



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 20th May 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I had a fabulous start to the week as I had the opportunity to judge the House Bake-Off competition, which took place on Monday 16th May 2022. Mr Leonard, who oversees the House system, invited me and three other members of staff to take part in the judging process; however, it didn't take much convincing when I had the opportunity to sample a wide range of Victoria sponge cakes! I would like to express my thanks to all of the students who took part; moreover, I would like to thank the Heads of Houses who assisted students in their respective House to make the perfect cake. Congratulations to Isabelle Thomas in Galileo House for winning first place. It was a real joy to see such friendly competition and I am looking forward to the next big House competition which will be our annual Sports Day in June.

This week has been a busy week for our Year 11 and 13 students who have started to sit their formal GCSE and A-level examinations. The exam season naturally brings a sense of trepidation, however, I can reassure you that staff at Bourne Academy will continue to support your child to ensure they're well-prepared for each exam, whether through their daily pre-examination briefings, subject crammer sessions, or even a word of comfort to encourage your child. The next five weeks will be a tough period for our Year 11 and 13 students, however, there is always support in school which will complement the support you continue to provide at home.

We have started to receive a few parental enquiries regarding study leave. I can confirm that Year 13 students will have their last day in school on Thursday 26th May 2022 and begin study leave on Friday 27th May 2022. Students will continue to attend school for their respective exams, as well as any lessons for those examinations which have not been sat. I can confirm that we are planning to send off our Year 13's with a BBQ and a visit from an ice-cream van! For Year 11 students, a letter was circulated to parents/carers by Mr Hind (Executive Deputy Headteacher) providing the relevant details relating to study leave. As such, I would kindly ask parents not to request their Year 11 child to leave during the school day as study leave is not permitted at this time.

On Thursday 19th May 2022, I had the privilege to watch a concert hosted by our Year 13 music students. It was an amazing opportunity to watch such talented individuals perform to a live audience which was one of the components of their BTEC Music coursework. Each group had a set of four songs of differing genres and performed brilliantly! Our Year 13 students have exceptional musical talent and it is pleasing to see that some students are planning to pursue their musical studies in their next stage of education.



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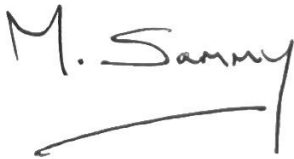
My thanks go to Mr Brindley (Head of Music) and Miss O'Brien (music teacher) who organised this memorable event.

It is pleasing that we have been blessed with some very warm weather of late and therefore students will be allowed to remove their blazers when it is warm. It is important that students feel comfortable in their learning environment and to also stay hydrated. In our assemblies, the pastoral team will remind students to fill their water bottles during social times and to avoid leaving lessons to fill up bottles during lessons.

Finally, students in Year 8 had a special assembly delivered by Mr Martin (Executive Deputy Headteacher) on Tuesday 17th May 2022. The assembly provided the opportunity for students to understand the purpose of the 'Year 8 choices' programme which is not to be confused with the Year 9 subject options process. We are proud of our curriculum at Bourne Academy and we continually look to refine our curriculum for the benefit of our students. I would like to provide a gentle reminder to Year 8 students and parents to ensure all choices are submitted in time to meet next week's deadline.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Sammy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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