

Welcome to the Open Evening at Spalding Academy

As the Executive Headteacher of Spalding Academy, I would like to personally thank you on behalf of the students, staff and governors for viewing this Open Evening.

I would like to share with you some further exciting information about Spalding Academy.

We will have 300 Year 7 school places in 2022. This is an increase from 270 to meet the demand for local school places.

Spalding Academy is a highly successful school in South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT). As the Executive Headteacher, my vision has always been to provide exceptional non-selective secondary school education for young people in Lincolnshire.

The SLAT is a Multi Academy Trust (MAT), currently made up of three schools, with a fourth school planned to join the MAT in September 2022. The SLAT provides an incredible opportunity for Spalding Academy to work as part of a group of secondary schools in Lincolnshire, specialising in non-selective education.

For your information, the SLAT was established in 2016 and currently has three schools, being Spalding Academy, Bourne Academy, more recently Giles Academy and we are working to transfer a fourth school into our MAT in September 2022, being the Thomas Cowley High School.

The Leaders of SLAT are extremely experienced in improving and developing non-selective secondary schools, which includes maintaining the ongoing high success at Bourne Academy and moving Spalding Academy from Inadequate to Good in June 2019, within only three years of being in the Trust. Additionally, the SLAT were asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to lead Giles Academy in January 2020 and the transformational journey for this school is already been incredible and impressive.

We are now planning a Sixth Form for Spalding Academy from 2023, which will offer both A-Level and BTEC qualifications. Currently a significant number of Year 11 students at Spalding Academy make the transition to the Sixth Form at Bourne Academy, including transport support. Bourne Academy is in the top 7% of all Sixth Forms in Lincolnshire, being the 9th highest performing.

Spalding Academy is consistently the second top performing non-selective mixed secondary school in Lincolnshire (DfE performance tables) and in the top 15% of all secondary schools in Lincolnshire, out-performing the vast majority of local Lincolnshire Grammar Schools for end of KS4 progress.

The school was graded Good at the last inspection in 2019, but we feel we are Outstanding in all we do and are certainly aspiring to Outstanding in our next inspection.

Students at the end of Key Stage 4 (GCSE) now consistently perform **ABOVE national average**.

These student achievements have been made possible through strong financial management, excellent teaching and high staff retention. Both our students and staff are happy and feel well supported in everything they do. We have exceptional pastoral care and adopt a zero-tolerance behaviour policy, which makes our school a safe environment to learn.

The transformational journey for Spalding Academy since 2016, which was when the school joined the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) has been incredible. Prior to SLAT leadership, the school was inadequate and requiring special measures. However, the school now performs consistently above national average, now out-performs the majority of Lincolnshire grammar schools and within only three years the school received a Good Ofsted judgement.

The leadership team and all staff are driven to ensure that this success continues... the transformational journey will certainly not stop here!



Mrs Lucy Conley
Executive Headteacher
Spalding Academy

Exciting site development work

- Large Astro-Pitch
- New PE Changing Rooms
- New 8 Classroom Block
- New 3 Classroom & Large Performance Space Performing Arts Block
- Refurbishment of IT rooms and Science rooms
- New Food Stations; New Mini Buses... and much more



New PE Changing Rooms opening after half term



Artist impression of new Performing Arts Block