

## **Head of School UPDATE**

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear parents/carers and students,

Safeguarding sits at the heart of what we do at Bourne Academy. For us, we want our students to be happy and to thrive in the positive climate of learning we offer. As a school, we feel it is important to educate students of all ages how to keep safe, particularly 'online'. We encourage external speakers to visit our school to deliver workshops regarding safety and we were delighted to welcome colleagues from the Police Cybercrime Unit to talk to our Year 13 students. The talk was informative and provided specific information for young adults who become more independent and possibly susceptible to cybercrime. The students found the talk very beneficial and were grateful for this opportunity to raise awareness to this important topic of safety.

This week we have seen Year 7 students experience DEAR Time. DEAR stands for 'Drop Everything and Read' which is an initiative which is widely used in a number of schools. DEAR has enabled students to pause in their lessons to read or encompass some focused reading tasks into their planned lessons. This provides our students a fantastic opportunity to improve their reading and literacy skills in a fun and engaging manner within lessons.

Year 10 BTEC art students visited Hunstanton beach resort and the Seal-life centre this week. Students have just begun their second art project and are developing ideas towards a postcard design based on this location. Students took the opportunity to collect primary sources that will go towards their developments in the classroom. As ever, our students represented our school in an excellent manner with impeccable standards of behaviour.

Our Year 11 students have continued to sit examinations this week; however, next week will be the start of the busy summer examinations period. Staff have continued to ensure our Year 11 and Year 13 students are well-prepared for each of their exams. Additionally, all students received their examination documentation this week and should have all of the necessary materials to be prepared for each exam. Staff are also preparing for May half-term revision sessions for those subjects which will still be required to be completed; more details will be sent to parents/carers of Year 11 in due course.

Throughout this week, we had a professional photographer in school to take photos for a brand-new school prospectus. Mr Hudson (SLAT Marketing and Communications Manager) co-ordinated the photographic schedule to incorporate a range of activities that we have on offer at Bourne Academy. I would like to thank all students who were involved over the course of the day. There were also



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photographs taken of key members of staff to be placed on our website to give parents/carers the opportunity to put a name to a face! This will be updated on the website over the next few weeks once we receive the finalised photos from the photographer.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

**Mr Matt Sammy** 

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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