



SPALDING
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 1st November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to our Term 2. Our students have come back to school looking very smart and ready to learn.

Over the October half term holiday, forty students were lucky enough to travel to Iceland, for Spalding Academy Geography department's first ever trip to the land of fire and ice! The students had a trip of a lifetime, with five jam-packed days exploring Iceland's natural wonders, geothermal activity and coastal and tectonic landscapes. Each day involved a variety of visits, activities and experiences with particular highlights including; a relaxing morning's dip in a naturally heated hot-springs with a backdrop of fjords and mountains, a caving trip into a 'lava tunnel' formed by past volcanic activity, a trek (complete with ice axes and crampons) on to Solheimajokul glacier to experience walking on one of the country's largest glaciers, being soaked by towering waterfalls (one of which students were able to walk behind), a ride on 'FlyOver Iceland' - a simulator experience taking a flight over the country's outstanding natural landscapes, souvenir shopping in Reykjavik, watching the incredible 'Geysir' erupt with a spout of bubbling hot water and steam and an interactive visit to the Lava Centre, where students learnt about the tectonic processes that have shaped Iceland. The icing on the cake was most definitely the snowy scenes we awoke to on our final day, which allowed for a good snowball fight and some stunning pictures of Gullfoss waterfall surrounded by snow. Students were an absolute credit to the school and behaved superbly throughout the trip. Staff were very grateful to have shared their half term with such a brilliant group of students in an awe-inspiring country.



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On Monday and Wednesday, we had our Year 10 Geography field trip to support our students with their GCSE fieldwork element. On this field trip to Lincoln, students focused on Urban Issues and Challenges by beginning their day with a visit to the historic Cathedral Quarter making observations about the city layout and structure. Following this, students worked in small groups to gather primary fieldwork data relating to recent regeneration that has been carried out in the city centre and the Brayford Waterfront. They will now use their data collected to use in their Geography lessons back in the classroom.

As part of our rewards system, each year group have had their Strike Card prize draw this week in their assemblies. We always celebrate students for carrying out what we expect from our students on a daily basis. Each student with a clean Strike Card was entered to the prize draw to win Love2Shop gift vouchers. I was really pleased to see so many clear Strike Cards in the prize draw. Students have all been given a new Strike Card again this term.

Over the next week, we will also be delivering over 600 cookies and drinks to those students who have achieved 100% attendance last term. We pride ourselves on recognising everyday achievements and we believe all students who achieve 100% attendance deserve a little treat!

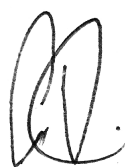
As we approach our annual Remembrance event on Sunday 10th November 2024, the Royal British Legion have visited the school to bring us Poppies to sell to our students. Our Head Students will be visiting form groups throughout next week and all donations are welcome for the 2024 Poppy Appeal. To raise our student awareness of this important event, we have a launched an inhouse poppy competition for all students to take part in. Our amazing Art Department have also been busy working on ceramic individually designed poppies for our 2024 Remembrance display.

Finally, I would like to remind parents/carers that the Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy is on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. The event is for students in Years 10 and 11 to visit the Sixth Form and speak to staff and students about the choice of subjects and study pathways on offer. For further information about the Sixth Form, you can visit: www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform

A promotional poster for the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening. The poster features a photograph of a young woman in a white lab coat and safety goggles, holding a flask with purple liquid. The text on the poster includes: 'Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our', 'SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening', 'SAVE THE DATE' in a starburst, 'Thursday 7th November 2024', '5.30pm to 8.00pm', the Bourne Academy logo, and the motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' at the bottom.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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