



# Newsletter

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*Children In Need raised a massive £1340 . Well done to all the students and staff for supporting the non uniform day and lunchtime activities.*



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# Head Teacher's Message



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

This has been a long and incredibly busy term as you will see from this edition and as we approach the end of another busy term and our thoughts turn to preparing for the festive season, it is a fitting time to reflect on the many successes and achievements we have celebrated since the start of the academic year as a school community and remind ourselves as to what makes Spalding Academy such a great school.

Our students continue to make us proud every day and in every way, be it through their participation in local and national events, their efforts to make a difference in the school community, or simply in the continued hard work and dedication they illustrate in their lessons.

I am sure you will agree that the variety of activities and events Spalding Academy has been involved in is truly impressive. There have been many individual student achievements as well as team successes and this newsletter is again packed full of events; trips and activities to celebrate. This includes the Rotary Chef Competition, where our young chefs had to cook a main course and desert for under £14 for two people. This event was won by Tabby Kightly in Year 10 and we wish her the best of luck in the next round at the Regionals in January 2020.

Additionally, this term brought the PSHE Day 1, which was a truly great success for all year groups. We see these collapsed days as being vital in enabling students to experience a wider view of both their community and the wider world. It was very positive to see Year 7 learning the importance of financial management and the Year 8 students practicing vital life-saving skills on mannequins provided by the British Heart Foundation. However, the most notable success on this day was the Careers Fair, where students from Year 7-10 were able to access over 30 companies and organisations. This Careers opportunity was inspirational and certainly supported our Raising Aspiration programme, there was certainly a 'buzz' around the school, with students being able to explore a wide range of future options. I would like to thank all of the staff, companies and wider industries that worked so hard on this day to support our young learners.

Our mock election day on 11 December, created another 'buzz' around the school, with students in form time being able to hold constructive debates and discussions on a variety of agenda points, such as education, the NHS, the environment and opportunities for young people. Students in all year groups had the opportunity to have a vote in the elections held in form group time, with the results interestingly mirroring the outcome of the General Election on the 12 December. It was important for us to involve our young people in this process as although they may be too young to vote, their opinions are important to us. I would like to thank the staff and the students involved for providing such a lively, interesting and informed experience for the school.

# Head Teacher's Message

This term has been a particularly busy one for Year 11, with the first Pre Public Examination (PPE) mock examinations and I would like to say well done to all of the students in this year group, their conduct and maturity has been exceptional and we look forward to seeing some successful outcomes when the results are shared in the PPE mock exams results session in January 2020.

I would like to draw your attention again to the SLATrust and Spalding Academy websites which were launched in September. These sites have developed at a very fast pace and the Spalding Academy website in particular has become the centre of all our communication due to it being very easy to access and with clear links to all newsletters, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, so that we can showcase all the fantastic activities and events taking place at the school.

From February I would urge all parents / carers and past students to please take the time to start to sign up to our LinkedIn site, which will enable us to keep in touch with both current and past Spalding Academy learners and families.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your support of our Show My Homework (SMH) launch this term. I am delighted to report that we are at around 94% student usage at Spalding Academy and have well over 600 parents already signed up to the SMH programme. As you will now be aware, SMH will allow all students and parents / carers to view homework online, including through the very well-developed app and we will be following up with any parents who have further questions about SMH through the email tab: [showmyhomework@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:showmyhomework@spaldingacademy.org.uk) or via the parent evening events, where we will always have someone on hand to help parents with SMH. There have been very few teething problems, as you would expect with a launch such as this, but we are working through these so that any minor issues can be resolved promptly. As I have previously communicated, I fully sympathised with the frustration felt by many parents with our previous on-line homework system, Ruler and I think all will agree that the new Show My Homework system is already having a far greater and positive impact.



# Head Teacher's Message

In my last newsletter I announced that we intended to expand the Spalding Academy Local Advisory Board (LAB) with opportunities for one or two Parent Governors. I can share sadly that this process was unsuccessful and so we intend to approach parents again in January 2020 to join our team. This is a very positive opportunity and it is always fantastic to work with parents who want to support the development of the school and I see the role of parents on the LAB as being pivotal to the school's success. In the meantime, if any parent would like to find out more about joining the LAB, please email the Clerk to Governors: [clerktogovernors@bourneacademy.org](mailto:clerktogovernors@bourneacademy.org)

Additionally, we have held Staff Governor elections and I am pleased to announce that, following the Staff Governor elections, the following staff have been appointed who will join the team in January for a four-year term:

Chris Bamber (PE & Maths Teacher) Teaching Staff Governor

Amanda Halifax (Food Technology and school promotion support) Support Staff Governor

Finally, I would like to share with all parents and carers that the wellbeing of our young people continues to be of paramount importance to us, so much so that although we view our systems for student support as being outstanding, we continue to put significant resources into the pastoral and behaviour areas of the school and we have now included student wellbeing as a key target in our whole school transformational plan, which is available on the website. We will always have the resources available to support parents and carers and will continue to work hard with our parents to deal with any issues as they arise or address any need for support promptly. Spalding Academy prides itself on our relationship with our parents and with the local community and we will continue to work hard to maintain these relationships. Please email the Year Leads to raise any issues in the first instance, or email the Pastoral & Behaviour Manager, Mr Ian Billingham on: [ian.bilinghurst@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:ian.bilinghurst@spaldingacademy.org.uk) with any questions or to report anything to the school.

All of our students continue to be a joy to work with and I would like to thank our parents and carers; for your support throughout this term and for believing in our school vision to provide an exceptional education for your child.

I wish you peace, joy and happiness this Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a wonderful break with your families and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back in 2020!

Lucy Conley .

Executive Headteacher of South Lincolnshire Academies Trust.

# School News

Jack Spillett a Year 8 student has received a Bronze medal in the World Martial Arts Organisation Championships.

Well done Jack!



Year 7 student, Izzy Rogers who has never had her hair short before decided to have her hair cut and has donated 18 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust charity which provides wigs for children who may have lost their hair due to illness. She was able to get sponsorship from her fellow dancers at Spalding School of Dance and family and friends. The money will be split between the Dance School and the Little Princess charity.



