



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have made it through what has been a very busy term!

This term has proved challenging, particularly with Covid and how this has impacted absence for both staff and students. Staff at Bourne have worked tirelessly to ensure the strong education we provide on a daily basis has not been impacted by the various staff absences. As such, I want to express my thanks to all our staff at Bourne Academy for their efforts throughout this challenging term.

Student attendance continues to be a priority for us and although our attendance has reflected the national picture, our aim is to maintain the highest standards of attendance by continuing with our rewards system to keep driving improvement of strong attendance. I would like to thank parents for the efficiency of notifying 'student absence' when a student has been ill and I understand how challenging this period has been for parents and carers.

Earlier this term, I asked staff to maintain a consistent approach to uniform standards. I am pleased to see how well our students have responded and how very smart they look. One area that remains to be a concern however, is the issue of students visiting the toilet during lessons. Throughout the course of each day, we have a significant number of students who are out of lessons visiting the toilet, sometimes only a few minutes into a lesson following the lunchbreak. Whilst we would never refrain students going to the toilet, we are now strongly encouraging students to go to the toilet during break and lunchtimes. This will enable far less movement during lesson times which will further improve our normal calm and positive learning environment.

Throughout this week, I took the opportunity to visit various extra-curricular clubs and to congratulate students on their respective sporting successes. It is always a pleasure to celebrate the plethora of achievements from our talented students.

Mr Butterworth and Miss Marchant led the Year 10 temporary Prefect assembly and it is excellent to see so many students wanting to represent the school as a prefect. Our Year 10 temporary Prefects will be working with our current Year 11 Prefects to receive appropriate training to be sufficiently prepared when they take up their duties from next term.

Year 11 external vocational BTEC exams have taken place and staff continue to prepare students with the use of 'crammers' and 'pre-exam briefings.' Such sessions have proved invaluable and students have



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spoken very highly of the support they continue to receive from their teachers. After the half term break, we will be issuing more information on the examinations 2022 for Year 11 and Year 13.

This week has also been the launch of the Key Stage 4 Options process for Year 9's. Our website (see link below) has provided students and parents with the necessary information to make informed choices through our comprehensive catalogue of subject based videos and information. I would like to thank Mr Hudson (SLAT Marketing and Communications Manager) who has created the website in order to provide a user-friendly format to students and parents.

- [www.bourneacademy.org/year-9-options](http://www.bourneacademy.org/year-9-options)

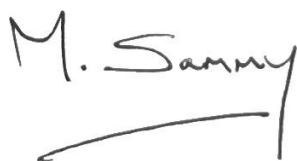
Safeguarding is at the heart of our school and we pride ourselves that students feel safe in school. However, I would like to provide a reminder that if students or parents have any worries which require a discussion with school staff, please do report this on our 'worried app' located at the centre of our website. The app also signposts other links which will provide additional support to families when needed.

- [worried@bourneacademy.org](mailto:worried@bourneacademy.org)

I cannot believe my first term as Head of School has come to a close! I continue to be impressed with the dedication from both staff and students and I feel so proud to be leading such an amazing school. Although I have no plans for the half-term break, I am somewhat envious that Mrs Crooks will be travelling to Kenya to embark on charity work. I am sure Mrs Crooks will have a fantastic time!

I would like to thank parents for the continued support and I wish you a lovely weekend and our students a fabulous half-term break.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

## Message from the Executive Headteacher

As we approach the half term break, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. We have again seen many changes to the Covid measures and expectations for schools, and all of our community have supported these changes with great maturity and a calm approach.

This term has been highly successful, our schools have continued to develop at a fast pace, with a wealth of activities and events shared on the school websites and social media platforms. It is all these things that make us feel so proud of all our schools.

I am particularly pleased this term that the newly appointed Heads of School at Bourne Academy – Mr Matt Sammy and at Giles Academy – Miss Katie Belcher, are already having a positive impact and we look forward to Mrs Jemma Curson, Head of School at Spalding Academy joining us in April. She will be joining us for a day, and for some of our meetings and activities over the next term, so will start to meet some staff and students. This new leadership structure has enabled us to have the capacity to start to offer interim support to our fourth school, The Thomas Cowley High School, with a view to transferring this school into our Trust from September 2022.

Despite the challenges that the Covid pandemic has seen us needing to manage, the atmosphere in all the Trust schools is extremely positive and I would like to share that we are extremely proud of all our young people, who have shown such resilience and maintain focus on their learning. I have observed many outstanding lessons as I tour around all schools and we have deployed many intervention strategies to support closing any gaps in learning, due to the impact of the pandemic.

Well done to all our students and staff for what has been a great term!

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Lucy Conley**

Executive Headteacher, SLATrust

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- [www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy)
- [www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs](https://www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs)
- [www.twitter.com/BourneSLAT](https://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/year-9-choose-their-ks4-options](https://www.bourneacademy.org/year-9-choose-their-ks4-options)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/claim-a-free-book-with-a-1-book-token](https://www.bourneacademy.org/claim-a-free-book-with-a-1-book-token)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/short-story-competition-judged-by-care-home](https://www.bourneacademy.org/short-story-competition-judged-by-care-home)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/inspiring-future-careers-during-naw](https://www.bourneacademy.org/inspiring-future-careers-during-naw)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/national-cross-country-championships-selection](https://www.bourneacademy.org/national-cross-country-championships-selection)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/geography-teacher-to-travel-to-kenya](https://www.bourneacademy.org/geography-teacher-to-travel-to-kenya)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/bourne-and-nairobi-students-share-work](https://www.bourneacademy.org/bourne-and-nairobi-students-share-work)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/pe-students-end-of-term-awards-feb-2022](https://www.bourneacademy.org/pe-students-end-of-term-awards-feb-2022)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/sixth-form-try-and-escape](https://www.bourneacademy.org/sixth-form-try-and-escape)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/sixth-formers-are-reading-ambassadors](https://www.bourneacademy.org/sixth-formers-are-reading-ambassadors)