



# Newsletter

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2019

## Welcome Back!

Results 2019



Year 7  
First  
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# Head Teacher's Message



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2019-20. This first short term has been important for staff and students alike as we worked together to get off to a really positive start to the new academic year.

This newsletter is again packed full of events , trips and activities to celebrate including :the Year 7 successful Kingswood Trip, our charity support work, such as the Macmillan Coffee morning and in a wide range of curriculum areas including Sport, Art, English and MFL.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 parents and students and we look forward to working with you closely over the coming years. The Year 7 team is delighted with the positive start the students have made, in particular the way they have contributed to lessons and helped and supported each other.

I would also like to welcome our new teachers and non-teaching support staff who have settled in extremely well to the new term and it is exciting to see just how fantastically strong the teaching and support for students will be again this academic year.

As you will have seen in the local press, we were very pleased with 2019 GCSE students who yet again achieved a superb set of end of key stage 4 GCSE and BTEC results. Overall results improved again for the third consecutive year, with the Progress 8 measure that is closely scrutinised, set to increase from +0.14 in 2018 to +0.21 in 2019. This will show that Spalding Academy students continue to make progress well above the national average. The success of this cohort of students has ensured that they have gained their first-choice places at college or sixth form study. This high success is set to continue again with the current Year 11 on track to achieve exceptionally well this summer. I certainly hope they keep in touch!

# Head Teacher's Message

All of our students are a joy to work with and I would like to thank in advance all the students and parents / carers for their on-going support and hard work as we look forward to another successful year, with our partnership with families at the centre of all we do.

This year has already brought some exciting new developments, such as the SLATrust and Spalding Academy websites which were launched in September. Although these are still developing sites, we are pleased with progress so far and we are working hard to make sure the Spalding Academy website is at the centre of all our communication and information to parents and is easy to access, including: learning resources for students, key information on results, the school vision and curriculum intent. The new site also has easy access to our newsletters, Twitter and Facebook, with Instagram also being a future addition, so that we can showcase all the fantastic activities and events taking place at the school and keep in touch with both current and past Spalding Academy learners and families.

We wish all our leavers every success and hope they remember their friendships and time at Spalding Academy fondly. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to share with parents that we will be launching a new online system called 'Show My Homework', which will allow all students and parents / carers to view their child's homework online, including through a very well-developed app. Students will start using this resource after the half term break term and break term and login details will be issued to all parents / carers of current students in readiness for a January 2020 launch.

We are changing the way in which parents are able to view their children's progress, behaviour and attendance data online and this new parent system will replace any previous online systems such as Ruler. Although parents may be wary about the introduction of this new product you need not worry. I fully sympathise with the frustration felt by many parents with our previous system, Ruler and we are responding to the considerable complaints and concerns over how difficult this system was to access and navigate. We have now carried out extensive research so that we are confident with this new resource, with the company working with over 1500 schools, many in this local area and we are looking forward to the positive impact the Show My Homework will bring.

# Head Teacher's Message

Another key development this term has been the review and increase of leadership opportunities available for students, with our learners now being able to participate in a wider range of schemes. These include those already established such as the Year 7 Buddies, Year 11 Prefects and Head Students, all of which have started this academic year extremely well and I thank them for their hard work. In addition, there will now be further opportunities for Reading Ambassadors and School Mentors, due to be rolled out in January. We see these opportunities as being a key part of student life at Spalding Academy and a chance for our young people to be able to give something back to the school, as well as raising their aspiration and the aspiration of others. A strong aspect of student leadership can be seen in the reworking of the school ethos and vision, based on our philosophy of Aspire, Challenge, Achieve. The students have been at the centre of this work, with the Spalding Academy ethos statement now being written in conjunction with myself, staff and the Student Voice Team, so it can be owned by our learners.

My desire to involve the students more in the leadership of their school, can be extended to our parents / carers, with the announcement that we intend to expand our school governing body, the Spalding Academy Local Advisory Board. If any parent would like to be involved in this capacity to support the ongoing work of the leadership team, please look out for the Parent Governor Election notice straight after half term. I highly value the work of our Trustees and Local Advisory Board members and see working with these teams as a vital and positive aspect of running the SLATrust. Any initial enquiries regarding Governance can be emailed to:

[ClerktoGovernors@bourneacademy.org](mailto:ClerktoGovernors@bourneacademy.org).

Finally, with this term seeing the Mental Health Awareness Day - 10.10.2019, I can reassure parents that we take the mental health and wellbeing of both our staff and young people extremely seriously. The strength of our pastoral team is the spine of our school and this is an area where we will continue to invest so that all of our young people can be fully supported so that they can grow into confident and happy young adults. On our website you can find details of contact details should you need to access support at any time. We will continue to build on our wellbeing programme this academic year, through both PSHE and the wider school, so that all learners have the individual strategies they need to succeed. This will include access to our careers and aspiration programme, implemented in September, to encourage all students and give them the confidence to be the very best they can be!