# School News

Spalding Academy have just helped to spread a little happiness across Eastern Europe by taking part in the Rotary Club Shoebox appeal .

Students and their families have filled over 200 shoeboxes of gifts for babies, children ,teenagers ,families and senior citizens .These will be transported to schools, orphanages and families in need.

These are sometimes their only gift and can bring a great deal of joy to disadvantaged communities.

Spalding Academy would like to thanks all students, their families and staff for their amazing contributions. They have really excelled this year beating last year's donations.



# School News

Representatives from Spalding Academy were proud to take part once again in the Remembrance Sunday Service in Spalding this year. Four Year 11 students who are all members of the Academy's Senior Prefect Team laid a wreath on behalf of the school during the service alongside a high number of students from all years who took part in the parade as members of various uniformed organisations.



Spalding Academy honoured Remembrance Day with a moments silence during the school day at 11.00am and also invited all Cadets to wear their uniforms throughout the school day. As always the silence was observed impeccably by staff and students. The picture attached shows a few of our students that attended Spalding Academy on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November in their Cadets uniforms which included Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Fire Cadets and Police Cadets. Spalding Academy are very proud of our students who attend the various local Cadet Detachments. Two students also represented their Cadet Detachments in London during the Nation Service of Remembrance.







## Careers Guidance Update

### Year 7 - Peterborough United Enterprise Event

As part of our careers programme at Spalding Academy we hold enterprise events for our students organised by our Careers and Aspirations Lead Mrs Barber.

In October we were fortunate enough to have Peterborough United come to our school to spend time with our Year 7 students.

The students were set a task of either designing a new football kit or designing a new club mascot. The students then had to present their ideas to the rest of the year group and Peterborough United representatives. The students thoroughly enjoyed this task and were able to showcase many of their transferable skills such as communication, leadership, decision making and innovative thinking amongst others.

After much deliberation from the Peterborough United representatives a winning team was chosen! Each member of the winning team were given free tickets to a Peterborough United football match for themselves and a parent/carer.

The atmosphere in the school hall was loud to say the least, but the students were buzzing with excitement and could not wait to take part. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and staff and we look forward to inviting Peterborough United back in the coming years.





## PSHE Day- Careers Fair

On **Thursday 28th November** we held our annual careers fair for students in Year 7 and Year 10. This year’s was the biggest and best to date with over 20 exhibitors in attendance ranging from colleges, universities, local training providers and employers.

All students were provided with a work book to complete, Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed the Bingo challenge and Letter treasure hunt which encouraged them to engage and talk to the exhibitors to find out the answers. Year 10 students were given a variety of questions asking them find out information which could be relevant to their own future aspirations.

Mrs. Conley said “The Careers Fair was another impressive event and these additional opportunities for the students are what is needed to continue to move the school forward in supporting the student with their careers and aspirations”.

The feedback from the exhibitors was excellent, “The students were really engaging and are a credit to the school”, “The high level of enthusiasm displayed by the students was great to see”.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the exhibitors who attended our Careers Fair, the event was a huge success.

Access Creative	NatWest Bank	Sheffield Hallam University
Ask Apprenticeships	NCS	St Georges Academy
Bishop Grosseteste University	New College Stamford	Stageworks
Boston College	Perkins Engines	Steadfast Training
Eastern School of Performing Arts	Peterborough Regional College	Students of Nature
Fowler Welch	Pilot Fish	University Centre Peterborough
Greater Peterborough Technical College	Projects Abroad	University of Hertfordshire
Leeds Beckett University	Riseholm College	University of Lincoln
Loughborough University	Roythornes Solicitors	

Careers and Guidance Update



# School News

Students and staff have helped to fill hampers for the Spalding Guardian Christmas hamper appeal for the Agapecare Food bank and once again they will be distributed to all the less fortunate in this area.



## PSHE

Spalding Academy had its first PSHE day of the academic year on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. The day was a brilliant success with lots of students commenting that they learnt many valuable life skills and rated the day as good with outstanding features. One key activity for the day was the Year 8's practising vital lifesaving skills of CPR and learning how to use a defibrillator.

Year 7 were learning about the importance of financial management and had the opportunity to see our fantastic annual Careers Fair with Y10 and Y11. The fair had over 20 visitors from a variety of companies and organisations.

Alongside the other activities of the day, Year 9 learnt about healthy and unhealthy relationships. If any student is affected by the events of the day and wants any further information they can contact the school or the numbers below.

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) 0808 800 5000

[www.childline.co.uk](http://www.childline.co.uk) 0800 1111

[www.mankind.org.uk](http://www.mankind.org.uk) 01823 334244

[www.rapecrisis.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk) 0808 8029999

## Year 7's

Since September Year 7 have now amassed 293015 Achievement points, and their attendance is a brilliant 97.3%. The first term nerves have now gone, and they have settled into life at Spalding Academy really well.

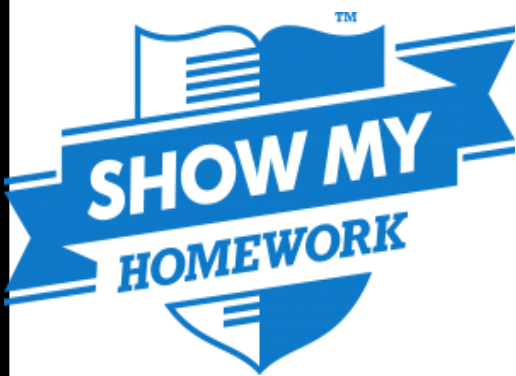
It has been a busy term for Year 7. They have experienced their first PSHE day, where they learnt about the environment, staying safe and being healthy. They were very engaged in all of the different activities, and learnt some very important real life skills.

They also had their first non-uniform day for Children in Need, and contributed towards the fantastic sum raised by the school. They were very keen to take part in the fund raising activities that were put together during an extended lunch that day.

The first of our reports for this academic year have also now been sent out, so parents are getting an indication of progress and attitude to learning in each subject.

Next term will see the first Parents Evening for Year 7 in January, when parents will have the opportunity to talk to teachers about the progress being made in each subject.





