

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a busy week here at Spalding Academy. The students continue to amaze me with their uniform and behaviour standards around the school.

As our exam season officially started on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. We have asked our students to be cautious and quiet around the examination rooms, which will show great team spirit in supporting our Year 11 students. Our Year 11 attitude towards these examinations has been outstanding and we wish our Year 11 cohort the best of luck for these summer exams.

The school has signed up to take part in a pilot programme run by STEM Learning which is promoting technical careers across several different fields. Students will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks and learn about careers including Gaming Audio Technician, Lighting Technician and Food Science Technician. We would like to invite students in Years 7 to 10 to join us on Thursdays after school in G17. The full schedule is published in the weekly House Bulletins and on the Science Club noticeboard near G17, or students can speak to Miss Davis or Mrs Clark for more information.

A massive congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team who have won the first district football league title in the history of Spalding Academy. After reaching the semi-final of the County Cup last year (by losing to Spalding Grammar School), they put this behind them, by beating Spalding Grammar School 2-1 in the league. They have also had convincing 6-1 wins against Bourne Grammar School and Bourne Academy, and gone undefeated for the whole of the season to lift the district title. In this record-breaking season, they reached the third round of the National Schools Cup, which was the furthest that Spalding Academy had previously achieved. When competing against other schools in the Trust, the team has also won their SLAT football tournament for the last two years and remain undefeated for both years.



They are now one game away from the South Lincolnshire Superzone title, which is something this team have a really good chance of winning considering their recent form. They will now play Boston Grammar School, who were the league winners of the Boston area to compete for this title.

On Thursday, for Years 7 and Year 8 we held DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. It doesn't matter what subject students are timetabled to study at the time – whether it is Science, Maths, Art, Music or Food Technology – the whole class drops everything and reads. This is a fantastic opportunity to work together on our Communications agenda, raising awareness of varied texts and reading opportunities to support the learning in the classroom. There were some excellent examples of this seen across the school with highlights seen across the range of subjects.

A final 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 teachers regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter we have sent which contains further details on how to sign up for the evening.

In order to promote online safety for our young people, the Stay Safe Partnership at Lincolnshire Country Council are hosting an online event on Microsoft TEAMS for all parents/carers in Lincolnshire. The session is highly recommended as it will be specifically focused on secondary school students and offers valuable information to parents/carers regarding the latest apps, online platforms and social media trends which are available to our young people as well as parental controls. The event will take place on Wednesday 19th June 2024 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. To sign up for this free online event please register in advance by visiting: [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1238529](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1238529)

Finally, I would like to offer our support to the Spalding Flower Parade this weekend. Each year since the 1950's the Spalding Flower Parade was the annual highlight and it drew crowds from all over the UK and beyond. It was a celebration of the tulip industry and a chance for the local community to come together. I am so excited to see the 2024 Flower Parade come through Spalding for the second year running again. This is a huge achievement for the Town. I would like to thank all students, parents/carers and staff who have been involved in the fund raising and the main event. Best of luck to everyone!

Your sincerely,



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