



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 11th March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

One of my highlights this week was having the opportunity to visit our Year 11 food and nutrition students who have been busy creating a range of dishes for their practical exam. I was incredibly impressed by the meticulous presentation of the dishes, and as you would imagine, my favourite part was tasting the delicacies on offer - particularly the sticky toffee pudding! I can honestly say that many of the dishes would not be out of place in any top restaurant. My thanks go to Mrs Roach, Mrs Elliot and Mrs Warren who have ably overseen the students in their food exam.

Throughout this week, Year 13 students have sat their PPE 3 examinations which will be the final set of internal exams before the summer term examination series begin. The conduct of Year 13 has been exemplary, and I am proud of them all. Additionally, our Year 11 students will be undertaking their PPE 3 (mock) examinations over the course of next week. Staff have worked hard to ensure all Year 11 and Year 13 students are suitably prepared for their summer examinations, with the PPE's providing students the opportunity to establish good routines within exam conditions.

In my weekly newsletters, I often refer to news stories relating to literacy and reading which forms a big part of our curriculum at Bourne Academy. This week is no different, and I am pleased to share the positive impact our Reading Ambassador project is having with some of our Year 7 and 8 students. Through this reading project, ably assisted by our 6th Form students, it is amazing to see how some students in Key Stage 3 are improving their reading ages by two years in just a four-month period! It really is magnificent to see such outstanding progress and I would like to thank Mrs Bland who oversees the literacy and reading strand across the school.

I felt that it was important for students in all year groups to be spoken to during their assemblies this week and next week, regarding the humanitarian crisis currently occurring in the Ukraine. The message of 'fake news' was discussed as we are aware of misinformation being shared on social media platforms. Please be vigilant to the various fake news being spread, as this has caused additional upset to some of our students. I have emphasised key messages which includes the support we can offer students, as well as the support we as a school community can offer to the people of Ukraine. As you will be aware, we will be holding a non-school uniform day on the 18th March to raise funds which will be sent to both 'Comic Relief' and the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' (DEC) for the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis. Students will be asked to donate a total of £2 which will assist the causes mentioned above.



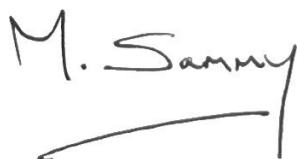
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I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our expectations regarding behaviour. We do not tolerate students being rude to staff, or students having possession of any forms of contraband. Recently, we have noticed a small minority of students having vapes in their possession. Vapes are considered contraband and any student who has any such items in possession will be at risk of behavioural sanctions, including suspension. Your support is always appreciated to ensure your child is representing Bourne Academy in a positive manner, both in school and within the wider community.

Finally, in my newsletter last term, I mentioned the exciting news of our new PE block almost nearing completion. I am therefore delighted that this new facility has officially been opened today and will be ready for students to use from Monday 14th March 2022. I will provide a further update of our new facilities in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

For the latest news

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- 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/tolethorpe-youth-drama-workshop
- www.bourneacademy.org/reading-ambassador-project-progress
- www.bourneacademy.org/here-we-go-here-we-go
- www.bourneacademy.org/author-masterclasses-on-world-book-day
- www.bourneacademy.org/easter-revision-sessions-for-year-11
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