# Head Teacher's Message



The success of our school continues to grow, and this could be seen at the Year 5/6 Annual Open Evening, where we welcomed over 500 visitors to Spalding Academy and it was fantastic to see both current and new parents alike wanting to explore the education opportunities at Spalding Academy.

I am very much looking forward to next term and I thank all students, staff, parents / carers for your ongoing support for Spalding Academy.

Lucy Conley,

Executive Head Teacher of South Lincolnshire Academies Trust.

# Head student team



Simona  
Zujevciute

Tom  
Taylor

Millie  
Dowling-Smith

Daniel  
Cabral Lopes

Alicia  
Elsey

This year the school have decided that instead of having a Head girl and a Head boy, we should have a team of people and to be known as the Head Student team- and that is us! We are here to make sure everyone is comfortable in the school environment, and that any messages from students get passed on to the correct members of staff. We are not only here to be role models but your friends.

Every half term we will give you updates in the newsletter to let you know the progress we have made since getting the position. This half term we are just introducing ourselves and letting you get to know us a little but. If anyone has anything they want us to look at or any changes you want us to make please let us know and we will look into it ASAP.

# School News

## Year 7's

The Year 7's have had a fantastic start to their time at Spalding Academy. They walk round the school confidently, and are not worried about getting lost. In the first 5 weeks they have been in lessons, they have earned an incredible 51,000 achievement points. Their attendance is a fantastic 98%!

We also took 110 Year 7's to Kingswood in Norfolk. They had a very busy weekend building their team work and communication skills. It was an enjoyable weekend, and with less rain than was forecast! While there the students climbed, balanced and leapt round the activities. In the evening they enjoyed team games and a camp fire. The behaviour of the students was very good, and their enthusiasm on the different activities was commented on by the staff at Kingswood. In particular, the support students gave each other especially on the climbing and abseiling walls was outstanding and meant that some students who were nervous on their first attempt did achieve the climb or decent on their second attempt. It was certainly a trip that many of them will talk about for a long time.

Next term the Year 7's can look forward to their first report home and their first PSHE day.





# School News

Spalding Academy has yet again achieved a superb set of end of key stage 4 GCSE & BTEC results, with the school showing continued improvement for the 3rd consecutive year. The initial progress scores for departments and the whole school will show that the school is on a continued journey of success, which will be shared once these progress scores have been validated. The school estimates that the vital 'Progress 8' measure that is closely scrutinised by Ofsted is set to be maintained from the +0.14, achieved in 2018 and will show that Spalding Academy students continue to make progress above the national average. A real success for the school has been the new vocational BTEC programmes introduced at Spalding Academy that have performed well in every subject, with 100% pass rate.





## CAREERS CORNER

### Welcome

My name is Libby Barber and I am the Careers and Aspirations Lead for Spalding Academy. I have a new Careers Office which is based in M5. Students can come at any time to find resources to support them make choices about their future.

Students can also come to speak to me for advice on sixth form options, job applications, college applications, apprenticeships, option choices or career pathways.

If you have any questions please contact me via email on

[libby.barber@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:libby.barber@spaldingacademy.org.uk)

If you need to contact me for support, please do so via email on

[GreenR@bourneacademy.org](mailto:GreenR@bourneacademy.org)



At Spalding Academy we are always looking for new ways to support young people to make informed choices about their future by encouraging greater collaboration between education and employers.

Currently we are wanting to develop our database of local/regional links with employers/employees and industry and wondered if staff may be able to help?

Do you have any contacts with local business or people who could help with things such as:

- offering work placements or work place visits
- support with Mock Interviews or CV guidance
- delivering assemblies or talks to small groups of interested students
- attending Careers Fairs

If you think you have a contact be it friends or family who may be able to help could you help us develop a link by:

- email us their contact details if appropriate
- or pass on our contact details
- ask if they are interested
- or ask them to link with the academy via LinkedIn.

Thank you for any contacts you may be able to help us forge.

## Independent Careers Adviser

### Interviews

Not sure about what you want to do in the future? Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship? We arrange for students to have a careers interview with an independent careers adviser who comes in to school to see the students, primarily those in Year 11. Students can request an interview at any time, please email Mrs Barber or pop in to the Careers Office to arrange a time.



## Forthcoming Careers Events

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

### **Thursday 21st November - Spalding Academy Careers Fair (Years 9 & 10)**

Over 20 exhibitors ranging from universities, colleges, the Apprenticeship Service to local and national employers will be attending our careers fair. The main aim of the Careers Fair is to start students thinking about their future and which career path they can follow.

# Art & Design News



This fantastic mural takes pride of place in the Café Central and was designed and completed by a dedicated group of Year 11 students , Ksenija, Sonora, Nikolett, Ketia and Wiktorja. We would like to thank them and hope it inspires our students , and that they can enjoy the mural for years to come, through every season.

Audrey Fletcher.

Teacher of Art.



# English News

Newsletter Term One 2019

Key Stage 4

What an amazing commencement to Term One, both our year 10s and 11s have made, with a very mature attitude and a keenness to do well.

