

## **Head of School**

Friday 21st July 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to our 2022/23 end of year newsletter!

As the sun sets on another academic year, you will see that the Head of School – Mr Matt Sammy has looked back on a year of enriching lives at Bourne Academy. His last newsletter of the year shares some of the exciting things which have been happening as the summer term closes.

There has been so much we need to value and appreciate this year, including school production success, highly successful Oftsed inspection, positive enrichment visits and activities, our careers events and PSHE programme, many wider curriculum successes in sports and the arts and with many rewards to celebrate.

I have so much pride for all our students and staff and feel privileged to be able to lead such a successful Trust and work with so many amazing families. It has truly been an exceptional year for the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust and for Bourne Academy!

We have said goodbyes to a few colleagues today in farewell speeches and have wished them well in any new ventures, whether that be retirement, moving across the Trust to other schools or to promoted positions. I also want to take this opportunity to say farewell to our year 13 students, and to those year 11 who are going on to further education elsewhere, we are full of pride in what they have achieved and sadness to see them go and we hope that they will keep in touch. For those students choosing to continue their study in the SLAT Sixth Form, we look forward to seeing everyone at the start of term in September!

As we look forward to a new academic year in September, we will be especially pleased to welcome all of our new students in Year 7 and a record number of applicants into the Sixth Form.

I wish you all a very pleasant, restful and fun filled holiday.

**Mrs Lucy Conley** 

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CEO and Executive Headteacher South Lincolnshire Academies Trust



## **Head of School** Update

We have reached the final day in what has been an incredibly busy, but excellent academic year for our students. We ended our term today with a series of performance assemblies which was a fitting way to end this final term and to bring the academic year to a close. I would like to thank the Performing Arts Team who facilitated the assemblies to allow our students to showcase their talents on the Bourne Academy stage!

Throughout this week, our respective Year groups have had the opportunity to enjoy their reward day through the Film Festival. I am pleased to inform you that our students thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated their complimentary treats/snacks, as well as having the chance to win some Love2shop vouchers in a special prize draw. Over the course of this week, we distributed over £1,000 worth of Love2shop vouchers with over 100 lucky students receiving this special prize. We are proud of our students and always look to reward them as much as possible. We are looking forward to the start of next academic year where all Trust schools will be launching the new rewards programme through our ASPIRE Challenges Passport.

Students the schools across South Lincolnshire Academies Trust took part in a STEM Windmill Challenge in collaboration with Lincolnshire Institute of Technology. This team challenge was based on engineering and design and open to students in Year 9. A total of 17 schools took part in the challenge at Lincoln Showground. Bourne Academy were leading all the scores most through the day for essay writing, design ideas and build and they came 7th at the end of the Challenge. Mrs Moorfoot, Head of Computer Science said, "It has been a fantastic experience for the students. They have learned so many employability skills such as team building,



communicating, designing, building and refining a project. The feedback from employers, visitors and partners has been exceptional including very well-behaved students and great to be at an event with students really interested in STEM."

In a previous newsletter, I wrote about the successes of our The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. I am pleased to inform you that over the course of this week, our Silver DofE groups completed their qualifying expedition. Despite the rain all groups had a very successful expedition in which they demonstrated some excellent navigation and camp craft skills. A huge well done to all our students who took part, as well as Miss Sanderson, Ms Burley, Mr Lewis and Mr Kettle who supported this event.







I would like to inform parents and carers of the following staff who will be leaving Bourne Academy for pastures new:

- Mr Hirst (Business)
- Mrs Anniss-Woods (Maths)
- Mrs Brown (Art)

- Mrs Reid (Art)
- Miss Potter (Maths)
- Miss May (Science)

We also have three members of staff who have received promoted roles and will be moving to work at one of our other Trust schools:

- Miss Hamdouni (MFL)
- Miss Lake (Science)
- Mrs Wilson (Art)

I would like to thank them all for their contribution to Bourne Academy and wish them all the very best in their new endeavours.

As this is my last newsletter for this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights from the 2022/23 academic year.

**Bourne Academy winning Secondary School of the Year 2023:** As a school, we continually strive to provide a first-rate education to our students. We were incredibly honoured that the judging panel recognised the strengths of our school and this achievement is a credit to everyone associated with Bourne Academy. We were also delighted that Miss Sanderson won Inspirational Secondary Teacher of the Year 2023 which is a deserving honour for her exceptional contribution to our school.

**National Connections:** It was a true honour for a select group of students to be selected out of the many hundreds of competitors to perform at London's National Theatre. An amazing achievement and an experience our students will never forget.

**'Little Shop of Horrors' School Musical:** Once again, our students displayed a series of exceptional performances, wowing the audience with their stunning talents.

**Exams 2023:** The summer examination series was an overwhelming success, ensuring the administration and technical support was provided to allow our Year 11 and Year 13 students to sit their exams with little disruption. We look forward to welcoming students on the following dates to collect their exam results:

- Year 13 A-Level & BTEC Results Day: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from 8.00am
- Year 11 GCSE & BTEC Results Day: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from 8.00am

**Rotary Young Chef Competition:** Former student Bronwyn Roche represented Bourne Academy in the National Final of this prestigious competition – an excellent achievement!

**SLAT Sports Tournament:** We had success with our Year 7 netball and football teams taking victory in this tournament.

**Reading Ambassadors:** Reading and everything 'literacy' continues to be a focal point for us at Bourne Academy. Our Reading Ambassadors have assisted our younger students to improve in confidence and to make gains in their reading ability.

**Trips and Visits:** Once again, we look to provide wider experiences to our students through trips and visits. Amongst the various local trips, some students were fortunate to visit Madrid and Iceland which will provide long lasting memories.

It has been an excellent year and I am looking forward to welcoming our students back following the summer break as follows:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Years 7, 10, 11 and Year 12 will return to school
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 All students will return

Please see the end of this update for the term dates for 2023/24.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support to ensure your child continues to flourish at Bourne Academy and I wish you and your family a restful and safe summer holiday.

Kindest regards,

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Mr Matt Sammy
Head of School, Bourne Academy

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- www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs
- www.twitter.com/BourneSLAT

## Upcoming **key dates**

