

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 6th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Where has this term gone? I cannot believe we only have one week left of Term 3!

It has been incredibly busy this week at school. On Wednesday, we ran our popular DEAR Time sessions for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. This is where the whole class take turns to read a text and they then discuss what they have read to highlight key vocabulary and share their thoughts on the issues raised in the material. All classes focus on a different subject area so if they normally have an art, history or maths lesson, their reading text will be relevant to art, history, or maths. At Spalding Academy, we value reading as an enriching activity, which can make a profound difference to our students' lives. As well as this, we appreciate that regular reading is linked to a developing vocabulary and improved skills in writing and that both of these skills are vital to success in all curriculum areas and life beyond school.

We have had over 120 Year 11 prefects this academic year. Students wear their prefect tie and badges with pride and support the school community throughout the school day. As our Year 11 students move closer to their examinations, we would like them to focus their attention on those important GCSE and BTECs grades.

We continue to encourage Year 11 completing GCSEPod revision and using the revision resources we have provided. To encourage further for Year 11 students, we have launched the Loyalty Card which students will get signed every time they attend a revision class. There is plenty of prizes to be won!

Next week on Wednesday 11th February 2026, we are excited for the EVOLVE Project concert to take place and our students have been busy rehearsing extremely hard during their lunchtimes and after school to put on an amazing show – just for you!. From what we have heard in rehearsals, we know you are in for a treat as there will be a great selection of student bands and soloists performing a diverse range of pop, indie and rock songs from across the decades. From ABBA to Nirvana, Busted to Linkin Park and Billie Eilish to Metallic, there will be something for everyone. Tickets are £3 each and available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy



Last Saturday, our Under 13 girls team competed at the East Midlands Floor & Vault Gymnastics competition. We came third overall and there were only 0.6 points between 1st and 3rd place. Well done to the students and to Miss Ringrose.

This evening, 14 students who attend Rugby Club, went to watch Leicester Tigers play in the Premiership Cup Competition. Thank you Mr Favell for providing this opportunity.

Next week, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, we will be holding our first Young Carer Breakfast. Students who are Young Carers are invited to attend a free breakfast event in our school canteen. We are very mindful that our Young Carers may be involved in various roles around the home and community and sometimes this can be a little overwhelming. If your child is a Young Carer and you feel the school is not aware, please email their Year Lead so we can look to further support. All Young Carers are to arrive at the school canteen on Tuesday morning where we will be offering a free drink and pastry.

Also next week, as part of our PSHE provision, we are supporting the national Children's Mental Health Week which is organised by the Charity Place2Be. We will be highlighting key messages from the campaign, reminding students of the mental health and wellbeing support available from school, and we are currently running a 'My Safe Space' House Competition.

Finally, an advanced reminder that we have World Book Day after half term on Thursday 5th March 2026 and this year we are inviting all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to come dressed as a character from the book. If you would like any further details - please see the letter sent to all parents via ParentMail this week outlining further information and the 'Best Costume' competition!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

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