



SPALDING  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week with students engaged with their learning. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school.

We have had some great successes in sport recently when eight of our talented gymnasts from Years 7 and 8 represented Spalding Academy by taking part in the annual South Lincolnshire KS3 Trampoline Superzone Competition, which was held at University Academy Long Sutton. Our students took part in the novice category, where there were 63 competitors from local schools. This involved the students performing a set solo routine in front of all competitors and were judged based on their individual performances. The Superzone competition is a team sport where the top five individual scores are added together to give an overall team score. Spalding Academy were awarded **first place overall** and beat second place by 15 marks. Oliwia Kuchta, Mollie Bennett and Megan Farrar scored the three highest score of the entire day, beating students who competed in the other categories! It was an incredible day out and all students should be proud of their achievements. Well done to the team!



On Thursday, we held our annual PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) collapse day for all our Year 10 students. Students attended a range of workshops conducted by Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. This was an engaging day where students learnt about making informed choices regarding local and national issues. The aim of the day was to improve the personal safety of our students to help them make informed choices by understanding the consequences of their actions on themselves, their families and the community. The five areas topic covered on the day was Cyberstalking, Road Safety, Online Safety, County Lines and Drug Awareness. Our external agencies commented how receptive and engaging our students were. It was fantastic to see how engaging our students were in each of the sessions as they interacted in a professional and mature manner.



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To support students, we believe it is important to listen to the views of all students as we value our students' voice at our school. So far this year, we have had over 100 suggestions from our student body. In assemblies this week, we have fed back on our student ideas and where we can implement many of their ideas, including extra-curricular ideas and recycling initiatives. The 'Students Way, We Listen' tab is on our website via: [www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen](http://www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen). This is one of the many ways in which we enable students to play an active part in contributing to the school.


A reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 10 teacher regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school.

Finally, we are delighted that the schools in our Trust are ranked the 12th top performing Trust in the whole of England out of 213 Multi Academy Trusts. Our highly successful Trust are also the number 1 ranked Multi Academy Trust in the East Midlands area. Please find further information on the school website via: [www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/slat-one-of-the-top-trusts](http://www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/slat-one-of-the-top-trusts)

Due to the extra Bank Holiday weekend, all students are back in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

I hope everyone has a lovely extra bank holiday and the long-awaited sunshine.

Your sincerely,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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