



Spalding Academy supports "Coats For Kids".

Kickboxing champion
Year 8 student Jack Spillett .



Kickboxing champion
Year 10 student Josh Coyle

Head Teacher's Message



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020!

As we speed through the academic year, it is fantastic to see so many great stories and all the events that have taken place at Spalding Academy since the last newsletter. As you will see there are so many wonderful things to note, including numerous sports events, music successes and our charity work. I am sure you will agree that yet again the variety of activities and events Spalding Academy has been involved in is truly impressive

In this newsletter you will also see the promotion of the school production 'Playbill', a night of acting, song, dance and music and I thoroughly recommend that you attend this event. The students involved in this production are working incredibly hard and the rehearsal schedule is shared in this newsletter. As ever I am in awe of the student talent we have at Spalding Academy and I feel very proud of all they are doing to make this event a success. Please note that the tickets will sell out fast!

The positive promotion of the careers agenda is a key development area for us this year across the Trust and you will see in the newsletter some ways that we are developing this area to make sure that the advice and guidance offered to all our young learners is outstanding. The new careers team are already building up strong relationships with the students and we see this development as being critical to student success and in raising the aspirations of all our learners.

Our students continue to make us proud every day and in every way through their continued hard work and dedication they illustrate in their lessons and this term has been yet again a busy one for Year 11 students, with many taking the first of their external examinations and I would like to say well done to all of the students in this year group, their conduct and maturity continues to be exceptional.

In my last newsletter I asked parents / carers to view our new developing website and I can see from the analytics produced that you are starting to do this, for which I thank you. The site for Spalding Academy is now being firmly embedded as the central point of all our communication and with clear links to all newsletters, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, we have been able to improve the pace of communication by uploading all the fantastic activities and events taking place at the school on the day they take place.

With the introduction of the school social media sites via our website, I would like to encourage our students and parents / carers to share any of the fantastic things we do widely ... as widely as possible! If there is something however that is concerning you, then I would encourage you to use our school communications systems, such as the Year Lead email links, to raise concerns. It is extremely important to us and we are immensely proud that we have an exceptional record with parents / carers, students and in our local community of responding and in being able to resolve any concerns promptly. We will always continue to highly value the communication and the strong relationships we have between school; home and the community and any views are always welcome to us.

Head Teacher's Message

The website also showcases the school ethos and curriculum and I would like to draw parents / carers attention to this 'curriculum' area of the website, which shares what students will be studying from Year 7 to 11. The main aim for our Spalding Academy curriculum is to embed skills and knowledge in the long term memory of our learners, appropriate to age and ability ensuring students have the opportunity to learn and make the best progress possible, with the 'Curriculum Journey' in each subject covering the content of the National Curriculum that puts high challenge, enjoyment and breadth of experience at the heart of learning.

As parents you will want to know that at Spalding Academy the curriculum is under constant review and we look to make changes to what students learn across school and within subjects based on their feedback, progress and aspirations and on the feedback from our parents. We are immensely proud of the outcomes our students achieve through our curriculum, including their exceptional GCSE results in the core, EBacc subjects, in the technical and vocational areas and in becoming independent, hardworking and caring young people. We believe that, without exception, our students have individual talents and abilities and we are committed to providing a curriculum which is broad, rich and balanced in order to meet the needs of all.

To support all of our young learners on their curriculum journey, we invested in Show My Homework (SMH) and I am again delighted to report that we are now at around 95% student usage at Spalding Academy and have around 700 parents / carers already signed up to the SMH programme, an increase of over 200 parents / carers since my last newsletter! We have been receiving a few queries still through our SMH email tab:

showmyhomework@spaldingacademy.org.uk and I would encourage parents / carers to continue to use this way of communicating with the school. In addition, we will continue to have someone on hand to help parents with SMH at all parents evening this academic year. SMH has been such a fantastic addition for our school community of teachers, students and parents and the launch has been so successful that the company Satchel would like to case study both our Trust schools, Spalding Academy and Bourne Academy.

In addition to thanking our parents and carers for attending the parents' evenings, which have started this term. These evenings provide the essential time for our teachers to be able to discuss the progress made by your son / daughter and we really value this opportunity to meet all our supportive parents / carers.

Head Teacher's Message

At Spalding Academy, we are immensely proud of our school uniform and we see having smart uniform as a way of having a strong identity and bringing our school community together. I have been meeting with many groups of students over the past year, to listen to the voice of our young people and the uniform is something that has been raised, with all feedback being positive and students commenting they feel a sense of pride in being able to wear the Spalding Academy uniform. You may have seen some national press coverage about the cost of school uniform in recent weeks and so I thought I would take this opportunity to share with all parents / carers that 'cost' was why we made the decision to source uniform through our school shop, as this is the best way for us to keep the cost of uniform to a minimum for all parents / carers. Although I have not received In addition to thanking our parents / carers for your support of our SMH launch, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents / any concerns from parents / carers regarding our uniform, I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure all that we see it as being of the utmost importance that the school uniform shop has always been and will always remain, as with our school canteen, a non-profit making facility.

Finally, I can share that since January Spalding Academy has opened our doors to some other local Headteachers and school leaders, in order to showcase all that we have to offer and to get an 'external view' of our school, which I see as being important. In showing others around our school I always feel immensely proud and I am always reminded of how amazing our students are. I wanted to share with parents / carers that all feedback received following any visit has been overwhelmingly positive, with comments including:

Positive and focussed learning environment

Strong sense of team amongst the students and staff

High quality support for students and knowing the students well

Students on task in lessons

A strong non-teaching team

A sense of 'family' ... I could go on and on!

I can also share that all these positive comments are reflected in the recently received teaching and non-teaching staff feedback, which has also been overwhelmingly positive about working at Spalding Academy and as part of the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust.