Year 10s: have been focusing on English Language Paper One this term, learning to hone their analytical skills for Section A and their creative/descriptive skills for Section B. Their exam will allow us to determine strengths as well as areas for improvement so that when they receive their marked paper back they will be able to look at their personalised feedback and 'purple pen' particular questions, which require further attention.

Next term our focus will be on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens - a very apt literature text prior to the festive season and one I am sure the students will fully engage with.



Year 11s: have read the play, 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley and have thoroughly enjoyed the twists in plot and agonised over the role of 'responsibility' before completing assessments on key themes. Many students have asked to take the play home to read on further as they have become so engrossed in the story that they cannot wait until the next lesson to find out ... (sorry nearly spoilt it for anyone who has not read this gripping tale).

Term Two will be focusing on English Language and revising the key concepts of the paper; they will also sit a literature Paper One exam on 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth' with homework revision tasks to help them remember the themes/plot/characters.



# English News

## Key Stage 3 English

### Year 7

Year 7 are currently studying Sky Hawk. We are really enjoying reading the story in class and studying the characters and themes in detail- it has led to some fantastic discussions in the classroom.

### Year 8

Year 8 are currently studying Dystopian Fiction, whether that be The Hunger Games or Noughts and Crosses. It is great to see our students enjoying the novel and beginning to ask very interesting questions about how the themes can relate to our everyday lives.

### Year 9

Year 9 are currently studying either To Kill a Mockingbird or Of Mice and Men - both outstanding literary classics. These texts are providing a challenge for our students as they complete their Key Stage 3 learning journey.

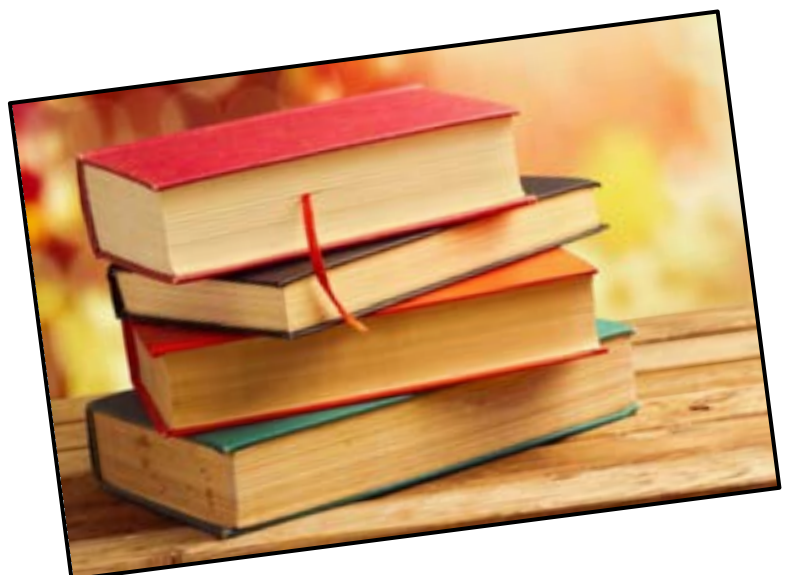
### National Poetry Day and The Scholastic Book Fair

The English department had so many fantastic responses to our National Poetry Day challenge to write a poem about 'Truth'. We dedicated a lesson to sharing poems and writing our own. The results were fantastic- well done!

In addition, the Scholastic Book Fair visited our library and it was a wonderful success. Many of our students purchased books and enjoyed looking at all there was to offer. What's more, the purchases made have contributed to buying new books for the library!

Mrs H Teixeira

KS3 English Lead



# Food Technology News

To welcome and introduce our new Year 7's to Food Technology we are hosting an after school Halloween Cooking event for the year 7 students on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm where students can bake some delicious Halloween cookies.



An after school Christmas cooking will be held in December for Year 8's so watch this space.

We are also running a trip to the Katana Japanese restaurant in Spalding for the year 9's in December where they can watch the chef's cooking Teppanyaki style and also taste a delicious 3 course meal. Further details to be announced soon .

We are also pleased to announce that we are hosting the Rotary Chef competition this year on November 13<sup>th</sup> . Students from other schools will be coming along to challenge some of our Food students by creating a healthy 2 course meal in 1 and half hours . Good luck to the students who are competing.



# Performing Arts News

## Year 7

It has been a pleasure to welcome the new Year Seven students to Performing Arts this term. They have been working really hard and considering some of these students have never studied this subject before, they have shown great confidence!

We have been studying how to transfer stories from the page to the stage, exploring classic Roald Dahl tales such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Matilda.

Students are just finishing their first assessment performances and have done a brilliant job of learning their lines and showing characterisation.



Next term the students will be looking at the concept of Heroes and Villains and the classic British Pantomime.



## Year 8

Year Eight students are entering a very important year in Performing Arts, at the end of this year they will be able to decide if they wish to take the subject further and select it as an option for Year Nine. We have so many students who show excellent promise in this subject and hope to see many of them taking this option towards to end of the year.

With that in mind, Year Eight are now taking on much more challenging characters and tasks in preparation for this decision. This term we have been focussing on Shrek the Musical and all elements of performance linked with this popular show. They have been learning how important all roles are within the industry of performance.



