

Head of School

Friday 10th January 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic festive break and have been able to spend quality time with friends and family.

I firstly would like to thank the Spalding Academy community for your support this week, with the challenges that we have faced with the utility issues. We were pleased to be able to bring the students back on school site on Thursday and Friday. I have been impressed with the maturity and calm atmosphere across the school. I can reassure all parents that the situation is fully under control and all power is restored.

Students have adapted back into school routine very quickly and this week, we have been holding year group assemblies to remind students of the uniform and behaviour expectations. We have also been congratulating and rewarding students that have no strikes on their Strike Card and therefore, entered into the Strike Card Prize Draw. Well done to all students who had their card entered with the winners of the draw receiving £10 vouchers!

We are now on a countdown in Year 11 for the summer examination series, which is now fast approaching, with only around 15 school weeks left. The Pre-Public examinations were scheduled just before the Christmas break which allowed a well-deserved rest for our Year 11 students over the holiday period. However, students should have now started to consider constructing their revision timetable and organisation to support additional study – this may be lunchtime interventions, afterschool interventions, GCSEpod or independent revision. Students will receive their PPE results, in a mock GCSE results day on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Following this, our Year 11 online Parents Evening this term will take place on Thursday 30th January 2025. A letter outlining the details of the evening will be sent to all Year 11 parents and carers in due course.

Year 10 students one of the following subjects: Health and Social, Music, Travel and Tourism, IT and/or Performing Arts will also be taking part in a formal PSA (Pearson Set Assignment) examination session's. Highlighting the importance of this - PSA's contribute 30% of the overall grade students receive at the end of Year 11. Students who study these subjects have now received a PSA timetable which identifies important dates for full attendance in school. Parents of these students are soon to receive a letter which outlines all details of the PSA sessions.



This week, in assemblies, we have been highlighting the change to our mobile phone policy – ‘Not Seen and Not Heard’ – students are to keep their mobile phone in their inside blazer pocket or in their school bag to ensure this policy change is being followed. In addition to this, I would like to remind students and parents that all students should carry a school bag to school daily – blazer pockets should not be used as a preference to a school bag.

Finally, one of the amazing initiatives our talented music students have to participate in every year is the EVOLVE Project. On Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 6pm, there will be a showcase event where our students will be performing, producing, engineering and running an entire show! This will be taking place live on stage at Spalding Academy and will feature bands and solo acts performing a set list packed with pop, rock and indie songs. The purpose of this inclusive event is to give opportunities for students of all abilities to get involved in music and the creative arts. For some of these students, it will be the first time performing in front of a live audience. The event can be attended by the family and friends of the students as well as fans of live music. There are already over 80 people who have booked tickets so it will be a great atmosphere. If you would like to enjoy a night out and support our students, tickets for the event are just £3 per person and can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy

Join us for an evening of live music featuring bands and solo acts at the

EVOLVE PROJECT

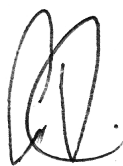
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Have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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