Spalding Academy is a very positive place to be and all of our young people continue to be a joy to work with. I would again like to thank our parents and carers; for your support throughout this term.

I hope you have a wonderful February half term break.

Lucy Conley

Executive Headteacher of South Lincolnshire Academies Trust.

English News

Key Stage Four - Term Three.

A relatively short term, but an awful lot has happened for our amazing Key Stage Four students.

Year 11s have sat Pre Public Exams (PPEs) for English Language - both paper one and paper two, together with literature paper two (the longest exam in English, totalling two and a quarter hours). These assessments will assist the students with celebrating areas of success as well as elements which require further focus to achieve and exceed their target. We were very impressed with their level of commitment with many attending lunch and after school additional revision sessions.

As a Department we are keen for the students to complement their skills in both subjects with homework and lessons reflecting a language and literature element. Many of the techniques are transferrable between the two exams and this dual approach helps to eliminate boredom and embellishes the information the students have already acquired.

Next term we will be focusing on revision for the other literature texts (Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls again) - no rest for our diligent year 11s!

Year 10 have been focusing on English Language Paper Two with an introduction to the poetry anthology at the end of the term. Their level of focus and commitment to learning has been very impressive and they are already building on foundation skills to recognise the requirements for each question in Section A of the paper, as well as developing their transactional writing skills for Section B.

The poetry has been a cross curricular experience with a lot of historical context being introduced and discussed. This has not only broadened their understanding of the poet's craft but also expanded their general knowledge on the history of our country - something which has proved very popular and commenced many engaging discussions.

Next term we will be focusing more on the poetry anthology as well as analysing unseen poetry. Students will also be taught the techniques to compare poems through looking at structure; perspective and tone - a challenging term but one I am sure will encounter much enthusiasm from the students.

Mrs Fitzgibbon.

Head of English.

English News

KS3 English

The Students have been extremely busy studying new books, writing fantastic stories and quizzing lots of books through our Accelerated Reader programme - well done, everyone!

Year 7

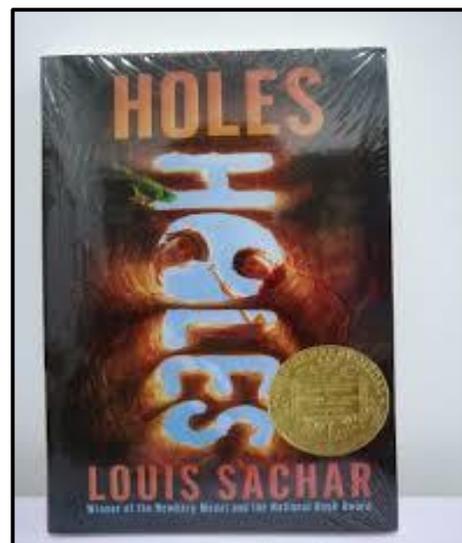
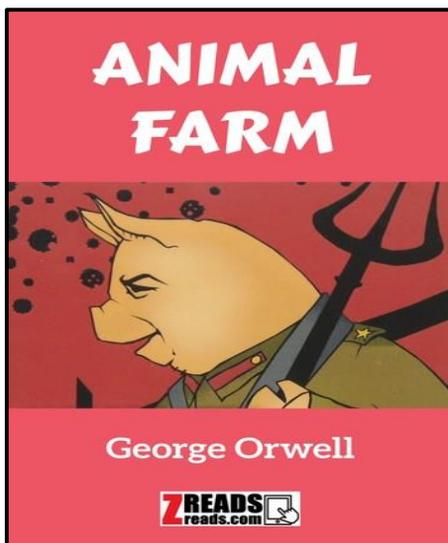
Year 7 are currently studying *Holes* or *Pig Heart Boy*, both wonderfully enriching reads. At home, you could read another text by the same author or complete some further research around the author to understand more about them.

Year 8

Year 8 are exploring texts that provide us with more understanding of the lives of those around us. Both *Refugee Boy* and *Stone Cold* offer insights into the struggles that some young people face. Students are curious to know more about the issues being discussed and it has led to excellent questions being asked and great classroom discussion.

Year 9

Year 9 are currently studying Orwell's allegorical *Animal Farm* or Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. These are being taught as a means of developing the analytical skills of our students and as a way of enriching their historical knowledge linked to the texts. It is great to see the students enjoying these challenging texts.



Food Technology News

Year 7 students enjoyed an after school Valentines cooking event and baked and iced a huge chocolate chip cookie.