# Performing Arts News

## Year 9

Students in Year Nine are beginning their journey with Performing Arts qualifications. This year is challenging, as a department we want to challenge every student and ensure they are ready for the demands of the BTEC qualification offered in Year Ten and Year Eleven.

With this in mind we do offer 'Arts Award'. This is a nationally recognised Level One qualification that is charged at a cost to the students. However, Arts Award is not compulsory, all students will be completing the same amount of work throughout the year, with Arts Award students completing a workshop in addition. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a qualification, learn new performance skills and have the chance to lead their own project. ***Letters containing all the information regarding Arts Award have been given to students to take home, should you have any further questions please contact Miss France.***

This term students have been challenged with 'Staging the Supernatural' throughout their lessons. This began with learning effective ways of storytelling and what creates good ghost stories, this developed into how to stage these to the audience alongside an in-depth look at 'The Woman in Black'. Students have been able to create some very atmospheric and tense performances, demonstrating real understanding of how to tell and perform stories.

Next term students will be looking at more advanced performance techniques and how to build them into performances.



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# Performing Arts News

## Performing Arts Trip

Students in Year Eight and Year Nine are invited to the Cambridge Arts Theatre to see the brilliant 'A Monster Calls'. This is a creative piece of theatre from the novel by Patrick Ness, devised by Sally Cookson. A Monster Calls tells the story of Conor who is dealing with far more than other boys his age. His beloved and devoted mother is ill. He has little in common with his imperious grandmother. His father has resettled thousands of miles away. But Conor finds a most unlikely ally when the Monster appears at his bedroom window one night. Ancient, wild, and relentless, the Monster guides Conor on a journey of courage, faith, and truth that powerfully fuses imagination and reality

## Why this play?

Students in Year Eight will complete a devised scheme of work during this year, Year Nine are also challenged with two terms of devised work. Throughout these lessons students will create their own performance using professional devising techniques. These are a huge focus as the final unit that students will complete in Year Eleven, who take the BTEC Level One and Level Two Tech Award in Performing Arts, is a devised performance from a stimulus. This play will offer students unique insight into how to create exciting theatre using the techniques they will learn in lessons.

All information has been sent home to parents, if you would like to know more please contact Miss France





# Performing Arts News

## Year 10

Students have begun their BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts, we are delighted to have so many students opt to take this challenging course this year! We are currently working through Component One, where students study several different repertoires and styles through theory and practical tasks.

The first play is 'Bouncers' by John Godber, first written and performed in the 1980's this play depicts the lives of four bouncers from any club in any Yorkshire town. The four actors play over twenty characters so this is a huge first challenge for our students. They are also encouraged to experiment with how to use physical comedy and adapting the script from the eighties to modern day. This goes alongside in-depth theory work that explores the creative intentions and semiotics of the play in detail.

Our hardworking Year Tens are about to start preparing their first assessed performance from sections of the script and will be performing these extracts just before Christmas.

## Year 11

We are beginning this year with a new component of work for Year Eleven. They have begun 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 students have really enjoyed the story, participating in workshops and discussing the theory work so far.

Students will be selected their assessed performance scenes ready to learn over the half term, rehearse in the new term and perform just before Christmas.



Year 8 Football - CBA

Year 9 Football - IBI

Boys Football

Year 7 Football - SAI

L 3-0 Deeping

L 8-5 UAH

Difficult start for the year 7 boys with two defeats against the Deepings and University Academy Holbeach. However, they have shown signs of promise, in particular to come back from 6-1 down to 6-5 in their last game. This shows that the team has an excellent attitude, which bodes well for future fixture in the league and county cup.

Mr Airey

D 2-2 UAH

**Year 10 Football**

Football for this year group has been abit of a struggle over the years, however we are beginning W 4-2 Deeping

to see an increase in numbers and hopefully will get some friendlies organised soon!

Mr Duggan

# P.E. Fixtures News

## Year 11 Football –MDU

### L5-1 Deeping

### W2-1 UAH

Year 11 Boys have improved no end over the last couple of years without getting the results they perhaps deserve. Added to that there are some very strong teams in their school league making wins quite rare. However, with numbers doing well at training and more students playing football outside of school they have performed well so far this season. Also looking great in their new football kit! Taking the lead early on against Deeping with a fine **Elliot Foster** solo goal the lads battled well but Deepings quality eventually shone through. In their second fixture, they managed to record a fine 2-1 win over UAH, **Joe Merryweather** and **Charlie Philips** scoring the goals. Thanks to Mr Bamber for taking the team and refereeing, seems when Mr Duggan is away the team win. Meeting with the board is required I think!

Keep up the good work year 11!



## U13's Tournament - LDO

The U13's attended the district football tournament with a fully loaded squad. The squad included many new year 7 making their first appearance of representing the Academy. In the pool league, the team did fantastic and came runners up without conceding a goal. However, unfortunately lost 3-1 to Deeping School in the 3rd and 4th play-off. The girls showed great determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the tournament Well done girls -very proud!

