

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

It is that time of year when our Year 11 students receive their PPE results and their AOL2 data set. This set of PPE results has provided our students with a realistic picture of what they may expect to achieve in the summer. During our practice results sessions, many students were pleased with their progress, while others experienced a helpful reality check about the areas they now need to concentrate on ahead of the summer examination season.

Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place online on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm, and parents are required to book their online appointments in advance. Year 11 is a crucial year, with GCSE exams and coursework to complete, so this Parents' Evening will focus on discussing progress, current grades, and areas where students should prioritise their learning to achieve their best outcomes in the summer.

As we approach these critical months, we remain committed to providing every student with the tools and support they need to excel in their GCSE examinations. To that end, we offer a range of intervention strategies designed to target areas where students may benefit from additional guidance or encouragement. These include lunchtime and after-school revision sessions with specialist teachers, opportunities for students to engage with GCSEPod, subject-specific afternoon registration sessions, and assemblies that focus on how to plan and organise effective revision. We are also pleased to share that once again we will be offering subject-specific sessions during the Easter break. Year 11 parents should look out for further information regarding these opportunities. We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to make the most of the intervention and support available to them.

Tickets are now on sale for the EVOLVE Project, which is one of the amazing initiatives our talented music students have to participate in every year. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6pm, there will be a showcase event where our students will be performing, producing, engineering and running an entire show! Over 50 students from Years 7 to 11 are involved from appearing live on stage or working behind the scenes, and everyone has an important role to make the event a success. The EVOLVE Project will be taking place live on stage at Spalding Academy and will feature bands and solo acts performing a set list packed with pop, rock and indie songs. The event can be attended by the family and friends of the students as well as fans of live music. If you would like to enjoy a night out and support our students, tickets are £3 each and available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy)



We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all students and families about the importance of good punctuality. Being on time to school each day ensures that students begin their learning promptly, are fully prepared for lessons, and do not miss essential teaching. Punctuality is also an important life skill that supports responsibility and independence—qualities that are especially crucial as students approach their GCSE examinations. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives to school on time every day.

PSA sessions have begun for Year 10 vocational students who have shown excellent attitude and focus throughout the programme so far. It is vital that attendance remains high to ensure progress continues and students stay on track. Well done to all students so far.

Finally, I wanted to share an important update about our Trust Board. Our Chair of Trustees, Will Hawkins, retired from the Board in December after many years of dedicated service. We are incredibly grateful to Will for his leadership, commitment, and the positive impact he has had across our Trust. We are pleased to let you know that John Stokes has now been appointed as our new Chair of Trustees. John brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we look forward to working with him as we continue to move the Trust forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak with your Head of School or Mrs Curson in the first instance. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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