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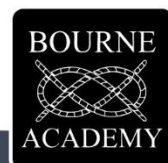
Friday 16th June 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It is hard to forget the soaring heat last July when the temperature reached a staggering 40°C which resulted in many schools across the country having to close. Although it wasn't quite as hot this week, it was still very warm! Despite the heat, our students kept cool by optimising the shaded areas during social times and keeping hydrated. Our students remained sensible during the heatwave and chose to apply sunscreen and to wear a hat as added protection. Student welfare is always of paramount importance and the relaxed uniform this week enabled our students to remain comfortable whilst at school. The communication from Mrs Conley earlier this week, informed parents and carers of all four Trust schools the measures to support students in this very warm period. However, as the weather forecast is looking different for next week, our students will be required to attend school each day in normal full school uniform (including their blazer).

We continually seek to reward our students in many different ways and this is an area we heavily invest in across our school. Our Key Stage 4 team planned a treat for a select group of Year 10 students who were the highest performing students in the recent AOL 2 data point. The students excelled in the progress made, as well as having outstanding scores to their Attitude to Learning (ATL). It was also an opportunity for Mr Butterworth (KS4 Lead), Mrs Crowson (Year 10 Pastoral Lead) Mr Hind (Executive Deputy Headteacher) and myself to congratulate our students on their achievements. As you can see from the photo below, our students took the opportunity to cool off with an ice lolly and cold drink, taking full advantage of the relaxed uniform period!



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One of the House Competitions running in this final term is based on an exciting science-themed project entitled 'Lift Off!' For this competition, students were required to design and build a 'rocket' utilising basic materials, such as, paper, Sellotape and Blu Tack. Students were expected to be creative and to draw upon their scientific knowledge in order for their rocket to travel the furthest, optimising a creative and innovative design. This competition took place at lunchtime over the past three days where students in Years 7-10 could participate with their peers in their respective tutor groups. This initiative was led by Miss Lake (Head of Mays House) and supported by Dr Poulter from the Science department. Miss Lake said *"It was overwhelming to see the sheer number of rockets which were produced since we returned after half term. We had rockets flying over varying distances which was impressive to see. It was great that many students were using their scientific knowledge to enhance their rocket launch."* I will provide further details of this competition in my newsletter next week, including the overall winning House.



I would like to provide a reminder that tickets for **'Little Shop of Horrors'** are on general sale. There will be three evening performances of our end of year musical on Wednesday 12th July, Thursday 13th July and Friday 14th July 2023. It promises to be a highly entertaining show with fantastic songs and puppetry from our amazing cast of student performers. Tickets are £6 per person and you can select your preferred seats when booking. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the performances will start at 7.00pm. To purchase tickets, please go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy



Next week is a busy week with a number of events taking place:

- The time has almost arrived for our performing arts students to take to the stage of London's prestigious National Theatre to perform the play 'Old Times.' I am delighted to have received a personal letter of congratulations from Gareth Davies MP who wanted to wish our cast of students all the very best. We are very grateful that Mr Davies took the time to write to us and our cast most certainly appreciated his sentiments as they prepare to perform one last time on Tuesday 20th June 2023.
- I mentioned last week that we have our annual Sports Day which will be taking place on Wednesday 21st June 2023. Throughout the course of this week, the sports department have been hosting their respective House assemblies to prepare for this event and I am excited to be sharing details of this anticipated event next week.

- Students who are in Year 11 who will be pursuing their Post 16 studies at Bourne Academy will be looking forward to our Sixth Form Induction Day which will be taking place on Friday 23rd June 2023. We have an exciting day planned for those students attending and it sets to be one of the largest Year 12 cohorts for September 2023.

And finally, I am really pleased to announce we have been shortlisted for **FOUR** Lincolnshire Free Press & Spalding Guardian Education Awards:

Secondary Student of the Year

- Zion Serino-Jordan, Year 11

Inspirational Teacher of the Year

- Miss Gemma Sanderson, Teacher of Mathematics and DoF Coordinator

Support Staff of the Year

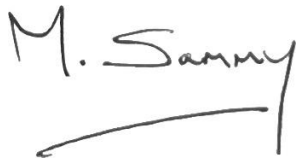
- Mrs Steph Arden, Librarian

And of course, we have been nominated for **Secondary School of the Year!**

The winners will be announced during the awards evening in July. All our nominations are already winners in my eyes. Good luck!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy



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