



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 15th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It was a privilege to attend the annual Upper School Awards Evening held last night at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening celebrated the successes of some of our former Year 11 and 13 students. Invited to the event were subject award winners and overall winners in respect of achievement. We are immensely proud of all young people and wish them the very best in their next steps of education. Details and photos of the winners will be on the school website and our social media.



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Our new Year 7 cohort has settled in well and it is a pleasure to see how much they're enjoying their new school. You will be aware from separate communication from Mr Martin that all Year 7 students will be completing their CATS tests from next week. Students do not need to practice for these assessments and are not something to worry about. They are similar to an IQ test in that they are designed to measure a student's potential rather than testing specific knowledge.

As part of our Year 7 Transition programme, our students had the opportunity to hear key messages in a safeguarding assembly presented by Mr Bryan who is our Director of Behaviour & Safeguarding. Mr Bryan provided an interactive presentation whereby our students could deepen their understanding and knowledge of how to keep safe. For those who may be aware, Mr Bryan purchases a set of doughnuts each week to distribute to students every Friday for those who contribute so well to our school community. During this assembly, a number of lucky students demonstrated some excellent safeguarding knowledge which earned themselves one of Mr Bryan's sweet treats! For those students who missed out, please do not worry as there will be many further opportunities to earn a 'Mr Bryan doughnut'!

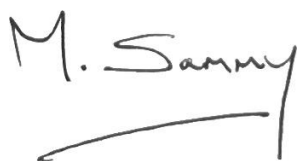
In addition to the House Assemblies taking place next week, we will be holding a series of special assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 students to launch our new ASPIRE Rewards Passport. As you may be aware, the development of this new rewards scheme started last academic year and it is therefore exciting to see the launch take place imminently. Our current in-house rewards system will continue to take place with our upper school as we feel it is important to reward students of all ages. Moreover, we are looking to set up another reward breakfast for our Prefects and Temporary Prefects in the coming weeks. We still have spaces for any Year 11 student wishing to join and to take on a student leadership position as a Prefect. If you are interested, please do speak to Mr Butterworth or Miss Lynas.

Earlier this week, Mr Butterworth led an assembly to our Year 10 students to introduce the upcoming 'How to Succeed GCSE Evening'. This evening will take place in October and will be an opportunity for both students and parents/carers to attend to gain insightful information, support and guidance which will be needed in these crucial two years of GCSE. The evening will be interactive and an event not to be missed for our Year 10 cohort.

Each year, our Sixth Form students take part in a Jeans for Genes Day. As a school, we support local and national charities and the Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. The money which is raised supports to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Jeans for Genes will be taking place next Friday 22nd September 2023 for Sixth Form students only who will be allowed to wear their jeans in support of this worthy cause.

Bourne Academy continues to go from strength to strength which is seen through our ambitious curriculum, as well as wider extra-curricular provision. We are very proud of our students who work hard and uphold the school's ethos to 'Aspire, Challenge, Achieve.' As such, if you know any families that may have children in Years 4 to 6, please encourage them to attend our annual Open Evening on Thursday 28th September 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. On the evening, our school will be full of our young student ambassadors who will be able to inform families what it is like to be a student at Bourne Academy. Our departments will begin to ask for student ambassadors to help support the evening and represent the school as tour guides. Please put this date in your diary if your child would be interested in helping at this event and further information will be communicated in due course.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Sammy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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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- www.twitter.com/BourneSLAT