

Head of School

Friday 11th October 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Spalding Academy.

Our Year 7 students have now come to the end of their 'official transition to secondary school'. I must compliment how remarkably well the students have settled in, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. The transition program, which included Show My Homework, wellbeing, and introductory PSHE and careers sessions, has been a great success. Students have adapted to their new environment with confidence and enthusiasm. We are thrilled to report that our Year 7 students have shown exceptional academic performance. Their curiosity and eagerness to learn have been evident in their participation and achievements across various subjects. Teachers have noted the students' positive attitudes and willingness to engage in classroom activities, setting a strong foundation for their future studies. As you know, we will now re-timetable our groupings based on the CATs scores for Monday 14th October 2024.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support and involvement. Your engagement in school activities, and home support has been invaluable in helping your children thrive during this transition period.

This week, we have launched our new Aspire Passport to our students in Years 7 to 10. In a special assembly, students were given their new passports to begin the challenges within them. The passport lists all the exciting challenges they can take part in, in order to achieve a bronze, silver or gold award. Already, our amazing students are completing some of the bronze tasks. There are a number of challenges parents/carers may sign to say these have been completed. I cannot wait to celebrate our students' achievements and new skills they have learnt.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended the 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening. It was a fantastic evening that provided invaluable information such as revision tips and timetabling, supportive techniques in the home and external websites and apps for additional practice. The feedback from the evening was excellent and we have already seen our Year 10 students utilising the information and techniques over these last two days.



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On Wednesday, a group of our Year 10 triple scientists attended the Sir Isaac Newton Lecture in Skegness. This year's lecture was sponsored by AeroDiscover, an initiative aiming to encourage young people to consider pathways in the aviation and aerospace sector.

The talks included:

- How the UK Space Agency is looking at ways to safely remove and recycle debris from satellites orbiting the Earth
- An RAF engineer discussing their role in maintaining aircraft on board warships in military and humanitarian situations
- An RAF pilot talking about their experiences flying fighter jets, including current and future challenges
- A scientist looking to develop a new fuel that provides more efficient energy to meet future energy demands
- A member of the Civil Aviation Authority who discussed the use of artificial intelligence in maintaining our airspace

One of the main themes through all the talks was the need to conserve resources and develop new and sustainable ways of meeting the demands of modern society. Our students were challenged to think of how they might contribute in the future to developing new technologies, and posed some thoughtful questions to the speakers. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to hear about a wide range of careers within this evolving industry and has hopefully inspired them to learn more.

We are looking forward to our annual Careers Fair next week on Thursday 17th October 2024. We are inviting students to return with their families between 3.30pm to 4.30pm where exhibitors will have information on their own job opportunities as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents. Visit www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/careers-fair-2024 for further information about the wide range of exhibitors attending. Our Careers team have done an amazing job in getting in a wide range of employers, from the RAF to Anglian Water. Please come and see what our Careers Fair has to offer our students.

To promote our literacy and communications strategy, students in Years 7 to 10 participated on Wednesday during Period 1 on DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read), which was linked to the subject they were in.

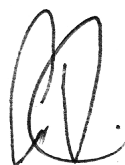
As part of our extra-curricula provision, we have Key Stage 3 Reading Club in F7 during lunchtimes. This is an opportunity for students to read and completed Accelerated Reader quizzes.

I would like to thank our amazing Year 11 Prefect Team. The Prefects carry out their duties and support our students at all times. We rewarded our prefect team with a breakfast treat on Tuesday.

Finally, well done to the football teams that beat University Academy Holbeach and all of the sport teams that are representing the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

Upcoming key dates



Careers Fair 2024

Thursday 17th October 2024

DISCOVER A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

SPALDING ACADEMY

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The banner features a background of colorful arrows pointing in various directions, with a pair of white sneakers at the bottom center. The Spalding Academy logo is a black square with a laurel wreath and the text 'SPALDING ACADEMY'.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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BOURNE ACADEMY

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The banner features a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing safety goggles and a white lab coat, holding a flask with purple liquid. The Bourne Academy logo is a black square with a stylized infinity symbol and the text 'BOURNE ACADEMY'.

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