

# Head of School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another busy week across the whole school at Spalding Academy.

As we head into the final week of our GCSE examination season, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their hard work and dedication to our very successful examination season. Our students have had solid examinations for five weeks now, and they certainly deserve to be nearing the end of their journey.

With this in mind, we are going to start our transition for our other year groups. From Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, our year groups will be introduced to their new year leads in their assemblies. Our pastoral team are working to share information on their current year groups, so the transition is smooth. This transition will allow our students to start to get to know their new Pastoral Year Lead, and their year area for use at break and lunchtime.

Your child's new Year Leads are as follows:

- Current Year 7 will transition to Mrs Yates
- Current Year 8 will transition to Mrs Gratton
- Current Year 9 will transition to Mrs Caress
- Current Year 10 will transition to Mrs Lammin

Mrs Cousins (Key Stage 3 Lead) and Miss Bennett (Year 7 Lead) will continue their work with the local primary schools to ensure our new Year 7 students are ready and excited to join Spalding Academy in September 2025. Mrs Cousins and Miss Bennett have already visited many of our local primary schools to meet our new students. I look forward to meeting them on our Year 6 induction day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Today, our Geographers as part of the GCSE Geography course went on a fieldtrip to Hunstanton, which focused on Physical Geography. The aim of the trip is to provide students with the opportunity to apply fieldwork skills and to collect data, as well as supporting and developing concepts covered in lessons. The work conducted on these fieldtrips is worth 30% of their final GCSE grade and will be assessed by examination at the end of Year 11. The students had a great time at Hunstanton which was the chosen location for the coast. Students followed the route from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach to analyse physical processes and assess coastal defences. Next week we have got the second half of Year 10 Geography cohort attending.



We have been giving out our usual sweet treats to those students who have attained 100% attendance for Term 5. I am really pleased to say there are over 500 students who have achieved this, as there is clear correlation between excellent attendance and academic outcomes.

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our end of year musical 'Romeo + Juliet'. Tickets can still be purchased via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy) and you can select your preferred seats when booking. There will be three evening performances to captivate audiences on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



Finally, as we head towards the end of the academic year, I would like to draw your attention to our expectations with school uniform. Please can I remind parents of the following areas:

- Students are not permitted to wear socks over or under tights
- Students are not permitted to wear any fake eyelashes, acrylic or gel nails or any facial piercings
- Students should not wear fashion sunglasses in school

Thank you for your support on these issues as we enter the last five weeks of this academic year.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,

**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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