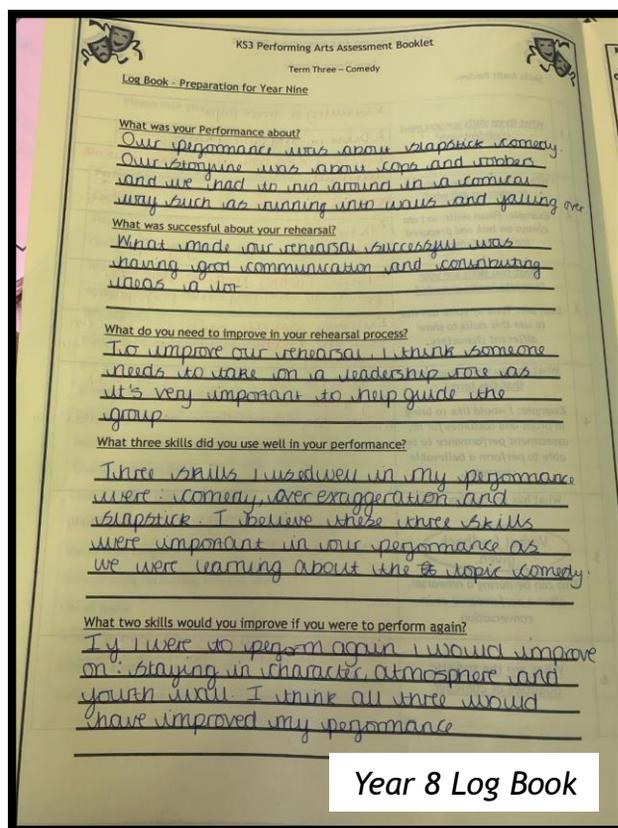
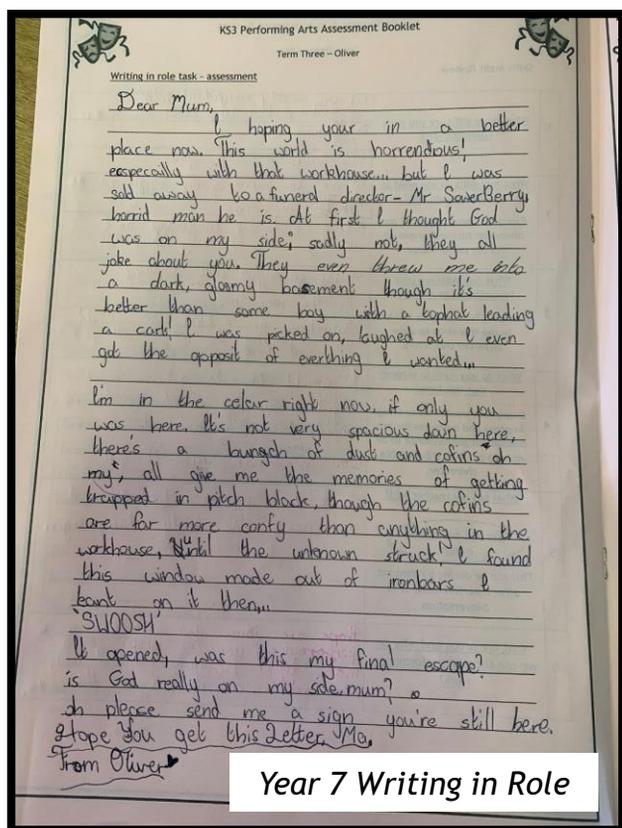


Performing Arts News

Year 7

This might be a short term but as usual there is lots going on in the Performing Arts Department here at Spalding Academy!

Year Seven students have been looking at the classic movie musical Oliver Twist, studying the characters, completing creating writing tasks and for their assessment, performing the classic scene where Oliver meets Fagin for the first time. It is clear there are some very talented actors developing!



Year 8

Year Eight have been exploring comedy, from stand up to slapstick and more! Students have quickly learnt that creating comedy performance takes a lot of confidence, wit and planning.

Students have also been starting to develop their skills in Log Book writing. Log Books are essential to coursework throughout the BTEC qualification that can be opted for in Year 10 and 11, as a department, we like to give the students plenty of practice so they can feel secure in their skills in later years.

Performing Arts News

Year 9

The name of the topic this term is 'Devising', this is been closely connected with the previous term of 'Performance Techniques'. Students are now required to start building their understanding of skills and techniques, now applying them to their own devised pieces.

We have been very impressed with the maturity of the performances being produced, with students choosing to devise pieces based on topics such as domestic violence, eating disorders, mental health and discrimination of race and sexuality. We are looking forward to seeing their assessment pieces during the last week of term that they have been working on.

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 12th February

We offer the Level Two BTEC Technical Award in Performing Arts. There are three different components throughout the course and we study lots of different plays in order to build performance skills and theoretical knowledge. Please come and see the Performing Arts Department during the evening to discuss taking Performing Arts further in your education.

Star of the Term

Below are students who have shown excellent teamwork, effort and commitment to Performing Arts. They are recognised with a badge that they wear on their blazers for the whole school year.

Term 2			
Year 7	Harvey Farrar	Pijus Dovydaitis	Nadia Lukaszuk
Year 8	Tom Davison	Gabriel Teixeira	Kristofers Da Silva
Year 9	Marija Manko	Mateusz Smolinski	
Year 10	Erin Langford	Vanesa Skoda	
Year 11	Ellie Gutterson	Summer Waterfall	

Performing Arts News

Year 10

Students have now started their second repertoire for Component One. This is a Verbatim piece of theatre called 'I Love You Mum, I Promise I Won't Die' written by renowned playwright Mark Wheeller.

The play is created by putting together interviews with Daniel's friends and family, every word the truth and understanding of what happened to cause Daniel's death. Daniel died of a MDMA overdose and the play was commissioned by a foundation set up in his name that was created to teach young people about the dangers of recreational drugs.

Students have taken a very mature approach to the study of this text and have commented how much they respect what the foundation has done and learnt lots from the experience of watching, discussing and performing it. This repertoire will continue next term, where students will have to put together their own interpretation of the story for their second assessment performance of their BTEC qualification.



Year 11

Year 11 have now begun Component Three, this an external exam unit. The students must work to a brief and devise their own performances.

They are currently completing a trial of their exam where they have had to build a performance that is designed to help 'disadvantaged young people'. We are so privileged to work with mature and creative students who have created some fantastic performances, covering topics such as domestic abuse and eating disorders, that are designed to teach their audiences how to get help if they find themselves in that situation.

Work on their real exam will start after half term with a new brief, good luck to all of our Year Elevens!

Performing Arts News

SPALDING ACADEMY PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENT'S

PLAYBILL®

A NIGHT OF ACTING, SONG AND DANCE FROM THE STAGE AND SCREEN

The Performing Arts Department are very excited to announce news of an original Spalding Academy production - 'PLAYBILL'. The jam packed performances will be fantastic nights of acting, song and dance from the stage and screen.

