



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 3rd February 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a very busy week for staff and students this week!

As you would have seen in the national media, a number of teachers across the country who are affiliated with the National Education Union (NEU) took part in industrial action on Wednesday 1st February 2023. Despite some expected changes to a minority of classes, our staff worked incredibly hard as Bourne Academy remained fully open for all our students in Years 7 to 13. I would like to thank parents and carers for your messages of support and that of the Pastoral team who supported our students so effectively on this day. We will continue to liaise with parents and carers by providing important updates regarding the three remaining dates of industrial action on 1st March, 15th and 16th March 2023.

Throughout this week our Year 11 students have been sitting their final examinations for the respective BTEC courses they study at Bourne Academy. Our suite of vocational qualifications provides our students with a broad curriculum which students can opt to study during Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) as well as at our Sixth Form. Students have been very upbeat following these critical examinations and it is a relief for many that the pressure of this exam series are now over!

The annual Book Fair opened on Wednesday 1st February 2023 with many Year 7 and 8 classes having the opportunity to visit during lesson time and browse for any books that they may wish to purchase. Students were thrilled by the wide selection of current and exciting literature on offer, some students were even lucky enough to be our randomly drawn prize winners and receive a 'golden ticket' to use on a book purchase. All orders need to be paid for online as well as order forms handed in to Mrs Arden in the library by Tuesday 7th February 2023.



In my newsletter last week, I commented on the successes of our Sixth Form students. We are very proud of our Sixth Form Centre and feel privileged to have many of our students wishing to continue their Post 16 studies at Bourne Academy. However, our Sixth Form is not just for Bourne Academy students, but open for any student who meets our entry requirements. We have received a record number of applications for September 2023 and we were delighted to welcome a large group of Year 11 students from Spalding Academy who came to visit our Sixth Form Centre on Thursday. The purpose of the visit



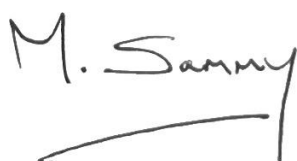
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was to provide prospective students an opportunity to drop into lessons and to familiarise themselves with the school building. It was a great event and I would like to thank all of the student volunteers who assisted the event as well as the Sixth Form team who planned this great experience.

Finally, I would like to remind you of an important change that will take place on Friday 10th February 2023. You will have seen a letter sent by Mr Hind (Executive Deputy Headteacher) explaining a decision the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust has made for students to follow their usual Monday timetable on the last day of this term - Friday 10th February 2023. The decision has been made because of the significant disruption our students have faced to their usual Monday timetable as a result of the various public holidays over this academic year. Please can I ask that you remind your child of this important change in preparation for next Friday.

Thank you for your continued support and 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 at the end.

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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