



Newsletter

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Lyric Osei-Kissi recreates The Flying Scotsman for her final Art exam piece

Head Teacher's Message



As we approach the Easter break and the end of another successful term, I must first congratulate the Year 11 students on their maturity, commitment and hard work as we approach the summer terminal examinations. It is the staff and students that make our school a success and I am pleased to share that we are still on track for the school to be performing above the national average again this year. The attitude of our young people to learning is impressive and I am proud of how students have been working to support each other during this busy period, as a vibrant learning community.

I would like to reassure parents at this busy exam preparation time that we are making sure there is high support for the students as well as high challenge and our focus has been very much on student's wellbeing as well as their learning, which has included offering student's reward treats along the way! I would also like to take the time in advance to

thank all of the staff and students who have signed up for the Easter revision sessions. This additional supported learning will help the students to achieve their best.

As well as a high focus on learning, you will see in this publication that our careers programme is an important aspect of school life for all year groups, it has been a busy term for this area and we are extremely grateful for the ongoing support we receive from local employers and colleges, which offer support to the Year 11 students as they move on to the next stage of their education.

As I am sure you are aware, there have been numerous events which have highlighted the talents of our students and add so much to the learning opportunities at Spalding Academy. The highlight of this term has been the school production; The Wizard of Oz, which features highly in this publication. This sold out event was truly amazing and it showcased the high level of talent that we have here at the Academy and my thanks go to the student performers, staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this production such a success.

Recently we have seen other events this term including in the visual arts, such as the successful art responses for the Art BTEC course, which again showcases the high level of student talent. The Year 8 Celebration Cakes were a huge success, with much cake offered for the senior leadership team to eat!

In this term students and staff also supported the Comic Relief event, where students were able to engage in a variety of events over an extended lunchbreak and the school managed to raise nearly £1200 for this charity, which is a great achievement.

The success of our sporting students is now a regular part of the newsletter and the school has again seen successes in football, hockey, netball, basketball and rugby, with the Year 10 basketball and the girls gymnastics being amongst the particular highlights, as well as the great opportunity Keavy Langford in Year 11 had when she unveiled the new rugby shirt design in front of thousands at Twickenham.

Other notable achievements to look out for in this publication include the success of house system, with improvements seen in attendance and attitudes to learning and the good work produced during the PSHE Day 2, including from the successful mosque and cathedral trip for Year 7. Additionally, it is exciting to see the two schools of Spalding Academy and Bourne Academy coming together for the World Challenge Training Expedition, which was a gruelling and hard windy weekend where students were able to develop their skills in team building, communication and resilience.

All of these enrichment activities really bring the school to life and for many of our young people help to form friendships that will last forever.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in our regular uniform checks and in ensuring that their child's uniform is appropriate. Visitors have commented on how smart our uniform is and it makes a good impression.

The new term begins on Tuesday 23 April and I look forward to welcoming the students back at the start of term 3.

Kind regards,

School News

Comic Relief

Spalding Academy once again have produced an excellent day for its students to help raise money for comic relief. With the fastest peg hands, the balloon popping prize stall, the penalty shoot-out and donut dangling, plus many other table top activities, the school raised £1173.05.

Heads of House organised their House events and House Captains, Deputy House Captains and the Charity Captains supported the day by running the stalls. A non-uniform day for both students and staff helped to raise the donations. Thank you to Morrison's and Sainsbury's for their continual support of supplying prizes for the winners of the activities.



School News

PSHE Day 2

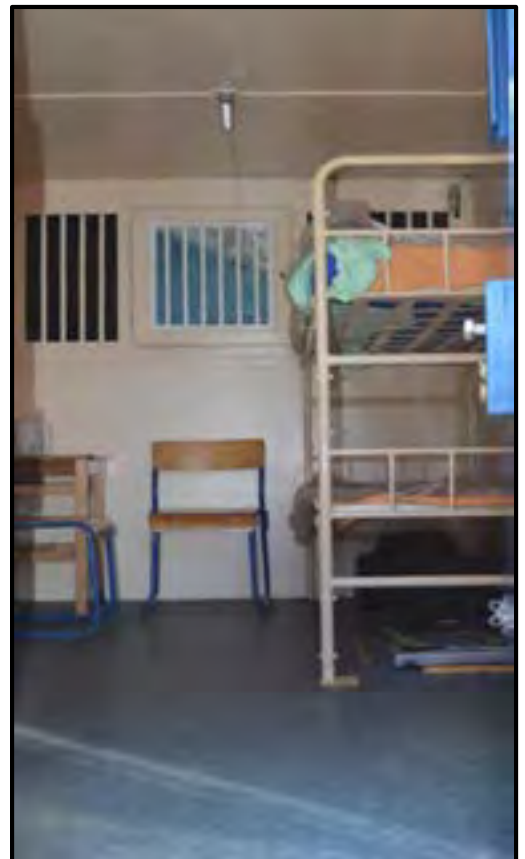
5th February 2019

Year 9 took part in 'Prison Me, No Way', which was led by The Prison Service.