### Pool league:

Boston High School 0 - 3 Spalding Academy

(Goal scorer: Kara Butler & Chloe Revell (2))

### Girls Football

Bourne Academy 0-0 Spalding Academy

Spalding high school 0-0 Spalding Academy

### 3rd & 4th Play off:

Deeping School 3 - 1 Spalding Academy

(Goal scorer: Millie Revell(2))

Miss Donaldson 😊



## U15's Tournament – JLE

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, our U15's girls went to their first football fixture of the year playing in a Tournament across at Spalding High School. The team was made up of girls from years 9, 10 and 11 with Ellie Slayven Year 10 being our trustworthy captain. In the pool league, we had three games and won them all making us the winners of the league allowing us to go straight to the finals





Our first game we came up against Thomas Cowley, our girls were extremely excited to play and did not stop working together as a team, and the team moral was fantastic. We came away with a 6-0 win with Tiana Tickner year 9 scoring 3 goals and Ellie Slayven year 10 also scoring 3 goals. The second game we came up against our rivals Bourne Academy, this proved to be more of a difficult game however, the girls battled hard against a physical team and managed to get the win 1-0 with the goal scorer being Tiana Tickner, putting her at 4 goals for the tournament so far. Our last game of the pool we came up against Boston High School, with some outstanding performances from Ana Da Silva in defence, we came away with a 2-0 win with both Ellie and Tiana having one goal each.

We reached the finals and came up against Bourne Grammar school, the girls put up a good fight and their players tested our goalkeeper Katrina Baginska forcing her to make some cracking saves, some outstanding play from our midfielder Chloe Baxter in Year 9 gaining her confidence and taking on their players. We lost in the final 3-0, placing the girls 2<sup>nd</sup> in the whole tournament.

The girls played outstanding well and showed great teamwork throughout every game and extremely positive start to the season.

Mrs Lester.

## Girls Netball

### Year 10 & 11 Netball:

The years 10 and 11 Netball teams had their first game of the season on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September against a tough opposition, The Deepings School. The girls were very excited to play their first game and to be the first teams to wear and show off our brand new netball kit. Both teams displayed brilliant determination, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork throughout the games. The girls should be proud of themselves for representing the school in such a fantastic manner! This is great practice for the year 11's who have their last netball tournament for the school on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Keep up the hard work girls!



Year 10  
Spalding Academy 24-17 Deeping school.  
Player of the Match Sanija Zviedre(GA) scored 23 points in the match.  
Year 11 Spalding Academy 3-34 Deeping School  
Player of the match. Karolina Mikasauskaite(GD)



Year 11:

Spalding Academy 4 - 22 Spalding High School

Player of the match - Sophie Toynton ☺

The girls had a fantastic game where they progressed and got better and better as the game went on. They had a tough first quarter however they saw each quarter as a fresh start and put in 110% with some fantastic performances from our new Goal Keeper Tia Thornhill who is new to the game this year but in the final quarter, she did not stop, making some fantastic interceptions. Alisita stepped up and changed to Centre in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, slowing the game down and taking control over the centre third. The score did not reflect the game as they put up a fantastic fight and tried all the way until the final whistle, again very proud of the year 11 girls who are looking forward to their busy week next week, where they have their tournament on Monday and they face Bourne Academy on Wednesday and UAH on Thursday. Good Luck to the year 11 girls.

Mrs Lester ☺

## Year 7 Netball

The Year 7's had their first ever fixture representing Spalding Academy. They showed great determination and enthusiasm throughout the game. The girls displayed fantastic teamwork proving their potential ability for games played in the future. I am excited to see what's ahead, well done girls.

Miss Donaldson ☺



## Year 8 Netball.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October the year 8 netball team had their first game of the season against Spalding High School. The team were excited for their first game, but a little nervous as the team had some new players. The team consisted of: Erin McMurray, Annie Carter, Leticia Amaral, Monty Meek, Dominika Chmielewska, Wiktoria Chmielewska, Holly Phillips, Summer Fuller, Abbie Elsey, Jess Hunt and Agata Fratzczak. The girls started with a shaky first quarter as SHS took the lead. After a few position changes and words of encouragement, their teamwork and communication skills improved. As each quarter went on it was clear to see their confidence was growing. The team have another game next week against Bourne Academy and I am looking forward to see their progression. Congratulations to Holly Phillips who was voted Player of the Match and Jess Hunt who had some excellent shooting! Well done girls, keep up the good work.

Miss Ringrose.



## Year 9 Netball.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October the year 9 netball team had their first game of the season against Spalding High School. Ruby Doughty shot really well with some excellent feeds came from Sanija Belicka. Skye Valderas at Goal Defence, a new position for her and Ruby Vines at Goal Keeper played extremely well together stopping their shooters from gaining more possession. All the team listened very well to team tactics and got better and better after each quarter. Good luck at their Superzone tournament. Player of the match voted by SHS was Ruby Vines



## **HOCKEY CLUB – NEW CLUB!**

Spalding Academy is now doing an afterschool Hockey club, to encourage students to try a new sport! Hockey is one of the most popular sports in Spalding with a brilliant hockey set up at Spalding Hockey Club. The Year 7 (U12's) and Year 8 (U13's) have a tournament next year at Bourne Academy against other schools in the area. HOCKEY CLUB IS MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL! (Don't worry we have the sticks, you just be there!)