Thank you to all of the students who came and auditioned for acting, singing and dancing roles. Dance Troupes, Lead Actors and Singers have been announced on the cast list in K Block.

Please keep a close eye out for upcoming news about the progress of the show, dates of performance and ticket information.

Important information for cast and parents/guardians on the next page.



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WHOLE CAST REHEARSALS
Every Thursday after school
3:30 - 4:30pm (East End Hall)

First Rehearsal
Thursday 27th February 2020



If you wish to change into comfortable clothing, please do this at 3:15pm, don't be late!

Please see the rehearsal schedule for lunchtime rehearsals.



If you are interested in being part of the school show, please see a member of the P Arts Department.



January news from the PE department...



Girls Football

U13 Girls Football County Cup Game

On 29th January, the U13 Girls' football team travelled to Grantham, to play Priory Ruskin Academy in the quarter finals of the Lincolnshire Cup. The girls were excited but apprehensive about the team they were going to face, as we were traveling outside of the district, facing a team they had never heard of. Upon arrival to the school, the girls were amazed by the facilities at the school and that's when nerves started to kick in. The first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of the game, the girls displayed fantastic team work and link up play, with a few goal scoring opportunities. After the first 10 minutes, a few decisions didn't go our way and heads began to drop, communication decreased and Priory used this to their advantage. However, the last 10 minutes we saw the grit and determination from the girls reappear which was rewarded when Paige Ellis scored a fantastic goal, looping the keeper from outside of the box. A special mention needs to be awarded to Lillie Mitchell and Tallulah Stamp, who both won 'Player of the Match.' Both girls displayed outstanding resilient and fantastic defending skills for the full 50 minutes. Overall, the girls should not be disappointed by the result or their performance but take the game in our stride to work harder as team and come back fighting for the next game. 😊

Results:

Spalding Academy 1 – 6 Priory Ruskin

Goal score: Paige Ellis

Miss Donaldson 😊

Girls Basketball Year 9

Spalding Academy A



Spalding Academy B



This year, girls basketball has taken off massively with many year 7's, 8's and 9's attending practice regularly. We had so many year 9's we decided to enter two teams into the girls U14's basketball tournament at Thomas Cowley on Tuesday 14th January. Both teams gave 100% to every single game, battling hard against the other schools. This is the first time we have entered girl's basketball from Spalding Academy into any tournament or game, and the girls showed how far they have come. Our A team went on to win their pool winning every game, to which they met the high school in the semi-finals. It was a hard game but the girls managed to get the win 6-0 and moved onto the finals against Thomas Middlecott. This was a fantastic game for the final and a very tough one for the girls, the girls kept their heads and worked hard, and managed to win 6-2. After February half term we will be arranging some more games for both teams.

Mrs Lester 😊

Year 7

We have had some very keen year 7 basketballers attending basketball club since September with the numbers growing every week on lunchtimes. The girls faced their very first match against Thomas Cowley away, on Wednesday 22nd January. The girls started the match a bit timidly but then got in their stride after the first quarter. We managed to win the first half but then lost a bit of momentum in the 2nd half and lost the game 24-14. There was an absolutely fantastic performance throughout the match by Maisie Glover, whose defence was incredible, she was everywhere and gave 110% the entire time she was on the court. Paige Ellis also had a great game scoring the majority of our points and getting a lot of the rebounds. The girls look forward to their next game which will be after February half term.

Mrs Lester.



Girls Netball

Year 10



Our year 10 girls have had a fantastic start to the league winning their first two games against Deeping and UAH, they met High School who proved to be their toughest challenge yet away at the High School. They had a fantastic game keeping the High school girls on their toes in every quarter with a fantastic performance from our GA Sanija Zviedre who scored 16 points in the game. The girls look forward to their next game away against St. George to which they will be facing their year 11 team in a friendly.

Mrs Lester 😊

Year 8 Netball.

Although they have not had any fixtures this team, the year 8 netball team continue to train hard each Wednesday working on their footwork, teamwork and tactics. The girls have remained dedicated to their training and have fixtures lined up next week and after the half term as follows:

Wednesday 12th Feb - SA vs St George's - Away game, home for 6pm approx.

Wednesday 26th Feb - SA vs Bourne Grammar - Away game, home for 5:30pm approx.

Thursday 27th Feb - SA vs all other schools in the superzone. This is a tournament at SHS, due to finish 5:30pm approx.

Wednesday 11th March - SA vs Deeping - Away game, home for 5:30pm approx.

Please continue to check the year 8 team notice board in the big changing rooms for any changes to practice or teams. If you can play please tick your name before the date of the fixture otherwise you may be replaced.

Miss Ringrose.

P.E. News

Gymnastics.

On Saturday 1st February, the Spalding Academy gymnastics teams competed in the East Midlands Floor and Vault competition held in Stamford. The first to compete were the Under 14 mixed team that was made up of 4 year 9 girls, 1 year 8 boy and 1 year 7 boy. The team started on floor and wowed the judges with their beautiful and elegant floor routines,



Congratulations to Angelika who scored the highest floor score for Spalding Academy with Eveline in a close 2nd. The team then moved over to vault. Following on from their successful floor routines, the team performed some incredible vaults where they did not move a muscle on their landings. Congratulations to Dija who scored the highest vault score for Spalding Academy with Angelika in a close 2nd. The top 5 scores from each piece of apparatus were added together and the team came in an incredible 2nd place.

