11 students until their first examination, we have been preparing for the final stages of support available for all students. All Year 11 students have been reminded about the intervention sessions available to them and we will be informing students and parents of the Easter Revision sessions planned over the two weeks break very shortly. We have attached the revision/interventions sessions that are running this term, to this letter.

In September, we launched our new reward Aspire Passports for KS3 students in Years 7 to 9. Every student received a booklet packed full of challenges they can choose to complete over the academic year in order to receive recognition and rewards at school. There are three awards for students to achieve – Bronze, Silver and Gold, these awards get more challenging as they complete the different levels.

Due to the commitment from our students on this new initiative we feel we can reward our students even further! From this term, in addition to their badges and certificates, students will receive:

- **Rewards points** for Bronze (100 points), Silver (250 points) and Gold (500 points)
- Access to an **exclusive end of term reward**, including a Film Festival and treats for all students who have achieved an award and badge
- **Love2Shop vouchers** for students who achieve Gold (£10 voucher) and Silver (£5 voucher) - students who have already achieved these awards during Terms 1 to 3 will receive a voucher too!


As a Trust, we have awarded over 500 badges. This equates to over two thousand challenges completed by our students. I would like to thank parents for supporting students with their home challenges, including baking cakes! We feel these additional rewards are necessary as students have worked really hard to achieve their awards. We also hope this will encourage more students to take part in our Aspire Passport reward scheme.

I would like to remind all Year 8 parents/carers about the Parents Evening that is taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This is a very important meeting and the first feedback from subject teachers since your child joined the school. Details will follow on how to sign up for the evening in due course.

Finally, included in the update this week is our extra-curricular and Year 11 intervention classes for Term 4. Please share this with you child. Hopefully students will look to try something new and for our Key Stage 3 students this will be another task completed for their Aspire Passport. What a fantastic start to the week we have had!

What a fantastic start to the new term we have had!

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 4** (Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

| MONDAY LUNCHTIME    |                               |               |               |                                |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Sport               | Boys Basketball               | Year 9        | West Gym      | Mr Munton                      |
| Sport               | Fitness Suite                 | Years 9/10/11 | Fitness Suite | Mr Duggan                      |
| Games & Pastimes    | Games Club                    | All Years     | G24           | Mrs Carter                     |
| Games & Pastimes    | Puzzle Club                   | All Years     | F6            | Mr Huntsman                    |
| Maths               | Maths Club                    | All Years     | F12           | Miss Whelbourne                |
| Music               | Songwriting Club              | All Years     | J2            | Miss Armstrong                 |
| Music               | Studio Project (Music)        | All Years     | J Block       | Mr Barratt                     |
| TUESDAY LUNCHTIME   |                               |               |               |                                |
| Sport               | Boys Basketball               | Year 11       | West Gym      | Mr Duggan                      |
| Sport               | Girls Basketball              | All Years     | East Gym      | Miss Pearce                    |
| Sport               | Gymnastics                    | All Years     | East Gym      | Miss Ringrose                  |
| Sport               | Sports Leaders                | Year 9        | B5            | Mr Munton                      |
| Games & Pastimes    | Games Club                    | All Years     | G24           | Mrs Carter                     |
| Drama               | BTEC Practical Practice       | 10c & 11c     | B8            | Miss Clarke                    |
| English             | Poetry by Heart               | All Years     | G7            | Miss Nicoll                    |
| Geography           | ECO Club                      | All Years     | L3            | Mr Jolley                      |
| Geography           | Geography in Action           | All Years     | L5            | Miss Wilshire /<br>Miss Bowler |
| WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME |                               |               |               |                                |
| Sport               | Boys Basketball               | Years 7/8     | West Gym      | Mr Airey                       |
| Sport               | Girls Basketball              | All Years     | East Gym      | Miss Pearce                    |
| English             | Book Club                     | All Years     | F5            | Miss Teixeira                  |
| English             | Accelerated Reader            | Year 9        | G12           | Mrs Worrell                    |
| Games & Pastimes    | Games Club                    | All Years     | G24           | Mrs Carter                     |
| ICT                 | KS3 Computer Programming Club | Years 7/8/9   | B1            | Mrs Mellor / Mrs Osbourn       |
| Music               | Choir                         | All Years     | J2            | Miss Armstrong                 |

