

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 20th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Today is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day, and we celebrated by holding our annual non-uniform day to support this incredible charity. I am delighted to share that we have raised an impressive total of over £4,000 across the Trust. This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the generosity and enthusiasm of our students, staff, and wider community. It was wonderful to see so many students showing their support by wearing something red. The students' smiles and creativity truly captured the spirit of Comic Relief / Red Nose Day.



We have recently noticed some dangerous behaviour from a small number of students when riding their bikes at the end of the school day. While we love seeing our students being active and choosing environmentally friendly ways to travel home, it's important that everyone remembers to keep themselves and others safe.

Please remind your child of the following key expectations:

- Ride responsibly and be aware of pedestrians, cars, and other cyclists.
- Wear a helmet every time they cycle - this is one of the simplest ways to prevent serious injury.
- Use the pavements and cycle paths safely, and never ride out into the road without checking carefully for traffic.
- Avoid riding in large groups that block pathways or create risks for others.

We want every student to get home safely each day. Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home helps keep our whole community safe.

We continue to encourage our Year 11 students to revise as much as possible to make the most of the time remaining in school. A reminder that the more loyalty cards completed, the more prizes students can earn by attending intervention sessions.

On Wednesday, we held SALAD Day (Speaking and Listening Activity Day). All lessons for Years 7, 8 and 9 involved little to no writing, encouraging students to focus on speaking and listening. While classrooms are usually calm and quiet, the volume was certainly raised as students took part in debates, presentations, group discussions, team-based tasks, and more. Staff across all subjects planned engaging lessons to promote communication skills throughout the day.

On Wednesday and Friday, all students in Years 7 and 8 took part in the inter-house sports competition. This event gave every student the opportunity to participate and represent their House. Thank you to Mr Favell, the PE department and the Heads of House for organising and supporting this successful event.

Our sports teams continue to impress - well done to all students who have recently represented the school in the SLAT games, as well as in Netball and Football tournaments.

One of the fantastic literacy initiatives we have to encourage students to engage with reading is our Accelerated Reader programme. This is where our Year 7 and 8 students have time during their afternoon registration to read their chosen books, which can then be carried on as home learning. They can then use the Accelerated Reader portal to check their targets, progress towards their targets and take quizzes. Congratulations to the following students who are top achievers in their House for Term 3.

Blue House

- Meeting Points Target: Veronika Zukovska

Green House

- Meeting Points Target: Amelie Beeken
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: Indiana Lacey

Orange House

- Meeting Points Target: Jamie Harrison-Traves
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Joan Sinjo

Purple House

- Meeting Points Target: Rassels Mikitis
- 100% on Reading Quiz: Dylan Mulligan

Red House

- Meeting Points Target: Darasimi Adediran
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Syd Bragg

Yellow House

- Meeting Points Target: Jaimee Lucas

Most Improved from last STAR Test:

- 1st Oliver Cooper
- 2nd Carla Cartoafa
- 3rd = Chloe Raven
- 3rd = Alice Woodford

We have a talented group of budding thespians from Years 7 to 9 who are in the KS3 Drama Club. We are excited to announce they will be performing an original play called 'Offside Dreams' live on the stage at Spalding Academy. The play will take place on Thursday 7th May 2026 and 'kick off' is at 6.00pm with 'turnstiles' open at 5.30pm and the 'final whistle' at 7.15pm. Our team of drama students have been incredibly busy rehearsing and preparing for this production, and we are excited to showcase this new original story to a packed audience of family, friends and staff. As always, our students really appreciate your support in what will be a highly entertaining evening suitable for all of the family. Tickets are £3 per person and you can select your preferred seats when booking, so please remember to book early. Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy from 9am on Monday 23rd March 2026 to book your seats.



In addition to the production of 'Offside Dreams' our annual school musical will take place from Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd July 2026 with event/ticket information to be announced shortly.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Martin'.

Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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