

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear parents/carers and students,

I was delighted to start the week by attending the Sports Day Celebration Assembly hosted by Ms Coles (Director of Sport and PE). This event provided the opportunity for students to celebrate with each other the achievements at the recent Sports Day which took place on Wednesday 22nd June 2022. It was a privilege to welcome Mr Josh Smith, who was our special guest for the Celebration Assembly. Mr Smith is a former student of Bourne Academy and now working as a professional football referee.

I would like to offer a special mention to Celine Acheampong in Year 7 (pictured below along with all of the trophy winners) who stormed her way to win the 200 metres and broke the school record that has been held since 1992. Celine also won the Year 7 Girls 100m and Year 7 Girls Long Jump plus picked up awards for Best Sports Day Performance and Best Record Broken. I am incredibly proud of Celine and to all the students who competed so well at the recent Sports Day and I am already looking forward to next year to see if any other records can be beaten!

For a more detail breakdown of each individual sporting achievement and lots of photos from the event, please do visit www.bourneacademy.org/athletes-compete-on-sports-day





We value the importance of external speakers visiting Bourne Academy to deliver presentations and workshops to our young people. We were pleased to welcome an array of visitors this week which formed part of our STEM Week. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is a general term used to encompass these disciplines and an area which is widely promoted within schools and colleges. Students completed a series of activities and games with a STEM focus, as well as listening to external speakers who are STEM ambassadors for various industries. I am grateful to Mrs Moorfoot and Mr Watson who organised this activity week to continue raising the profile of STEM and the potential careers associated within this field.



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We continue to seek innovative ways to approach our curriculum and to emphasise our Communications strategy. Consequently, our Year 7 and 8 students took part in their first 'SALAD' day. SALAD stands for 'Speaking And Listening Activity Day' and is an initiative which allows students to take a short break from writing and to learn solely through the notion of speaking and listening. It was a joy to watch such meaningful conversations and debates which opened avenues for students to learn without the use of writing. Mrs Bland, Assistant Headteacher and Communications Lead said there was a real buzz created around teaching and learning which was very exciting to witness and see our students so engaged and motivated.

On Monday 4th July 2022, Mr Butterworth, Miss Lynas and I delivered an assembly to our soon-to-be Year 11 students. We took this opportunity to discuss the key messages, such as completing any unfinished work before the end of the academic year to start Year 11 in a fresh manner. We also announced the list of students who have been appointed as Prefects. Then on Tuesday 5th July 2022, our new Prefects were invited to a 'Prefect Breakfast' where they received a complimentary breakfast. Our Prefects play a pivotal role by assisting at school events as well as day-to-day duties of monitoring lunchtimes to support staff. It is a pleasure to see so many Prefects and I am confident that they will execute their duties in a professional manner.

This week, on Wednesday 5th July 2022 we held our Year 11 Prom at Crown Hall Farm in West Pinchbeck. The entire evening was simply magnificent and our students conducted themselves in an impeccable manner. Many members of staff came to support our students to share the special evening of celebration. The venue was beautiful and a magnificent ending to say goodbye to our Year 11 cohort. My thanks go to Miss Lynas who planned this event in a meticulous way to ensure the evening ran smoothly. Photos from the Year 11 Prom will be available next week.

Finally, next week there will be our much-awaited performances of Bugsy Malone. We look forward to seeing you there and if you have not yet got your tickets, you can book from www.bourneacademy.org/bugsy-malone-2022.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

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