



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 19th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

In my previous communication, I mentioned how a group of 21 Bourne Academy students took part in the prestigious National Theatre Connections Festival. The rehearsals initially started in November 2022 where our students focused their attentions on a brand new play called 'Old Times.' I was so pleased to share how the judges were impressed with our students who were subsequently selected to perform at the Nottingham Playhouse with a total of ten other schools and theatre groups. Over 7,000 performers represented the 380 theatre companies and schools who took part in the Festival with only ten groups selected to perform one of the ten plays at the National Theatre.

I am absolutely delighted and thrilled to announce that the Connections Team for the National Theatre Connections Festival has chosen Bourne Academy's performance of 'Old Times' to be performed at the National Theatre in London!



We will be the only version of 'Old Times' to be performed and were selected out of 38 theatre companies across the country. This is a remarkable achievement for all students and staff involved and I cannot be prouder of the entire team! I would like to offer my congratulations to all our students involved, as well as to Mr Wood, Mrs Parker and Mr Swinn who provided such exceptional leadership to our students. We look forward to seeing our students on the stage of London's National Theatre on Tuesday 20th June 2023.

It has been a very important week for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as it was the start of the formal written examinations for this year's summer series. Our students have been well prepared and have spoken positively of the exams they have already completed this week. Our students have conducted themselves impeccably with various invigilators coming to see me personally to commend them on their focus and courteous attitude during this stressful time. Next week, our students have another busy week of exams before a half-term break to reset for the remaining examination period. However, we will be offering additional revision sessions during the coming half-term period and your child is once again welcome to attend the various sessions on offer. The arrangement will be the same as it was for the Easter Revision Sessions and students will be required to enter school via the A Block.



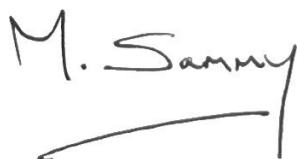
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I would like to thank parents/carers who attended the Year 10 progress evening yesterday evening. Such occasions are always important to discuss the progress your child is making in school, especially after the recent Pre-Public Examination (PPE) mocks.

Finally, you will be aware that we like our competitions at Bourne Academy. Next week we have our student Inter House Bake off challenge. However, our respective Heads of Houses took part in their 'Bake Off' challenge at lunchtime today. The atmosphere was somewhat tense, but thoroughly enjoyable for all who took part. I will provide the details and winners of both challenges in my update next week.

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 underneath.

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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