

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a very busy week for our Year 11 students who have been completing their Pre-Public Examinations (PPE/Mocks). I am incredibly proud to say how fantastic our students have been, both in their conduct and work ethic. In this set of PPE's, a new initiative was introduced whereby staff have checked exam papers for each student at the end of each exam. This has been a productive exercise as it has enabled staff to encourage students to use additional time to complete any missing gaps. I am confident that all students are clear with the required expectations for the summer exams and the PPE's have been an excellent 'dry-run' for the external summer examination series.

Continuing with Year 11, members of the Senior Leadership Team, subject Directors and Sixth Form team will be conducting individual appointments to discuss prospective Year 12 applications for September 2022. The individual meetings will be useful to discuss various subjects, expectations and general information relating to Sixth Form at Bourne Academy. Appointments are currently live and I would like to encourage parents and carers to make an appointment as stated in the letter which was sent earlier this week.

Today we have been celebrating Comic Relief 2022 through a non-school uniform day. As you are aware, all monetary donations will go to Comic Relief and to the charity 'DEC' for the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine. I am pleased to say that we have raised a great deal, the details of which I will share next week, the efforts of our students is an amazing achievement! The money raised will support a plethora of causes and families who are in desperate need.

In sporting news this week, I would like to offer my congratulations to our Year 9 football team who have made it through to the County Cup Final. Our Year 9 boys were victorious in the semi-finals of the County Cup, beating Spalding Grammar School 8-7 on penalties... a truly remarkable achievement! We wish them all the very best for the final which I await in great anticipation!

Please be aware that Miss Lynas, the Pastoral Lead for Year 11, will be continuing to seek donations of suits, dresses and accessories for our upcoming Year 11 Prom. We have been grateful for the donations so far as this will help students who may not want to buy an outfit for just this one special evening. Preparations are well underway to ensure the Prom is a memorable and fitting way to conclude Year 11.

I would like to make you aware that our students in Year 12 will be completing work experience between 4th to 8th July 2022. Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, many businesses and companies have



switched to home working. As such, some students are finding it difficult to find appropriate placements. Mrs Barber has kindly requested that if your company/business are able to accommodate any student(s) for work experience to please get in touch. You will be able to contact Mrs Barber and Miss Double via sixthform@bourneacademy.org

Finally, I would like to share some outstanding news which continues with our literacy theme. In July of last year, students were invited to create a 100-word story in the national Young Writer's Competition. Many students across the country entered the competition with the dream of having their work published. Such a dream became a reality for some of our Year 8 students and I am delighted that a total of twelve students were selected to have their stories published for the book! You can read more about this story, as well as other news stories on our website and social media pages.

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

Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

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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/funds-raised-for-comic-relief
- www.bourneacademy.org/pe-changing-rooms-officially-opened
- www.bourneacademy.org/young-writers-return-to-their-primary-school
- www.bourneacademy.org/prom-outlet-initiative-seeks-donations
- www.bourneacademy.org/year-9-football-team-in-the-county-cup-final
- www.bourneacademy.org/presenting-the-best-student-music-talent
- www.bourneacademy.org/competition-winner-awarded-prize-by-care-home
- www.bourneacademy.org/tickets-for-year-11-celebration-prom