



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 28th January 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to our Year 11 parents who attended the virtual parent's evening yesterday. I received very positive feedback from parents who found the 'schoolcloud' system an effective way to meet with the respective subject teachers. We understand that this is a pressurised time for our Year 11 students; therefore, on Monday 24th January, the Year 11 cohort started their exam intervention journey, as they received their information packs and were regrouped in new tutor groups, linked to where they would most benefit from improving. The intervention plans are bespoke to each individual and cover the whole range of curriculum subjects. We hope that these additional opportunities will help to maximise their examination results and bridge any gaps in their learning. Over the past week, I have taken the opportunity to visit various Year 11 lessons and it is clear to see how focused and hardworking our students are within lessons.

You will be aware that as of yesterday, face coverings are no longer mandatory in schools. Whilst the vast majority of students will choose not to wear a face covering, your child will still be welcome to wear their face mask if they would prefer. As a school, we will continue to encourage good hygiene and safe practices around the school site as we are fully aware that Covid-19 is still prevalent within our community. However, I am pleased to inform you that Bourne Academy will be hosting vaccinations for Covid-19 on Monday 7th February 2022 for students requiring a first or second dose of the vaccine. Mr Martin has written to all parents explaining further details of this.

I would like to bring to your attention that we are receiving an overwhelming number of parents who are visiting the school reception to drop off items for their child. Whilst I understand that students may forget items from time to time, please can I ask that you do not drop items off at the school reception. The school reception will of course receive items which are urgent, such as medication; however, given the sheer volume of items we have received in recent weeks, our receptionist will unfortunately not be able to accommodate such requests. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Throughout this past week, you may have heard at home that we have had an emphasis in maintaining our consistency on standards including uniform. Thank you for your ongoing support with all we do to maintain our high standards. Mr Bryan (Director of Behaviour and Pastoral) will be communicating this message about uniform standards to staff for this to be disseminated to students.

Finally, you will see from our website and social media pages that it has been another busy, yet exciting week at Bourne Academy!



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Students in Years 7-9 have benefitted from accessing the new 'Rapid Plus' reading programme implemented by Mrs Bland (Assistant Headteacher). This programme is designed to improve the reading ages for some of our Key Stage 3 students. Staff who deliver this programme of support have spoken very highly of this initiative and I have shared some of their comments below:

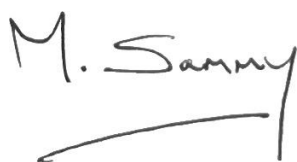
"I did my first session today and the students loved it. Students were asking for more words to be spelt together and they happily read a page each. I really enjoyed it and at the end they were asking for more questions and more spelling."

"We got the reading scheme started at lunchtime today - brilliant!! It was so lovely to listen to the students read and discuss the themes and characters with them. I think this will be a really worthwhile programme."

I took the opportunity to visit our new PE changing facilities this week and we are all excited to the opening of the new changing block next term. You will be able to see a few pictures in the link below which highlights the building project near its final stages.

Have a great weekend!

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

For the latest news

You can follow Bourne Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy
- www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs
- www.twitter.com/BourneSLAT

There have been some notable highlights this week which you may have seen on our website and social media pages. You can access the links below for the various news stories:

- www.bourneacademy.org/discover-how-to-be-a-teacher
- www.bourneacademy.org/preview-of-pe-changing-rooms
- www.bourneacademy.org/get-your-head-in-a-book
- www.bourneacademy.org/year-11-mock-exam-results
- www.bourneacademy.org/top-readers-read-over-250000-words
- www.bourneacademy.org/rapid-plus-programme-launched

House points

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