



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

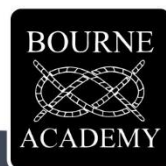
It has been a pleasure welcoming all of our students back to school this week. I trust you and your family enjoyed the fabulous weather and it is great to see how refreshed our students are looking following the summer break.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, we had 250 Year 7 students start their educational journey at Bourne Academy. The day started with a welcome assembly and a tour of the school building. The students had an enjoyable day and was assisted by our 'Year 8 Buddies' who volunteered their time to assist the Year 7 students with their first day in school. I would like to express my gratitude to our Year 8 Buddies who provided excellent support to all our new students.

In addition to our Year 7 students, Miss Double (Head of Sixth Form) welcomed our new Year 12 students to our Sixth Form. I also took the opportunity to welcome our returning students as well as new Sixth Formers from other local schools. The welcome assembly provided an opportunity to congratulate them on their outstanding GCSE results and to give an overview of life as a Sixth Former at Bourne Academy. All of our students looked impeccably dressed in their professional attire and could have been easily mistaken for young members of staff!

It was also a pleasure to welcome our Year 8, 9 and 13 cohorts back to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The staggered return over the two days aided the transition of the entire student body returning following the summer break. Assemblies were conducted with all three respective Year groups and it was also pleasing to see how enthusiastic our students were to return back to school.

I am pleased to inform you that over the summer break a significant amount of refurbishment work took place across the school site. The most noticeable change is a brand-new Pastoral Suite which is located at the heart of the school. The new suite has allowed office space for Mr Bryan (Director of Pastoral Care) and our safeguarding team - Mrs Kettle and Mrs Carver. Additionally, our first aid room will be located to the rear of these offices and has its own purposeful built space to ensure we can continue offering exceptional pastoral care to all our students. We are all incredibly proud of this new facility and the extra meeting rooms will also provide capacity to meet students and parents/carers when required. See the next page for a photo of the new Pastoral Suite.



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In addition to the Pastoral Suite, some departments have benefitted from brand-new carpet and air-conditioning units. I will continue to look at improving the site to ensure we can offer the best facilities to both our staff and students and I look forward to the next phase of refurbishment in the not so distant future.



*New Pastoral Suite*



*New air-conditioned art classroom*

It has genuinely been a very positive start to this academic year and I am looking forward to working with staff and students to continue building upon the successes of last academic year.

Next Thursday, we will be holding the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust - Upper School Awards Evening. This will be a fantastic evening which will see our Trust celebrate the excellent Year 11 results that have been received this summer across our Trust schools. We are proud of the exceptional results from our former Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts and this will recognise their efforts and achievements with their peers.

Thank you for your support to ensure our young people can return back to school in a positive and engaging manner.

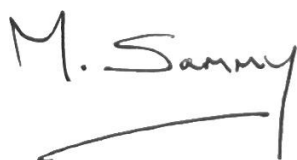
Finally, it was with great sadness that we heard our Queen had died peacefully yesterday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, surrounded by her children and family members. Having been such a personal inspiration to so many, with her devotion to duty being an example to us all, we have ensured that we shared an appropriate message about this sad news with all students in registration this morning and will be holding some remembrance assemblies in the coming days.

Her Majesty the Queen's long record of public service is unparalleled in our nation's history. Throughout her remarkable reign, the Queen led us through great transformations with unfailing grace, wisdom, dignity and genuine care for the welfare of all. In sunshine or storm, she demonstrated kindness, courage, warmth, serenity and strength, as well as considerable humour and charm. The nation owes her a deep debt of gratitude for her unwavering devotion to the United Kingdom and to the Commonwealth.

Our thoughts need to be with the royal family at this sad time.

As you will already know, the announcement of the Queen's death will mark the start of national mourning that will continue until the end of the official State Funeral. The DfE have this evening communicated that all Schools will remain open during this period of national mourning. Buckingham Palace will release the final official arrangements for the funeral in the coming days and I will communicate any further information to all students, staff and parents/carers once details are confirmed that may impact on any school activities or events.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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## Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in years 4 to 6 and their parents are invited to our

# Open Evening

SAVE  
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Thursday 29th September 2022  
5.30pm to 8.00pm



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