## Show My Homework Launch Success!

Homework is a fact of school life, but we all know that from a students' perspective homework is a serious impediment to their life outside of the school gates and can sometimes rank close to the bottom of their list of priorities.

As staff we have all been on the receiving end of an unlimited number of excuses as to why homework hasn't been done and I am sure we could write a volume to rival the Encyclopaedia Britannica if we tried. As parents I am sure you have had at some point tried to prise out of DD or DS (sorry mumsnet) what homework they have to do or read the helpful instruction "Do homework" in their planner.

Recognising this we have invested in a fantastic product from Satchel:One (which is often just called Show My Homework) which we launched to staff in October and over the course of this term to students and then parents. This online system and app has been taken up by over 95% of our students and the feedback we have received from all year groups and from parents is overwhelmingly positive.

As we continue to learn and make more use of this product we hope that you will continue to see the benefits and how this our students to manage their homework with increasing levels of success. To read more about Satchel:One

you can visit their website <https://www.teamsatchel.com/company/about.html> or if you are looking for help and advice on using the system you can visit <https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/> or just email [Showwhyhomework@bourneacademy.org](mailto:Showwhyhomework@bourneacademy.org)



Ksenija Sadilova.  
Highly Commended in class 4.

## Willoughby Memorial Open Arts Competition 2019

The Art Department are very pleased to announce that students from Spalding Academy have had another successful year where their artistic talents have been recognised. The standard of work in the competition was very high this year with numerous entries from local schools. Ksenija Sadilova was highly commended for her mixed media piece based on food and drink.

# Art & Design News

## The Year 8 National Gallery Trip 2019

This November The Art Department took sixty Year 8 students on a trip to experience the globally renowned art collection within the National Gallery at Trafalgar Square. It was a busy but productive day and the students learnt about the materials and processes used by the masters of painting.

Student Naomi Warren (R3) has reported on her experience of the gallery:

The year 8 trip to the National Gallery was exceptional! We were fortunate enough to have a guided tour lead by a professional to explore the wonders of Historical Art.

There were two main paintings we studied: 'The Ugly Duchess' by Quentin Matsys and 'The Ambassadors' by Hans Holbein the Younger.

The more intriguing of the two was by far 'The Ambassadors' painting due to its unique imagery choices. The painting contained many fascinating objects. An elongated skull, the star map (in the form of a globe), an actual globe of all the known countries of the world and a mathematics book.

All the objects depicted the personalities of Jean de Dinteville (left) and Georges de Selve (right). Georges was clearly an educated priest and Jean was evidently an explorer. Yet the elongated skull was a bit of a mystery. It is meant to represent the fact that no matter how rich or poor you are, you will die in the end.

There is a small image in the top left hand corner and it is an image of Jesus, showing that he is always ready to take you to heaven. The elongated skull was painted in that fashion intentionally. See, if you were to move to the right of the picture just enough at the correct height, the skull will appear 3D! This inventive use of artistic talent would have bewildered any who were privileged enough to have seen this magnificent design which personally, was my favourite piece in the whole gallery.

The other oil painting was quite bluntly named 'The Ugly Duchess'. This unfortunate, elderly woman was painted in a rather improper fashion: - a beautiful headdress, a very revealing gown and a rose that has not bloomed. Her looks were unfortunately the product of an exceptional disease, known as Paget's disease - a skeletal deformation caused by a metabolic abnormality that enlarges the bones. Many believe that it is a picture intended to satirize old women who attempt to recreate their youth. The rose bud definitely symbolizes her looking for a suitor, but it is "unlikely to bloom".

The trip was successful in that it gave Year 8 students the valuable real-world experience of important cultural artefacts in an amazing setting. The experience is one that they can relate to when back in the studio working on their paintings.

Mr Clack



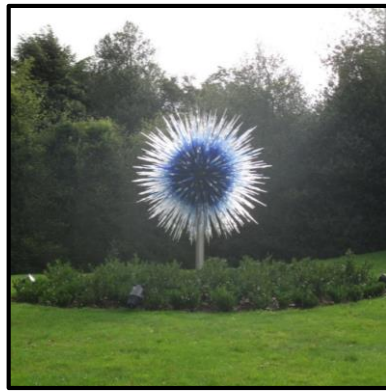


# Design & Technology News



On a rainy day in October, Spalding Academy took a group of Year 10 students to Kew Botanical Gardens, London. The rain held out long enough for the group to tour the gardens, seeing some unique sculptures by artist Dale Chihuly. The colourful pieces are crafted from glass, and Chihuly took inspiration from the gardens themselves.

Students will now use this experience to help create their own art for their coursework, using mixed materials in their 3D Art lessons.



# English News

## Newsletter Christmas Term 2019

### Key Stage 4

Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday we were celebrating our return to Spalding Academy after a wonderful summer break. Yet, here we are reflecting on term two, leading up to Christmas.

This term our year 10s have been studying Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' - a very apt novella just before the festive season. The morals of this iconic tale resonate true today and the students have thoroughly enjoyed the trials and tribulations of the unscrupulous Scrooge before his redemption at the end of Stave Five. Whilst studying this literature text they have also been working on their creative language skills, the same as year 11s, and once a week have been receiving tuition to support Section B of the English Language Paper One exam.

Next term the students will be returning to studying English Language, Paper Two, with both Section A, writers' viewpoints and perspectives, and Section B, transactional writing covered in depth.

Year 11s have had an amazingly busy term: revising both language paper one and paper two for their PPE in December. Whilst studying hard for language they have also been revising for their Literature Paper Two, 'An Inspector Calls' and poetry PPE. This revision has been supported through homework: learning quotations and in lessons with starters/plenaries focusing on: themes/structure/quotations relevant to their literature texts.

