

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear parents/carers and students,

Over the half-term holiday, whilst many students were enjoying their break at home, forty of our Year 10 and Year 11 students took a trip of a lifetime to the stunning country of Iceland. The group of students who study GCSE Geography had the opportunity to explore one of the most fascinating countries in the world with breath taking glaciers, incredible waterfalls, erupting geysers, the wonder of the Blue Lagoon and stunning Northern Lights. Not only was this a great educational field trip, it was a trip which will live long in the memories of our young people who managed to experience so many iconic features this country has to offer. Our students behaved impeccably throughout the entire trip and were a real credit to our school and I would like to thank our staff who supported our students in this memorable experience.



Visit www.bourneacademy.org/geography-field-trip-to-iceland-2023 for more photos from this trip.



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Next week is an exciting opportunity for students in Year 7 to participate in World Book Day. Whilst it isn't compulsory for students to take part, I would encourage as many Year 7 students to attend school on Thursday 2nd March 2023 to be dressed as a character from a book of their choice. It would be helpful for students to bring a copy of the book they are dressed up as and students will be pleased to know that some exciting prizes will be on offer for the best costumes.

Following the tragic earthquake and subsequent events that have happened in Turkey and Syria, we have held PSHE sessions for all students during form time this week. The images from the media are heart-breaking and indicates how much devastation this tragedy caused the people of Turkey and Syria. Consequently, next month, Bourne Academy will be holding a fundraising event where funds raised will go towards the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. This will coincide with our annual fundraising for Comic Relief Day which will be through a non-uniform day. A letter will be sent in due course which will provide more details of our non-uniform day for Comic Relief and the Turkey/Syria appeal.

Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Wednesday 8th March 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book their online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students. The online appointments will be 5 minutes long and parents will be meeting with their child's subject tutors. Details of how to do this has been sent to parents so please book early as timeslots are available on a first come, first served basis. For any questions regarding booking on School Cloud please email parentsevening@bourneacademy.org

This evening we have 'Race Night' which is an event to help raise funds for an upcoming student football trip to Spain. During the Easter holidays, 40 students will be attending a Football Development Programme at one of the world's biggest football clubs - Real Madrid. This amazing trip has been subsidised and the funds raised from this evening will go towards additional activities for students on the trip. I wish all those attending to have a pleasant and enjoyable evening!

Finally, next Friday (Friday 3rd March 2023), fifteen of our Performing Arts students from Years 9 to 13 will be appearing on stage at Bourne Academy as they perform a National Theatre production of a brand new play called 'Old Times'. The play starts at 7pm and tickets are available for only £3 per person. Please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy to book your tickets.



Kindest regards,

Mr Matt Sammy

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