



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

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UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I am delighted to finally announce the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection which took place on the 4th and 5th May 2022. It is with great pleasure that inspectors confirmed our school remains a 'Good' school.

You will see how positive the report reads and we are all delighted as we feel it is a true and fair reflection of our wonderful school. You will have received an update earlier this week from Mrs Lucy Conley, Executive Headteacher and myself which provides a detailed summary and our reflections of the report.

If you missed this communication, you are able to read details via the following links:

- [Click here for the new Ofsted report for Bourne Academy](#)
- [Click here for the Executive Headteacher Update \(14/06/22\)](#)

Since the publication of this Ofsted report, we have received a number of positive comments from parents and carers. On behalf of everyone at Bourne Academy, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and for those who have passed on their offer of congratulations.

In other news, I do feel we should give more details about the upcoming Celebrations Day, which will be taking place next month. The Celebrations Day at Bourne Academy is an annual event that has run at the school for over 10 years and has always been appreciated by our students and families. The day is planned to reward students of all abilities and is not linked to academic achievement, but instead rewards student attitudes to learning and positive behaviour, which is integral to the school ethos of '**Aspire, Challenge, Achieve**'.

The uptake of activities such as trips to Alton Towers, Aquapark and Butlin's for this year is far greater than ever, which we recognise is partly due to students not having these amazing experiences in the last two years due to Covid. Therefore, to accommodate the extra demand this year, the school have put on additional transportation and also planned six new activities (with the majority of these being free of charge) to ensure everyone can still take part in the Celebrations Day.

It is worth noting that it has been a number of years since a Celebrations Day has been able to run at Bourne Academy. We realise that this year, the process has raised several complaints from parents which is of course disappointing. However, we are reflective and will continue to always look at ways to improve future reward initiatives, specifically with the general provision, communication and overall organisation.



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It is inevitable that not all parents will be satisfied due to events being booked earlier than anticipated, despite the school's best intentions and booking additional coaches; however, it is disappointing that some of our parents/carers have aired their frustrations on public social media accounts which has resulted in misinformation to be shared in the public domain. Whilst I appreciate that some parents/carers may be upset or frustrated, I would always encourage you to communicate any issue directly to the school office which can be resolved accordingly. You will appreciate the huge undertaking it is for any school to plan the necessary logistics for a day such as Celebrations Day, where we want to reward every student at the school regardless of the category awarded.

As the Head of Bourne Academy, I want students to thrive at school and be motivated to achieve the very best. As a school, we invest heavily in rewards which is recognised throughout the academic year and this is particularly important, given the turbulent two years our students have endured as a result of the pandemic. Moving forward, I will be liaising with the other Heads of School within our Trust to provide more exposure to our students as to how they can be rewarded. I am excited about this and I genuinely want all students to succeed and be rewarded for their hard work in all aspects of their school life.

It is always a pleasure to highlight student achievement in my weekly newsletters and I am delighted to share success in the recent County Athletics Championships. Bourne Academy once again excelled in this competition with 18 students from Years 7 to 12 being selected to represent South Lincolnshire Superzone. Special mentions go to Donovan Capes in Year 12 who won the Senior Shot & Discuss, Oliver Barber (Year 10) who won the 400m final and Celine Acheampong (Year 7) who came 3rd in the 100m and helped her team win 1st in the relay team. We are really proud of everyone who competed and represented the school so well.

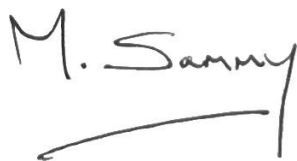
If you are squeamish then have a thought for our Year 12 A-level Psychology students who come face-to-face with snakes, cockroaches, rats and a tarantula as part of their course. To understand one of the techniques to overcome fears and phobias, Miss Iles organised a visit from Zoolab for a hands-on experience. Here a few photos from the sessions and please see www.bourneacademy.org/psychologists-face-their-fears-and-phobias for even more photos and details of the creepy session. No students or animals were distressed!



Finally, if you have not yet booked ticket for Buggy Malone, don't leave it too late as half of the tickets have already sold out so it is bound to be a fantastic performance towards the end of term. Tickets are available from www.bourneacademy.org/bugsy-malone-2022.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



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Head of School, Bourne Academy



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