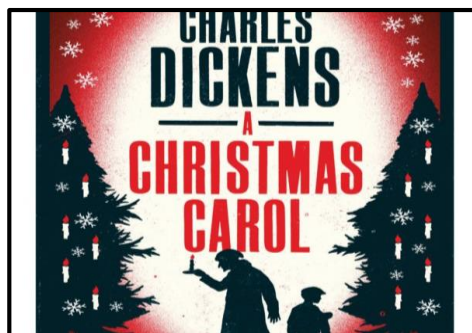
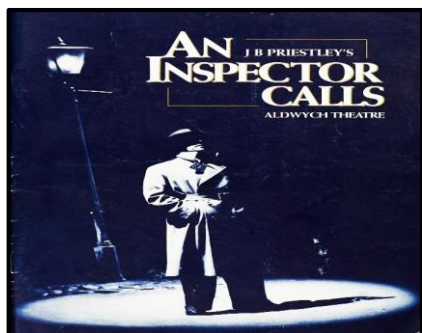
Next term they will receive targeted revision sessions on the poetry anthology; incorporating context; structure; the poet's message; comparison skills as well as revisiting analysing unseen poetry and how to compare this with another unseen poem.

We are also offering our year 11s the opportunity to attend revision session, both after school and during lunch times to cover both the literature and language papers. I have attached the timetable, on the next page, for your information.

We wish you all a very joyous Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

N. Fitzgibbon,

Head of English.





# Food Technology News

Year 7's took part in an after school Halloween cooking session and you can see below, the spooky Halloween cookies they made.



## Rotary Chef 2019.

Spalding Academy hosted the annual Rotary Chef competition and competed against Bourne Academy and The High School. Students had to prepare, cook and present a main course and dessert. They were judged on their cooking skills, presentation and standards of hygiene. The standards were exceptionally high and the judges had the difficult task of choosing a winner. This year Tabby Kightly (Spalding Academy) came first with her Pan fried Steak, Yorkshire puddings served with Sticky toffee pudding and custard. Second was Brendon Nelson (Spalding Academy) with his tea smoked fish and herbed mayonnaise.

Tabby will now go forward to the next stage of the competition early next year.





# Food Technology News



Year 8 have made some lovely Celebration cakes this term.



Year 8 students enjoyed taking part in a Christmas cooking afterschool session



Year 9 students taking part in the cooking session and enjoying a 3 course meal at the Katana Japanese restaurant.



# Food Technology News

Year 9's have been busy designing a dish for the canteen this term and the manager from the canteen Mr Bursey and Jane who works in the canteen judged the competition.

Mr Bursey said " It was very hard to judge the competition this year as standards were so high and choosing a winner was exceedingly difficult as so many of the dishes encompassed the parameters of the contest".

He did manage eventually to select some prize winners and they were as follows:

Group one - Dominic Thomas - Mongolian Chicken - Outstanding dish would have won overall dish and was well prepared

Katie Wright - Paella - Nice rice dish .

Emily Broom-Mini Quiches and coleslaw.

Group Two - Sheila Silva - De Caldeiro - Good use of stealth veg and totally new dish

Rueben Dale - Chicken & Bacon Pasty - lovely dish.

Group Three - Roxy Jee - Stir fried chicken and Rice - an outstanding amount of work in the time given and great flavours again a good use of vegetables.

Mantas Gel - Sweet & Sour Chicken The sauce had a really authentic taste and again good use of vegetable and fruit.

Mr Bursey is now hoping to sell some of the dishes in the canteen and he commented at how nice it was to see so many new inventive dishes .He is looking forward to continuing the project again next year and helping to make the students aware of what actually goes in to making a dish for the canteen as all dishes have to be costed under £2 and contain a protein and have to be healthy food.



# History News

This year the students and the History department at Spalding Academy have taken their efforts to a new level. Not only have they got the outline of a man made out of poppies representing the fallen and veterans of all conflicts but they have decided to remember all the fallen animals that have taken part in conflicts, these animals are represented by purple poppies and the silhouette of a dog laying at the soldier's feet.

There has been the addition of the anniversary of 75 years since D-Day with pictures, including family members from members of staff who served on that day in Normandy. The Poppy display has made a real impact on the students and staff of Spalding Academy with memories being shared, learnt and recalled not only during school time but at home as well. The differences in culture and country have also been explored by students who have included information from their home nations, including Lithuania and Poland.

Many students took part in the creation of the display from colouring in poppies to writing poems about war as well as finding out about their own connections to war. 'We Will Remember Them' and everyone who has served for our countries.





Wow, what a busy end to the year!

**Year 7** have just completed an in depth study of a world religion – Hinduism. They have learnt much about birth, customs, Gods, and festivals where they made Diwali diva lamps.



**Year 8** have now completed their second topic of the year 'From Life to Death' where they have considered if the soul exists, the afterlife (or Akhirah for Muslims), funerals and customs from different faiths. They studied the case of Coulton Burpo a 4 year old who believed he visited heaven in a near death experience and drew their own conclusion from his testimony.

**Year 9** have been considering 'Conflict' through and in depth study of beliefs including The Just War Theory, The Golden Rule, Non Violent Protest and Max Bueno an artist who spent time in Auschwitz. They completed artwork on Max Bueno's work



**Year 10** have made a positive start to their GCSE journey and have now completed the first 2 units on Christianity. After the Christmas break they will begin their first Ethics topic – Issues in

We would like to send our best wishes to Miss L. Driscoll as she says 'I do' over the Christmas period and look forward to welcoming her back in January as Mrs Shepherd, which is quite a fitting name for an RE teacher!

**Year 11** have just completed 'Issues of Good and Evil' unit and have one unit left to complete before revision for their summer exams. A full revision timetable for lunch time and after school will be published in the New Year.

Finally, we would like to wish you all very Merry Christmas and prosperity in 2020.

