

Head of School

Friday 12th July 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had an amazing penultimate week here at Spalding Academy.

On Tuesday, we held our annual House Celebration Evening. This evening was very well supported, by over 100 families. It is evenings like these that makes my role as Head of School even more enjoyable! We celebrated the winners of each category where all students received a certificate and a voucher plus overall winners received trophies. The House Festival Music winners played two incredible live songs, which were truly outstanding. On this evening we also announced the winning House for the academic year, which was won by Peake House.



As a Trust, we believe in the importance of celebrating all our student achievements. As our House Celebration evening grows each year, we have decided from September 2025, we will host a Trust House Celebration evening at Springfield's Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. Our students' achievements are so vast and outstanding, we feel an external celebration event is deserved. Also, this means we can increase our prize winners too!

On Monday, we were lucky to have secured tickets in a very popular school ballot for Wimbledon. This is the first time our school has ever been successful in this. This was an incredible opportunity for our budding tennis players to experience world-class competitive tennis matches and cultural enrichment. The students (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed the sporting event.

Well done to all students who completed in our Year 10 SLAT Rounders and Cricket. This great competition was held across the Trust schools with our rounders team coming first and our cricket team coming fourth. Well done to all competitors for their dedication and commitment to our extra-curricular sports programme.

We are delighted to announce that Spalding Academy have achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Our incredible sporting achievements this year include:

- Superzone Boccia Tournament Winners
- Year 10 Boys Football South Lincolnshire League Winners
- U13 Girls Cricket Chance to Shine Regional Finalists
- Year 7 Boys League Athletics Champions
- Year 9 Girls 'B' League Athletics Champions
- U14 Gymnastics Team KSSA Floor & Vault 1st place in Lincolnshire and 2nd Place in East Midlands
- Superzone KS3 Trampoline Competition Winners

With a huge total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Thank you to the PE Department and all that have made this year such a success. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

This week, as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) provision, we have been delivering Stay Safe Days in school for Year 7 and Year 8 who received a variety of workshops delivered by their classroom teachers. These sessions included Rail Safety, Budgeting, Relationships and Fire Safety, which will support them to being well equipped for any support required for the future.

One of the events in school this week has been to undertake the Trust Lockdown Procedure, which took place in all four schools in the Trust. This short lockdown, that took around 15 to 20 minutes was exceptional, with the maturity of the students being a stand out factor of the procedures success. I would like to thank all of the students and the staff for your professionalism in supporting the lockdown procedure. We will undertake this procedure three times in the next academic year, so it becomes common practice for us all.

Regarding the lockdown procedure, we would like to reward the students in Years 7 to 10 for all their support in the lockdown practices that took place this week as these were a great success. We have organised some sweets and treats for everyone that will be handed out on Monday 15th July 2024. These treats will also coincide with knowing the result of the Euro 2024 Final on Sunday 14th July 2024, which many of our students are very excited about with England in the final. This will bring a bit of fun in the last week of term, as we can celebrate either a win on Sunday or coming runners-up - of course, we are confident to see a win from this match.

We have been preparing our students to be equipped with knowledge and support about keeping themselves safe as they arrive at the six week summer break. Next week in tutor time, we will be reminding students how to keep safe over the summer period and signposting them to important safeguarding details on the school website www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious and www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/safeguarding should they need some support, advice or help during the summer period, this includes our worried email (worried@spaldingacademy.org.uk), which will be monitored over the summer break. If you have any immediate safeguarding concerns, please contact Children Services on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or for out-of-hours emergencies, call 01522 782333.

At the end of the update, we have included the term dates for 2024/25. Please note that there has been one amendment from the previously published term dates as Tuesday 22nd April 2025 (the day after Easter Monday) will be a staff training day, rather than a student school day, this is because of an amendment via the Local Authority. Please note students will not be expected to attend school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025, as previously published.

We would also like to remind parents/carers, that students are not allowed to take holidays during term time as this can impact on their learning. The term dates are provided with advance notice to allow you to plan ahead and we will also publish the term dates for the 2025/26 academic year in September 2024.

A reminder our last day this academic year is **Friday 19th July 2024**.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

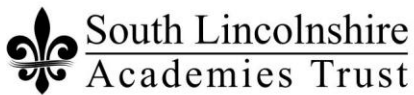
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Term Dates 2024/25



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■ School Holiday
 ■ Bank / Public Holiday
 ■ Staff Training Day
 ■ Years 7, 10 & 11 return
 ■ All year groups return

1ST TERM 2024

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 18th October 2024

- Years 7, 10 & 11 return on Wednesday 4th September 2024
- All year groups return on Thursday 5th September 2024

HOLIDAY

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2024

2ND TERM 2024

Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th December 2024

HOLIDAY

Friday 20th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

3RD TERM 2025

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2025

HOLIDAY

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

4TH TERM 2025

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025

HOLIDAY

Monday 7th April - Tuesday 22nd April 2025

5TH TERM 2025

Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 23rd May 2025

HOLIDAY

Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day)

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

6TH TERM 2025

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAYS when your child will not have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Tuesday 22nd April 2025