



BOURNE
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Head of School

Friday 8th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a pleasure welcoming all of our students to Bourne Academy this week following the summer break! I trust you and your family enjoyed the holiday period and it is great to see how refreshed our students are looking following the summer holiday.

On Wednesday 6th September 2023, our new Year 7 cohort start their educational journey at Bourne Academy with a welcome assembly and a tour of the school building. The students immersed themselves in a range of academic lessons and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The day was assisted by our Year 8 'buddies' who volunteered their time to assist the Year 7 students during their first day and to make them feel very welcome.

In addition to our Year 7 students, we also welcomed our new Year 12 students to the Bourne Academy Sixth Form. One of our school priorities last year was to increase our student numbers in our Post-16 provision. I am therefore pleased to inform you that we had a total of 170 students start with us in Year 12 which is our biggest ever cohort! It was excellent to see many of our former Year 11 students return to us to join our Sixth Form to continue their Post 16 education at Bourne Academy. We also had a large number of students join us from two of our Trust Schools (Spalding Academy and Cowley Academy) as well as students from other local schools. All of our students looked impeccably dressed in their 'business attire' and could have been easily mistaken for young members of staff!



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I was pleased to introduce our new Head Students for the academic year after being successfully selected to represent Bourne Academy. Our Head Students will take on many responsibilities as they are important representatives for the school and role models to other students who they can relate to and seek help and guidance from.

Head Students

- Sophie Hardy
- Peter Winfield

Deputy Head Students

- Ellie Mabey
- Lena Mairs

It was also great to welcome our Year 8, 9 and 13 cohorts back to school on Thursday 7th September 2023. The staggered return over the two days aided the transition of the entire student body returning following the summer break. Assemblies were conducted with all three respective Year groups and it was also pleasing to see how excited our students were to return back to school.

It has genuinely been a very positive start to this academic year and I am looking forward to working with staff and students to continue building upon the successes of last academic year. I will continue to write to parents/carers each Friday to provide an update of the week and to signpost other key dates or events.

Thank you for your support to ensure our young people can return back to school in a positive and engaging manner.

There will be many positive news stories and activities happening at the school throughout the academic year that we like to share on our social media platforms. I do encourage you to follow Bourne Academy on our official platforms:

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

There is also a wealth of important information on our school website - www.bourneacademy.org including term dates, uniform expectations and safeguarding information. Please take your time to view our website where you can find important parent/carers news.

Next Thursday, we will be holding the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust Upper School Awards Evening at Springfield Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. This will be a fantastic evening which will see our Trust celebrate the excellent Year 11 results that have been received this summer across our Trust schools.

As mentioned during the summer term, 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. All classrooms are in the process of having 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.

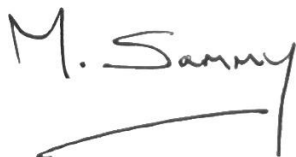
Finally, can I also remind parents/carers that you must report your child is absent **each and every morning** (before 8.15am) via the ParentMail app or studentabsence@bourneacademy.org (it is preferred that you use the ParentMail app). If emailing, you must remember to state the name of the student concerned, their Year group and the nature of their absence.

If your child has a medical condition or other reason which may affect their attendance, please contact their form tutor, Year Lead or our Attendance Manager so that we can provide as much help and support as necessary.

All routine medical and dental appointments should be arranged during the school holidays or after 2.30pm, however we do understand that hospital and orthodontic appointments are subject to availability. We require a copy of the appointment letter before approving any authorised absence and doctors/appointment notes can be handed in at reception or the online message from the doctor can be shown to reception when collecting your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 2023
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form will also have a separate Open Evening in November 2023.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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