Miss Clay, Miss Driscoll and Mrs Watt

# Performing Arts News

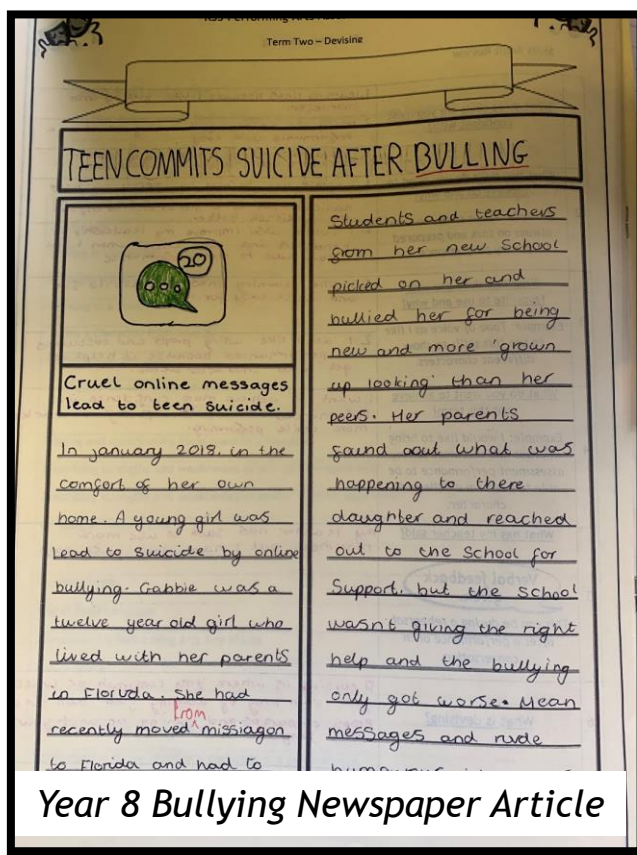
## Year 7

Year Seven are well and truly settled into Performing Arts here at Spalding Academy and have been tackling the second term with enthusiasm and determination. We have been focussing on new skills based around the topic of 'Heroes and Villains', studying the classic British seasonal entertainment that is Pantomime.

Students have been learning about the different characters through the history and tradition of Pantomimes completing creating and design tasks and performing their own scene from Cinderella.



*Year 7 Dame Design*



*Year 8 Bullying Newspaper Article*

## Year 8

Year Eight have been really challenged with the topic of 'Devising' this term. Students have been taught the techniques of how to build their own performances while linking this to the theme of bullying.

During lessons students have displayed mature and considerate behaviour during both class discussions, rehearsals and performances about the topic. It has been really interesting to hear the honest conversations between students and watching them understand how bullying can affect young people, encouraging them to come together as a community.

# Performing Arts News

## Year 9

The name of the topic this term is ‘Performance Techniques’. This has been an intense scheme of work that has seen students learn a new technique, apply it in rehearsals and build it into a performance each week. Alongside this, students have then had to link this technique to an event in time that has been given to them. For example, students have devised a performance about the slave trade using masks, they have used symbolism to explore the Holocaust and produced Physical Theatre pieces in connection with The Blitz.

Students are about to complete their assessment performance where they must use at least two of the techniques they have learnt and apply to any ‘world event that should never have happened’ that they wish to explore. We are looking forward to assessing performances that cover topics such as 9/11, Manchester Arena Terror Attack, The Iraq War, The Plague and many more interesting topics.

Students have also started learning how to complete theory work by writing log books, these reflect what they have learnt in lesson, their strengths and areas for development. Log books are a vital part of coursework throughout BTEC Performing Arts so it is important year nine students get as much experience in writing these as possible.



## 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 1

Year 7	Noah Wadsworth	Harley Dawson	Viktoria Dworzanczyk
Year 8	Thomas Good	Genevieve Stokes	Ethan Clarke
Year 9	Gemma Walsh	Emily Thomas	
Year 10	Beth Dowling	Jessica Stevens	Abi Cowling
Year 11	Mason Ibbertson	Harry Raven	



# Performing Arts News

## Year 10

Students are continuing with their work on Component One, where they study several different repertoires and styles through theory and practical tasks.

Students have just performed their first assessment extracts and did very well. Next term they will move on to studying Verbatim Theatre through the play 'I Love You Mum I Promise I Won't Die'.



## Year 11

Year 11 have now finished Component Two of their Performing Arts qualification. They have been studying 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell. A story of fraternal twins Eddie and Mickey who are separated at birth, this play explores a contemporary nature versus nurture plot with one going to a wealthy family and the other living with his biological but poor family.

The scenes produced for their assessment performances were convincing and mature, several students taking on very challenging characters. We are very proud of the work they have achieved, next term we will be moving on to Component Three.

# Music News

Since September Year 9 students have been planning, rehearsing and promoting their own musical showcase that took place at the South Holland Centre on Wednesday the 27th Nov.

The showcase, hosted by Alexandra and Izzy, was designed and planned to promote what the new Music Department had been able to achieve in it's first year at Spalding Academy. There were a range of musical numbers from solos, small band numbers and large scale ensemble pieces to show the amazing levels of skills, talent and diversity that our Year 9 musicians have.

For many this was the first time performing to a live audience. What better way to do this than by diving in at the deep end and performing on a professional stage, at a highly respectable music venue, supported by fully professional in-house lighting and sound crews.

The Spalding Academy musicians performed exceptionally and showed great levels of musicianship, professionalism and above all passion for the subject that they have chosen to pursue this year.

The audience was made up of our current Year 7 and 8 musicians and were inspired at the opportunities that they will have when pursuing studies in music in Year 9 and beyond.

The show could not have taken place without the amazing support and expert knowledge of Mr Spires and the EVOLVE team Kate Newman and Brooke Peverell.

I look forward to seeing what takes place with the EVOLVE project next year, developing a collaborative relationship with the management of the South Holland Centre and being able to provide more exciting opportunities such as this to our young aspiring musicians.

**Mr Barrett** Some of the Year 7 students really enjoyed watching the show.  
**Head of Music** Isabelle Rogers said "It was inspiring and she wants to try it in the future".  
Ellie Smith said "She loved the show".



# YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Training has been attended regularly by most of the squad. What has been difficult is getting all of the squad together at the same time because of various reasons, but the squad have assured us that when we return after half term they will all try and attend training in preparation hopefully for a county cup run!

We have played three fixtures this term, with the results below;

- Deepings (H) = Won 4-2 (scorers, Derrie Maxwell x 3, Liam Smith, Player of the match = Brad Wetherill)
- UAH (H) = Drew 2-2 (scorers, Connor Beeken, Mariyan Asyov, Player of the match = Keane Slayven)
- Bourne Academy (H) = Lost 1-2 (scorer, Mariyan Asyov, Player of the match = Derrie Maxwell)

All three games have been very competitive and the last game against Bourne Academy was a very disappointing defeat as the team played really well, especially in the second half, but a mixture of the Bourne goalkeeper having an assured game and us not taking our chances meant we slipped to a first narrow defeat of the season. The squad, I know, are hoping to have the opportunity to put this right later in the season.