## **Miss Donaldson**



## Gymnastics Club:

Since September, the Spalding Academy Gymnastics Club have been working hard to perfect their moves on the floor and have also been gaining confidence on the vault - this is something some of our pupils have never done before and can be quite scary at first. The schools competitive squad train on a Tuesday after school and have been learning new floor routines and perfecting their vaults ready for their first competition in December. Once again, the teams are looking strong and should be on for another brilliant competition. Keep up the good work everybody.

Miss Ringrose





## Dance club:

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 4 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



## Pride of South Holland Award - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10 members of the school's gymnastics and dance troupe went to an award ceremony at the South Holland Centre as they had been nominated for an outstanding award for 'Extracurricular Activities Before and After School' and had made it to the finals. Both teams were very successful last year with the school's gymnastics teams winning multiple medals, trophies and being the first team to make a National final. In June 2019, the dance troupe put on a fantastic summer dance show called 'Shimmer and Shine, It's Summer Time', both nights were a huge success and were fully sold out. Both groups were spoken very highly of during the award ceremony and came a fabulous 2<sup>nd</sup> place! The pupils who represented the academy at the award ceremony were: Lily Kelk, Grace Walters, Angelika Kedra, Vilde Bernotaite, Dija Eirosuite, Eveline Cale, Vesta Lukaite, Megan Thorpe, Oliwia Klica and Libby Mayne. The girls looked immaculate and their behaviour throughout was excellent.

Miss Ringrose



## Trampoline Club

Lunchtime trampoline club is a new club that has been running for the past 6 weeks at Spalding Academy. The club currently has over 30 pupils turning up who are learning new moves in preparation for a competition. The year 9's and 10's have their competition after October half term against other schools in the Superzone. The Year 7's and 8's have a lot of time to practice and perfect their routines, as their competition is not until April 2020.

## RUGBY CLUB

Rugby club on a Monday after school has now started to really take off, with 18 boys now attending. This is great news as we start to get into tournament season and we will be looking to take a first few teams to these tournaments next term. Keep it going and keep up that commitment and dedication you have all been showing. Lots of potential here. Watch this space!.

Mr Bamber.



# Holland House News



## HOLLAND HOUSE

It has been a great start to the new school year in Holland House the new Year 7 students have now settled in well and they had a great time at Kingswood despite the weather it was fantastic to see the students work together and enjoy the different activities.

There have been some changes to staff in the House we welcome new members of staff with Mr Jensch joining us as the Yellow 1 tutor Ms Freitas as Yellow 3 and Miss Nicoll as the Yellow 6 tutors respectively. I hope they enjoy their time with Holland house and I am sure they will be an asset to our students. We also welcome the return of Mrs Moore in Yellow 5, Ms Wilson in Yellow 7, Miss Kent is now the tutor for Yellow 4, and Mr Keane and Mr Davis are sharing Yellow 2. We are all looking forward to a good year.

As I write this report myself and Miss Hemingway our senior staff liaison, are interviewing our students for the House roles, I will update you with these details next time.

Good luck for the coming year I look forward to seeing the results in upcoming House competitions and hope to report on excellent results in future newsletters.

Mr Keal

Head of Holland House

# Johnson House News



Here is my newsletter bit for Johnson House:-

*It has been a busy start to the academic year in Johnson House. Students have voted for who they wish to represent the form and act as form captains. Congratulations to Gabriel Teixeira, Alfie Dowse, Hayden Cross, Matt Hession, Paige Blunt, Thomas Welbourn and Sophie Crawford on being chosen to fulfil this role.*

*Students were also give the opportunity to apply for roles in the House to support the Head of House and the wider school school community. Congratulations to Tabby Kightly and Matt Hession on becoming House Captains. Felicity Hession and Harry Atkinson on becoming Vice House Captains. Teo Alvarez and Annie Carter on becoming Charity Captains. Finally, Samanta Bondarcuka and Reuben Warren-Goode on becoming Sports Captains.*

*Students voted for their chosen local charity that we will be supporting throughout the year with events including a non-uniform day in term three. The charity Johnson House have chosen to represent is The Exotic Pet Refuge in Deeping St. James.*

*I hope you all have a happy half term.*

*Miss Danielle Fuller Head of Johnson House*

# McLaren House News



## McLaren House

McLaren house have had an extremely positive start to the new year, we have some fantastic new year 7's to add to our extremely successful house. This first term we have appointed our house positions including form captains, house captains, deputy house captains, sports captains and our charity captain. All of which thoroughly deserve their roles.

