

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

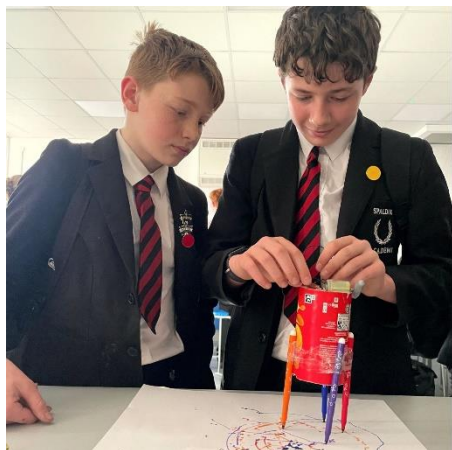
On Wednesday, our Year 9 students had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Spalding Academy.



On Wednesday, we had our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 parents/carers. This was a fantastic opportunity to ensure students and supporting parents are equipped with everything required to fully invest in revision leading up to the examination period.

Remaining with examinations, I would like to remind parents and carers that we will be hosting our Easter Revision sessions during the Easter break for our Year 11 students. The holiday sessions form an additional mechanism of support and I am pleased to see how many students have signed up for the sessions already. Year 11 students have now received information regarding the Easter Holiday Revision sessions led by teachers during the holiday period. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity to 'top up' revision in preparation for their GCSE examinations which are now only just around the corner in Term 5.

On Wednesday lunchtime, we held our annual Science Fair, where our KS3 Science Club invited students from the rest of the school to come and try out some of the fun experiments that they have carried out this year. These are all experiments that are unlikely to be seen in normal Science lessons. The event was very popular, with students particularly enjoying setting some of their teachers on fire (with methane bubbles)! Students were also able to learn about how fireworks get their colour, how to make a scribble bot and how Skittles can be used to create colourful designs. The event forms part of our celebration of science for British Science Week 2026.



Next Wednesday evening on Wednesday 18th March 2026, there are two events taking place at Bourne Academy for those who are interested in becoming a Teacher or a Teaching Assistant. Students who are aged 16+ and studying at Sixth Form or College are also invited to find out about the career opportunities and pathways available to them before they start university or higher education. These events are also popular with those who want to change career and get into education and enjoy a highly rewarding career. Visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies for more information and to register in advance.



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Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm
AT BOURNE ACADEMY

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We have been celebrating International Women's Day, which was celebrated across the world on Sunday 8th March 2026. In school we have focused on this topic during assemblies this week and was part of our SMSC sessions (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education). By educating our students on the history and global issues around women's rights, we can help empower the next generation and also change attitudes around misogyny as we work towards a world with gender equality.

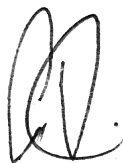
At Spalding Academy, we have high standards and expectations of our students to come to school prepared and ready to learn, whilst maximising every opportunity. Students are expected to have the basic equipment which is checked each morning by the form tutor (black pen, red pen, purple pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator, strike card and out of lesson card). We would appreciate your support. We are also reminding students of the importance of maximising the opportunities provided and preparing for life beyond school. Every second in lesson counts towards their goal of achieving high academic progress which we are very proud of.

Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 19th March 2026 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students.

I would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 20th March 2026, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent to parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day. This year we would like students and staff to wear something red to support the event.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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