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Head of School

Friday 22nd September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a busy week of assemblies where we launched our brand new and much anticipated ASPIRE Passport to Years 7 to 9. The passport consists of a series of challenges that are designed to allow students to further build upon their independence and resilience by challenging themselves in the series of activities. The challenges start at the 'Bronze' level with the aim of students attempting to achieve the 'Gold' level of challenges over a period of time. Having spoken to many students already, it is incredible to see how excited our students are who are immersing themselves into the various challenges already. I'm looking forward to see how all of our students progress in this initiative in the coming weeks!



In addition to our special ASPIRE Passport launch, our Year 7 students continued with their series of assemblies that forms part of their transition to Bourne Academy. This week, our students had the opportunity to learn about our House system. Mr Cole (House Trust Lead) explained how the House system works and highlighted the benefits of being affiliated with one of the six Houses we have at Bourne Academy. A key part of the House system enables students to take part in various competitions and to challenge themselves through the various opportunities provided. Moreover, we like to reward our students and many of the challenges on offer enables students to win prizes, or to receive acknowledgement for their respective successes. Each Head of House described what the House system meant to them and explained what they are looking to implement over this academic year with their respective House.

Today our Sixth Form students celebrated 'Jeans for Genes' day. We support the annual event of Jeans for Genes to help raise money for Genetic Disorders UK (GDUK) which is the charity that aims to change the world for families affected by genetic disorders. I am incredibly proud to see so many of our Sixth Formers supporting this campaign and raising money for this worthy cause.



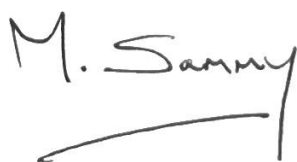
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As you know, we have our annual Open Evening next Thursday 28th September 2023. We have distributed many letters to certain year groups who will be needed to assist throughout the evening. If you have not done so as yet, please can I encourage you to sign the reply slip for your child to return to main reception. The Open Evening is always one of the most important dates in our school calendar and it is always a delight to see our students proudly showing their school to the many prospective parents and students who will be in attendance on the night.

Finally, I would like remind parents that we are a nut aware school. The most common allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most common allergy in our school is nut allergies, which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students. Some students have allergies so severe, that even touching contaminated surfaces, or breathing in airborne nut protein, may cause an anaphylactic reaction. In order to maintain the safety of all students, we strongly request that parents/carers of students help us to ensure that all food brought into school is nut free. Nut based products (e.g. Snickers or nut bars) are not allowed on the school site.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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- www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy
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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

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Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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