



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Yesterday evening, we held our annual Open Evening which is always an exciting date in our diary. The Open Evening allows us to showcase the many great things Bourne Academy has to offer. We had over 1,200 prospective parents/carers and students who attended the talks from Mrs Conley (Executive Headteacher) and myself, as well as seeing the school in action. I am proud of our school community and it was lovely to see how many students who were willing to support throughout the evening, whether to support a teacher in a department, to be a student tour guide, or even to assist with car parking. My sincere thanks go to all students and staff who once again showed how special Bourne Academy is.



I took the opportunity to congratulate students in our Year 7 assembly on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for the excellent work relating to the 'bridging projects'. The projects were as part of the 'Year 6 into 7' transition programme and therefore provided an opportunity to win prizes for their fantastic efforts. The quality of the projects was to a high standard and it was difficult to choose the overall winners.

Congratulations to Emma Campbell, Olivia Henderson and Jack Woodcock who received the £10 vouchers for the various categories: 'high standard', 'good effort' and 'best presentation.'

Although we could only have three winners, all students who were nominated by their form tutor will receive achievement points for their hard work.



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Last weekend, 120 Year 7 students went on the annual trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Overstrand, Norfolk. The students took part in a plethora of activities alongside their group leader from school. The activities included mini-olympics, orienteering, archery, Jacob's Ladder and a campfire on the Saturday evening. Needless to say, students had an incredible time working as a team and making new friends. I would like to thank all fourteen members of staff who volunteered their weekend to support the students in this trip. Particular thanks go to Miss Mears and Mr Roffe who co-ordinated the entire weekend to ensure it was a successful and memorable trip.

Throughout this week, I am pleased to inform you that our sporting fixtures have commenced. Our Year 10 boys took part in the national cup winning 6-5 on penalties against Uppingham Community College. This is an excellent achievement and this result enables the boys to progress to the next round of this competition.



In similar news, this week our girls participated in the U16 Superzone netball tournament. The girls in Year 11 played extremely well, competing with only six players due to illness for most of the tournament - they were really successful winning 5 of their 6 games and were runners-up. As a result of this achievement, our girls have now qualified for the county finals on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Fenland cross-country season started this week with the first meet held at Crowland on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022. We had over 20 students across all year groups representing our school in this event and a special mention goes to Finlay Smith in Year 7 who came 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 70, which is a remarkable achievement.

On Friday, the staff at Bourne Academy supported the national 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' which took place at breaktime today. We had an amazing selection of cakes provided by staff who have been busy baking during the week. As you can see from the photo below, staff were treated to a wide range of bakes. The cakes were thoroughly enjoyed and most importantly we were able to support a fantastic cause from the monies raised. I would like to thank all staff who contributed to this worthy cause and to Mrs Baker, our Head of Science, who co-ordinated this event.

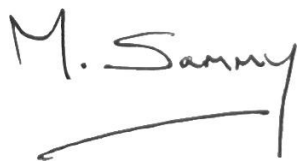


Finally, next week is an exciting week as the Careers Team have planning the upcoming Careers Fair. In order to inspire our young people, we see this event as a fantastic opportunity for all our students to interact with employers and education providers, in order to feel inspired and to begin to investigate possible areas of interest that may lead to final career destinations.

The fair will take place in the Sports Hall and School Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and will be open throughout the day to all year groups. **We are inviting students to return with their families between 3.30pm and 5.00pm where exhibitors will have information on their own job opportunities as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents.** Keep an eye on our social media pages which will include some video 'teasers' in preparation for this exciting event.

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 underneath the name.

**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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