## Year 9 Football Squad

Alfie Lewis
Dawid Kowalczyk
Mariyan Asyov
Stefan Kutsarov
Keane Slayven
Louie Gooderson
Ty Buffong
Connor Beeken
Derrie Maxwell
Alex Metiu
Liam Smith
Diogo Rosa
Izakc Buckley
Callum Farrell
Brad Wetherill

Mr I Billinghamurst & Mr S Taylor,  
Year 9 Football Coaches



## October news from the PE department...



### Boys Football

#### Year 8 Football – CBA

Since the lights went back training has moved to indoors and it has been a really good term with regards to commitment and competitiveness within training. Great to see on average 10-12 players every week during this very long term. Keep it going and we will be more than ready when the lights come back to play the remaining league fixtures.

#### Girls Football

#### U13 Utlitas Football Tournament

On 13<sup>th</sup> Novemeber, a mixture of nine year 7's and 8's attended the Under 13 Utlitas Football Tournament organised by Peterborough Football Club. The girls were excited but apprehensive about the teams they were going to face, as schools were coming from both Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire. The girls displaying fantastic team work from the start and continued to grow in confidence throughout the games, with some spectacular goals. Unfortunately, due to losing the last game in the group stages, the girls missed out on the semi-finals by one point. The girls were gutted but have taken on board where our strengths and areas of development are, as we channel our focus to the U13 County Cup games. A special mention and congratulations needs to be awarded to Chloe Revell, who was scouted to join Peterborough Football Club Development team. Overall, the girls should be proud of how they represented themselves and the school at the tournament. Well done ☺



#### Results:

Game 1: Spalding Academy 3 – 0 Sir Harry Smith

*Goal Scorers: Kara Bulter x2 and Chloe Revell*

Game 2: Spalding Academy 3 – 0 St John Fisher

*Goal Scorers: Paige Ellis, Amelia Norey and Chloe Revell*

Game 3: Spalding Academy 1 – 1 Arthur Mellows

*Goal Scorers: Kara Bulter*

Game 4: Spalding Academy 1 – 0 Sir Harry Smith

*Goal Scorers: Chloe Revell*

Game 5: Spalding Academy 1 – 0 St John Fisher

*Goal Scorers: Maisie Glover*

Game 6: Spalding Academy 0 – 1 Arthur Mellows

Miss Donaldson ☺



## Girls Netball.

### Year 10 V UAH

SA 20 – 14 UAH

The year 10 netball team currently remain unbeaten with their recent win against UAH. The girls beat UAH 20-14 with Sanija Zviedre (Goal Attack) and our captain for the game scoring all 20 points. After the first quarter it was all square with us drawing 4-4, however after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter we started to pull ahead making it 12-8. Milly Long (goal defence) and Erin Langford (Goal keeper) had stand out performances working hard keeping their shooters out of the circle, and jumping to collect those rebounds. The third quarter we started to pull ahead even more resulting in the score 16-11. We had some fantastic performances from some of our players in the centre of the court such as our centre Sophia Kubacka, our Wing Attack Raluca Gheorge and one of our Wing Defences Tayana Dube, their determination to not stop sprinting and marking and leaping to steal the interceptions was fantastic. The final score was 20-14, all of the 9 players who played in the game were fantastic and all played their part to end in such a fantastic result. The girls are looking forward to their next game in the new year and continue to train hard working on their skills and game play every week.

Mrs Lester ☺



### Year 7 Netball

On 6<sup>th</sup> November the Year 7's had their first away fixture at University Academy Holbeach. The team were excited about their first away game, but a little nervous as the team had some new players. The girls started off shaky as the UAH took the lead, but as each quarter went on it was clear to see their confidence was growing. The girls displayed brilliant teamwork and super sportsmanship throughout the game. Congratulation to Paige Ellis who was nominated as player of the match from the UAH team for her brilliant and resilient defending skills. Secondly, congratulations to Niamh Shlackman who was award Teacher's player of the match for her fantastic defending. Well done girls!

Score:

Spalding Academy 0 - 9 University Academy Holbeach

Miss Donaldson ☺

## Year 8 Netball.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, the year 8 netball team had their second game of the season against Bourne Academy. The girls had been working on team tactics and felt confident going in to the game. The first quarter ended 5-5 and it was clear that the team were fired up ready to go in to the next quarter. The team played brilliantly for the rest of the game and were going in to the final quarter still drawing with Bourne Academy 8-8! This was it, after a little team talk, the girls knew they needed to slow down their passing, concentrate and get the ball to their shooters, Jess and Abbie. That fourth quarter felt like the longest quarter of the game as Bourne Academy were the first to score taking it to 8-9! With 3 minutes left the Spalding Academy girls managed to take the lead making the final score 10-9! Congratulations to all in the team, it was the best I have ever seen you play! Erin McMurray was voted Player of the Match.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 8 netball team had their third game of the season against UAH. With the success against Bourne Academy in the back of their minds the team were once again prepared and ready to play. When we arrived at UAH we soon realised we would be playing on AstroTurf, something this team isn't used to. The team started quite quiet but managed to score the only goal in that quarter. After a few words of encouragement, their teamwork and communication skills improved as the next two quarters went on taking the score to 3-3. Going in to the final quarter the girls seemed a little bit nervous, they knew what the score was but also knew UAH had played better as each quarter went on. The final score was 3-6. Congratulations to the team who put up a good fight, and to Erin McMurray who was voted Player of the Match.

Erin McMurray, Annie Carter, Leticia Amaral, Monty Meek, Dominika Chmielewska, Wiktorina Chmielewska, Holly Phillips, Abbie Elsey, Jess Hunt.

