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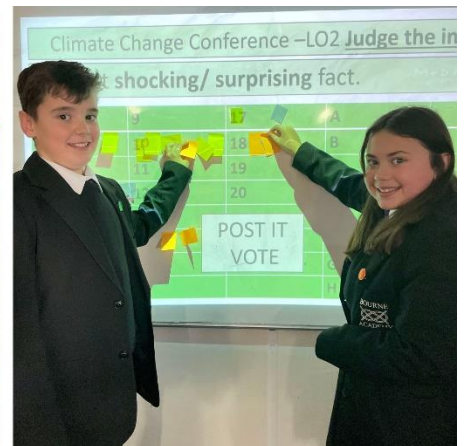
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Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Year 9 virtual Parent's Evening. I am positive that this critical evening enabled you to gain valuable information about your child's learning and progress across the various subject areas. In the New Year, our Year 9 students will be considering their GCSE options which is another important milestone in their education. There will be plenty of guidance for you and your child and further information will be communicated to you nearer the time.

This week our Year 11 students have been completing their Pre-Public Examinations (PPE Mocks). This has provided our students a good opportunity to sit a full suite of examinations over a two-week period. Students have been working very hard and we continue to encourage all students to be revising as we approach the final week of examinations.

On Thursday 8th December 2022, our KS3 students took part in a 'Speaking And Listening Activity Day', also known as 'SALAD.' Mrs Daisy Bland, Assistant Headteacher at Bourne Academy and the Trust Communications Lead said a key strand of our Communications Strategy is our 'Speaking and Listening Agenda'. Particularly following Covid, we identified a gap in terms of students' speaking and listening skills. We therefore decided to address this through not only raising the profile of this agenda through the introduction of SALAD days but also embedding Speaking and Listening activities as standard practice across the school.



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We are all looking forward to the Winter Concert which will be taking place in the School Hall on Thursday 15th December 2022. Tickets have almost sold out for this exciting event which has not been able to take place in the past as a result of Covid.

In addition to the Winter Concert, I would like to remind parents and carers that we have a full working day as normal next Friday 16th December 2022 – our last day of term. Students will continue with their lessons in the usual manner, however, they will have the opportunity to watch excerpts of the Winter Concert in a special Christmas assembly. The Christmas assembly will be a fitting way to conclude this term as we all prepare for the festive season.

As a school, we always promote excellent attendance levels and wish all of our students to attend every day in a punctual manner. Whilst this is the case usually, we have recently had a number of students not attend school due to various illnesses which is unfortunate. You will recall the letter that was sent to parents and carers yesterday from Lincolnshire Health Protection to provide parents and carers additional advice with the increased reported cases of Scarlet Fever and/or STREP A. Fortunately, we have just one week to go until the Christmas holiday which will be a much-needed break for both staff and students as it has once again been a very busy term.

Finally, our Year 11 students will be participating in a multi-agency day on Monday 12th December 2022. This day forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme and is an integral part of our overall provision for student personal development. The day will include talks from a series of external speakers and topics will include 'healthy relationships', 'drug awareness', 'online safety', 'road safety' and 'county lines & knife crime.'

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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