**THURSDAY LUNCHTIME**

|                  |   |           |             |               |
|------------------|---|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Sport            | <b>Boys Basketball</b>                        | Year 10   | West Gym    | Mr Favell     |
| Sport            | <b>Dance</b>                                  | All Years | Sports Hall | Miss Ringrose |
| Art              | <b>Art Ambassadors</b>                        | All Years | D5          | Mrs Wilson    |
| DofE             | <b>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)</b> | Year 10   | D14         | Mr Abraham    |
| Drama            | <b>BTEC Practical Practice</b>                | 10a & 11a | B9          | Mr Horner     |
| Games & Pastimes | <b>Games Club</b>                             | All Years | G24         | Mrs Carter    |
| PSHE             | <b>LGBTQ+ Club</b>                            | All Years | G25         | Mrs Hemingway |

**FRIDAY LUNCHTIME**

|                   |   |               |         |               |
|-------------------|---|---------------|---------|---------------|
| DofE              | <b>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Silver)</b>     | Year 11       | F14     | Mr Abraham    |
| Drama             | <b>National Theatre Connections</b>               | By Invitation | B8      | Miss Clarke   |
| French            | <b>Les Jeux Board Games (with a French Twist)</b> | All Years     | C6      | Miss Hamdouni |
| Games & Pastimes  | <b>Games Club</b>                                 | All Years     | G24     | Mrs Carter    |
| Games & Pastimes  | <b>Knit &amp; Natter Club</b>                     | All Years     | F15     | Mrs Hemingway |
| Music             | <b>Showband Rehearsal</b>                         | By Invitation | J Block | Mr Barratt    |
| Religious Studies | <b>Mindfulness Colouring</b>                      | All years     | C3      | Mrs Watt      |



## After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

| MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL    |                               |               |                   |                            |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sport                  | Boys Football                 | Year 10       | Field / Astro     | Mr Favell                  |
| Sport                  | Girls Netball                 | Years 10/11   | Courts / East Gym | Miss Ringrose / Mrs Walker |
| Drama                  | KS3 Drama Club                | Years 7/8     | B9                | Mr Horner                  |
| Games & Pastimes       | Strategy Games Club           | All Years     | E1                | Mr Davison                 |
| Music                  | Showband Rehearsal            | By Invitation | J Block           | Mr Barratt                 |
| LRC                    | Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm) | All Years     | LRC               | Mrs Plant                  |
| TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL   |                               |               |                   |                            |
| Sport                  | Gymnastics                    | All Years     | East Gym          | Miss Ringrose              |
| Sport                  | Girls Football                | All Years     | Field             | Mrs Graves                 |
| Sport                  | Mixed Hockey                  | All Years     | Astro             | Mr Airey                   |
| Sport                  | Sport Leaders                 | Year 9        | B5                | Mr Munton                  |
| Music                  | Showband Rehearsal            | By Invitation | J Block           | Mr Barratt                 |
| LRC                    | Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm) | All Years     | LRC               | Mrs Plant                  |
| WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL |                               |               |                   |                            |
| Sport                  | Boys Football                 | Year 7        | Field / Astro     | Mr Airey                   |
| Sport                  | Boys Football                 | Year 9        | Field             | Mr Knight / Mr Billingham  |
| Sport                  | Girls Netball                 | Years 7/8/9   | Courts / East Gym | Miss Pearce / Mrs Graves   |
| Sport                  | Mixed Volleyball              | All Years     | Sports Hall       | Mr Jolley / Mr Newton      |
| Drama                  | National Theatre Connections  | By Invitation | B8 / B9           | Miss Clarke                |
| LRC                    | Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm) | All Years     | LRC               | Mrs Plant                  |
| THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL  |                               |               |                   |                            |
| Sport                  | Dance                         | All Years     | East Gym          | Miss Ringrose              |
| Sport                  | Boys Football                 | Year 8        | Field             | Mr Munton                  |
| Sport                  | Boys Football                 | Year 11       | Field / Astro     | Mr Duggan                  |
| Sport                  | Boys Rugby                    | All Years     | Field             | Mr Favell                  |
| Sport                  | Girls Rugby                   | All Years     | Field             | Miss Pearce                |
| Music                  | Music EVOLVE Project          | All Years     | J Block           | Mr Barratt                 |
| Science                | Science Club                  | Years 7/8     | G17               | Mrs Davis / Mrs Clarke     |
| LRC                    | Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm) | All Years     | LRC               | Mrs Plant                  |
| FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL    |                               |               |                   |                            |
| LRC                    | Homework Club (3.15pm to 4pm) | All Years     | LRC               | Mrs Plant                  |