Students participated in various activities, which took them through the process of making the wrong choices, being arrested and jailed. Each student visited a life size prison cell and was shocked at the living space. Students also learned about County Lines, and dangers of electrical power.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff and The Prison Service organiser Julie commented on how well behaved and engaged the students were.

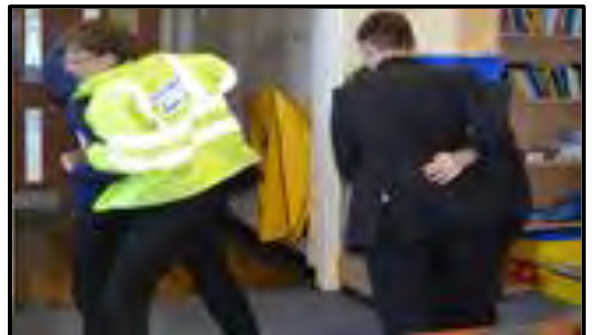
Well done year 9!



School News

PSHE Day 2

Phil Knight led two talks for year 10, Knife Crime and Modern Day Slavery. These sessions were eye opening for both students and staff. Phil has recently made a documentary about his work in Albania where the trafficking of children is a serious problem. The year 10 students also enjoyed a Cybercrime presentation from the police and completed a Teenage Cancer Awareness session, which highlighted the importance of checking your own body for unusual changes.



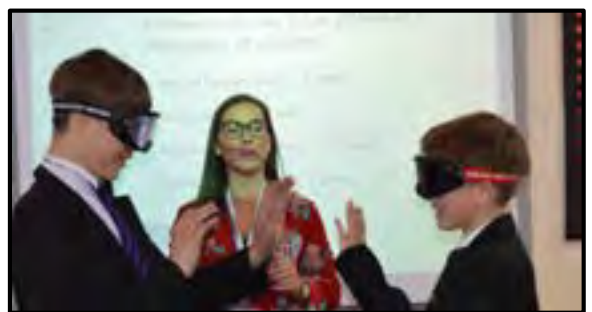
Year 8 also had an excellent day with the instructors from MAD Agency who led sessions on alcohol awareness, fire safety, anti-social behaviour, internet safety and human resources.

Comments from students were very positive

“We had an amazing day!”

“It was the best day at school ever!”

Well done year 8!



School News

PSHE Day 2

Staff took 238 students in year 7 to Peterborough Mosque and Cathedral to enhance their understanding of the differences and similarities between these two major world religions.

After leaving school on five coaches, the students spent time with church and mosque leaders learning more about the traditions of the places of worship and the features within them. Some students were lucky enough to experience the afternoon call to prayer by the muezzin and see Muslims praying - which they found 'fascinating'.



Year 7 students unable to go on the trip stayed in school and took part in activities such as numeracy colouring, Fantasy Planet and an art activity making stain glass windows from paper plates.

They also spent time on a research project led by Mrs Gibbons in the LRC where they were taught how to research using library books and completing a project on 'Wings'.



School News

World Challenge Training Expedition Weekend in Cumbria

At the beginning of March, students from Spalding and Bourne Academy took the long journey to Cumbria; taking part in a weekend of camp craft and tent skills, cooking on a Trangia and trekking to the top of one of the peaks in the parkland. On top of this students had to cope with storm Freya, which left us windswept and soaked through! In spite of this the team dug deep and helped each other to face some of the challenges put before them. It was fabulous preparation for our upcoming trip in July - 16 days in Tanzania! Well done to everyone who took part; and thank you to the parents who dropped off at 5am on Saturday and picked up late on Sunday night.

Mrs Wait and Mr Oliver-Robinson ☺



School News

Year 7s

Since September Year 7 have now amassed an amazing 186800 Achievement points, and their attendance is 96%.

