



BOURNE  
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# Head of School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a great first full week back after the Christmas break and always so pleasing for me to see such focused learning in lessons on a daily basis in all year groups.

It is always an important year for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for the examination series in the summer term. However, for many of our Year 11 and 13 students who study BTEC subjects, the months of January and February are also incredibly busy as this is the period when the final examinations are sat for their respective BTEC course. These examinations form part of their final grade and therefore incredibly important. On behalf of all our staff at Bourne Academy, we wish all our students taking their final examinations over the next few weeks the very best.

As part of our PSHE programme, Year 10 students received a presentation about Vaping from an external speaker. The purpose of this session was to raise awareness of the health concerns, the consequences for vaping and other concerns to be aware of such as counterfeit goods and what to look out for. The students were very engaged in the session and have all now been very well informed around the health concerns, as well as the consequences related to vaping in school or when representing the school in uniform. We will continue to provide opportunities for our students to help prepare for life beyond school and are hoping to have our external speaker to present to students in other year groups.

Our Year 11 students this week started the National Tutoring Programme where individuals are assigned an online tutor to deliver revision materials to support and maximize their grade in a particular subject. All of the tutors are undergraduates that have undertaken a rigorous selection process to enable them to deliver lessons in their specialist subject area. The student feedback was very encouraging from their first session and we hope that this, along with other platforms such as GCSEPod, will support engaging students in a different way of learning and preparation skills for their examinations. We continue to encourage the students to be consistently using the GCSEPod and revision sessions that are being provided from their subject teachers.

Year 11 students will be receiving a mock exam results day next Thursday during afternoon registration. This enables students to receive their results in assembly to be able to celebrate their success or to utilize the results as a guide for priority areas to target before the summer examinations. I would like to remind all Year 11 parents that there are three national dates set aside for summer exams – these are Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Please do not book any holidays before



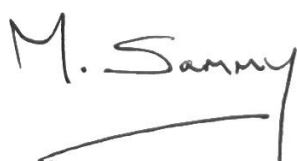
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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as this time may be needed. Parents in Year 11 can now book times for Parents Evening which is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please note that the Parents Evening will take place online and requires advance booking.

Finally, you will be aware from my correspondence last week that we have a vacant position for Year 9 Pastoral Lead due to Miss Mears leaving us and Miss McCarthy moving to the position of Year 7 Pastoral Lead. This week we conducted the interview process to fill the vacancy and while we had some credible candidates, the field was limited. As such, we will be re-advertising this position shortly to attract a wider field of candidates and the pastoral team will be covering the role internally until a permanent appointment has been made. As always, please keep a look out for the various job vacancies as our Trust expands via [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)

Have 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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