



SPALDING
ACADEMY

Head of School

Thursday 28th March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have finally reached the end of term 4!

Firstly, Year 11 students should now have opted in to the Easter Revision Sessions which take place at the school over the holiday period. The deadline has now passed for this; therefore, all students should have now planned for the sessions they are attending. I would also like to remind Year 11 students about Leavers' hoodies and Prom tickets which continue to be available through ParentMail.

For Key Stage 3 in Years 7, 8 and 9 - our Aspire winners enjoyed a Film Festival where they also had an Easter Egg, popcorn and drink. I am really pleased with the numbers of students who have achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold. Our Silver and Gold winners also received a £5 or £10 voucher as an extra reward. Next term, all Aspire badge winners will enjoy a similar reward experience at the end of Term 6.

I am really pleased to announce our Year 10 football team won the South Lincolnshire Superzone competition. This is the first time we have won this league since becoming Spalding Academy. This is a great achievement which we know takes dedication and team work. Well done to the team!



We have had a busy couple of weeks in Science with lots of activities to celebrate British Science Week 2024 and get our students involved in STEM. Some of our Year 7 students had special lessons on the exploration of Mars to celebrate Mars Day (4th March) where they learned about the search for life on the planet. On Thursday 14th March, 2024, we held a popular lunchtime Science Fair, where our Science Club demonstrated some of the fun experiments that they have carried out this year. These were all experiments that are unlikely to be seen in normal Science lessons and students particularly enjoying setting some of their teachers on fire with methane bubbles! There has been a poster competition and tutor time quiz based on the Science Week theme of 'Time'. We have had some brilliant entries and submitted some of the posters to the national competition. Finally, Miss Davis and Mrs Clark delivered assemblies at one of our local primary schools to students in KS1 and KS2, looking at how we measure time and how students will use this in Science lessons in the future. Thank you to everyone that has been involved in these events.



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On Wednesday evening, our very talented cast of performing arts student performed a National Theatre play live on stage in front of a full audience. The play called 'Age Is Revolting' was written by award-winning playwright Abi Zakarian about a group of school kids who rebel against their boring music lesson, then hit the wrong note to be magically transformed into their 80-year-old selves. Our students have been rehearsing their roles and lines for over three months in preparation for the big show. The students delivered their lines and part with perfection. What a great opportunity for our budding West End stars!



The next performance of the 'Age Is Revolting' will be at the Nottingham Playhouse, where we will be on the same line-up with other schools and theatre groups from around the region. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to perform in a professional theatre and this is something we know they are all relishing. If you would like to purchase tickets, please go to the Nottingham Playhouse website at www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/whats-on



AGE IS REVOLTING

by Abi Zakarian

National Theatre

CONNECTIONS 2024

A National Theatre play performed by Spalding Academy Performing Arts students

AT NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE
Saturday 13th April 2024 | Starts 7pm

Tickets £6 in advance and available from
www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/whats-on



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As we approach the Easter break I would like to remind all parents and students that we have safeguarding support available throughout the Easter break for all students. We encourage all students to utilise the worried email tab worried@spaldingacademy.org.uk if they require safeguarding support or advice over the holiday period. The email will be responded to by trained safeguarding staff within an appropriate timely period. We also direct parents and students to our safeguarding page on the school website where key contacts and specialist help and support is signposted.

Finally, next term, we would be grateful for your support to ensure as part of the expected equipment your child bring a school bag to school on a daily basis not trying to house all equipment in the pockets of their blazer.

Please can I remind parents that students return to school on Tuesday 16th April 2024. This date is on our school calendar and our term dates on our website - www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/term-dates

Thank you to all parents and carers we really value your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends. Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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