It has been another busy term for Year 7. They have had another PSHE day, which saw the majority of them visit a Mosque and Peterborough Cathedral. The behaviour was very good on what was an enjoyable and very informative day.

The second set of reports have now been sent, and the second Super Prize Draw is due to be taking place on the last week of term.

We will shortly 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.



Art & Design News

Year 11 BTEC Art and Design students have been developing their ideas and responses to their Unit 2 Vocational Creative Project themes.



Nikolett Nemeth



Danut Pitgoi



Hollie Steadman



Courtney Walker



Thomas Parnham



Lucy Gent

Art & Design News



Natalie Beale



Dans Drunka



Daniela Smolskyte



Julija Bindzaite



Ksenija Sadilova

Design & Technology News

The Iterative process allows students to design, evaluate and improve.

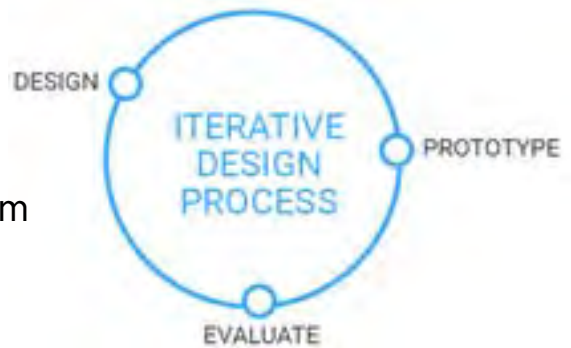
Those currently attending the Year 10 interventions have been able to experiment with different skills and techniques in the workshop, allowing them to make new and improved designs and models.

Our Year 8 Imagineering club, run by local firm Guttridge, have been making automobiles. They have been trialling and improving their designs to make them fly longer and faster.

Most recently they have made a hydraulic arm, with a quick lesson in physics. Every new experience helps them become better designers and thinkers.

Whether an Imagineer or not, new experiences and learning new skills will help you to think differently.

Try something new over the holidays, and share your experience with others.



English News

KS3 English

It has been another busy term for KS3 students in the English department. Year 7 have been learning all about the great Bard himself: Shakespeare. They have learnt about his life and some of his most famous works such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Students have enjoyed acting out comedy scenes and writing from the perspective of different characters. We have also taught them a Shakespearean insult or two!

Year 8 have been enjoying Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse*. They have been learning about the historical context and applying it to the themes of the novel. Alongside this, Year 8 sat an extended task to examine all of their reading and writing skills, which will provide us with an accurate picture of their abilities at this important stage of the year.

Year 9 have been continuing to study a full novel, something that we value greatly at Spalding Academy. Different classes have been studying different texts from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *The Hunger Games*, and *Noughts and Crosses* to *Pig Heart Boy*. It has been great seeing students engaged with the texts and begin to learn the literature skills they will need for GCSE. Further to this, Year 9 have sat their first exam in the hall - well done, Year 9.

Keep up the great work, KS3!

Key Stage Four - Term Four

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

Year 11s have sat Pre Public Exams (PPE) for English Literature - both paper one and paper two. Practising paper two in particular has been extremely useful since being 2 ¼ hours long, it has tested students' ability to write cohesively for this length of time and given them further assurance of their knowledge of all four literature texts and areas to target their revision prior to their actual exam.

To prepare them for this exam the students have been revising 'An Inspector Calls', 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol'. They had the opportunity last term to reflect on poetry so were well prepared for their PPE.

We also began offering our students extensive targeted intervention for both language and literature on a Monday - Thursday each week during lunch and after school. These sessions recognise specific areas, according to past exam results, where students need further support and will fill in gaps in their knowledge.

This term has also seen the commencement of the S & L exam for our Year 11 students. We are extremely proud of the professional manner in which they have conducted themselves and the extensive research and preparation that some of our students have exhibited. I am sure many will be very pleased with their result in August.

Next term we will be focusing on language revision and going through past papers with our students; this will ensure we cover all key skills required for each question, together with honing writing techniques for section B of both papers.

Year 10 have been focusing further on the poetry anthology, which they commenced last term. They have now studied each of the fifteen poems, together with learning how to analyse an unseen poem and comparison skills for both sections of the poetry exam. They have worked incredibly hard with their analysis and many have changed their opinion on studying poetry from negative to positive, which is very encouraging.

Next term we will be focusing on 'Macbeth' a challenging Shakespearian text with plenty of intrigue, morals and historical context for the students to engage with.