The under 14 girls team still had to wait another two rotations before it was their time to compete. For some of the girls this was their second time competing so they were a little nervous as they started their warm up. The team started on floor and like the under 14 mixed team, they performed some beautiful floor routines. Congratulations to Lily who scored the highest floor score for Spalding Academy with Grace and Olivia in a close joint 2nd. The team then moved over to the vault where they performed some lovely vaults, congratulations to Lily who also scored the highest vault score for Spalding Academy with Grace coming in 2nd. The top 5 scores from each piece of apparatus were added together and the team came a brilliant 6th place in a very close competition

Under 14 Girls - Lily Kelk, Grace Walters, Poppy Elsey, Olivia Mohale, Darcy Neal and Wiktorja Chmielewska

Under 14 Mixed Team - Angelika Kedra, Eveline Cale, Vilte Bernotaite, Dija Eirosuite, Gabriel Teixeira and Pijus Dovydaitis.
Miss Ringrose.



P.E. News

Dance:

The dance troupe have continued to work hard to learn multiple dances for the upcoming dance show - Spalding Academy Dance Troupe presents 'Remember the Magic' with special guests the Spalding Academy Choir. They have learnt dances to Jai Ho, The Spice Girls, Chicago and many more. Please join us on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March to come and watch their incredible work. The dance troupe have been practicing for 4 lunchtimes and twice after school a week to put on this fabulous dance show. More information and tickets will be available after half term, we hope to see you there!

Miss Ringrose.

Trampoline Club:

The year 7's and 8's continue to practice their routines ready for their Key stage 3 Superzone competition later on this year. Trampolining club will now be on a Tuesday afterschool until 4:30pm, this gives pupils the chance to train for longer to perfect their routines ready for competition.

Miss Ringrose.

RUGBY:

Rugby training has become more and more popular. With now a regular turn out of 20 across KS3 every Thursday evening, which I am delighted with. Tournaments coming up next term at Market Raisen so if you wish to be selected then you must come training.



Boys Basketball

Year 7 took part in the annual South Lincs 3vs3 basketball tournament at Middlecott Academy

We played an A and B side in the tournament and both teams started off really well winning their respective first 2 games against Bourne Grammar. The B side then lost a couple in a row before winning their final game leaving them with 3 wins and 2 losses, but the A team just carried on winning and drawing just once in the group stages. Finishing their group top with 4 wins and 1 draw. The A team therefore into the semi-finals where they came up against a good Boston Grammar side, but not good enough as we went through 6-2 winners and into the final we marched. The final was always going to be a big step up with nerves on both teams evident in the early stages. Holbeach academy scored 2 baskets in quick succession and with 1 minute on the clock finally one of our lay-ups went in closing the gap to 1 basket. Unfortunately time ran out and Holbeach were crowned the winners 4 -2 but with our Spalding Academy year 7 team a very, very well deserved runners up of South Lincolnshire. Well done boys the PE department and the school are very proud of all your efforts



Year 9

The year 9 basketball team had a season of ups and downs, starting strongly with victory over Bourne Academy this was followed by a heavy defeat v UAH. Although losing their last 2 games v Bourne Grammar and Spalding Grammar the team have progressed well this year and were far more competitive towards the end. Training will continue on Monday lunch times, would be great to see a few more faces to help the team improve going into Year 10.

Year 11

The Y11 Boy's basketball team won the Spalding zone basketball league again this year, after breezing through most of their league games comfortably, the Spalding league came down to the crunch match v local rivals Spalding Grammar school. A very tight game with 2 points in it mid-way through the last quarter. Some excellent defence from Dan Cabral Lopes, superb driving to the basket from Justas Pareigis, vital baskets from Eimatas Daukna as well as solid link play from Kacper Kryzwon and Pedro Carneiro, all contributed to a fine victory in the dying moments of the game. This sets up a South Lincolnshire county final v Boston Grammar who beat us in the final last year. Here's hoping the team's hard work and dedication pays off by going one-step further this year!

Holland House News



The students in Holland House have had a really good start to 2020.

They have returned to school motivated and prepared to work.

Holland House attendance this year has been excellent with the highest attendance percentage in the House standing at 96.9%.

Students need to be commended for their continued efforts the amount of rewards being given has also increased slightly this year and we are beginning to gain ground on the other Houses. The Girl and Boy in Key Stage 3 with the most House points are Arina Organisjana Y1 and Danny Brassett Y2. The Girl and Boy in Key Stage 4 with the most House points are Mia Dewing Y5 and Benjamin Parr Y5.

The students have been working on projects designing masks for the Inter House Competition, it has been interesting to see some of the results, I look forward to judging the House entries and putting them forward for the main competition, in the last Inter House Competition .Our House entry was very highly rated but faced some excellent competition from other Houses.

Our House Charity this year is CLIC Sargent a charity supporting youths with Cancer. The charity is running an appeal for used stamps so if we could collect all used stamps from our post and bring them into school and put in one of the collection boxes that would be appreciated, this will go towards supporting families of Cancer sufferers to stay in one of the charity houses close to treatment centres.

I hope all the students in Holland House have a safe and quiet half term, returning refreshed for the upcoming Term 4.

Best Wishes, Mr Keal: Head of Holland House

Johnson House News



Another half term has flown by!! Y11 students have now gone into their targeted intervention forms in preparation for their upcoming GCSE's.

Students in Years 7-10 have been busy completing an inter house competition to produce a mask for LGBTQ+ month. It has been brilliant to see the designs and models the students have produced.

In SMSC Y9 and 10 have been learning about Inspirational People and have been really engaged with this. Y7 and 8 have been doing Love of Reading based around His Dark Materials.

As I write this, Johnson House are preparing for their House Non-Uniform day. We are raising money for the Exotic Pet Refuge in Deeping St. James.

Have a happy half term.

Miss D Fuller: Head of Johnson House.

McLaren House News



McLaren house have had an extremely positive start to the new year winning the best attendance 3 out of the 6 weeks of this term, with some of our KS3 forms reaching nearly 100% attendance in some of the weeks, well done McLaren. Our year 11's have sadly now gone and we wish them all the luck with their intervention ready for their GCSE's.

