



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 7th July 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Last week, we had the joy of the Year 11 Prom which was held at the Springfields Conference Centre in Spalding. This Thursday was once again another opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Year 13 students and to say a final farewell to this fabulous cohort at their respective Prom. The event was held at The Bull Hotel in Peterborough and was a beautiful venue for this annual occasion. We are always proud of our students and we are excited that our Year 13 students will start their new journey either continuing their studies, or relishing the world of work. We would like to wish all our Year 13 the very best in their future endeavours.



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On Tuesday 4th July 2023 we had the privilege of showcasing the artwork of our talented students in our Art Exhibition. We welcomed over 200 visitors to this special event which was organised by Mrs Reid, one of our art teachers. This exhibition showcased some incredible work which had been produced in Art and Textiles by Year 11, 12 and 13 students over the last two years. It was a wonderful atmosphere to welcome parents/carers, staff, students and governors to congratulate and admire the creative and skilled artwork on offer. I would like to thank the art department, but particularly Mrs Reid and Mr Walker (Art Technician) for making this exhibition possible.



Our strong provision of PSHE continued this week. Students in Year 10 took part in our CPR Workshop which was led by Mr Kirby. The CPR workshop focused heavily on responses to different situations, such as Anaphylaxis, and also on the use of AED's (Defibs). Although it is statutory by the DfE to teach students about CPR before the age of 16, at Bourne Academy, we like to provide students with opportunities to develop understanding in a practical sense. We initially teach the elements of CPR in Year 8, however, enable students to reaffirm those skills in Year 10.

Continuing with this theme, students in Year 8 took part in a PSHE on Thursday 6th July 2023. Students covered a number of key areas which included:

- **Pet costs** - In line with the national agenda, students had to think about whether (especially following lockdown and the cost of living) pets are an affordable feature in their lives. Students focused on animal cruelty and its consequences.
- **Budgeting** – Students increased their understanding to the notion of finance and budgeting to support the wider world of living. Topics such as tax, national insurance, the use of credit cards and the cost of everyday living was a focal point and students focused on budgeting skills with scenarios surrounding planning parties and holidays.
- **Vaccines** – There was a focus on HPV Vaccination to give awareness of the purpose of vaccines and to support the HPV vaccine uptake.
- **Rail Safety** – We know this is a national issue and therefore reiterated the promotion of safe and proper use of crossings, and the dangers posed by rail lines.

The pastoral team and I have delivered a set of assemblies to all students in Years 7-10. At each AOL data point, we reward the students who have excelled themselves in their progress and attitude to learning (ATL). These students are placed in our Superprize draw which allows them to win some shopping vouchers. We also reminded students about being kind towards each other in the school community in our anti bullying themed assembly. And finally, we told students about the Film Festival event in the last week of term. The students were told they all have access to this reward in school. We felt this was a really important message, as our students have worked very hard this academic year. However, we did reinforce that any behaviour which isn't acceptable over the last two weeks, will result in them missing out on the treat.

Pride Month took place over the month of June. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, students took part in a number of activities over the course of last month which are listed below:

- Pride sessions in SMSC/PSHE
- Pride bracelets have been made in LGBTQ+ group
- Sessions on the History of Pride in LGBTQ+ group and a session on changing LGBTQ+ laws in the UK - both led by sixth form students
- Pride Party - including bingo and music
- Head of House assemblies on Pride and its importance

We have a very busy week next week with a number of events taking place. I have highlighted some key events below:

- Tuesday 11th July 2023 - End of Year House Celebration Evening
- Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July 2023 – Our school production of Little Shop of Horrors
- Thursday 13th July 2023 – STEM event at the Lincolnshire Showground
- Thursday 13th July 2023 – Spalding Guardian Awards

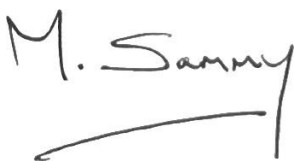
As mentioned above, we are thrilled that Bourne Academy and our staff and students have been shortlisted for four categories in the 2023 Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Education Awards. Bourne Academy has been nominated for 'School of the Year', Miss Sanderson has been nominated for 'Inspirational Teacher of the Year', our Librarian Mrs Arden has been nominated for 'Support Staff Member of the Year' and finally, Zion Serino-Jordan has been nominated for 'Student of the Year.' The awards ceremony will take place next Thursday evening and I will keep you informed of any notable successes!

If you have not yet purchased a ticket for the upcoming performances of 'Little Shop of Horrors' on Wednesday 12th July, Thursday 13th July and Friday 14th July 2023 – these are £6 each and can be purchase from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy



Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



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