

Head of School

Friday 16th September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

During this time of National Mourning, as a school, we have had a number of opportunities to pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During form time, staff have delivered a number of sessions on the Queen's life, highlighting the positive impact she made on so many people across the world. Year assemblies have shined the light on the importance of good values and respect for all. Additionally, on Monday 12th September 2022 at 11am, the school community came together to observe a one-minute silence as a mark of respect. As expected, our students conducted themselves in an excellent and respectful manner, allowing the opportunity for silent reflection.

I would like to remind parents/carers that school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 for Her Majesty's State Funeral and no work will be set due to this day being a bank holiday.

On Thursday 15th September 2022, I had the privilege to attend the annual SLAT Upper School Awards Evening held at Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening celebrated the Year 11 and Year 13 results across all Trust schools which were truly outstanding. Invited to the event were subject award winners and overall winners in respect of achievement. We are immensely proud of all Year 11 and Year 13 students and wish them the very best in their next step of education.

Visit www.bourneacademy.org/upper-school-awards-evening-2022 and our social media platforms for photos and details of the ceremony and the winners.







This week has seen the re-launch of our highly successful Reading Ambassador Programme where our Sixth Form students pair with a Year 7 or 8 student to read with them weekly. Our newly recruited Year 12 mentors are joining a well-established Year 13 team and once again we are sure that this highly commended programme will have a significant impact. Sixth Form Reading Ambassadors can now also be easily identified by the 'star' badges they're proudly wearing on their lanyards.

In other reading news, Year 9 student Jack Hammond has this week won the Bedrock Prize Draw and was nominated out of over 300,000 students nationally. Jack's commitment to the programme and hard work has earnt him a £10 Amazon voucher and we would like to congratulate him on his efforts.

Bourne Academy continues to go from strength to strength which is seen through our ambitious curriculum, as well as wider extra-curricular provision. We are very proud of our students who work hard and uphold the school's ethos to 'Aspire, Challenge and Achieve.' As such, if you know any families that may have children in years 4 to 6, please encourage them to attend our next Open Evening on Thursday 29^{th} September 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. On the evening, our school will be full of our young student ambassadors who will be able to inform families what it is like to be a student at Bourne Academy. Our departments will begin to ask for student ambassadors to help support the evening and represent the school as tour guides. Please put this date in your diary if your child would be interested in helping at this event and further information will be communicated in due course.



Finally, I would like to remind all students and parents that strong pastoral care is of paramount importance to us. We have a designated email address for safeguarding matters when students need help or support outside the hours of school — worried@bourneacademy.org. Any student can access this email address if they are worried about a situation and need some guidance or support prior to the next day at school from the Safeguarding team. This is an out of hours email address where someone from the designated team will respond as soon as possible.

Have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

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