



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 16th December 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It was fabulous to see our students performing in last night's much anticipated Winter Concert. This was a special concert as it has been over three years since the last Winter Concert took place at Bourne Academy. We had a range of acts who took to the stage to share their talents and it was an excellent evening; it was no wonder that the Winter Concert was sold out prior to the event taking place! My thanks go to all of the students who performed; the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the evening ran smoothly and finally to you for your continued support.



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We know that Christmas is a special time where families and loved ones can get together; however, we know for others, Christmas can be a time of loneliness.

As a school, we continue to work with our local community to ensure students at Bourne Academy can share the festive joy for those in need. Staff at Bourne Academy have contributed generously to the Just Giving Tree Scheme in school courtesy of the Salvation Army.

On Wednesday this week, Mr Leonard, Mr Dennis, Miss McCarthy plus student volunteers from Bourne Academy delivered 60 Christmas hampers to The Butterfield Centre in Bourne. This is an annual tradition for the school where students in every form donate an item into a Christmas hamper. Each Tutor Group created their very own Christmas hamper, which was decorated and included items such as chocolates, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, toiletries and socks to name a few. Clare Ashton from The Butterfield Centre said *"Thank you to all the students for their time and effort in creating the fabulous Christmas Hampers! These will make so many people happy within our local community. The hampers that have already been delivered by our volunteers, have been accepted with both joy and gratitude."* One of the people who received a hamper was 85-year-old Barbara Barker (pictured below). She was so happy to get all the wonderful gifts from class P1 and very moved by the thoughtful presents and the Christmas card from Lily. I would like to thank all staff and students who have donated to the various initiatives to help individuals within our community.



Our Year 11 students took part in a Multi-Agency Day on Monday 12th December 2022 which provided further opportunities to enhance their personal development. Events such as this form an integral part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is underpinned through our curriculum. Additionally, our Year 7 students had the opportunity to develop their awareness of keeping safe whilst out in the community. I would like to thank Mrs Hirst who oversees the Personal Development programme for the Trust and provides such invaluable experiences for our students.

In addition to the Year 11 Multi-Agency Day, our Year 11 students have now concluded their PPE Mocks which took place over a two-week period. Furthermore, on Thursday 15th November 2022 these students attended a 'collapsed day' which enabled them to receive intervention and catch-up on specific subjects. Although this has been a rather intense period for our Year 11 students, they have valued the support from their teachers to ensure they are well prepared for their final examinations in the summer term.

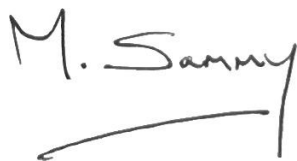
It has been a very busy term as ever and some of the particular highlights for me include the record number of applications for our Sixth Form, the continued recognition of their academic scores, over 2,000 people attending both our Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evenings and the many individual achievements our students have made which makes me very proud to be leading the school.

Finally, in light of the tragic accident in Solihull, we would like to ensure students and parents/carers are aware of how to stay safe around water in the winter months. Please visit the link below to download a free information booklet from The Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS).

- www.bourneacademy.org/be-winter-smart-around-water

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I look forward to seeing our students return back to school feeling refreshed and prepared for Term 3 on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

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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