**Miss Ringrose**



On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> December Spalding Academy Gymnastics Team left school at 8am to travel to Grantham to compete in the Lincolnshire Floor and Vault competition. The Under 16 mixed team were the first to compete, they performed some beautiful floor routines and some amazing stuck landings on the vault. The next round saw the Under 13 mixed team compete, for some of this team this was their first ever competition so they were a little nervous and panicky! After getting over the vault the team then moved to floor where they seemed a little less nervous. They performed their routines with elegance and grace and smiled all the way through.



## **Results:**

Under 13 mixed team = 1<sup>st</sup>, beating 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 3 whole marks.

Under 16 mixed team = 1<sup>st</sup>, beating end place by 4 whole marks.

## **Individual medals were also won:**

Josh Coyle = 1<sup>st</sup>, Gabriel Teixeira = 1<sup>st</sup>, Poppy Elsey = 1<sup>st</sup>, Angelika Kedra = 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lily Kelk = 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After the competition had finished the team made their way back to Spalding where we all enjoyed a celebratory McDonalds together! The team are now working towards their next competition which is the East Midlands Floor and Vault completion in February. Congratulations everyone, your hard work and dedication has certainly paid off.

**Miss Ringrose.**

## Dance:

Dance club has proven to be incredibly popular again this year with over 50 pupils turning up 3 times a week (2 lunchtimes and one after school) to learn new dances in preparation for our upcoming dance show. The enthusiasm and dedication shown throughout these last 6 weeks has been incredible. The dance troupe are picking up the choreography and learning the routines quickly which has allowed them to learn 10 dances already. We are looking forward to putting on our annual dance show in March 2020, more details and tickets will be available nearer the time.

**Miss Ringrose**

## Trampoline Club

On Wednesday 30th October 6 pupils from Spalding Academy travelled to Bourne Academy to compete in the Key Stage 4 Superzone Trampoline Competition. In the novice category out of 18 competitors, Skye Valderas came 10th, Vilte Bernotaite came 3rd and Eveline Cale came 1st. In the Intermediate category out of 19 competitors, Dija Eirosiute came 6th, Angelika Kedra came 3rd and Libby Mayne came 2nd. As well as individual success, Spalding Academy came 3rd overall in the team category. All girls were a credit to the school, with excellent behaviour, dedication to training and beautiful routines on the day. Congratulations everyone.

**Miss Ringrose**



## RUGBY:

Since changing rugby practice to a Thursday training has really taken off. 18 to one training was fantastic. Quick shout out to Kyle Lindsay and Jack Spilett who's commitment to training is excellent. Lots of tournaments starting to come into effect shortly after the Feb half term so one more term of training and we will be ready. All newcomers welcome.

## BASKETBALL

### Year 11

Year 11 have made a solid start to their league title defence from Year 10. A hard fought 26-6 win over rivals Bourne Academy started the campaign. The team started slowly and it was quite close to half time. Due to time restrictions on Bourne Academy sports hall there was only time for 3 quarters, fortunately the team really found their rhythm and pulled away to a comprehensive victory. The next game was against UAH, a big court and a strong opponent made for a tight first quarter. However once the Year 11's stepped up the pace and quality UAH couldn't cope, with Justas Pareigis leading the way on points, by raining bombs from the 3 point line. A 43-12 win.

Big games against Spalding Grammar and Bourne Grammar before Christmas will ultimately decide if the team get to the Super Zone final again this year.

Mr Duggan

### Year 9

Year 9 have played 2 games so far with far contrasting outcomes. Their first game v Bourne Academy was a landslide, winning 28 - 0. Haval Gonera playing his first game for the school chipped in with some great layups and fast breaks to lead the teams point scoring. Their second game was a steep learning curve against a very strong UAH team. The large court and UAH's fitness really showed as the Year 9's struggled to keep up. As well as being let down my players late on it meant, the team had no subs and tired quickly particularly in the second half. One to forget. A game against Bourne Grammar before Christmas, and then Spalding Grammar and Peele after Christmas will wrap up the season up.

Mr Duggan



# Holland House News



Hello from Holland house, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students that have achieved 100% attendance so far this year. There are too many to name individually but there are 13 in Y1, 10 in Y2, 10 in Y3, 4 in Y4, 5 in Y5, 8 in Y6 and 8 in Y7 an amazing 54 in total. There are also 32 students within Holland house that have received no negative behaviour comments this year, this includes no missed homework. We had a very successful Children in Need day and the students had a great time running the stall making students eat doughnuts without using their hands messy but fun and it helped swell the funds for Children in Need!!! We as a house are raising money this year for a charity called Clic Sargent, a charity that supports youths with cancer and their families, we will be having a non-uniform later in the year; letters will come out telling you about this nearer the time. At the time of writing, I would like to congratulate the Y11 on a great start to the PPE's. Well-done and good luck. Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from Holland House, I hope the students have a relaxing time and come back next year with the same great attitude they have started this school year with.

Mr Keal Head of Holland House.

# Johnson House News



This has been an incredibly busy term for Johnson House. Students have been working hard on an interhouse competition marking Remembrance.

They have been producing poppies to make a display and writing poems and postcards for war veterans.

A huge thank you to all the students who helped out with the recent events for children in need. It was fantastic to see so many students wearing non-uniform and making cakes for us to sell at lunchtime.

Finally, well done to all the Y11's in their recent PPE's. They have worked really hard and deserve their well-earned holiday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Miss D Fuller Head of Johnson House.

# McLaren House News



## Children in Need

McLaren house really came together to raise money for Children in Need, Cody Rawson our Charity Captain manned the fort taking in the money and then Bobby England was in charge of the penalty shootout. We had lots of helpers from all different year groups, and they really showed off McLaren house brilliantly.

## Achievement

Red 2 - Mr Clacks form are storming ahead with the achievement points so far with 26279 in total just from September until December. Well done Red 2.

McLaren house have had a fantastic term leading up to the Christmas break, McLaren house students have stayed focussed and are still working hard in all lessons. We look forward to the New Year, and I hope everyone stays safe and has a fantastic Christmas break.

Mrs Lester

Head of McLaren House

# Nova House News



We have once again had a jam packed term! Tutor groups have been busy preparing their entries for the poppy competition. Our poppy display on our house board looks fantastic and I have enjoyed reading through the individual postcards which students have produced, sharing their ideas on the sacrifices which have been made for us by the armed forces.

