

Head of School

Friday 5th December 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week at Spalding Academy!

As we enter the final preparations for our Christmas festivities, we were delighted to hold the first of our three Christmas Dinner Days on Wednesday. Our amazing catering team served over 160 delicious traditional Christmas dinners - thank you to them for all their hard work! The next opportunity for students will be on Wednesday 10th December 2025, and meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. A special thank you to our Head Students for decorating the Christmas tree now proudly displayed in our reception.

To celebrate Mrs Conley's incredible 35 years in education ahead of her retirement at the end of this year, we held a special one-off Sparkle & Bright non-uniform day on Wednesday. Across the Trust, this event raised over £4,200 for Young Minds, a leading UK charity supporting children and young people's mental health. Thank you for your generosity.

As well as the non-uniform day - staff, parents/carers, current and former students can also donate to a Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/page/young-minds-mrs-conley), to raise additional monies for Young Minds. As Mrs Conley has requested for no retirement gifts (no even one!) ... please donate instead and help ensure no young person feels alone with their mental health. So far, over £7,800 has been raised for Young Minds and any further donations over the next few weeks is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to all the Key Stage 4 students who competed in the Superzone Trampoline Competition last Friday! Overall, Spalding Academy were awarded first place as a team - well done to all involved! The individual results are below and our students also achieved first place in three categories.

Novice category: 1st Matilda Motley-Webber

Intermediate category: 1st Karolina Uzpelke
 2nd Oliwia Kutcha
 3rd Mollie Bennett
 4th Alice Hall

Advanced category: 1st Emilia Wilson

We also continue to compete in various football and basketball fixtures. Thank you to every student who has represented the school.

Year 11 students begin their Pre-Public Examinations soon. They have worked hard through interventions and independent revision, and we are confident they will give their best. A reminder to continue using GCSEPod as an excellent revision tool.


For Year 11 students wanting to apply to the SLAT Sixth Form at Bourne Academy, the first application deadline is Monday 15th December 2025. Applying by this date ensures students can choose their preferred subject options. Applications after this date are still welcome, but subject choices may be limited. Please visit www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform/apply to apply online.

As part of developing leadership skills, some Year 9 students worked with 30 Spalding Parish Primary students in a French Christmas vocabulary workshop led by our Language Department - well done to all involved!

Finally, today marked our first SALAD Day (Speaking And Listening Activity Day). Instead of writing tasks, students focused on oracy and listening skills through debates, role-plays, and presentations. This initiative helps build confidence in communication - an essential skill for future careers and social situations. We also encourage students to “speak like a specialist” across subjects, using accurate vocabulary, full sentences, and standard English.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

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