

# Head of School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a positive week of activities for the students across the school.

We also had the pleasure of hosting the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust football and netball tournament at our school for the third year running. Each school in the Trust were represented by their top players in Year 10. We have also had several other sporting competitions against local schools in football, netball and futsal. All the events saw a high-quality competition among our teams. The tournament showcased the skills and teamwork of the participating teams, with the Spalding Academy team demonstrating commendable efforts throughout all the whole events.

On Thursday, our Year 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in a STEM sessions ran by the Education Programme at BAE Systems, Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. The theme this year is 'Artificial Intelligence' and featured Lexi the co-bot who was a hit with students. This was a highly interactive show which explores what AI is and how we can use it. It demonstrated some useful applications of AI for both teachers and students plus stressed how important human skills are to ensure that we can maximise the effect of Artificial Intelligence in our lives. The roadshow was organised by our Careers Team to help inspire students to take an interest in jobs relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Another great opportunity for our students at Spalding Academy.


We continue to promote and encourage Year 11 students to complete as much revision as possible to maximise the time left at school, remember the more loyalty cards completed the more prizes that can won by attending the intervention sessions! We have also launched our Year 11 Aspire Passport this week, which rewards our students for all their efforts during Year 11. The higher up the passport they go, the more vouchers they will get! We are very proud of their conscious efforts to their studies and excellent attendance in school so far this term.

We are continuing to see lots of students from Years 7 completing their Aspire passport and collecting their badges. A reminder that some of the Aspire challenges can be completed at home, such as make and cook a family meal or complete one task to help out at home for seven days. This week in assemblies we have also been encouraging students to Go for Silver! For those students who have achieved a Bronze Aspire badge in previous terms, now is the time to aim to achieve the Silver Award! Also, for those students who have not quite met all challenges for the Bronze award - there is still time! It would be absolutely fantastic to see all students in the year wearing either a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge by the end of this academic year!



As previously mentioned, you will have seen details of our uniform sale on our website and social media. ParentMail closed at 4pm last night and will reopen 12pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, where you will find our remaining stock on offer with up to 50% off whilst stocks last. I would like to remind you that ties are excluded from this offer, as we will continue to sell these to parents/carers, via the school on ParentMail. Also, we will also continue to promote our good quality pre-loved items free of charge on ParentMail too.

In addition to the 'Get Into Teaching' event on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we will also be holding a 'Become a Teaching Assistant' event on the same day at Spalding Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. At the end of the update you will find details about both events. We hope either you are interested or know someone else who is, and you can share with them.



## Become a Teaching Assistant

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Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
AT SPALDING ACADEMY

You are invited to discover how becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued role in the schools at our Trust.

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I would like to remind all Year 7 parents/carers that next Thursday (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025) is World Book Day. To celebrate this event in school we have been informing all Year 7 students that they are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are holding an in-house competition for the best contribution to a World Book Day costume and will be celebrating the event across Year 7.

Finally, you may now have received the news regarding Mrs Conley's forthcoming retirement this December. Mrs Conley has driven the rapid improvement of Spalding Academy to its highest standing in the community today, and this week, students and staff have started to reflect on the exceptional impact she has made on our whole school community. As a school, we congratulate Mrs Curson, Head of Bourne Academy, who will be taking over the reins as CEO in January 2026.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

**Mr Glenn Martin**  
Head of School, Spalding Academy

## For the latest news

You can follow Spalding Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- [www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/SpaldingAcademy)
- [www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/SpaldingAcademy)
- [www.x.com/SpaldingSLAT](https://www.x.com/SpaldingSLAT)



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Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team.

You can drop-in anytime between 5.30pm to 7.00pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff for more information about the role and how it can also further develop your career in our Trust. You can also find out more about the Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £2,000 for suitable candidates.

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

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

We also have vacancies advertised for Teaching Assistants on this website so you can even apply today.



Spalding Academy, Neville Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2EJ  
[www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)



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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.

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