Food Technology News

Year 8 have had a successful term creating their own Celebration Cakes and some of their lovely designs are below.

The cakes were baked and decorated by the pupils for their chosen celebration, some added chocolate or even coffee to the sponges!

We give Felicity's cake a 6/5, her cake was so blooming marvellous.

Lily-Anna hand crafted her very own dragon, which was a roaring success; and Vesta's rabbit had us bouncing for joy. It is spring, after all.



Mathematics News

This term in the Maths department:

Year 7's have been calculating the surface area of cuboids, solving equations and drawing pie charts. They have just had another assessment, which will be used to inform their last report in the summer term (along with other assessments).

Year 8's have been looking at ratio and 3D shapes. They are continuing to build the skills they will need when they start their GCSE course in September.

Year 9's are well into the start of their GCSE course, and have been looking at probability and calculating area of 2D shapes.

Year 10's are over halfway through their GCSE course now, and have just finished learning how to use Trigonometry on right angled triangles to find a missing length or angle.

Year 11's are working really hard. This term we have focused their revision on topics they struggled with on their Pre-Public exams. They have completed their Scheme of Work, and we are now on the final push towards their exams in may and June. We will be continuing to set homework and offer additional after school intervention to help them achieve their best grade possible.

Did you know:

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Performing Arts News



Director's Note

For me, Musical theatre is a place where people can temporarily retreat from daily life into a world that is distinctly "magical."

Here we create - and for a time live in - an alternate reality.

How fortunate we are to present that reality as entertainment to friends and family who fill our audiences.

Both cast and crew have worked remarkably hard to sustain a place where designers, actors, and technicians can come together to build something unique - and present the results to you.

Our common goal is that for a few hours of your time, you too can transcend to that "other" place where life is enchanting, obstacles seem impossible, and life is both heartbreaking and heroic.

As the director, the greatest challenge with The Wizard of Oz is to present the beloved musical in a way that is honest to the script and yet finds new elements in the story to keep it fresh.

Over three nights we joined the world of Oz, to meet Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion and many more delightful characters. We hope you enjoyed the show!

Miss Frederica Clarke
Head of Performing Arts and Drama

Performing Arts News



The support of the Spalding Academy community is so important to the cast and crew of the school productions; we hope you loved *The Wizard of Oz* as much as we enjoyed working on it.

The musical production for next year will be chosen soon and students can keep a look out for summer auditions. Whatever this may be, hope to see you all in the audience again!

All schools Rugby programme update

We took part in the Lincolnshire county Rugby 7s tournament held at Market Rasen for the first time in March. It is a testament to the hard work and effort of the PE Department in promoting Rugby this year with the support from the RFU that we managed to field teams in all age groups at Y7, Y8 and Y9. There are other local Grammar schools that did not enter teams in every age group and this further enhances the sporting opportunities available to our students at Spalding Academy.

Results:

Year 7. 1 win against Bourne Academy.

Year 8. Wins against: Mellor Academy, St Georges, Sleaford, Deepings, and Louth Academy **and went to the Plate final defeating Gainsborough 28-26.**

Year 9. Wins Against: De Aston, St Georges Sleaford, Deepings and made the Shield final losing narrowly to Healing Academy.

The majority of the teams we faced in this competition have a long standing history of playing Rugby which demonstrates what a tremendous achievement it was to record 9 victories over the course of the tournament.



Girls Rugby Development day

On Wednesday 20th March, we took 48 girls from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 over to Spalding Rugby club, for a Girls Rugby Development day run by RFU coaches. They had the opportunity to learn new Rugby skills and play competitive games, and had a rewarding and enjoyable day. We hope to be able to introduce competitive Rugby for the girl's side in the very near future.

The girls spent the whole day at Spalding Rugby club where we started with some ball handling drills and skills, and then moved on into a competitive game of touch rugby. Then after lunch, the girls got the opportunity to try some tackling, from hits bags to tackling each other. At the end of the day, we split off into mixed year 9 and 10 teams, and then mixed year 7 and 8 teams for a game of full contact rugby.

The girls had a fabulous day learning new skills and they were a credit to the school.

A big thanks to George Reid (Spalding 1st team coach) for running the development day and for his hard work over the past 2 terms in coaching and guiding our students into playing Rugby. (For those that are interested in playing Rugby at Spalding Rugby club please speak to the PE Department and we can provide further details of the opportunities available at our local club.)