With the year 11's going, one of our sports captains who has done a fantastic job over the years with the house and its sports teams Elliot Foster has now had to resign from his role with Damian Swiatkowski in Year 10 stepping up to the role to fill his spot.

Our forms have worked extremely hard this term during form time with SMSC and the new inter house competition producing a design for a mask for LGBTQ+ month. We look forward to next term where we shall have Sports Relief, which means another opportunity for an inter house sporting competition, with an inter house 5 a side football tournament for Years 7&8 and Years 9&10.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe half term.

Mrs Lester: Head of McLaren House.

Nova House News



We have had a fantastic start to the new year in Nova house. We are still comfortably sitting in 2nd place of all the houses in terms of achievement points, which is a massive improvement on last academic year where we struggled to get above 6th place!! I am so proud of all of the achievements of Nova houses students and look forward to all of the achievements we will have to come.

At the time of writing, we are yet to have our house charity day, but by the time you read this it will be all over. Both our whole school and individual house charity days are a great opportunity for us to come together as a team and raise money for such important causes. As I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are raising money for Lives this academic year within Nova house - a charity which I am sure we can all agree, do such important work across Lincolnshire.

As always I wish all Nova house students a restful and relaxing break, ready for another busy term!

Miss Moore : Head of Nova House.

Peake House News



At the end of Term 3 I am very happy to announce that we are still top of the leader board for Achievement Points! Peake House students have been working so hard during this very short term and are determined to succeed.

Term 2 House Competition - In both parts of last terms competition Peake House received 2nd place! Student really delivered some wonderful creative designs while also remaining respectful to the memory of fallen soldiers. Below is a picture of our display board, this is made up of a poppy designed by every member of the house and then put into a design by Team Peake.

2nd
Place



I hope you all enjoy the short break and you are all ready to come back for another packed term!

Miss France

Head of Peake House

Trinity House News



What a start to the year 2020 for TRINITY HOUSE. Well done to all Trinitonian's that have achieved sooooo many house points for us securing 4th place this term way ahead of our bitter rivals McLaren House.

Year 11 are now well into all their interventions to push these marginal gains and grades over the line to hit the predicted grades and better in a lot of cases. Keep working hard we know how you feel, we have all been there. It will all be worth it.

Term 3 House competition has been the most exciting yet with amazing engagement within form time. Well done to all the winning entries too from each form. A display is going to be made outside of Mr Sinclair's and Mr Billingham's office.

Enjoy your half term break and we come back to another short term taking us up to the start of all the year 11 exams and also Sport Relief will be here before we know it in the middle of March.

Well done again,

Mr Bamber : Head of Houses.

House Competition Term 2 - Remembrance Day

Task 1 – Display Boards

The first of the competition tasks this term was for each student to create their own Remembrance Poppy design, these would then be all put together into a display board. Students from the House Teams were responsible for putting the display boards together and have done a fantastic job! Below are the results.



	House
1 st	Trinity
2 nd	Peake
3 rd	Nova
4 th	Johnson
5 th	Holland
6 th	McLaren

Task 2 – Letter/Poem/Postcard

The second task of the competition required a lot more creativity from students. Each having to create either a letter, postcard, greetings card or poem about Remembrance. Some of the entries were brilliant, really capturing the importance of this event to the school community.

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Spalding Academy Supports “Coats for Kids”

Spalding Academy are pleased to support “Coats for Kids”. We have recently donated two bags full of coats to the charity in the hope that these can be passed on to young people that require a coat.

Coats for Kids was started on the 2nd of December by Rai Morgan and her friend after they read an article about how children in Grimsby were going to school without coats. Rai then asked a local school about it and was told that it is a significant problem. Spalding Academy have also donated coats to students that we are aware were in need of a winter coat and are happy to support such a worthwhile initiative.

Attached is a picture of Deputy Head Teacher Brett Sinclair, Pastoral Manager Ian Billingham and Emma Steel the Lincolnshire Coordinator for “Coats for Kids” with students Tyriec Buffong, Justyna Chlipala, Liliana Marques, Ance Jaksta, Sophie Lambert, Abdul Ali, Zac Wilton and Hayden Wilson with the donation of coats from Spalding Academy.



School News

Year 7s

Since September Year 7 have now amassed an amazing 45234 Achievement points, and their attendance is over 96.7%. By February half term, they will be over half-way through their 1st year.

It has been another busy term for Year 7. They have had their first Parents' Evening, the attendance on the evening was amazing, at over 80% and the feedback we received was very positive.

We have also had an Aspire program to encourage boys to aim high. This has had a really positive launch, and over 30 boys will be receiving a reward for their hard work this term.

The second set of reports will be due next term, and we will therefore be having another Super Prize Draw to reward those who have excellent attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning. We will also be celebrating those who have succeeded in our Accelerated Reader program.

Next term we will also be asking the Year 7s to apply to become Mentors for the new students that will start in September. As they have just been through the process of transition they are the perfect choice of year group. They will be able to reflect on their experience, and will make a really big difference to the new students transferring from Primary.

Year 8 student, Jack Spillett is celebrating after becoming a British Kickboxing Champion after winning the under 40kg title for 13-17 year olds at the ICO British Kickboxing Competition .

He now has the honour of representing England later in the year and he harbours hopes of competing in the World Championships in Russia. He is also hoping to attract local sponsorship to achieve that dream.

To sponsor Jack, email
lauraspillett81@gmail.com



Another Kickboxing winner is **Year 10** student Josh Coyle who has just won the boys' colour belt under 59kg at the Watford Open National event at Stoke Mandeville Sports Centre.



