



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Although this term has consisted of just under six weeks, it has been a very busy term that has included a number of important milestones, such as the recent 'mock examinations' and 'final BTEC examinations', as well as a wide range of student achievements and successes. Throughout this term, I have featured a number of student achievements in my weekly newsletters to parents and carers, however, I would encourage you to look through our website and social media pages to receive timely updates where student achievements and relevant news stories are shared.

You will recall from my previous communication that we have a continual focus on our Communications and Literacy agenda across the school and one of the ways in which we help improve students' vocabulary and academic achievements is using 'Bedrock Vocabulary'. This online tool is used in the classroom and can also be used at home so parents can work with their children. The programme significantly helps with vocabulary acquisition and is proven to positively impact on outcomes for when students study at GCSE level. One of the top performing students in Year 7 is Ronan Enderby (pictured right) who has amassed the highest number of points each month for the last three months, with 539 points in November, 602 points in December and 526 points in January. This is an outstanding achievement.



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Mr Butterworth led a special assembly where fifty-five Year 10 students were newly appointed as Temporary Prefects. These students had to apply through a formal process and were selected based on their excellent attendance and positive attitudes to learning. Our new temporary prefects will be starting their new responsibility after the half-term break as the current Year 11 Prefects are released from their duties to focus on their preparation for exams. There will be another round of Prefect applications for our Year 10 students which will take place later this academic year. Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who were appointed as a Temporary Prefect.

I would like to thank parents and carers for reminding their child of the timetable swap that took place today. As mentioned in my newsletter last week, we took a decision to swap the Friday and Monday



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timetable due to the significant disruption our students have faced to their usual Monday timetable as a result of the various public holidays. I am pleased that today was a resounding success with students having an opportunity to catch up with work they would have previously missed out on. Student feedback was extremely positive and many commented how creative this concept was to allow for missed learning time to be optimised in such a beneficial way.

We are excited to announce that live theatre will be appearing on stage at Bourne Academy with a talented cast of fifteen Performing Arts students from Years 9 to 13. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, our students will be performing 'Old Times' by Molly Taylor, which is Bourne Academy's entry to the 2023 National Theatre 'Connections' Drama Festival. This is an exciting opportunity for the students at Bourne Academy to perform a newly written play and perform it on the stage for the very first time. Tickets went on sale today and are only £3 per person. Please visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy) to book your tickets.

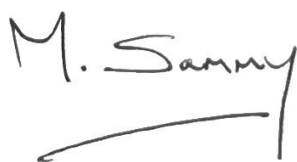
A promotional poster for the National Theatre Connections 2023 play 'Old Times' by Molly Taylor. The poster features a red background with a photograph of two young women in period costumes. Text on the poster includes: 'National Theatre', 'CONNECTIONS 2023', 'Old Times by Molly Taylor', 'A National Theatre play performed by Bourne Academy Performing Arts students', 'Friday 3rd March 2023 | Starts 7pm (Doors 6.30pm)', 'Tickets £3 | www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy', and the Arts Council England logo.

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Finally, as a Trust, across all our schools, we will be responding to and supporting the Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal. Due to the timing of half term, we will be responding after half term and will share plans very soon.

I wish you all a pleasant half term break and look forward to seeing our students on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Sammy' with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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