Twickenham trip - Keavy Langford

Keavy Langford, Year 11, had the experience of a lifetime when she unveiled the school's new Canterbury Rugby shirt in front of thousands at Twickenham ahead of England's Six Nations clash with Italy.

Keavy Langford (15) proudly stood on the famous Twickenham pitch for the National Anthems wearing her school's new playing kit.

The opportunity came as part of the schools work with CBRE All Schools programme, which aims to get more state secondary schools playing rugby and encourage students to join local clubs. Each shirt was designed at Canterbury kit design workshops last year. Pupils worked with Canterbury employees to learn about the core values of rugby, the pride associated with the shirt and the importance of colours, logos and emblems.

Keavy was one of 62 students from across England who were picked to unveil their new shirts in front of thousands of rugby supporters on behalf of their respective schools.

She admitted the whole day - when she met CBRE All Schools Ambassador and England International Sam Underhill, as well as lining up on the pitch for the anthems and then sitting in the crowd afterwards for the action - would live long in the memory.

"It's been an absolutely amazing experience," said the Year 11 pupil. "It was really fun being able to design the shirt, especially as I got to do it with my friends as well.

"It turned out a lot better than I thought it was going to look, as the image in my head wasn't as clear, so I'm delighted.

"I'd never been to a game at Twickenham but to be able to watch England walk out on the pitch was amazing..

"I love rugby because of the teamwork and people being able to put trust in others. I just get pure enjoyment out of it."

CBRE All Schools supported by Canterbury is one of the RFU's key legacy programmes, set up to increase the number of state secondary schools playing rugby union in England. Visit www.englandrugby.com/allschools to find out more.

Adapted from Spalding Today Newspaper -

<https://www.spaldingtoday.co.uk/sport/rugby-shirt-designer-keavy-15-shows-off-shirt-at-twickenham-9064091/>

Mrs Duggan and Mrs Lester



Girls Gymnastics

On Monday 4th March, six of the schools under 14 gymnastics team went to Grantham to compete in the Lincolnshire Schools Acrobatics competition. After their success in previous competitions I challenged the team to try something completely different to what they were used to, this was to perform a group routine. The routine consisted of 3 paired balances, 1 group balance and 3 other skills that all had to be performed at exactly the same time. The competition was only 3 weeks away so the team came in to school over the half term holidays for 4 hours so we could finish the routine and then perfect it. On the day of the competition, the girls were in good spirit and were looking forward to competing later on that evening. I had spoken to the team previously and explained that this competition was all about experience and I wanted them to enjoy it - no matter where they placed.

Once we had arrived at the competition venue, the girls decided they did not want to watch all of the other competitors but used their time to find a space and practice their routine. We ran the routine a few times and made sure everybody felt confident before going back in to watch the rest of the competition. It was then time for the girls to perform; as soon as the team of six entered the competition floor, I could see that they were serious. Their performance was outstanding, the best I have ever seen them perform. The balances were strong and held for the correct amount of time, moves were neat and tidy and the girls really performed to the music. They were the last group to perform, so it was then a wait until the medal presentations to see where they had placed. The team placed 1st, beating 2nd place by a massive 3.7 marks! The Spalding Academy team scored 8.7 out of 10 marks, which is fantastic; this meant the team have qualified to represent the East Midlands in the National Finals in May 2019.

A huge congratulations to the girls for this amazing achievement, their hard work, dedication and passion for the sport really shines through. A thank you also to their parents for their continued support and allowing their children to attend the afterschool / half term training sessions.

Miss Ringrose



Year 10 Basketball - South Lincs School Final

The Y10 boy's basketball team won the Spalding zone basketball league and played Boston Grammar school in the South Lincolnshire final. We were facing a team that easily won the County championship finals last year. The boys put in a fantastic performance narrowly losing 38-34. Opposition coach quoted 'the closest game we have been given in a long time!' They should be congratulated on the effort they have put into their matches this year and the commitment they have shown to training in school.



Girls Football

Girls U15's

Our U15 girl's football team had a match on Tuesday 19th March against Bourne Academy. The girls played really well especially with 3 year 7 girls playing up for the U15's team. The game ended 3-2 to Bourne academy with a last minute goal from a corner. Our captain Ellie Slayven year 9 scored our first goal bringing the team back to 2-1. We then had our equalizing goal from our year 7 Cody Webb who took on a defender and lobbed the keeper. We had some outstanding performances from our defender Ana Da Silva who held strong at the back making some strong tackles and taking on their midfielders driving the ball up the pitch. Also as well as our goal scorers another one of our year 7's Millie Revell played the whole match standing strong against their year 9's and 10's clearing the ball and putting in some decent tackles.