Red 1	Patricia Zandere
Red 2	Amelia Lawrence
Red 3	Bobby England
Red 4	Ana Da Silva
Red 5	Katrina Baginska
Red 6	Ethan Pickering
Red 7	Brendan Nelson

House Captains	Holly Doughty Tyler Young
Deputy House Captains	Naomi Warren Layton Townsed
Sports Captains	Elliot Foster Sanija Zviedre
Charity Captains	Cody Witson Jessica Stevens

McLaren house came back after the 6 weeks holidays on a high, as we remained the Sports Day champions 2 years in a row. We have just competed in the first inter house competition which was cross-country and we are looking forward to this year's sporting competitions with our sports captains already looking towards sports day this year.

Mrs Lester ☺

# Nova House News



I would like to warmly welcome back all Nova house students this academic year, we have made a settled start and our new year 7's have quickly found their feet. We have decided, as a house, on our house charity for the year and this is Lives. LIVES is the Lincolnshire charity that supports 700+ highly trained and dedicated volunteers who get to their neighbours fast to deliver vital care in those first critical moments of a medical emergency before handing over to the ambulance service.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our house leadership team.

Each form has elected a form captain, they have a vital role in the running of each tutor group:

Blue 1 - Ryan Goodley Blue 2 - Casey Glover Blue 3 - Modestas Repeika

Blue 4 - Lucy Horspool Blue 5 - Maddie Keyzers Blue 6 - Sarah-Jade Rutterford

Blue 7 - Gytis Krikuzas

We have also elected a series of house captains who will be taking a lead on running house activities:

**House Captains** - Oliwia Okopska, Maddie Keyzers

**Deputy House Captains** - Kristofers Da Silva, Chloe Smith

**Sports Captains** - Tiana Tickner, Josh Coyle

**Charity Captains** - Grace Noble, Kalisha Lee

Miss Moore Head of Nova House.



# Peake House News



Peake House has had an excellent start to the new school year! We are currently at the top of the leader board for Achievements with a current total of over 15,000 points, showing just how hard the students in our House work. Attendance is over 95% too, I am very proud of the progress Peake House is making.

I can also now announce the Peake House Team. Students were asked to submit a written application and then went through an interview process. I was really impressed with every application and it was a hard decision to make however, listed below are the successful candidates. Congratulations, I look forward to working with all of you throughout the school year! *Thank you for your hard work so far, Miss France.*

House Job Role	Student Name	
House Captains	Robyn Worth, Alfie Wilson, Nikola Lesnik & Krystian Kepinski	
Deputy House Captains	Rebecca Bembridge & Kyle Boyd	
Sports Captains	Alicia Elsey, Zack Guest, Sophia Kubacka & Orestas Voras	
Charity Captains	Winnie Temple & Jayden Boyd	
Form Captains	Purple 1 - Kyle Boyd Purple 2 - Jayden Boyd Purple 3 - Deimante Fomkinaite	Purple 4 - Eva Kelly Purple 5 - Chloe Ward Purple 6 - Krystian Kepinski Purple 7 - Ricky Wood

# Trinity House News



An excellent and very busy first term for Trinity house. Welcome to all new Year 7's and it's wonderful to see how so many have made the transition from primary to secondary school so adeptly. Keep on impressing as you all embark on your new groups after half term.

A thank you to all Trinitonians that handed in a letter applying for one of the roles up for grabs this year. Congratulations to the following successful applicants:

House Captain: KS4 Justyna Chlipala KS3 Julia Klica

Deputy House Captains: James Simpson, Rahul Singh, Darlaina-Maye Johnson, Jasmine Pahal, Wiktoria Chmielecуска

Charity Captains: Peter Winfield, Honor Pearson, Isabelle Rogers, Sidonia Benke

Sport Captains: Millie Revell

Keep up all the good work and we will all look forward to the next term.

Mr Bamber.



## Accelerated Reader Programme

It's been a busy start to the new term. All the students in Years 7, 8 & 9 have now been Star Tested for their ZPD - reading range - which enables the students to select books that are the correct level for them to read engage with and successfully quiz. We have had a good start to the year with 609 quizzes already taken and passed, and over 6,268,384 words have been read.

This term we hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. English classes came into the LRC to see the range of books available. The Fair was busy at breaks and lunch times and with each book sold, the students were able to enter the lucky dip draw for a prize of £25 worth of books. The lucky winner was Jasmine Jackson, who was able to choose her books from the fair. It was a very successful fair with the LRC receiving £177.95 of Scholastic book rewards. A big thank you to students and parent/guardians for your support.



Jasmine.  
Scholastic.  
Lucky Dip winner

Finally a plea to parents/guardians. We have a lot of overdue books which were borrowed during the summer term; please encourage your daughter/son to check their shelves, under the bed, their old school bags for any of the LRC books. Books can be returned with no questions asked. We are very proud of our well stocked library and we are lucky to have so many up to date books - please help us to maintain this.

Mrs Gibbons

LRC Manager

The Learning Resources Centre logo, featuring a yellow oval with the text "Learning Resources Centre" in a stylized font, set against a background of colorful geometric shapes.

*Learning Resources Centre*

# Staff News

Mr Newton sent this report about his experience in the World Transplant Games.

We would all like to say “well done” to him for his success.

