

Head of School

Friday 9th May 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

A shorter week this week, due to the bank holiday break, which I hope you all enjoyed.

We were delighted to share our Ofsted report at the start of the week with some of the many highlights that include:

- Since the last inspection, leaders have continued to improve every area of the school.
- The school and Trust leaders are committed to ensuring every student gets the best education possible.
- The school is caring and welcoming. It has high expectations of what students can achieve and how they should behave.
- There are positive, respectful relationships between staff and students. Students say that staff support them well.
- Students behaviour is commendable. Lessons are calm and purposeful.
- Students get high-quality pastoral support.
- Students feel safe in school and know that there are many staff they can talk to if they have any worries or concerns.
- Teachers have strong subject knowledge.
- Students have excellent attitudes to learning. They engage well with learning activities and show resilience when work is more demanding.
- Students study a broad and ambitious curriculum. In each subject, it is clear what students will learn and when.
- Students achieve exceptionally well.
- The school promotes reading effectively.
- Students receive high-quality career advice. They are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps.
- Staff are proud to work at Spalding Academy and are well supported with their wellbeing and workload.
- Everything the school does is underpinned by its values of 'Aspire, Challenge, Achieve'.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. We are excited to ensure the school continues to improve and ensure all students get the best possible education.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

The summer examinations have continued this week for Year 11 with a fantastic start by Health & Social Care, Art and Business Studies, then throughout the week we have continued with MFL speaking examinations. Our full Year 11 cohort examination starts next Monday with English Literature being the first of many next week. Year 11 students are conducting themselves professionally around school as they prepare and attend additional lunchtime and afterschool sessions in order to be as prepared as possible.

In addition to this, our May Revision sessions have been sent home to all Year 11 parents this week as our final pitstop for intervention prior to the last stage of exams following the half term break. Please do support your child in signing up for the extra sessions.

On Thursday we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day with our whole school community. A one-minute silence was held at 11am to support reflection on VE day, this was followed by students celebrating with British sweets during their breaktime. Students demonstrated respect throughout the day as we marked this important occasion. I was pleased to see a number of our students wearing their cadet, scout and guide uniform. There was fantastic spirit from our staff as well, as some staff also joined in with celebration by dressing in Red, White & Blue in line with the Union Jack.



On Wednesday, Years 7 to 10 took part in DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. The spotlight on reading shone through as students were exposed to various reading materials across a wide breadth of subject areas during Period 3. It was particularly interesting to see students taking part in the 'Letter to a Veteran' national scheme during English lessons. All Key Stage 3 students had the opportunity to read a letter from a 100-year-old veteran, discuss the content and write back a thank you letter to the veteran in gratitude for their service. Two selected responses from each class will be collated and mailed back to the veteran in return. I hope to be able to update you on this in the coming weeks.

A final reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd May 2025. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 10 teachers regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter we have sent which contains further details on how to sign up for the evening.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Martin'.

Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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