



# Spalding Academy

## Virtual Annual Open Evening

**Mrs Lucy Conley**  
Executive Headteacher

15 October 2021

# Spalding Academy Core Values ...

## **ASPIRE / CHALLENGE / ACHIEVE**



**Vision: Aspire to be exceptional in all that we do**

- We provide the opportunities for our students to challenge themselves and to be challenged to achieve and to find the things that make each member of our community exceptional and celebrate them
- Our school community is:
  - ambitious; shows courage; embraces change;**
  - has integrity; respects individuality**

# Spalding Academy Some Facts

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One of 4 schools in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

SLAT specialises in offering exceptional non-selective education

- The most popular non-selective school of choice in the local area
- Consistently 2<sup>ND</sup> / 3<sup>RD</sup> TOP non-selective mixed secondary school in Lincolnshire - 2018 / 2019
- Proud of the varied curriculum, which values vocational and academic education and both the Core subjects AND the Arts
- Oversubscribed ... FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL
- There are now 270 places available ... **this will be 300 from 2022**
- Major programme of refurbishment in recent years, with millions invested in improving the school site: Astro Pitch; refurbished rooms
- We have OUTSTANDING teachers at Spalding Academy & across the Trust



# Exciting Plans for 2021 & Beyond ...

- Department for Education planned case study this Multi Academy Trust to showcase our success
- SLAT will become 4 **NON-SELECTIVE** schools due to our success
- Well over £4M still planned investment in the school site from 2021
- Second largest project in Lincolnshire!
- Build & refurbishment NOW started ...
  - **PE Facilities Expansion**
  - **A planned new 8 classroom block**
  - **Refurbished ICT rooms & Science Labs**
  - **New Performing Arts Block ... classrooms & performance space!**
  - **New mini buses; new food stations; hall expansion**
  - **... and much more!**

# Spalding Academy Key Facts

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- **Ofsted rating of Good**  
**... certainly aspiring to be Outstanding**
  - Students achieve **ABOVE** national average
  - Outperform the vast majority of Lincolnshire Grammar Schools
  - 96% of teaching is graded good / outstanding
  - Teaching innovation & variety of learning strategies to ensure that all students are engaged in lessons
  - High quality regular **INCLUSIVE** extra curricular sessions
  - Students are proud of the 'family' atmosphere
- Known for exceptionally high quality pastoral & behaviour support**

# Spalding Academy Curriculum

Mr Tom Martin

SLAT Executive Deputy Headteacher



- We believe that, without exception, our students have individual talents and abilities and are committed to providing a curriculum which is broad, rich and balanced in order to meet the needs of all.
- We value every curriculum subject area and students are encouraged to pursue a range of subjects reflecting their own interests and aspirations.

# Spalding Academy Curriculum

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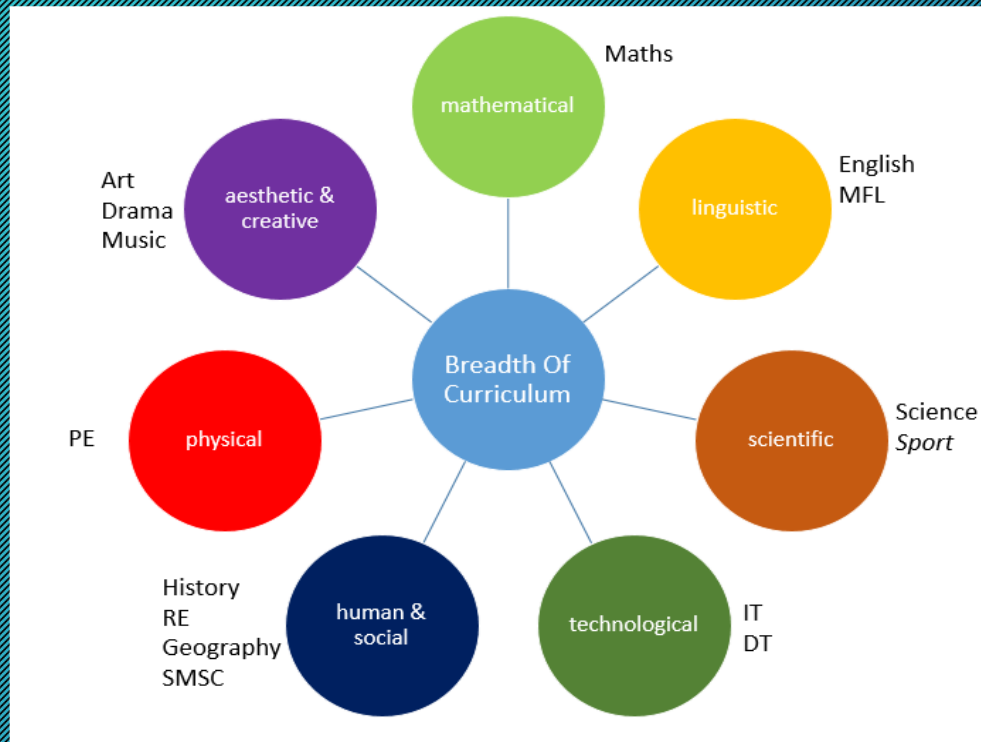
**Business Studies**

