



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we draw a close to the first term of this academic year, I would like to thank parents/carers for your continued support to ensure our students come well prepared for their learning. It has been a very positive term and I am pleased to see our highest of standards and expectations are upheld in all areas of school life. We know that school attendance over the past few years has been impacted as a result of the pandemic, but maintaining high levels of attendance is one of our priorities. Although our attendance figure is above the national picture, I would like to encourage parents/carers to continue sharing our expectation of excellent attendance with your child.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, we held our annual University Information Evening for our Year 11 students to discuss future next steps in education. The aim of this session was to provide to parents/carers and students to consider the benefits and implications of going to university and to also outline the support that Bourne Academy gives to students in its Sixth Form to help them make informed decisions and strong applications to university should they want to pursue this avenue.

Our Year 10 Geography students visited Lincoln on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to gather data for the human fieldwork element of the GCSE course. Students were investigating urban regeneration in the city centre, to compare the castle/cultural district, the main shopping area and Brayford waterfront. They carried out data collection techniques including public questionnaires, land-use surveys, environmental quality surveys and pedestrian counts. Students also enjoyed a walk on Lincoln castle's historic walls in order to gain a perspective of the city layout below.

Unfortunately, our second trip had to be postponed as a result of the storm weather conditions. We made this decision based on health and safety grounds as this is always our priority. We will be able to inform parents and carers in due course when we are able to offer the trip for those students who were affected.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, we welcomed Andy Hall, Road Safety Officer from Lincolnshire County Council to speak to our Year 11 students for a Young Passenger Awareness assembly. As students in this year group may start to be passengers with their peers who have recently passed their driving test, the assembly made students aware of how their actions play an important role in road safety. This aims of this thought-provoking assembly was to reduce the likelihood of young people being involved in an accident and how hazard perception from passengers can help. The assembly was engaging and interactive with a quiz and videos to get students thinking about the risks and consequences.



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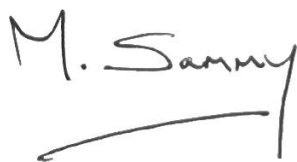
This week, our Heads of Houses have been delivering their respective House assemblies with a focus on the upcoming Children in Need 2023 appeal. As a Trust, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 where students will be asked to donate £1 to this worthwhile charity. Please see the letter which was sent out on Wednesday for more information.

Please be reminded that we return back to school for the start of Term 2 on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** as Monday is a staff training day.

See details of other key dates below.

I wish you all a pleasant half-term break.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Matt Sammy**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

## Upcoming key dates

Next term we are looking forward to a number of events, not least that it will be the build up to Christmas! I have highlighted some key dates for your diaries for next term:

- Wednesday 1st November 2023      Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening
- Thursday 9th November 2023      SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening
- Friday 17th November 2023      Children in Need Non-uniform Day
- Thursday 7th December 2023      Year 9 Remote Parents Evening
- Tuesday 19th December 2023      Christmas Concert



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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