

# Head of School

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Year 11 online Parents Evening last night. This was well attended and was a valuable last opportunity for an informative appointment prior to your child sitting their formal examinations. Year 11 students received their PPE results last week and following this we have now considered every individual performance to provide further support in a specific subject area until the examination period. Therefore, students will have been notified of a change of tutor as registration sessions have now evolved into subject interventions. This is a fantastic way of delivering additional bespoke support by subject specialists leading up until their final examinations. To provide support for our students, Years 9, 10 and 11 have access to GCSEPod, which is an effective revision tool.

This week I would like to take the opportunity to promote numeracy across the curriculum at Spalding Academy. Numeracy is not just about the teaching and learning that takes place in a student's Maths lesson but is also about having the transferable skills to put in to practice in other areas of the curriculum. As I walk around the school on a daily basis I often see students using a variety of mathematical skills in many of their lessons. This includes calculating and analysing data in science experiments; reading maps, using scales and calculating distances in Geography; interpreting population trends in History; using geometry, symmetry and proportions in Art & Design or calculating fitness rates in PE.

It is important that students develop their numeracy skills throughout secondary school to equip them for life after school and their future careers. We are committed to delivering a curriculum which integrates numeracy and supports students to apply their numeracy skills. Parents and carers can help support us with this by ensuring students have the basic equipment for all their lessons including a scientific calculator. If anyone needs any advise about a suitable calculator then your child's Maths teacher will be able to discuss this with your child.

On Tuesday, our Year 10 GCSE History students had the opportunity of a virtual experience, using VR headsets and footage created by Time Travel Education. Students were able to be fully immersed on the battlefields and see for themselves what it would have been like for an injured soldier. The immersive experience will be invaluable to students understanding of the 'Medicine on the British Sector of the Western Front' unit of their History GCSE.

This week, we have participated in a range of sporting fixtures in a variety of sports and a range of enrichment opportunities for our students. Well done to all of the students who have represented Spalding Academy.



I would like to remind all parents and carers of our Trust 'Working Together: Communication Policy for Parents & Carers', which is on our Trust website - [www.slat.org.uk/policies](http://www.slat.org.uk/policies). The purpose of this policy is as a reminder to parents/carers and visitors to our School of their expected conduct, in order that we can continue to flourish, make progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. We are fortunate to work with parents/carers that are supportive and polite, with our parents/carers recognising that educating children is a process that is strengthened by a positive partnership between parents, staff and the school community. However, it is also important that any contact between parents/carers and the School must be appropriate, proportionate and respectful, in terms of the professional knowledge, experience and skill of the staff and of the entitlement of staff to an appropriate work/life balance.


A reminder of the letter we sent this week in relation to our First Aid arrangements and our procedures.

- If a student is too unwell to remain at school, we will contact parents/carers to arrange for them to be taken home. Students are not permitted to contact home directly.
- First Aid services are only available to students during break and lunch times, not during lesson time, unless it is an emergency.
- We will always notify parents/carers of any injuries sustained by their child at school.
- Our First Aid team cannot diagnose medical conditions. We advise seeking advice from a pharmacy or GP surgery for any medical concerns.
- Diabetic students and epipen users should continue to use the existing provision that they are aware of.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and carers that Spalding Academy has a full complement of First Aid able and trained staff to ensure that we can fully support our students throughout their time at school, however it is important for students to understand what is included within the First Aid requirements. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school by email: [enquiries@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldingacademy.org.uk)

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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# Get Into Teaching

## OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) are now one of the **Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT** and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us. At this 'Get Into Teaching' event, which will be held at Spalding Academy, you will discover how you can gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If any of the following applies to you, you will benefit from attending:

- Recently gained a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying A-levels or Level 3 BTECs and wanting to get into teaching
- Wanting to change career and become a teacher
- Working in a non-teaching role within a school or college environment and wanting to get into teaching

**You could train either at the schools in our highly successful Trust (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy) or at a variety of other secondary schools in the Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough areas.**

This event starts at 5.30pm where there will be a presentation then the opportunity to speak to staff informally. You will learn about the different training pathways, entry requirements and details about student finances. We will cover school placements, the course content, support available plus timescales. We can also provide help so you can successfully apply.

To attend, please visit [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies) to register in advance.



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