



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As you are aware, our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme forms an integral part of our curriculum offer at Bourne Academy. In my newsletter last week, I mentioned how our Year 8 students took part in a Multi-Agency Day focusing on keeping safe. This week, it was the turn of our Year 9 students to have a collapsed PSHE Day where we had the privilege to welcome visitors from the organisation 'Prison Me No Way'. This is a national education programme, which have been running in schools for over 25 years. The visitors are an annual feature at Bourne Academy as well as our other Trust schools. The entire day consisted of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, ex-offenders and volunteers from charities and other organisations. Students were able to receive first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge from our visitors. A favourite activity of the day is the 'Prison Me No Way' van which provides a replica prison cell for our students to see. Many were surprised at how small a prison cell actually is and asked many intriguing questions to our visitors who were happy to take a plethora of questions from our students!



This week, our Year 11 students have had the opportunity to sit further PPE Mocks to prepare themselves for their final examinations later this academic year. I am incredibly proud to say how fantastic our students have been, both in their conduct and work ethic. I am confident that this additional opportunity has enabled all students to be clear and confident with the required expectations for the external summer examination series.



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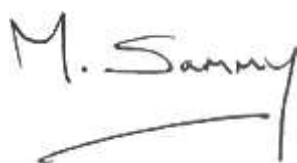
Following on from the Year 11 PPE series, Year 10 students will begin their PPE Mocks which will take place over the next two weeks. Students have received the relevant information in their assembly to be prepared for this examination period. We all wish our Year 10 students the very best.

The online SchoolCloud booking system for our upcoming Year 13 Parents Evening opened yesterday. The evening will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and I encourage you to make your appointments in order to discuss with subject teachers your child's progress at such a critical time in their education. Each appointment will take place online and you would have received a letter via email providing further details.

I would like to remind parents and carers that we always encourage communication between home and school. I would also like to remind parents that we will not tolerate any rude or abusive language used to our staff. We do not accept this from our students, so we will certainly not accept this from our parents. I would like highlight that our staff are extremely busy in the day supporting our 1,400 students during the school day and we cannot accommodate parents turning up without an appointment slot. Whilst such instances are extremely rare, I felt it was important to remind parents and carers on our stance with 'home and school' communication.

Finally, we held our annual non-uniform day to help raise funds for the Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal as well as Red Nose Day. I am pleased to inform you that we raised over £1,400 which will be split equally to Comic Relief and to the DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. I would like to thank everyone for their support with these worthwhile charities and please remember to visit our website and social media for photos of students from today.

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 underneath.

**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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