Girls U16's

Spalding Academy girls U16's had a cup match this term against Market Reason who made the 2 hour trip to come to us to play the match. The girls fought hard throughout the game but ended up losing 4-2 in the end. We ended the first half down 2-0, however our players woke up in the 2nd half and brought it back to 2-2 before Market Reason scored another 2 goals putting them in front. This was some of our year 11's last ever football game for the school, they were joined by some year 10's and also some year 9's to make a strong squad. Our goalkeeper Helena Sanchez really put her body on the line throughout the game and made some cracking saves.

Mrs Lester



Girls Netball

Year 7

On Monday 11th March, the year 7 team picked up their first win against Bourne academy narrowly beating them 7-4 with our Goal Attack Jess Picking up player of the match. The year 7 team consisted of: Erin McMurray, Abbie Elsey, Jessica Hunt, Ellie Smith, Summer Fuller, Patricija Zandere and Alice Dinh.

On Wednesday 27th March, they competed in the school's super zone tournament at Spalding High School. The girls started with high spirits as they drew their first game and won their second. As the tournament went on the matches became harder but the girls didn't give up, they kept their heads up and were positive even when the match didn't go their way. Overall, the team came 7th. The team consisted of: Erin McMurray, Abbie Elsey, Jessica Hunt, Taylor Bailey, Genevieve Stokes, Patricija Zandere and Alice Dinh.



Year 8

On Tuesday 5th March the year 8 netball team had an away game against Bourne Grammar. The team started a little shaky and Bourne Grammar took the lead in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the team became more confident and managed to score three goals, they were now catching Bourne Grammar up. In the third quarter, the team played excellently and managed to take the lead heading in to the fourth quarter. It was a close game with some brilliant netball being played, however Bourne Grammar turned it round in the final quarter to finish the game with a score of 16-10. Despite not winning their game, the girls were happy in their performances and were already looking forward to their upcoming tournament. Congratulations to Oliwia Klica who was chosen by the Bourne Grammar team as their player of the match. The team: Roxy Jee, Ruby Vines, Sanija Belicka, Ruby Doughty, Oliwia Klica, Kamile Gavrilovalite and Alise Pinkevica.

On Wednesday 27th March our year 8 team had their best game to date beating Deeping by a massive 24-4, with Ruby Doughty picking up player of the match. The girls played fantastically, working as a team fighting for every ball, constantly working.



P.E. News

Year 9

The year 9 team picked up their first ever win against Bourne Grammar, in an extremely close game, with the final score ending in 15-13. Sanija our Goal Attack picked up the player of the match, scoring most of the goals, constantly working and helping her team. The year 9's were absolutely thrilled to pick up their first win and it has really motivated them in training and working together as a team.

Year 10

The year 10 team this year have vastly improved in their netball skills, tactics and as a team. The team went across to Spalding High School for the tournament where they faced 9 different schools, we managed to pick up 2 wins against Thomas Cowley and Spalding High school. The game against Spalding High school was extremely close where we managed to beat them 3-2 by the final whistle. The team came 6th in the tournament overall with Bourne Grammar winning the tournament, where when we met them in the games we only lost by 2 goals. The team met Bourne Grammar again in a league match where the girls again played their socks off, with our Centre Alicia being chosen as player of the match.

Year 11

The year 11 girl's netball team this year have thoroughly enjoyed all of their last games for the school but have also taken on a leadership role for netball within the school with players such as Nuria Correia has been helping coach and assisting Mrs Lester with the younger years in their matches and in their training sessions.

☺ Mrs Lester and Miss Ringrose ☺



P.E. News

The Year 8 Football Team have had a successful season, finishing mid table in the league and progressing to the later rounds of the county cup. Weekly training sessions have been well attended by all the boys and as a whole they have been a pleasure to coach. Can I thank all the parents for their support, travelling home and away to watch the team. Plans are already in place for next season with the appointment of a new joint coach and we hope to build on the transitional season we have had.

Results

Peele (a) 8-0 (W)

UAH (a) 0-3 (L)

Bourne Academy (a) 2-3 (L)

Giles (a) Cup 7-4 (W)

Branton Academy (H) Cup 1-7 (L) Beeken, Alex Metiu, Ty Buffong, Derrie Maxwell, Liam Smith, Ben Moore, Thomas Lord.