From the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> August I took part in the World Transplant Games in Newcastle /Gateshead. This is essentially the Olympics for Transplant athletes and over 50 different countries were represented. I took part in team and individual archery in the male 30-39 age group and in the individual competition, I won scoring 294 out of 360 in very tricky, windy conditions, with my nearest competitor scoring 142. This gave me the second highest score across the field and qualified me in second place for an expedition head to head competition. In the Semi Final I shot against an Italian man and won my match 3 sets to 0 and in the final, I came back from losing the first set to lead 2-1, then lost the next to draw at 2-2 and unfortunately lost the last set on the final arrow to gain second place.

The next day I was partnered with the GB Team Captain and we ranked highest in the qualification round, won all of our round robin head to head and won the semi and Final convincingly to take home the gold medal. Over the two days I also shot 2 unofficial world records.

Sam Newton

TA with lead for memory



# School News



79% of families have registered with ParentMail for trips and other payments! If you haven't registered or can't find your registration email, please contact us and we will issue a new one [accounts@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:accounts@spaldingacademy.org.uk)

Once you have used the invitation email, you need to go directly to their website to log in (using your chosen email and password). If you try to click on the email link it will say it has expired.

Once you have logged in, click on the **Payments** menu.

Please ignore any reference to topping up as this is only relevant to lunch money, for which we use Upay.

At the bottom of the screen there is an icon called **Shop**. This area includes any items available to purchase.

You will only receive emails via ParentMail relevant to trips or a payment item. General school communications will be sent directly to your email address.



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## Sixth Form Open Evening

*Please join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening on:*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November | 6.15 - 8.15pm**

An opportunity to view our fantastic Sixth Form Learning Centre and find out about the range of A level and BTEC Level 3 courses available to study Post 16.

There will be a short presentation by Mrs Conley, Executive Headteacher and Miss Double, Head of Sixth Form at 6.15pm

*We hope you are able to join us!*



[www.bourneacademy.org](http://www.bourneacademy.org)

Bourne Academy, Edinburgh Crescent, Bourne PE10 9DT  
Tel: 01778 422365

# 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 and Good Friday. There are additional openings on the first two Saturdays in August 9am-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.

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 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%).

# P. E. Extra Curricular Clubs

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15-4.30pm
<i>MONDAY</i>	<p>Dance - Sports hall</p> <p>Fitness suite -all years</p> <p>Year 9 Boys Basketball - West gym</p> <p>Table Tennis - All years - East gym</p>	<p>Hockey -all years.(Girls and boys)</p> <p>Rugby -all years (Girls and boys)</p> <p>Dance - East gym</p>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<p>Year7&amp; 8 Basketball - West gym</p> <p>Gym - East gym</p>	<p>Gym - East gym</p> <p>Year 10,11 Girls Netball</p> <p>Year 7&amp;8 Boys Football</p>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<p>7 , 8 ,9 Girls Basketball - East gym</p> <p>Year 10 Basketball-West gym</p> <p>Trampolining-(all years)Sports Hall.</p>	<p>7 ,8,9 Netball</p> <p>Year 9 &amp;11 Boys football</p>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<p>10 &amp; 11 Girls Basketball - East gym</p> <p>Dance (Sports Hall)</p> <p>Year 11 Boys Basketball - West gym</p> <p>Fitness suite-(All years)</p>	<p>Year 10 Boys Football</p> <p>Girls Football U14'S and U16'S</p>
<i>FRIDAY</i>	<p>Department meetings</p>	<p>HOD Detentions.</p>



# Extra Curricular Clubs

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

# 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)



## 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 S. Hayward - Safeguarding Manager.

However, if Mrs S. Hayward 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 S Grant

Year 10 - Mrs S Caress

Year 11 - Mrs M Lammin

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

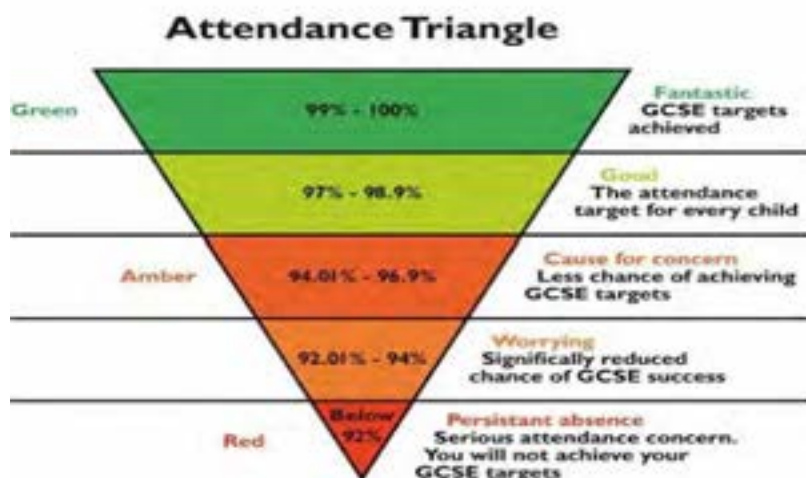
# Attendance Information

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

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

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

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



## Attendance— How to Report

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

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

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

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

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