

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been one of the busiest weeks in the calendar for Bourne Academy with so many events taking place!

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge once again our talented performers who took to the stage of London's National Theatre to showcase the play 'Old Times' for one final time. Our students were privileged to have had the author (Molly Taylor) in attendance. Molly is an established playwrite and theatre-maker from Liverpool who praised our students for their sublime performance of her play. This was truly a remarkable event and it was an honour for us all who had the opportunity to watch our students on this prestigious stage. Once again, congratulations to everyone involved.









Continuing the theme of performing arts, I would like to remind you that tickets for **'Little Shop of Horrors'** are available to purchase. There will be three evening performances of our end of year musical on Wednesday 12th July, Thursday 13th July and Friday 14th July 2023. 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



On Monday and Friday this week, Year 10 Geographers undertook their physical fieldwork in Hunstanton. Whilst there, students completed a range of fieldwork activities, to gain an understanding and practical experience of the fieldwork enquiry process. Students collected data first hand to help support their GCSE Paper 3 exam, assessed in the summer of Year 11. Mr McQueen and Mrs Crooks added "In very warm conditions, the students represented the school impeccably, engaging wonderfully with the work they set out to do. A huge thanks also needs to be given to the staff of the Geography department, whose hard work ensured this trip was successful and one to remember for the students."







On Wednesday, we held our much-anticipated House event - the Bourne Academy Sports Day! Once again, our Sport Department planned and delivered a successful event in which our students had the opportunity to showcase their sporting talents by competing in a variety of track and field events.

The event was held at the Boston PRSA Athletics Stadium on a very warm day. Despite the hot conditions, our students did themselves proud and competed with excellence and integrity. Ms Coles (Director of Sport & PE) commented "The students were a real credit to the school where we saw two records broken (one of those were broken twice in the same event!). We also saw two records being equalled. It was a great achievement on this very warm day!"

More details of this event will be shared via our website and social media platforms and I would like to congratulate everyone who took part, including the staff who supported this event.

We had a very exciting day today as we welcomed over 200 students for our Year 12 Sixth Form Induction Day. It was only a matter of days that our students were sitting their final GCSE exam, however, it was fabulous to see so many of our students looking incredibly smart and enjoying the various activities that were on offer.

The day started with an Escape Room activity whereby students worked in small groups to complete a series of challenges. This ice-breaker enabled all students to develop their team working skills and was an excellent way to start of the day. Students had the opportunity to have a 'taste' of what a typical Year 12 lesson is like and to meet some new teachers for their chosen Post 16 subjects.

I would particularly like to thank Miss Double, Mrs Barber and Miss Barker who planned this day to ensure it was a memorable experience for our prospective new students who will be starting with us in their Post 16 education in September.





As the Year 11 GCSE examination season is now over, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their hard work and dedication. The attention has now turned to the upcoming Prom which will be held on Wednesday 28th June 2023 which we are all looking forward to. Due to the conclusion of the Year 11 examination series, we have been able to start the important transition process for students to increase their awareness of changes for the year ahead.

During assemblies over the past week, students in Years 7 to 10 have been introduced to their new Year Lead ahead of the transition to their new year group. We have an incredibly strong pastoral team at Bourne Academy and staff have been working collectively to share information on their current year groups in order for a full and smooth transition. I would like to confirm the Pastoral Year Leads are as follows from September 2023:



YEAR 7
Miss McCarthy



YEAR 8
Miss Woodward



YEAR 9 Miss Morrison



YEAR 10 Mrs Crowson



YEAR 11 Miss Lynas

Finally, you will recall from my update last week of the 'Lift Off!' competition that recently took place. It was great to see so many rockets which were carefully designed to make this competition a real success. Congratulations to Warwick House for achieving first place and I am pleased to inform you of the House results below:

•	1st - Warwick House	35.5m
•	2nd - Turner House	35m
•	3rd - Hereward House	33m
•	4th - Mays House	29m
•	5th - Keller House	21m
•	6th - Galileo House	20m

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



Head of School, Bourne Academy

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