



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

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

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week has been National Careers Week which has enabled our students to consider their potential future pathways within the world of work. Mrs Barber, our Careers and Aspirations Lead delivered a series of assemblies for Years 7 to 11 highlighting to our students the various career pathways an individual can choose. Additionally, over the course of this week, staff members at Bourne Academy shared their own personal journey of how they reached their current position at school. It was enlightening for the students to see how many hidden skills our staff have and I am certain that our students were inspired to consider what their potential career may look like in the future.

Our Year 8 students took part in a Multi-Agency Day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, which provided further opportunities to enhance their personal development. Events such as this form an integral part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is underpinned through our curriculum. Our students had the opportunity to receive important knowledge and guidance in a wide range of sessions that took place across the school day. Workshops included, 'Fire Safety', 'Alcohol and Drug Awareness', 'Healthy Relationships', 'Online Safety' and 'Anti-Social Behaviour.' The external visitors who presented the various workshops complimented our students with their work ethic and levels of focus for each session. We are all grateful for our visiting speakers who took the time to share their expertise and knowledge to our students. I would also like to thank Mr Kirby who organised this important and invaluable event for our students.



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The Year 8 Parents Evening took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and I would like to thank all parents and carers of Year 8 students who attended. As ever, communication with school is important to gauge how your child is progressing at school and overall it was a very positive evening. As ever, we take on board any feedback received from parents and carers and I am grateful for the communication received as a result of the parents evening.

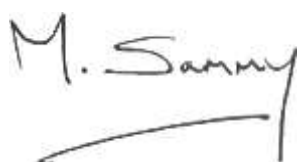
I had the honour of supporting four of our students with their RAF Cadet Headteacher night. This evening gave me an excellent opportunity to see first-hand the activities and programs that our local RAF team offer to our cadets. The RAF Cadets unit is dedicated to promoting leadership, teamwork, and character development in young people, and we believe that these values align with the goals of our school. We have invited in the RAF Cadet Team to deliver assemblies to all students who can access this great local opportunity.

As part of our support for the parents/carers - we have invited you to a Parent Online Safety event on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 6pm. This free one-hour online workshop will be run by Dan Hawbrook from the Stay Safe Partnership. He will chat you through different Apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have. We are aware of the challenge parents/carers face as the online world constantly changes and it may feel overwhelming trying to keep up. We therefore want to give parents/carers the information and tools to help them feel confident enough to protect their children and young people from cyber-bullying, online grooming, inappropriate content, sexting and be safe online. For details of how to book your place, see the booking link sent to parents via ParentMail.

A promotional banner for a 'Parent Online Safety Event'. The banner features a blue background with a cluster of colorful social media icons (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) on the left. The text 'Parent Online Safety Event' is prominently displayed in white and green. Below it, the date and time 'WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH • 6PM TO 7PM' are listed. A white starburst graphic on the right contains the text 'CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION'. The BOURNE ACADEMY logo is centered, with the tagline 'Protecting our young people from the dangers of social media' below it. At the bottom right, the school's motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written in white on a green background.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all fifteen students who performed the play 'Old Times' by Molly Taylor. You will recall from last week's newsletter that the play was Bourne Academy's entry to the 2023 National Theatre 'Connections' Drama Festival and we were delighted to welcome Nel Crouch who is the Link Director for the Nottingham Playhouse. Nel was impressed with the overall performance and provided exceptional feedback to our directors - Mr Wood and Mrs Parker. As a result of the stunning performance, our students have been invited to perform at the prestigious Nottingham Playhouse in April 2023. Our students will be looking to build upon their recent success at the Nottingham Playhouse with the hope of being selected to perform at the National Theatre in London. We wish our students all the very best for the next round of this Festival.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Sammy'.

**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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