

Head of School

Friday 8th November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another excellent week, with students engaged in lessons and excellent atmosphere across the school.

We have started to see poppies in school as part of the annual Remembrance Day which we will be paying our respect to in school on Monday 11th November 2024. We are encouraging all students to buy a poppy to wear throughout the week and in particular on Monday.

We aim as a Trust to prepared our students for life beyond school, to equip them to be happy, healthy and safe. As part of the National Curriculum, all students have lessons in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) which cover a variety of important topics. The programme is consistently reviewed and amended to local and national needs. PSHE prepares our students for life and work, and teaches them how to lead their lives independently and with confidence. The Trust has embedded an outstanding PSHE and SMSC programme that is central to the Trust's ethos. The programme is taught once a week in Years 7 to 9, and through tutor time to Years 9 to 11, including an hour lesson every fortnight. Alongside our robust curriculum, we hold PSHE events, with a range of talks and activities arranged by specialist outside agencies, including PSCO's, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and Prison Me No Way are some of the external providers. Please visit www.spaldingacademy.org.uk/curriculum for the PSHE/SMSC curriculum intent on our website if you would like more information.

On Wednesday 6th November 2024, our Year 10 students received an external presentation from the charity 'Stand Against Violence' on Anti Violence and Knife Crime. This presentation forms part of our on-going and extensive PSHE programme. Unfortunately, we are living in a world where we need to educate and heighten awareness of violence, the law and the sanctions for carrying weapons. Our Year 10 students responded maturely to this very important topic which has increased awareness for all.

Last night, Year 10 and Year 11 students and their families were able to the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening, which is based at Bourne Academy. It was a great opportunity to speak to current Sixth Form students and subject teachers for over 20 A-level and BTEC subjects on offer with a choice of academic and vocational study pathways. Visit www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform for more information about the Sixth Form where you will be able to find detailed information about each of the subjects and the outstanding results that students achieve.



This week, our students have been celebrating their superb 100% school attendance for last term. Our students loved their reward as we gave out over 600 sweet treats! We want to increase the number of students who get rewarded for this during this term. As we all know, good attendance to school can have a huge positive impact on students' wellbeing and achievements. When poor attendance starts, young people fall into a pattern that are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. Although 90% attendance sounds like a solid attendance figure, this will have an impact on students' progress.

As a school, we are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions. We are delighted to have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. Congratulations for everyone involved from the PE staff to the students.

I would like to remind you about our 'Children in Need' non-uniform day on Friday 15th November 2024. To support this amazing charity, we will be asking that students make a donation of £1 to wear their non-uniform for the day. We normally raise a huge amount for this charity during this day. For further information please see the separate letter which was sent out last week.

Finally, if you or someone you know is interested in working at any of the schools in our Trust, we are holding two SLAT Recruitment Roadshows on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at Giles Academy and Wednesday 4th December 2024 at Bourne Academy. Further information and details of how to register to attend is on this link: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS

99%

of teachers are proud to be a member of our Trust

If you are interested in discovering the opportunities available at **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust**, we would like to meet you at one of our Recruitment Roadshow events.

Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September.

For those who want to get into teaching, South Lincolnshire Academies Trust are now one of the **Lead Partners** for the Lincolnshire SCITT and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us.



TRAIN TO TEACH WITH
LINCOLNSHIRE SCITT

By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career.

These events are for those who are interested in working at **ANY** of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).

Giles Academy

Church Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9LD

Wednesday 27th November • 5pm to 6.30pm

Bourne Academy


Edinburgh Crescent, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9DT

Wednesday 4th December • 5pm to 6.30pm

You can drop-in anytime between 5.00pm to 6.30pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff about the many teaching and support job vacancies that will be available. There is free parking on the school site and free refreshments will be served from 5.00pm.

To attend, you must register in advance - please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies



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