



# Spalding Grammar School



## P R O S P E C T U S

*"There are excellent relationships between the students and the teachers. They are well supported by the teachers, both academically in their lessons and personally so that they are well prepared for the next stage of their lives." Ofsted*

# Welcome to Spalding Grammar School, a school where individuals matter.

**Our principal aim is to ensure that all students develop into reflective and well-rounded individuals, attaining their full potential intellectually, socially and personally.**

Academic excellence is at the heart of what we do, and we challenge all students to achieve their best through the provision of high-quality teaching in a stimulating environment. However, we are concerned as well with fostering open, enquiring minds, an awareness of spiritual values, and the development of the qualities of moral integrity, self-reliance, initiative, responsibility and self-confidence that will enable students to cope with the challenges they will meet in school, in their personal lives and in adult life.

The cornerstone of our approach is the strength of relationships between staff and students, forged not only in lessons but by means of our innovative Vertical Form Tutor system, which also

allows students to benefit regularly from the experience of others beyond their own year group.

To be a member of Spalding Grammar School is to be part of a community that values and rewards participation. Those who invest the most benefit the most, and we encourage all students to make a positive contribution, both inside the classroom and to our rich extra-curricular programme; but, as well, to the wider world beyond the gates.

I am confident that you will be able to see all of this for yourself. When you walk around the School and speak to our students, I hope you will sense not only their courtesy and intelligence, but also their commitment and enthusiasm. I hope, as well, that once you have experienced our community, you will want to become a part of it.

**S M Wilkinson**  
Headmaster





*“Students develop into mature and thoughtful citizens, able to cope effectively with challenges. They achieve well in many other areas such as sports, music and their contribution to life in school and the local community.*

*These all help to develop their self-confidence, social skills and their ability to get on with people from other cultural backgrounds.” Ofsted*



## Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to enable students to achieve academic excellence whilst also developing personal skills and strong core values for future happiness, success and learning. An education at SGS is both traditional and innovative where, for example, students in Year 8 all study Latin and participate in cross-curricular, project-based STEM learning.

We offer a full range of specialist departments, providing teaching in English, Maths, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), MFL (French, German and Spanish),

Art, Design Technology, Ethics and Philosophy, Geography, History, ICT, Latin, Music and PE.

Older students also have opportunities to study Business Studies, Economics,

Law, Sociology and Psychology.

Personal and Careers Education is structured throughout the school through curriculum learning, Flexydays, Assemblies and Form Period activities.



*"I love Science because you get to work as a team doing fun experiments with chemicals."*  
Nathan, Year 7



*"The easy-to-get-on-with and approachable staff make studying Technology enjoyable and fascinating."*  
Ellis, Year 13



*"The teachers make Maths challenging and entertaining."* Dhiraj, Year 7



*"The Sixth Formers were my 'mentors.' In other words, they were the people I could talk to about my personal worries." Henry, Year 7*

## Vertical Form Tutoring

One of the distinguishing characteristics of our school is vertical forms. This means that each student is in a tutor group with twenty other students drawn from across every year in the school. Most arrive in Year 7, so are the youngest in the group, and benefit from the experience and support of older

students. Students stay with the same tutor for as long as they, or their tutor, remain at SGS; so ensuring tutors are "guides at the side" of each individual student.

Each vertical form is attached to one of our six Houses. This gives students

wonderful opportunities to engage in inter-House competitions in Form Periods, on the sports field and in wider school activities. Each House also raises money for a chosen charity, thereby raising students' awareness of other people who are less fortunate than themselves.



*"The care and guidance that the students receive is outstanding. The vertical tutor groupings together with the strong support provided within the House system contribute significantly to students' enjoyment of school. As a result they feel safe, achieve high levels of attendance and know that adults and other students care about them." Ofsted*



*“Prospective students should take advantage of the array of opportunities the school has to offer, whether it be to get involved in inter-House sport, or to run as a candidate for Head-student. At SGS the prospects are limitless!”*

*Luke, Year 13*

## Enrichment

### Sport

Sport plays a huge role in life at SGS. All students, including the Sixth Form, take part in core PE lessons and inter-House competitions. Students develop their sporting skills in our superb Sports Hall, on our extensive sports fields and in outstanding specialist facilities such as our new cricket nets.

In addition we offer a wide range of extra-curricular sport including school teams for all years in rugby, football, cricket and athletics, and many teams in sports such as tennis, basketball and swimming. We maintain a full programme of competitive fixtures against local community schools and leading independent schools and award colours at the annual Sports Presentation Evening – a highlight for many students and their parents. In 2015 we proudly achieved the status of “Best state school for sport in Lincolnshire” as deemed by School Sport Magazine.

Students have opportunities to travel overseas with our PE department,

*“During my time performing in ‘Joseph’, I will never forget the many new friends that I made and the opportunity it gave me to strengthen my bonds with old ones.”*

*Chris, Year 11*

with the annual ski trip to the Alps always popular. Recent Sports Tours have included football in Amsterdam and cricket in Barbados.

### Drama & Music

Drama and music are also a prominent feature of extra-curricular opportunities at SGS. The School has achieved consistently high standards in dramatic and musical productions and gained an enviable reputation. Such productions have ranged from a musical version of Shakespeare’s ‘The Tempest’ to the Broadway musical ‘Honk!’, not forgetting our most recent ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.’

Every show offers a wealth of on-stage and backstage opportunities, whether it be controlling the lighting or sound rigs, managing the props or taking centre stage in one of the leading roles!

There are also many events in the School calendar that enable students to perform in various groups, including Christmas concerts and many charity events. The groups include junior and senior choirs, a concert band, and junior brass ensemble and a jazz band.

Instrumental and vocal lessons are available to all students through the Lincolnshire Music Service and freelance visiting tutors.



### Enrichment/ Academic Clubs

Lego Club	Engineering
Social Skills	4 x 4 Club
Life Skills	Maths Club
Christian Union	MFL Club
Computing Club	Music Club
Chess Club	Creative Writing
Dungeons & Dragons	Biology Club
Warhammer	Latin Club

### Sport Clubs

Rugby	Fitness
Basketball	Athletics
Football	Cross Country
Cricket	Table Tennis
Indoor Cricket	Hockey
Squash	Golf
Tennis	Swimming

### Challenges/Trips

World Challenge	Geography in Iceland
D of E	Alton Towers
Skiing in Italy	Harry Potter Studios
Rugby in France	Peak District
Football in Amsterdam	Trips to Tallington Lakes
Cricket in Barbados	Visits to Hunstanton



*"There are so many sports and the equipment is great, like the new cricket nets!" Aman, Year 7*



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