



SPALDING  
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# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Despite the changing and unreliable weather, we have continued to enjoy a busy and productive time in school. It has also been a successful period of transition, with year groups moving smoothly to their new Year Leads.

Recently, we shared a letter outlining our new mobile phone procedures, which will be introduced from September 2026. This approach aligns with Department for Education guidance that schools should be mobile phone-free environments. The introduction of our phone storage system will help us maintain a calm, safe and orderly school, while also reducing safeguarding risks linked to filming, messaging, social media and online bullying. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in this important area.

A reminder that the remaining tickets for our end of year musical 'Bookworm' are available to purchase with two of the three nights nearly sold out! There will be three evening performances to entertain audiences of all ages on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026. It promises to be an entertaining show for all of the family with hits from various hits musicals including Our House, Mamma Mia!, Come From Away and Everybody's Talking About Jamie. Tickets are £4 / £6 per person from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy) and you can book your preferred seats when booking. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spalding Academy presents...

# BOOKWORM

An Original Variety Production

**WEDNESDAY 1ST, THURSDAY 2ND  
& FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026**

Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spaldingacademy)



It has been fantastic to see such a positive uptake in our extra-curricular provision this week, with a wide range of clubs engaging so many of our students. Enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom are a vital part of students' personal development.

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We are delighted that the PE department has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the 2025/26 academic year. This government-led award, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, recognises schools for their commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities. The Gold Award is measured against a national benchmark and we are delighted that the school's efforts in keeping young people active have been recognised with this award. We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication to physical activity and sport, including the young volunteers, leaders and officials who help make competitions possible. Congratulations to our PE staff for providing these outstanding opportunities.



Our U15 girls' cricket team enjoyed a fantastic day at the Lincoln district tournament on Tuesday. Competing in a round-robin format with four matches, the team won three out of four games, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and skill throughout. Their performances secured an impressive second-place finish overall. This was a superb achievement reflecting their hard work and commitment.

One of the fantastic STEM trips our students enjoyed this term was attending the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham, where they explored a wide range of STEM careers and engaged in hands-on scientific experiences, helping to inspire future aspirations. The exhibition brought together hundreds of organisations from the worlds of science, engineering, technology and manufacturing, giving students the opportunity to get hands-on with activities, explore career pathways and meet people working in a huge range of industries. Throughout the day, students had the chance to try everything from engineering challenges and robotics demonstrations to sustainability projects and cutting-edge technology. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to see how the science and maths studied in school can be applied to solve real-world problems. As always, our students represented the school exceptionally well and hopefully the experience has inspired them to continue exploring STEM subjects and perhaps even consider a future career in one of these exciting fields.



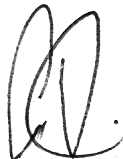
Our Year 10 Geography students recently took part in a fieldwork visit to Hunstanton, building on their earlier trip to Lincoln. These trips allow students to apply fieldwork skills, collect data and deepen their understanding of key concepts studied in lessons. The coursework linked to these field visits contributes 30% of their final GCSE grade. Students thoroughly enjoyed exploring the coastline, travelling from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach to analyse physical processes and evaluate coastal defences.

On Thursday, our Year 10 historians took part in a virtual reality experience, bringing the Battlefields of the First World War to life through immersive 360-degree technology. This provided a powerful and engaging learning experience, and we thank the History department for organising such an innovative opportunity.

Continuing our focus on learning beyond the classroom, the Art department hosted an 'Exhibition in a Van' yesterday. This project, developed in collaboration with local Spalding secondary schools and the Young Events Planners, showcased photography and artwork exploring what it means to be a teenager in Lincolnshire from the 1970s to the present day.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Spalding Academy

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