



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 29th April 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

In my last newsletter to parents, I mentioned that our Year 9 boys football team reached the County Cup Final. It is an incredible achievement for any school team to reach the final of such a competitive tournament and I am incredibly proud to say our boys did very well. You may have seen the detailed news story which was published on our website and social media platforms; however, in short, our boys were runners-up in a tightly contested match. Mr Bryan (Pastoral Manager) and I took the opportunity to meet the team with Mr Dennis to congratulate them on their achievement. I would like to offer my thanks to Mr Dennis who provided fantastic coaching, enabling them to reach the final. Although there was natural disappointment, we as a school community are proud of their achievements and look forward to their future successes.

Continuing with the sporting theme, Ms Coles (Director of Sport and PE) hosted the Superzone Trampolining competition. On Thursday 28th April 2022, Bourne Academy hosted the Year 7 and 8 Superzone Trampolining competition and there were over 60 competitors from five schools within the South Lincolnshire Superzone. A total of 14 girls represented our school and they were a real credit to the Trust and Ms Coles mentioned the following: "All of the girls worked extremely hard on their chosen routine even though nerves got to some of them. I am very proud of all their achievements, but special mentions to Kaia Gibbons in Year 7 who came 7th overall and Fern Richards in Year 8 who came 13th in the Novice competition. Well done also to Amelia Kearns who came 12th in the Intermediate competition."

You will recall from last week's newsletter, I commented on our use of rewards to celebrate student behaviour and achievement. As such, I am delighted to inform you that 'Celebrations Day' will be returning to Bourne Academy after a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The date of this event will be Wednesday 20th July 2022 and will consist of an exciting and varied programme with details to be confirmed shortly. All students will be grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze categories depending on their attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning, and because there are limited spaces on each activity – the Gold students have first choice, Silver students have second choice and Bronze students can choose from the remaining spaces. I understand that parents and carers may be concerned as attendance have been included in the criteria. I would like to reassure parents and carers that the attendance thresholds have been significantly reduced to cater for the turbulence of Covid-19; this will ensure no student will be disadvantaged if they have periods of absence due to Covid-19. I am excited to share more details of the Celebrations Day in due course.



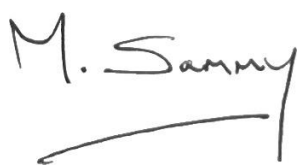
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Thank you to parents and carers who attended the recent Year 10 parents evening via the online platform. As ever, this provides a pertinent opportunity to discuss your child's progress as our Year 10 students look ahead to their final GCSE year. I would like to provide a brief update that Ms Tina O'Donnell will be starting with us on Monday 9th May 2022 as the new Pastoral Year Lead for Year 10. Mr Bradley will continue to provide support in the interim and we are all grateful for his work with our Year 10 students.

Finally, I would like to thank Bronwyn, Amber, Ben and Benjamin who volunteered to speak live on BBC Radio Lincolnshire earlier this week. Miss Lynas (Year 11 Pastoral Lead) was also interviewed and commented that whilst we had lots of dresses which had been generously donated, we were still in need of a few more suits. One of the listeners who lives in Nottingham immediately contacted the BBC Radio studio and was able to donate brand new suits and shoes from his business. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of individuals, both locally and across the neighbouring counties who have supported this cause to ensure all students are able to attend the Prom.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,



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Head of School, Bourne Academy

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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/a-game-of-two-halves
- www.bourneacademy.org/listen-to-bbc-radio-interview
- www.bourneacademy.org/save-the-date-for-celebrations-day