



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 14th July 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Yesterday evening, colleagues of Bourne Academy, as well as members of the Senior Leadership Team of the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust were invited to the Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Education Awards Ceremony 2023 at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening was a celebration of staff and young people across the county and Bourne Academy featured prominently throughout the evening.

You will recall that **Bourne Academy** had been shortlisted for **Secondary School of the Year 2023** and I am thrilled to announce that we were crowned winners! For Bourne Academy to be selected as the winner for this category is a testament to the hard work and dedication from all our staff and students. We are absolutely delighted that the adjudicating panel recognised the many strengths of Bourne Academy and we are honoured to have received this accolade.



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In addition to this success, **Miss Gemma Sanderson** was awarded **Inspirational Secondary School Teacher of the Year**. This category is always a tough award for the judges, however, it is with great pleasure to announce that Miss Sanderson was this year's winner! Miss Sanderson continues to go above and beyond for her students with her teaching of mathematics, as well as her leadership of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

I would also like to congratulate **Mrs Steph Arden** and Year 11 student **Zion Serino-Jordan** who were runners up in their respective categories – **Support Staff Member of the Year** and **Secondary Student of the Year**.

In a separate awards ceremony that took place at Lincolnshire Showground during the daytime on Thursday 13th July 2023, **Mrs Libby Barber** (SLAT Careers & Aspirations Lead) was nominated as one of the five **Careers Champions** in the Greater Lincolnshire Careers Champion 2022/23 Awards. Mrs Barber provides exceptional support to our students with everything related to careers and this award is a testament to her leadership of careers across the Trust.



As you are aware, rewarding our students and celebrating their achievements is important to us at Bourne Academy. On Tuesday 11th July 2023, our annual **End of Year House Celebration Evening** took place in the School Hall. This event was once again a fitting opportunity to illuminate the achievements of our students through a prize giving ceremony. The evening was hosted by our Heads of Houses who form an integral part to our pastoral team.

The main categories are:

- Outstanding Contribution to the School Community
- Reading Champion
- Aspire Card Award
- Outstanding Contribution to School Sport
- Outstanding Contribution to School Arts
- Outstanding Contribution to the House System

In addition to the above awards, the evening concluded with the overall winners which are pictured below. I would like to offer my congratulations to each student for their continued efforts to the school community.

Details of all winners are here: www.bourneacademy.org/house-celebration-awards-2023



Student safety and wellbeing are at the heart of our Trust and the safeguarding of our students is our highest priority. Our safeguarding and pastoral teams are here to support all students during their school career when they need some extra support, whether the need is student mental health, advice on keeping safe, or simply being worried about a friend. Nationally, over the last few years there has been a rise in self-harm cases, which has increased partly due to posts shared on social media. It is important that you or your child knows how to report or block this content online. If parents/carers or students have any concerns, they can always contact our safeguarding or pastoral teams for support.

We are constantly reviewing our safeguarding provision and policies in our schools to fully support all our students. Therefore, with this in mind, we have reviewed our banned items list for our Trust and we feel now is the right time to ban students bringing into school any item that would be classed as a bladed item, which will include students' own scissors and pencil sharpeners. From September 2023, all classrooms will have a desk mounted pencil sharpener for students to access and we will provide other items needed for lessons, i.e. scissors as required. We feel this change is necessary to support our safeguarding measures. Please be reassured that we will update our student equipment list, safeguarding policy and behaviour policy to reflect this small modification.

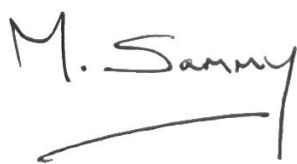
We have been preparing our students to be equipped with knowledge and support about keeping themselves safe as they arrive at the six-week summer break. Next week in assemblies we will be reminding students how to keep safe over the summer period and signposting them to important contact details which can be found in our safeguarding area of the school website should they need some support, advice or help during the summer period, this includes our worried email – worried@bourneacademy.org which will be monitored over the summer break.

Finally, the time had come for our talented young performers to take to the stage to showcase this year's school musical – **Little Shop of Horrors**. So far, our students have completed two outstanding performances and we are looking forward to the final 'sell-out' performance this evening.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the performing arts and music team (Mrs Parker, Mr Wood, Mr Swinn, Mr Brindley, Ms O'Brien, Miss Sanderson and Miss Wilcock) for their sterling efforts and sheer hard work to make this musical such a success. Musically, this was the most challenging performance the team had worked on, but the students rose to the occasion and delivered a set of exceptional performances. I would also like to thank our Art department who created the set design and props for the show and this is a great example of how departments work well together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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