

## Head of School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**UPDATE** 

Dear parents/carers and students,

I am pleased to write to you as the new Head of School for Bourne Academy.

As I reflect on my first four days, I would like to pass on my thanks to staff and students who have made me feel very welcome. Furthermore, I would also like to express my thanks to you regarding our staggered return following the Christmas break. I am aware that this may have caused some logistical issues for your family, however, your support has been greatly appreciated. As a result, I am pleased to inform you that the testing process went well as staff worked incredibly hard to ensure a smooth running of the testing centre.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Heads of Houses have continued to deliver assemblies virtually. I therefore took the opportunity to briefly introduce myself to students through the virtual assemblies which has given students an understanding of my new role. I explained that as Head of Bourne Academy, I will be leading the school on a dayto-day basis, however, I will be working very closely with Bourne Academy staff, SLAT Executive Deputy Headteachers and Mrs Conley who continues to oversee all schools within the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust as Executive Headteacher.

This week in assembly, I had the privilege to draw the winners for students with no strikes on their strike cards. I am pleased to see so many students included in the draw and I would like to offer my congratulations to the winners. I was particularly impressed with how well students have adapted to the new measure of wearing face masks in the classrooms and social areas. Face coverings will be reviewed by the Department of Education and we will of course communicate any changes when necessary.

I intend to communicate regularly each week with key information and news stories to keep you updated about what is happening at Bourne Academy.

It has been a pleasure meeting many students throughout the course of this week and I look forward to leading this school.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy



