

# Head of School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We continually seek to reward our students in many different ways and this is an area we heavily invest in across our school. Our Key Stage 4 team planned a treat for a select group of Year 10 students on Tuesday, who were the highest performing students in the recent AOL 2 data point. The students excelled in the progress made, as well as having outstanding scores to their Attitude to Learning (ATL). Well done to all of the students.

We will be hosting our second ever House Celebration Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for selected students to attend with their parents and carers. Further information will be shared soon.

On Tuesday, we held our Spalding Academy Sports Day 2024 at Boston PRSA Athletics. This event is always an exciting time for our students and staff. The weather could not have been more perfect - clear blue skies and warm sunshine graced us from start to finish. Our students were absolutely brilliant, displaying excellent sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the day. The support and encouragement they showed for their houses and teammates was amazing to see....and hear!!!

We were treated to some incredible athletic performances this year, with several school records being smashed:

- Year 7 Javelin Boys **Oliver King** of McLaren House threw an impressive 21.13m
- Year 9 200m Boys **Findlay Stamp** of Holland House ran an amazing 24.59s
- Year 9 1500m Boys **Kieran Lucy** of Peake House ran a fantastic time of 5m 09s
- Year 9 Shot Girls **Waraidzo Gochera** of Johnson House threw a mighty 7.86m
- Year 9 Shot Boys **Patryk Odzimek** of Holland House threw a massive 11.25m
- Year 10 100m Boys **Harvey Barnes** of Nova House clocked a lightning fast 11.59s
- Year 10 300m Girls **Ava Thornhill** of McLaren House sprinted to a 52.29s
- Year 10 800m Girls **Savannah Hughes** of Nova House ran a swift 3m 20s
- Year 10 Javelin Girls **Hollie Philpott** of Peake House hurled an amazing 19.30m

Massive congratulations to all of our talented athletes who gave it their all and represented their Houses with pride. Special thanks must go out to our fantastic Heads of Houses, the supporting staff and the PE Department who helped make this such a memorable and smoothly run day. And of course, Mr Duggan, Head of PE as we couldn't have done it without you!



A huge congratulations to the winning Houses and the final results are:

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		OVERALL	
96	Trinity	100	Trinity	95	Trinity	94	Nova	372	Trinity
85	McLaren	80	Peake	94	Johnson	89	Peake	326	Peake
83	Peake	72	McLaren	78	McLaren	81	Trinity	312	McLaren
67	Nova	70	Nova	74	Peake	77	McLaren	289	Nova
60	Holland	67	Holland	58	Nova	59	Johnson	271	Johnson
57	Johnson	61	Johnson	56	Holland	56	Holland	239	Holland

This week, our second Geography trip for our Year 10 students went out to Hunstanton. This follows on from the Lincoln trip based earlier this academic year which focused on Human Geography. The aim of the trip is to provide students with the opportunity to apply fieldwork skills and to collect data, as well as supporting and developing concepts covered in lessons. The work conducted on these fieldtrips is worth 30% of their final GCSE grade and will be assessed by examination at the end of Year 11. The students had a great time at Hunstanton which was the chosen location for the coast. Students followed the route from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach to analyse physical processes and assess coastal defences.

On Friday, our STEM Year 7 and Year 8 students visited the Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers Fair. These students attend our STEM extra-curricular club throughout the year. The STEM fair included different activities and workshops, and students were able to seek careers advice from representatives of various industries. This was a great opportunity for our future STEM career students.

This is a reminder that tickets for **'The Stage'** are on sale. This spectacular promises something for all the family to enjoy with classic scenes from Cabaret, Rent, Six, Oliver, American Idiot, & Juliet, Sweet Charity, Only Fools and Horses, Dear Evan Hansen and Newsies. There will be three evening performances of our end of year musical on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy) to purchase your tickets.

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I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the long continued sunshine.

Your sincerely,

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