P. E. Extra Curricular Clubs

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15-4.30pm
<i>MONDAY</i>	<p>Dance - Sports hall</p> <p>Year 7 Fitness suite</p> <p>Year 7/8 Boys Basketball - West gym</p> <p>Table Tennis - All years - East gym</p>	<p>Year 11 Boys football</p> <p>Dance - East gym</p>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<p>Year 8 Boys Football - Astro</p> <p>Gym - East gym</p>	<p>Gym - East gym</p> <p>Girls football</p> <p>Year 9 Boys football</p>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<p>7 & 8 Girls Basketball - East gym</p> <p>Year 10 & 11 Fitness suite</p>	<p>7 & 8 Netball</p> <p>Year 7 Boys football</p> <p>Rugby all years Boys and Girls</p>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<p>9, 10 & 11 Girls Basketball - East gym</p> <p>Year 10/11 Boys Basketball - West gym</p> <p>Year 9 Fitness suite</p> <p>BTEC Sport intervention</p>	<p>Year 8 Boys Football</p> <p>9, 10 & 11 Netball</p> <p>Year 10 Boys Football</p> <p>Year 9 Boys Basketball</p>
<i>FRIDAY</i>	<p>Year 8 Fitness suite</p> <p>Year 10/11 Boys Basketball</p>	

Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		
Tuesday	Spalding Academy Choir Rehearsal every Tuesday 13:20 - 13:40 in J1	
Wednesday	Year 10 GCSE Science Drop in session G1	Year 10 GCSE Science Drop in session 3:15 - 4:15 G1
Thursday		
Friday		
Every Day	G18 Study Room Monday - Friday Year 10 and 11	Homework Hub Monday - Friday 3.15 - 4.00pm (3.45 Fri) in the LRC

School Information

Spalding Academy Uniform Shop

The shop will be open every week during term time including during the holidays as well .

The opening hours will be as follows:

Wednesday 3pm - 6pm

Friday 8am - 11.30am

We will also open on the first two Saturday mornings of August.

The shop will accept payment by debit/credit card or cash. (No cheques can be accepted).

Students in receipt of free school meals will receive 50% discount on all items purchased from the uniform shop.

We hope you will agree that it will be a welcome addition to the school. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about it please email

uniformshop@spaldingacademy.org.uk



Attendance – The Myths and Truths!

Mrs Marks the Attendance Manager, tells us about the myths and truths that surround attendance.

Myth - Authorised absences (e.g.medical appointments) do not affect a student's attendance figure.

Truth - Any absence will affect a child's attendance figure, other than school trips (including sports activities where the student represents the school), job or college interviews and university visits.

Myth - Following the Isle of Wight decision, schools are now able to authorise leaves of absence during term time.

Truth - Lincolnshire continues to actively discourage any leave of absence during term time. Prosecution may still take place for persistent absence (attendance below 90%).

Careers & Guidance Update



As assembly was held to give students in Y9-12 information regarding labour market information in our local area. Giving them this information will help them to make informed decisions about their future career and education choices.

The information reported by the National Careers service details the following:

- Wages
- Working hours
- Gender balance
- Qualifications required
- Geographical locations

The following graphic shows the most up to date labour market information for our area.

National Careers Service
Helping you take the next step

Labour Market Information is the answer!

[Twitter](#) [in](#) [f](#)

Which job has great employment rates!

I need a job with a good work/life balance!

I would like something where the industry will grow!

Careers & Guidance Update

Labour Market Information

*LMI obtained from the Office for National Statistics and Gov.uk. Last updated January 2020

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Greater Lincolnshire LEP

City of Lincoln, North Kesteven, South Kesteven, South Holland, Boston, East Lindsey & West Lindsey

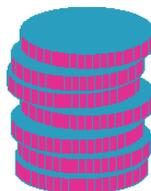
Employment



UK - 76.3%
LEP - 74.3%

16-64 year old population = 649,300

Salary



UK Average - £30,414
LEP Average - £27,050

Self-Employment



10.1%

65,600 people in the region
are self-employed

Unemployment



UK - 3.8%
LEP - 4.2%

Growth by job sector by 2022



Management and Directors



Health and Social Care



Construction



Wholesale and Retail

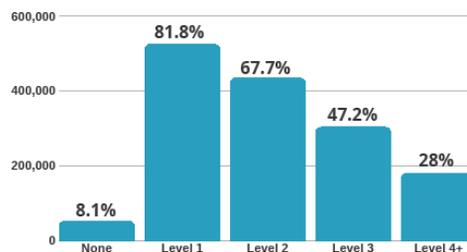


Care workers



Qualification levels

434,000 people have at least a level 2 qualification such as GCSEs or an NVQ.



Where do people work right now?

Most jobs

- Wholesale & Retail - 71,000 (16.7%)
- Manufacturing - 66,000 (15.5%)
- Health & Social Care - 61,000 (14.4%)
- Administration - 38,000 (8.9%)
- Education - 37,000 (8.7%)

Fewest jobs

- Information Technology - 7,000 (1.6%)
- Real Estate - 5,000 (1.2%)
- Water, Sewerage & Waste - 5,000 (1.2%)
- Electricity, Gas & Air - 1,250 (0.3%)
- Mining, Quarrying & Utilities - 500 (0.1%)

Did you know...

The NHS is the UK's biggest employer, and the 5th biggest employer in the world!

What are the region's biggest companies to work for?

NHS

SIEMENS

PRIMARK®

love every drop
anglianwater

ASDA

TESCO

Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL

McDonald's

Need careers advice? Call us on 0800 100 900, contact us online, or find us on Facebook, Twitter and The Student Room.

Careers & Guidance Update



Year 11 students attended an information assembly run by NCS— National Citizenship Service.

