

## Head of School UPDATE

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a pleasure to welcome Christian volunteers from Bourne Baptist Church to assist in the delivery of our Religious Studies curriculum throughout the course of this week. Our volunteers are part of 'GSUS Live' which is a national schools programme helping to promote the personal development and resilience to our young people. This week, our Key Stage 3 students have been participating in an interactive Religious Studies lesson using multi-media tablets featuring real-life issues and situations they may face in everyday life. The feedback from students have been overwhelmingly positive and they have commented how useful the sessions have been to reflect on a range of topical issues such as the importance of forgiveness.



This week our Year 12 and Year 13 students commenced their Pre-Public Examinations (PPE Mocks). Students have been incredibly positive with the various set of examinations which has proved a 'dry-run' for the actual examinations in the summer term. Additionally, our Year 11 PPE's started today with exams taking place in History, Health & Social Care, Psychology, Religious Studies and Travel & Tourism. The Year 11 PPE season will officially finish on Wednesday 14th December 2022, allowing any student to complete any catch-up exams during the final two days of term. We expect excellent attendance for our Year 11 students during their PPE season and any absence from the examination season must be followed up with a medical note.

As our school is situated in a residential area, I would like to remind parents and carers who are dropping and collecting their child(ren) from school to be mindful of the local residents. It would appear that some cars are blocking adjacent roads to the school causing obstruction onto Queens Road. This will cause significant issues should the emergency services be required to attend an incident. Furthermore, we have been informed that some resident parking spaces are regularly used by parents/carers collecting children which is not appropriate as these spaces are not for members of the public. As such, please can I ask parents and carers to be mindful during drop off and pick up times to ensure your child(ren) can be collected safely and with due regard to local residents. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



We are holding our annual Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a very important evening for parents and carers, as it provides important information regarding your child's progress. We have sent more information about this evening including information on how to book your appointment on Parentmail.

Finally, I am excited to see over 75% of tickets have been sold for our upcoming Winter Concert which will be taking place in the School Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Rehearsals are well underway and I am looking forward to watch our talented young people take to the stage to get us in the spirit for the festive Christmas period. Additionally, from next week, our Christmas lunch will be served each Wednesday until the end of this term. The menu will include roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts and carrots with gravy and cranberry sauce. For vegetarians there will be a homemade Brie & Vegetable Wellington so everyone can enjoy this festive dinner together. Moreover, there will also be a choice of festive desserts including Xmas Pudding, Yule Log and Mince Pies plus a Christmas cracker.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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