

## **Head of School UPDATE**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents/carers and students,

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who attended the online Parents Evening yesterday evening. Following on from the recent PPE/AOL 2 data, this evening proved a timely opportunity to discuss the progress of our Year 11 students who have less than 60 school days to go until their first exam! The data has assisted the upper school team to look forensically at the academic performance of each student and to ascertain what further support and intervention the school can provide. One initiative that commenced this week was the regrouping of our morning and afternoon registration sessions. This will now provide an opportunity for all students to access a curriculum subject area for additional teaching to supplement each student's revision programme in our AM and PM registration. I am pleased to see how successful these sessions have been in such a short space of time and I am confident that all our students will benefit greatly from this additional intervention.

At Bourne Academy, we ensure all of students have strong guidance to assist their next steps of education, whether that be potential GCSE options, as well as Post 16 and Post 18 pathways. I am incredibly pleased that we have had our largest percentage of UCAS applications submitted for our Year 13 students who have chosen to go to university. It is more pleasing that a significant number of students have received all of their decisions at this stage. Mrs Barber, our Careers & Aspirations Lead has been instrumental in this process and has provided significant support to our Sixth Form students to ensure they receive excellent careers guidance to support their next stage of learning.

Continuing with the theme of careers, last Friday, we were pleased to welcome Flamingo Flowers (who are an international company based in Spalding) to run a business workshop with our Year 10 students. In the workshop, students were tasked with how to making a profit by creating bouquets of flowers. Working in groups, each team had to take into consideration the cost of the different types of flowers and the amount of packaging used, focusing on the profit that could be made. Such an event provided students an excellent opportunity for teamwork and collaboration of learning in a very creative way.

Finally, next week we have our annual Book Fair in the school library with a wide choice of nearly 200 books. When you





purchase from the Book Fair, you will also help earn extra books for our school - last year, you helped us buy lots of new books for the library so it really is worth getting involved. The books on offer range from £2.99 to £9.99 and are specially selected for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students. There are many new titles as well as students favourites to choose from.

- To view all the titles in the Book Fair, visit <a href="https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt">https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt</a>
- To order and pay online, visit <a href="https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay">https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay</a> (and select the school)

Orders must be made by 1pm on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and copies of the books are available to view in the school Library from Thursday 2nd February to Tuesday 7th February 2023 at midday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

**Mr Matt Sammy** 

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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