The generosity of Nova House students always astounds me and once again I am so impressed with their attitudes towards helping others. This is shown by the fantastic efforts made by students in relation to our Christmas Hamper Challenge- bringing in food items for the local food bank. It has been lovely to see everybody get involved and as I keep saying: if we all do a little, together we can accomplish a lot!

I would like to thank all Nova House students for their hard work over this term, especially to our Y11's who have been sitting their PPE's in preparation for their GCSE exams next year. You all now deserve a hard earned break and I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas holiday.

Miss Moore.

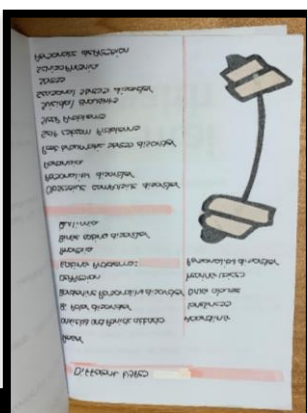
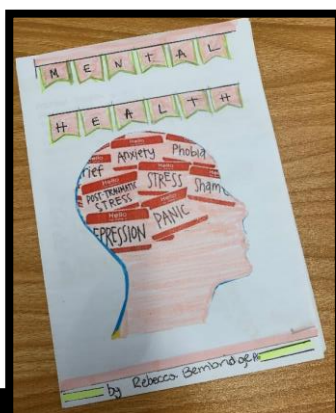
Head of Nova House

# Peake House News



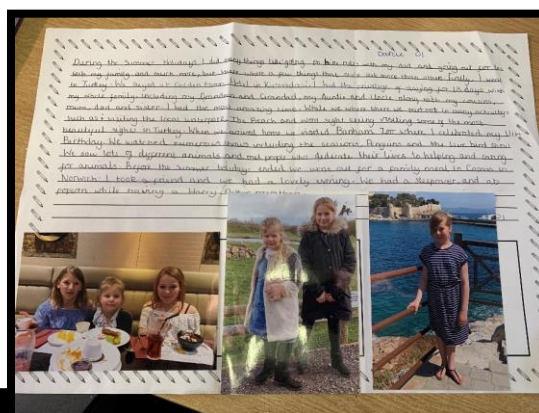
Term 2 has been brilliant for Peake House! We are still at the top of the leader board for Achievements with a current total of over 150,000! Attendance is also still just over 95%, I am very proud of the progress Peake House is making.

**Term 1 KS3 Competition** - Students were asked to create a Summer Blog reflecting on the activities they had completed during the holidays and create a written article about them. The winning entry from Peake House was from **Darcie Dickinson** who then came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all the Houses. **Term 2 KS4 Competition** - Students were challenged with creating a Mental Health Guide following on from their SMSC topic during form time. The overall winner from Peake House was **Rebecca Bembridge**, who continued to place 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all the Houses. *Have a great Christmas! See you in the New Year! From Miss France.*



KS3

KS4



# Trinity House News



Another term goes by and another fantastic effort from Trinity House students. The poppy display looks fantastic (thank you to all House Captains for making such a wonderful design). Very pleased with how quickly the students have got to grips with Show My Homework and how many achievement points Trinity House are collecting throughout the weeks.

At the end of term Trinity house is currently sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall standings. Children in need was fantastically well supported and a huge thank you to Trinity House Charity Captains for taking in all the money during the fair at lunch.

Well done to all Year 11's who sat their PPE's in preparation for some testing months ahead. All that hard work will pay off in the end so aim high and achieve big.

A short but very important term ahead of us. Be sure to rest well over Christmas and have a well-deserved break from school.

House Leader  
Mr Bamber.



# P. E. Extra Curricular Clubs

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

# Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		
Tuesday	<b>Spalding Academy Choir</b> Rehearsal every Tuesday 13:20 - 13:40 in J1	
Wednesday	<b>Year 10 GCSE Science</b> Drop in session G1	<b>Year 10 GCSE Science</b> Drop in session 3:15 - 4:15 G1
Thursday		
Friday		
Every Day	<b>G18 Study Room</b> Monday - Friday Year 10 and 11	<b>Homework Hub</b> 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

The above times apply all year round apart from a 2 week closure for the Christmas holidays. The shop will close on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. It will also be closed on Good Friday . There are additional openings on the first 2 Saturday mornings in August.9am to 12am.

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.

Email: [uniformshop@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:uniformshop@spaldingacademy.org.uk)

Phone: 01775 765639

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](mailto:uniformshop@spaldingacademy.org.uk)

## Attendance – The Myths and Truths!

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



**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](http://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 S Grant

Year 10 - Mrs S Caress

Year 11 - Mrs M Lammin

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

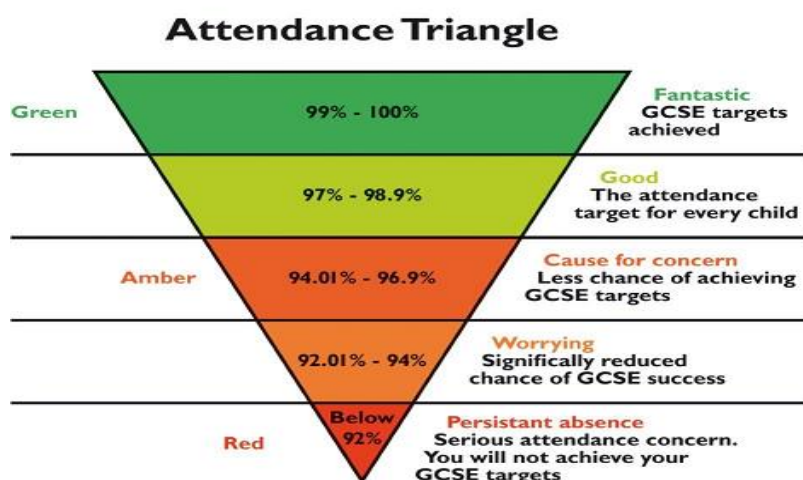
# Attendance Information

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