

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Online Parents' Evening last night. It was extremely well attended and provided a valuable final opportunity for an informative discussion before students enter their formal examinations.

Year 11 students received their PPE results last week. Following a detailed review of every student's performance, we have made adjustments to ensure targeted support is in place. As a result, students may now have a different tutor during registration time, as these sessions have become subject specific intervention groups. This approach allows us to deliver tailored support from subject specialists in the lead up to the exams. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 also have full access to GCSEPod, an effective and highly recommended revision resource.

This term has been full of energy, with students taking part in a wide range of sports events and enrichment opportunities from competitive fixtures to creative workshops and hands on learning sessions. It has been wonderful to see students challenging themselves, discovering new interests, and celebrating one another's achievements. A big well done to all students who represented the school in county football and basketball fixtures this week.

Next week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 will be the EVOLVE Project where over 50 of our students will be involved in performing, producing, engineering and running an entire show. This evening event starts at 6pm and can be attended by the family and friends of the students as well as fans of live music. For one night only, our talented students will be covering artists such as Billie Eilish, Nirvana, Busted, Panic at the Disco, Paramore and Linkin Park offering something for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to enjoy a night out and support our students, tickets are £3 each and available online from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy)

The Stay Safe Partnership at Lincolnshire County Council will be running a FREE Parent Webinar in conjunction with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 6pm to 7pm. The theme of the webinar will be 'AI - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly'. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic and is now part of everyday life - from homework helpers to fun creative tools. But how can parents make sure it's used safely and wisely? Learn how AI can support learning and creativity as well as what to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation. The webinar will also provide simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls. This will be highly informative and aimed at parents (and relevant to adults/teachers with an interest in AI) to help them understand both the opportunities and the risks. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the webinar. To book your place and get the Microsoft TEAMS link to the webinar, please visit: [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139)

At Spalding Academy, we are proud to be a Reading School, where reading is central to our culture. Students in Years 7 and 8 take part in daily form time reading to help build confidence, vocabulary and a lifelong love of books. We also use Accelerated Reader, which supports students in choosing appropriately levelled books, tracking their progress and celebrating their achievements. Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home.

Congratulations to the following students who are our Accelerated Reader winners in Term 2:

#### **House with most words read**

- Orange House (Year 7)

#### **Accelerated Reader 100% on Reading Quiz**

- Winners: Isabelle White (Year 7) and Ianis Bacila (Year 7)
- Runners-up: Ben Hatfield (Year 8) and Tilly Bishop (Year 7)

#### **Completed Accelerated Reader Bookmark**

- Winners: Sofia Newton (Year 7) and Valerij Maksimovs (Year 8)
- Runners-up: Oliver Ruzgas (Year 7), Junior Sibanda (Year 8) and Martins Brauns (Year 8)

#### **Accelerated Reader Targets Met**

- Blue House Winner: Millie Hawkes (Year 8)
- Green House Winner: Chloe Harrison (Year 7)
- Orange House Winner: Brooke Moore (Year 7)
- Purple House Winner: Hubert Izdebski (Year 7)
- Red House Winner: Sharanya Devamuni Adhikaramge (Year 8)
- Yellow House Winner: Izzy Daniels (Year 8)
- Year 9 Winner: Aidel Sunil (Year 9)

#### **Most Improved Star Test**

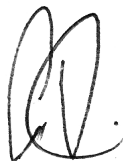
- Amelia Barnes (Year 9)
- Wiktorja Miodowska (Year 9)
- Joseph Sotimehin (Year 9)



Student wellbeing remains at the heart of everything we do. Our Student Wellbeing Charter sets out our commitment to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of every learner across the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. The charter is available on our website within the Student Wellbeing section, where families can explore the full range of pastoral, literacy, careers, enrichment and Young Carer support available.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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