



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 21st April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It was excellent to welcome our students back to school following the Easter break and I trust you and your family managed to have some quality time together over the Easter period.

Over the Easter holidays we had a number of events that took place. Firstly, I would like to thank all Year 11 and 13 students who attended the Easter Revision Intervention Sessions. I was overwhelmed with how many students attended the various sessions and it was a significant increase from last year. I know how beneficial our students found the sessions and I would like to thank all members of staff who took the time to support our students with their final revision intervention.

We also had the Football Development Programme to Madrid. The students who attended commented on their experiences and how grateful they were to attend such a trip which will bring lifelong memories. The feedback received was exceptional and I am incredibly proud of the students who took part as they were a real credit to our school. Again, I would like to thank all the staff who supported the trip.

Finally over the Easter break, our performing arts students stepped up to the challenge to perform at the Nottingham Playhouse after being successfully chosen by the National Theatre after an outstanding performance in March 2023. We were one of only four groups/schools who had been chosen to perform in the prestigious venue, with similar festivals being held across the UK. We now wait to see if our students are selected to perform at the National Theatre later this year. Regardless if we get selected or not, the entire Bourne Academy community are incredibly proud of our students who performed brilliantly!



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

We believe Bourne Academy is a school where our students can succeed and be ready for their next steps of education. As such, over the next two weeks, all year groups will receive an assembly led by myself focused on our school ethos and core values – Aspire, Challenge, Achieve.

In addition to this, we have been informing all students in assembly this week about our new student voice system in school. This provides an avenue to ensure all students have the opportunity to raise suggestions, thoughts and improvements about the school. On our school website we now have a 'Students Say, We Listen' button that allows students to be able to make suggestions for the Senior Leadership Team to consider in order to make positive changes to the school. We are looking forward to supporting student ideas which will enhance our school community.

This week our Year 9 students had their Options Assembly led by Mr Martin who oversees the KS4 Options process for the Trust. Students were given crucial information in the assembly and will be considering the various options on offer over the course of next week. This is a critical time in your child's studies and I would encourage you to have discussions with your child regarding their respective choices.

It was an exciting day for our Year 7 students on Thursday 20th April 2023 as they had the opportunity to be taught by some of our Year 12 PE students. For the Year 12 CTEC Physical Education course, the students have to plan, deliver and evaluate 6 sessions based on their particular sport. The Year 7 students who took part thoroughly enjoyed the various sessions and the engagement was clear to see. Similarly, the Year 12 students gained a wealth of leadership skills and had a small taste of how rewarding being a teacher can be!



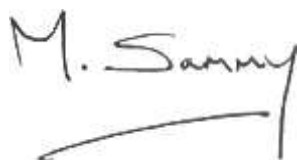
As our Year 11 students approach their examination season, I wanted to say how incredibly hard they are all working. Also, I would like to clarify the use of study leave for students in the Trust. The Department for Education (DfE) issues guidelines for schools to use and state that 'study leave' should not be granted by default once the exam syllabus has been taught. The DfE clarified that you can only grant study leave once exams have started, by permission of the school. We know it is vital for students to attend their lessons, with their subject teachers prior to any examination. We re-timetable to ensure maximum

coverage of learning and support for our students during this time. Additionally, we will continue to offer interventions, until all exams are finished. With our examination proven track record, we know our examination process is the best for our Year 11 students.

Finally, you may be aware that the government is rolling out a national Emergency Alert System. At 3pm on Sunday 23rd April 2023 an alert will be sent to your mobile phone or tablet to rehearse the process of informing you of a potential emergency situation – this will be a loud 10 second sound. If you/someone you know/a parent you are working with has a second mobile phone which they use for safety reasons, please follow the instruction provided in a new video (<https://youtu.be/I2MBcHwmiv8>) from the specialist organisation Refuge. This explains how to disable the emergency alert in the setting app. This information has been sent by Lincolnshire Local Authority to be shared by schools with parents and carers.

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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