# Year 11 Revision

**TERM 4** (Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024)

## Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

| MONDAY LUNCHTIME     |                                   |     |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D5  | Mrs Wilson / Mrs Benbow |
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D7  | Mrs Baxter              |
| English              | Year 11 Intervention (Foundation) | F3  | Subject Teachers        |
| Geography            | Year 11 Intervention              | L4  | Subject Teachers        |
| Health & Social Care | Year 11 Intervention              | G11 | Ms White                |
| Maths                | Year 11 Intervention              | F8  | Subject Teachers        |
| TUESDAY LUNCHTIME    |                                   |     |                         |
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D5  | Mrs Wilson / Mrs Benbow |
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D6  | Miss Gutteridge         |
| English              | Year 11 Intervention (Higher)     | G10 | Subject Teachers        |
| French               | Year 11 Intervention (Higher)     | C6  | Miss Hamdouni           |
| Health & Social Care | Year 11 Intervention              | G11 | Ms White                |
| WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME  |                                   |     |                         |
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D7  | Mrs Baxter              |
| Art                  | Year 10/11 Intervention           | D6  | Miss Gutteridge         |
| Geography            | Year 11 Intervention              | L4  | Subject Teachers        |
| Health & Social Care | Year 11 Intervention              | G11 | Ms White                |
| Sport                | Year 11 Intervention              | B5  | Subject Teachers        |
| Travel & Tourism     | Year 11 Intervention              | G18 | Mrs Walker              |
| THURSDAY LUNCHTIME   |                                   |     |                         |
| French               | Year 11 Intervention (Foundation) | C6  | Miss Hamdouni           |
| Health & Social Care | Year 11 Intervention              | G11 | Ms White                |
| History              | Year 11 Intervention              | E4  | Subject Teachers        |
| Religious Studies    | Year 11 Intervention              | C1  | Mrs Farley              |
| Science              | Year 11 Intervention (Higher)     | G14 | Subject Teachers        |
| Travel & Tourism     | Year 11 Intervention              | G18 | Mrs Walker              |
| FRIDAY LUNCHTIME     |                                   |     |                         |
| Health & Social Care | Year 11 Intervention              | G11 | Ms White                |
| Maths                | Year 11 Intervention              | G22 | Subject Teachers        |
| Science              | Year 11 Intervention (Foundation) | G14 | Subject Teachers        |

## After school revision sessions (Year 11)

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour.

| <b>MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>    |  |         |                         |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------------|
| Art                           | Year 10/11 Intervention                    | D7      | Mrs Baxter              |
| French                        | Year 11 Intervention (Foundation & Higher) | C5      | Miss Hamdouni           |
| History                       | Year 11 Intervention                       | E2      | Mrs Dennis              |
| Performing Arts               | Year 11 Intervention                       | B6      | Miss Clarke / Mr Horner |
| <b>TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>   |  |         |                         |
| Health & Social Care          | Year 11 Intervention                       | G11     | Ms White                |
| IT                            | Year 11 Intervention                       | B1      | Mrs Mellor              |
| Music                         | Year 11 Intervention                       | J1      | Mr Barrett              |
| Sport                         | Year 11 Intervention                       | B5      | Subject Teachers        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b> |  |         |                         |
| Business Studies              | Year 11 Intervention                       | L1 / L2 | Subject Teachers        |
| <b>THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>  |  |         |                         |
| Art                           | Year 10/11 Intervention                    | D5      | Mrs Wilson / Mrs Benbow |
| Health & Social Care          | Year 11 Intervention                       | G11     | Ms White                |
| Maths                         | Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)          | F8 / F9 | Subject Teachers        |
| Maths                         | Year 11 Intervention (Higher)              | F15     | Subject Teachers        |
| Travel & Tourism              | Year 11 Intervention                       | G18     | Mrs Walker              |
| <b>FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>    |  |         |                         |
| Maths                         | Year 11 Intervention (Higher)              | F12     | Subject Teachers        |
| Music                         | Year 11 Intervention                       | J1      | Mr Barrett              |