Spalding Grammar (H) 5-1 (W)

Bourne Grammar (H) 6-5 (W)

Deeping (a) 6-7 (L)

SQUAD

Brad Wetherill, Alfie Lewis, Callum Farrell, Louie Gooderson, Ralfs Kalvans, Keane Slayven, Connor Beeken, Alex Metiu, Ty Buffong, Derrie Maxwell, Liam Smith, Ben Moore, Thomas Lord.

Mr Billinghamurst.

Pastoral Lead Manager

Holland House News



The students in Holland House have had a really good term with lots of positive comments being made about our Y7 and 8 students. It was also good to see Y10 students topping the achievement awards in the house assemblies. Holland House is still near the top on the overall amount of merits received by students and they need to be commended for their continued efforts. The boy and girl in Key Stage 3 with the most House points are Hannah Broughton and Caine Darnell . The boy and girl in Key Stage 4 with the most House points are Kaitlin Fitter and Archie Bradford.

The students helped to raise money during the Comic Relief day . They had two stalls selling red noses, a treasure hunt and a trying to eat a doughnut on a string without using your hands!! I would like to thank all the students that helped out on the day especially Shania Wright and Emily Parsons for helping me to set everything up.

I hope all the students in Holland House have a safe and quiet break and come back refreshed for the upcoming Term 5.

Peter Keal Head of Peake House.

Johnson House News



It has been another very busy term for students in Johnson House. I would like to thank all students for their contributions towards Comic Relief whether they paid £1 to come in non-uniform, baked cakes or supported events in the hall.

I would like to give a special mention to Luke, Felicity and Courtney for giving up their lunchtime to help sell cakes to students and staff.

Finally, I would like to congratulate form O3 for having the most achievement points in Johnson House (a fantastic 15373) and O2 for having the highest form attendance (96.23%).

Happy Easter.

Miss Danielle Fuller Head of Johnson House

McLaren House News



Many KS4 students in McLaren House have really stepped up their game both in their behaviour and academically this term. A special mention to Year 10 student Elliot Foster who has really turned his behaviour around, whereas before Christmas his conduct points were in the minus and now he is +150 with 780 achievement points and has also won the McLaren achievement award twice this term for the most achievement points in a fortnight. Our KS3 Benchball team have made a fantastic start to the new competition winning all of their games so far beating Holland, Trinity and Johnson.

We had Comic Relief this term also, where we had many McLaren students who gave up their lunchtime to help raise money. We had an extremely competitive penalty shootout competition with Year 7 Marko Moutiniho in goal and Year 7 Bobby England running the competition, the boys were professional and excellently behaved and were a credit to McLaren house. We also had students helping raise money through naming the teddy and selling red noses, a massive thank you to all who were involved.

I hope all of our Year 11's study hard over the Easter holidays ready to tackle their GCSE exams coming up next term, and I hope all McLaren House have a fabulous Easter holidays.

Mrs Lester Head of McLaren House.

Nova House News



We have had another successful term in Nova House.

I would like to extend my thanks to all those students who brought in items for our Comic Relief stall during the extended lunchtime. A special mention goes to Josh C for running our stall and doing a fantastic job in helping raise money for this very worthy cause.

Students have been working hard and have been rewarded with achievement points for their efforts. I am happy to announce that currently in the lead within our House are Blue 3, but only by a small margin. I'm sure the rest of the tutor groups in Blue House will now be working hard to catch them up in order to gain the title of the top tutor group in Nova House this year.

I hope all students have a refreshing Easter break and I look forward to seeing them refreshed and ready to learn for term 5.

Miss Moore,

Head of Nova House.

Peake House News



During this term Peake House was also challenged with creating a rap or poem about Internet Safety, we had lots of brilliant entries and below is a list of winners.

Peake 1 - Rebecca Bembridge and Laura Ziernik.

Peake 2 - Magdalena Gorajska, Lilly Maitland and Milly Lawrence.

Peake 3 - Aisha Deans and Laura Jurberga.

Peake 4 - Milly King, Amba Smith, Raluca Gheorge and Krystian Kepinski.

Peake 5 - Alicia Elsey, Mason Ibbertson, Lewis Seymour, Bridie Short, Josh Washington, Summer Waterfall, Nina Whitwell, Alfie Wilson and Robyn Worth.