NCS is A YOUTH PROGRAMME LIKE NO OTHER

Designed specially for 16 and 17 year olds, the NCS experience will give you a clearer idea of what you want from your future.

We'll help you realise that big, exciting things can come from feeling a little bit overwhelmed.

...No, seriously, it's all good. Remember, **No. We. Can.** Show yourself exactly what you're made of!

On NCS, you'll mix with a new crowd, and take on fresh challenges together. Before you know it, you'll be rooting for each other, as you all tackle your own little hurdles. Along the way, you'll also get a taste for independence and pick up skills that'll help you smash your future goals. If that's not enough for you, you'll also be given a platform to have your voice heard and pursue a passion project. The NCS experience might last just a few weeks, but the impact? That lasts a LOT longer.

The programme runs for 4 weeks over the summer and costs just £50 (or £25 for pupil premium students)

Week 1—Be Epic

Week 2—Live Life

Week 3—Do Good

Week 4—Go Party

Over 500,000 people have already done NCS – want to join them?

For more information visit www.wearencs.com

Forthcoming Careers Events

We have lots of exciting careers events planned throughout the academic year. We plan fun, engaging activities which student from Year 7 to Year 11 will enjoy and will gain knowledge and support in helping them make decisions about their futures.

Wednesday 11th March—PSHE Day 2

Year 8 will be having a careers focused day where they will be taking part in fun, engaging activities throughout the day.

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Booklet

This booklet is located on the school website in the Safeguarding section. The booklet is designed to inform parents/carers about how to protect their children whilst they are using some of the more popular social media apps. Also please be aware that a lot of apps do have an age limit of 13+.

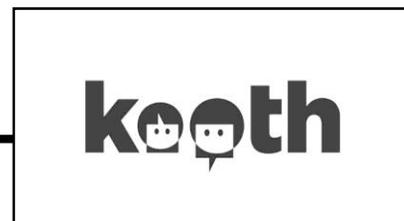
Kooth

All students at Spalding Academy have received an assembly from a member of the Kooth team to explain what the service is about. Upon entering the assemblies all students were provided with a Kooth card.

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online support for young people.

Below is the link to Kooth, this link is also on our school website in the Safeguarding section.

<https://kooth.com/>



Healthy Minds Lincolnshire

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire provides emotional wellbeing support for children and young people up to 19 years old (25 if special educational needs/disability or leaving care).

Children and Young People

We will provide evidence based brief interventions either as a one to one, small group sessions, online CBT or sign posting to other more suitable services (depending on the need). Vulnerable children and young people will be given priority.

Parents and Carers

We will offer support and advice to parents and carers.

The web address is:- www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ewb



Lincolnshire Partnership 
NHS Foundation Trust

Safeguarding Concerns

If you as a parent/carer ever have any Safeguarding concerns, please do contact the school and in the first instance ask to speak to Mrs M Ryan - Safeguarding Manager.

However, if Mrs M Ryan is busy, you can speak to the appropriate Year Lead for your child; From September this will be :

Year 7 - Mrs D Cousins

Year 8 - Mrs J Ditchburn

Year 9 - Mrs N Ward

Year 10 - Mrs S Caress

Year 11 - Mrs M Lammin

Behavioural Team - Mr B. Sinclair & Mr I. Billingham

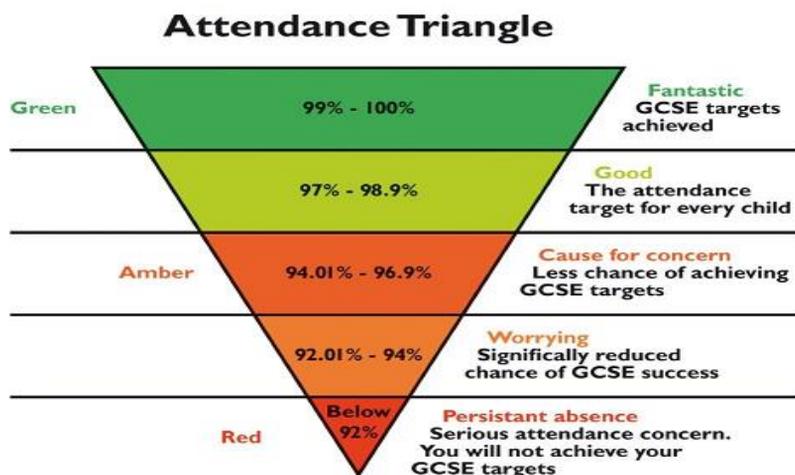
Attendance Information

Students are expected to attend school every day. Medical appointments will not be authorised without evidence (ie prescription packets, hospital letters/appointment cards). These absences can be authorised retrospectively.

Leave of absence - Spalding Academy will not authorise leave of absence during term time except in exceptional circumstances (no absence will be authorised at all unless applied for 14 days prior to the absence).

Parents/carers are kindly reminded to call in on each morning of any absence. The Academy is updating its Safeguarding procedures and parents/carers of any student, including those with long term illnesses, recovery periods or alternative provision, will be expected to contact the Academy on each consecutive day of absence.

It is not the Academy's intention to make life miserable for families but there is undoubtedly a direct link between improved achievement and increased levels of attendance. Currently the Academy has an attendance record which is 3% above the total figure for last year. So a big thank you, to both parents and students alike.



Attendance— How to Report

Student absence should be reported on each morning of any absence. There are a number of ways of doing this:

Calling the main school number and leaving a message (01775 722484-option 1)

Texting in (please be aware that, as with all mobiles, if the mobile system is down we may not receive these and you may receive an absence message)

Notes in planners (as long as your child remembers to show it to the office)

Letters re appointments (please send in copies of hospital/dental/orthodontic/doctor appointments for pre authorisation)