



SPALDING
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 19th July 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe the end of the 2023/24 academic year is here!

We have had an incredible year, with so many great opportunities and events to celebrate. As there are too many great events to mention in one letter, but here are some of our highlights of 2023/24:

- Successful launch of the Trust Aspire Passport
- 'The Stage' Musical Production
- Sports Day successes
- Careers Fair with over 40 external companies coming into support our students
- Film Festival rewards events
- Sporting achievements county-wide
- House Music Competition
- Charity events: Red Nose Day, Christmas Hampers, Staff Christmas Present Appeal
- PHSE Days with multi-agency days covering a range of topics for our students
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze and Silver
- Over 60 extra-curricular activities offered
- World Book Day... to name a few!

Our students have a wealth of opportunities to challenge themselves and achieve at Spalding Academy. We will continue to build up our opportunities to ensure we offer the best events for our students in the local area. I would like to pass my thanks onto my amazing body of staff; as events like these wouldn't happen without their support and dedication.

I am pleased to announce our Head Students for the next academic year. We had over 40 applications letters which were shortlisted down to 10 students, who were all interviewed for this position. Our newly appointed Head Students are:

- Ruby Mycock
- Savannah Hughes
- Zara Stafford
- Elliot Naish
- Anthony Goodwin



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

This week, students in Years 7 to 10 have had their 'Film Festival'. The students enjoyed popcorn, sweets and a drink whilst watching the film and had an ice cream at the interval, this was followed by a draw for students to win vouchers for £20, £15, £10 and £5. The atmosphere was fantastic and well done to all of the students who were involved.

I would like to thank all the families and staff for supporting our Art Exhibition showcase, which featured our amazing examination artwork from the talented Year 11 students. There was a wide range of works exhibited including paintings, drawings, textiles, collages and sculptures. Student portfolios were also on view showing the processes and research involved in producing their artwork. Well done to all of our art students!

Well done to our Accelerated Reader winners for Term 5 and 6. These students have really excelled in our reading scheme. The awards were given out by Mrs Plant, School Librarian, who was pleased to see so many improved scores and 100% results too. Mr Horner's Head of Trinity House, also received an award for the best House for the Accelerated Reader programme.



I would like to draw your attention to our return to school in September 2024. Students will return to school as follows:

- **Wednesday 4th September 2024**
 - Years 7, 10 and 11 only
- **Thursday 5th September 2024**
 - Years 8 and 9 will return (all students are expected to be in school)

The term times for 2024/25 are included at the end of this update.

For our Year 11 students their examinations results day is:

- **Year 11 GCSE & BTEC Results Day**
 - Thursday 22nd August 2024 (from 8am to 10.30am)

Our school website will be updated with the information students will need for their results day.

A reminder from last week's update on our important safeguarding details on the school website. Visit www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious / www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/safeguarding should you or students 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.

As you will be aware, the school has provided an on-site uniform provision for a number of years. We have a dedicated team that provide a professional service selling high quality school uniform. Since the opening of the shop, the prices of uniform carrying the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust logo have remained unchanged. The costs of materials and transportation have risen considerably over recent years, impacting the overall expenses associated with our uniform services. Despite our best efforts to absorb these rising costs, we now find ourselves in the position where an adjustment is necessary. Regrettably we must inform you that there will be an increase in price effective 1st October 2024. Please be reassured that we have taken great care to keep the increases as minimal as possible, whilst ensuring the continued provision of high-quality school uniform. We fully appreciate that longevity in school uniform is an important factor for our parents/carers. The items listed below are the only items impacted. We have included a comparison of other local schools uniform costs for benchmarking purposes. We would not make this decision unless it was absolutely necessary and we thank you for your understanding.


	<u>South Lincolnshire Academies Trust</u>	<u>Local Schools</u>
Blazer	£27.00	£24.99 - £40.99
Trousers	£17.00	£20.99 - £23.99
Skirt	£20.00	£23.99 - £26.99
Tie	£5.00	£6.00 - £7.50

I would like to thank all our school community for their support over last two years. The Trust and the school is a truly special place. Every school-based decision we make, always has the students at the heart. We are already oversubscribed for the next academic year which highlights the success of the school within the local community.

Mr Glenn Martin is looking forward to welcoming all students back in September as the new Head of School. Mr Martin is an exceptional leader, who I have enjoyed working alongside over the last two academic years. I will work with the Trust, Mr Martin and Spalding Academy's staff and students, to continue our journey to deliver outstanding education for our young people.

I would like to wish everyone within our school community a happy, relaxed and safe summer break.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jemma Curson

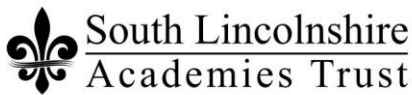
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- www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy
- www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy
- www.twitter.com/SpaldingSLAT

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	2ND 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	Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th December 2024 HOLIDAY Friday 20th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025
3RD TERM 2025	4TH TERM 2025
Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2025 HOLIDAY Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025 HOLIDAY Monday 7th April - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
5TH TERM 2025	6TH TERM 2025
Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 23rd May 2025 HOLIDAY Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day) Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 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