Miss France.

Head of Peake House

Trinity House News



Another very busy term!

Well done to students who supported our Red Nose Day activities, we contributed to raising over £1,200.

It is lovely to walk around classrooms in form time and see the hard work that is going on in relation to Love of Reading and SMSC. Some of the ideas and the thoughtfulness in which students are asking questions and responding to each other is very impressive.

Congratulations to all students who again have been awarded 100% attendance postcards this week - a great achievement.

I would like to wish everyone a very restful Easter holiday.

Mrs Wait

Head of Trinity House.

P. E. Extra Curricular Clubs

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15-4.30pm
MONDAY	<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>
TUESDAY	<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>
WEDNESDAY	<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>
THURSDAY	<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>
FRIDAY	<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	Year 7 and 8 Film Club Sign up required E4	
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, except for Good Friday .

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.

‘Don’t forget that from September 2019 all students are required to wear trousers or skirts with the school logo. Available now from the on-site uniform shop’

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%).

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



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 L.Barber - Safeguarding Manager.

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

Year 7 - Miss N. Hemingway

Year 8 - Mrs J Ditchburn

Year 9 - Mrs M. Bird

Year 10 - Mrs S Caress

Year 11 - Mrs M Lammin

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

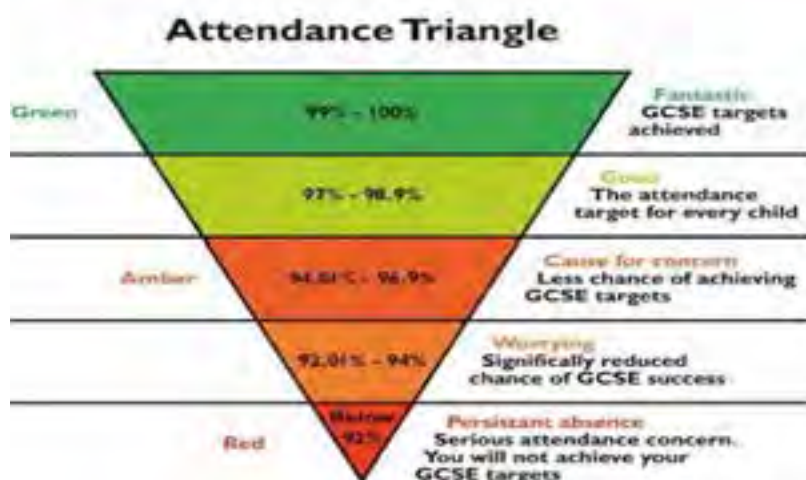
Attendance Information

Students are expected to attend school every day. Medical appointments will not be authorised without evidence (i.e. 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)



408 students achieved 100% attendance in term 3 and enjoyed a free cookie and drink on their yard break time.



Research shows that 17 days missed from school means dropping a FULL GCSE GRADE across ALL subjects.

If you miss...	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school, that's ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

The effect of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

Attendance matters!

Holidays are granted only in exceptional circumstances. Requests for absence are expected to be prior to booking and made in writing at least 14 days before the absence. Any holiday taken without a written request will automatically be unauthorised. However if a request is not granted and the parent/carer takes the child on holiday, the absence will not be authorised.



🥚🥚🥚 Pharmacy Opening Times Over the Easter Weekend 🥚🥚🥚

	Pharmacy	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	Bank Holiday Monday
Crowland/Market Deeping Area	Boots, Bretton Centre, Bretton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE3 8DN	0800-2359	1000- 2359	0900-2359
Long Sutton Area	Boots, Hardwick Road, Kings Lynn, PE30 4NA	0830-2000	Closed	0900-1700
	Clock Pharmacy 1 Gayton Road, Gaywood, PE30 4EA	Closed	1100-1300	Closed
Spalding/Holbeach Area	Sainsbury's Pharmacy, Holland Market Retail, Winfrey Road, Spalding, PE11 1RQ	0900-1700	Closed	0900-1700
	West Elloe Pharmacy, West Elloe Avenue, Spalding PE11 2BJ	Closed	1500-1600	Closed
Stamford Area	Boots, 66/67 High Street, Stamford, PE9 2AW	0830-1730	1200-1300	1000-1600

Pharmacies that are listed have the longest opening times over the Easter period, normal working Sat 20th

Still unsure where to turn for urgent care? Download the ASAP app, or visit www.asaplincs.nhs.uk for more detailed advice on local services

