

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week at Spalding Academy, with many student opportunities and achievements to celebrate.

Our Year 11 students continue to work extremely hard, and we are encouraging them to complete as much revision as possible to make the most of their remaining time in school. Remember: the more loyalty cards completed, the more prizes can be won for attending the intervention sessions! To further support students with last-minute tips and guidance, we will be holding the Year 11 Exam Success Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm.

Over the past two weeks, it has been fantastic to watch the Year 11 Food Practical Examinations. The Food room was transformed into a MasterChef-style kitchen, and the dishes produced by our students were outstanding. Members of Senior Leadership Team and the Pastoral Team thoroughly enjoyed visiting at the end of the exams to take part in the tasting session. We are incredibly proud of the talented young chefs in Year 11 who produced professional quality dishes. Well done to everyone involved.

To help prepare Year 11 students who have applied to the SLAT Sixth Form at Bourne Academy, we arranged two visits in February and March 2026. With summer exams fast approaching, these visits helped students plan ahead and feel more confident about starting in September. They toured the Academy, visited subject areas, met staff, and heard from former Spalding Academy students who now attend the Sixth Form. This year, over 25% of the Year 11 students from Spalding Academy have now applied to the SLAT Sixth Form, choosing a wide range of subjects from Art & Design to Sociology, History to Mathematics and Business to Health & Social Care.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Our Key Stage 3 students and staff had the option to come dressed as their favourite book characters - from classics to graphic novels to biographies. We were thrilled by the creativity, imagination, and effort put into the costumes. Throughout the day, students took part in activities including the Masked Reader Challenge and booklet tasks. It was wonderful to see so many staff joining in as well, including myself dressed as Albus Dumbledore from Harry Potter! To reward students, we hosted a 'Best Costume' competition in the Library, with gift vouchers and certificates for the winners. Next week, look out for student photos from World Book Day on our website and social media platforms.



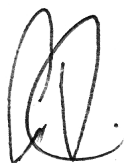
This week has also been National Careers Week. During form time, students in Years 7 to 10 explored a variety of career opportunities such as Sport, Retail, Construction, and Robotics. Staff have also been sharing their own career pathways at the start of lessons to help raise aspirations. In addition, on Wednesday we welcomed STEM UK/Outer Dowsing, who delivered a STEM workshop for a group of our Year 9 students.

Finally, I would like to inform parents/carers that Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is **Comic Relief / Red Nose Day**, and we will be holding our traditional non-uniform day. This year, we are asking students and staff to **wear something red** to show support for the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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