



BOURNE  
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# Head of School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Dear parents/carers and students,

At Bourne Academy we are proud of our academic successes and we continually ensure our students have access to as many opportunities to assist their learning. We understand the challenges that are young people face and we endeavour to provide as much support to our students and to you as parents/carers. As such, we were delighted to welcome around 300 students and parents/carers to our annual 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening. This event took place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and provided opportunities for our Year 10 students and parents/carers to receive helpful tips and guidance in these critical GCSE years. The interactive presentation was delivered by Mr Butterworth (KS4 Lead), Mrs Crowson (Pastoral Year 10 Lead) and myself to equip our students with exam preparation techniques, coursework advice and to relay important events in the Key Stage 4 calendar. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and I would like to thank everyone who was in attendance for this very important evening.

In addition to this very successful evening, we have another event taking place next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for our Year 11 students, parents and carers which is our 'Year 11 Post 18/University Information Evening.' The aim of this session is to introduce parents/carers and students to post 18 options, the benefits and implications of going to university and also outline the support that Bourne Academy gives to students in its Sixth Form to help them make informed decisions and strong applications. Places are still available and if you would like to attend, please do book your seats by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 by completing the short form on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/UUHkQMiyqF>

Over the last two weeks, our Year 10 students have benefited from 'Gambling Harm Prevention Workshops' as part of our PSHE programme, where we deliver age appropriate information to different year groups. To enable students to engage and ask questions, the sessions have been delivered in small class groups instead of an assembly. These thought-provoking workshops have been delivered by Education & Training Leads from 'Big Deal' who regularly work with schools to help educate young people about the harms of gambling. Our students learnt about the different types of gambling, what makes it appealing and how the gambling industry can appeal to young people, especially with the growing trend of in-game gambling through Esports platforms, skins betting and freemium apps. Students also understood how gambling can affect their mental health and the impact it can have on others such as parents, family, friends or work colleagues. Further information with links to resources and support is available on our website.



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You will recall from previous newsletters how we emphasise the importance of literacy across our school. One of the successful reading initiatives we run is DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. These popular timetabled sessions take place three times a year (in Term 1, Term 3 and Term 5) and are designed to promote and encourage reading for all abilities and play a key part in our communications agenda in the school, which includes a high focus on literacy skills. All subjects take part to promote the importance of reading and this is co-ordinated by Mrs Bland who is our Trust Communications Lead.



Students from KS4 and KS5 were given an opportunity to take part in a STEM Isaac Newton Lecture at RAF Cranwell. The theme of the lecture was 'Myths, Truths and the Future - Electric Vehicles'. The lecture was delivered by Professor David Greenwood from University of Warwick. He is a renowned engineer, research and technology leader in the field of vehicle propulsion systems, both in supercars and military vehicles. The lecture allowed students to deepen their understanding into this field by asking questions relating to employment opportunities linked to the electric car Industry. As ever, our students represented Bourne Academy exceptionally well with their attitude and behaviour; moreover, the coach driver stated how he had never seen such well-behaved students on a school trip before!

Finally, it was lovely to see our Prefects enjoying their special Prefect breakfast this morning. We always like to reward our students and this was a great opportunity to thank our Prefects for their continued efforts within school life. We currently have over 70 Prefects in Year 11 and we are looking for more students to volunteer for this important role. If students are interested in becoming a Prefect they should speak to Miss Lynas, Year 11 Pastoral Lead.



I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

*M. Sammy*

**Mr Matt Sammy**  
Head of School, Bourne Academy

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## Upcoming **key dates**

For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form have an 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

**SAVE THE DATE**

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