**Health & Social  
Care**

**Sociology**

**Psychology**

**Textiles**



**Biology**

**Physics**

**Chemistry**

**Food Technology**

**Travel & Tourism**

# Spalding Academy Curriculum

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- Key Stage 3 aims to provide a secure foundation and subsequent extension of prior knowledge, skills and understanding before broadening out into an ambitious and varied curriculum through our Year 8 'Choices' programme.
- Setting from Year 7: Possible to be in top set for maths, middle set for English or vice versa
- This tried and tested pathway curriculum model from Year 7 is based on prior attainment & potential, measured by CATs in Year 7 - not KS2 data or the 11+



# Transparent Assessment Systems

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- Accurate, aspirational target setting for all students which matches their curriculum
- Effective reporting to parents 3 times per year, highlighting progress against targets, attendance, rewards, sanctions

# Spalding Academy Pastoral

**Mr Brett Sinclair**

**SLAT Executive Deputy Headteacher**

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- Excellent behaviour in every lesson, around school and in the community
- High standards of school uniform including different coloured ties in each year group - clear identity
- Excellent pastoral support & links to parents/carers
- Year based email address provides constant ongoing dialogue
- Team of full time exceptional non teaching pastoral staff ensure that every child is recognised
- Segregated playground yards to support year group communities

# Spalding Academy Rewards

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- A strong vertical House system - 6 Houses

## ASPIRE / CHALLENGE / ACHIEVE

- An emphasis on the positive:
  - Green stamps
  - Online gift cards (values up to £45!) in termly 'Super Prize Draws'
  - Random Acts of Kindness
  - Gold/Silver/Bronze Reward Trips & year badges for hardworking students
  - Educational trips
  - Extracurricular opportunities
- A continuous focus on recognising and rewarding students is fundamental to our success

# Examination Results

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- We don't need to compare ourselves to other schools - we know what we do is great!

For Spalding Academy:

Now consistently the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> highest performing non-selective mixed secondary school in the whole of Lincolnshire and in the top 15% of ALL Lincolnshire secondary schools

*DfE performance tables 2018 & 2019  
(Last validated official data)*

# Spalding Academy KS4 Examination Results

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- The school's all important End of Key Stage 4 value added progress measure - 'Progress 8':

➤ **+0.21** 2019

End of KS4 Progress score 2019

Showing progress made by students

is **ABOVE national average**

*(NB: 2020 and 2021 data unvalidated due to the pandemic situation)*

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## The AMAZING journey since 2016 ...

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- Spalding Academy now performs consistently above national average
- The past is left behind us
- Previously inadequate and requiring special measures 2016
- Achieved Good 2019 within only 3 years of being in the SLAT
- Progress puts the school in the top 15% of all Lincolnshire schools
- Not stopping there ... aiming for Outstanding!
- **Planned Sixth Form from 2023 - currently on Bourne Academy site**

# Spalding Academy

## An Increasingly Popular School

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- Spalding Academy is an oversubscribed school
- First choice option is strongly advised
- We have increased our Year 7 admissions number from 270 to 300 in order to meet the demand for places, this will remain moving forward
- With the planned expansion plans the school is will offer 300 places
- First Choice - we will continue to have appeals this year, despite the increase in numbers
- Please email with any admission enquires:

[admissions@spaldingacademy.org.uk](mailto:admissions@spaldingacademy.org.uk)



**Spalding Academy**  
**Thank you ...**

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