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# Head of School

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a special week for me as I had the opportunity to witness my first PSHE Day in action at Bourne Academy. The event took place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 and it was a real pleasure to see our students fully immersed and engaged in all sessions. Personal, Social, Health & Education (PSHE) is an integral part of our curriculum and we celebrate three separate PSHE days in an academic year.

In my newsletter last week, I provided a brief overview of the sessions and activities all students were involved in; however, I would like to share in more detail what the various sessions entailed:

<b>Year 7:</b>	Fire safety; healthy relationships; online safety; alcohol and drug awareness and a session on anti-social behaviour with Lincolnshire police.
<b>Years 8 &amp; 9:</b>	The Escape Room activity based on careers; life skills; an external speaker focusing on aiming higher; as well as various group and team-building challenges.
<b>Year 10:</b>	The students experienced an external speaker, financial management / budgeting / wages, CPR and other age-related pertinent topics.
<b>Year 11:</b>	Various teaching & learning sessions with Mr Hind focusing on exams, revision and preparation for the final few weeks at school.
<b>Year 12:</b>	Unfortunately, the planned De Montfort University trip was cancelled at very short notice, but a revised plan including team building activities, cooking and independent study was the next best thing!
<b>Year 13:</b>	Team building activities and independent study.

Our PSHE Day was a real success and preparations are already underway for PSHE Day 3 which will take place towards the end of this academic year.

As well as PSHE Day, this week, students in Years 7 to 9 celebrated World Book Day which took place yesterday. Year 7 students were welcome to dress up as a character from a book of their choice and it was joy to see so many students who took part. Members of the Senior Leadership Team had the privilege to judge the various entries and five students were shortlisted to receive a prize; however, I would like to



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offer my congratulations to all who took part. In addition to this, all students in Years 7 to 9 had the opportunity to study a writing masterclass from an established author with the outcome being to produce their own original pieces.

Careers is an integral part of our curriculum and our PSHE Day allowed students to develop their knowledge into potential career pathways. However, this week, our Year 8 students also had the opportunity to watch a Magnetism presentation from the Education Programme at BAE Systems, which is supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation which was engaging and allowed students to consider a career in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

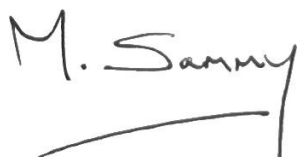
Additionally, next week is National Careers Week and students will have assemblies which focus on careers and consideration for the next stage of learning and development.

In light of the devastating situation occurring in Ukraine, staff will be conducting a series of assemblies next week to discuss recent events, including the dangers of 'misinformation' in the media. Unfortunately, misinformation on social media platforms is exacerbating additional fear and trepidation to our students and as such, we want to ensure our students are supported appropriately. Furthermore, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to raise funds for both Comic Relief and in aid the Ukraine crisis. More details will be provided in a letter which will be sent out next week.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention a change in staffing. Mrs Revell was our Year 7 Year Pastoral Lead, however, following a promotion, Mrs Revell has moved to pastures new. As such, Miss Mears who was the Pastoral Lead for Year 8 has now become the new Pastoral Lead for Year 7. Mr Bradley will be the temporary Pastoral Lead for our Year 8 students whilst we seek to find a permanent replacement. Mr Bradley has been a fantastic addition as the temporary Pastoral 8 Year Lead and will continue to work closely with Miss Mears to ensure the students in Year 8 are well supported.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.

Kindest regards,



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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/world-book-day-costume-winners](https://www.bourneacademy.org/world-book-day-costume-winners)
- [www.bourneacademy.org/pshe-day-march-2022](https://www.bourneacademy.org/pshe-day-march-2022)
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