



BOURNE  
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# Head of School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been lovely welcoming our students back to school this week following the half-term break.

The pastoral team and I delivered a series of assemblies this week to reiterate our high standards, but to also celebrate the large number of students who had no strikes on their Strike Card last term. The lucky winners received a Love2Shop gift voucher which is always a greatly received prize! Well done to everyone who managed to keep a clean Strike Card throughout Term 1. Within the assemblies, I also took the opportunity to provide the feedback received from our 'Students Say, We Listen' initiative on our school website - [www.bourneacademy.org/students-say-we-listen](http://www.bourneacademy.org/students-say-we-listen). Student voice is important to us and I would like to thank all students who have taken the time so far to provide their comments via this platform.

I would like to remind you of our SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening taking place next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. We are expecting a large number of visitors to attend on the evening and as a result of the proposed large numbers, we are asking students in Year 9 to be tour guides for the evening. This was mentioned in the Year 9 assembly this afternoon and helper letters have been distributed to students. Please can I ask that you complete the permission slip which will need to be returned on Monday. We are very excited about this upcoming Open Evening and I would encourage our Year 10 and Year 11 students to attend to see the exciting offer we can afford our students in our outstanding Post-16 provision.



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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Our year 13 History cohort visited both Southwell Workhouse and the National Holocaust Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Firstly, they explored the well-preserved Victorian workhouse in Southwell to revise for their Paper 3 exam on 'Poverty, Public Health and the State of Britain'. Students discussed the horrendous conditions that inmates of all ages would have suffered in the workhouse from the knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff and volunteers at the site, developing their understanding to the different tasks inmates would have had to undertake to 'earn their keep' as well as looking down a slightly spooky cellar!

The students then went to the National Holocaust Museum to research for the coursework they are currently writing on the extent to which the Holocaust was a long-term plan. The educator, Beth, led the students through their extensive exhibition and a workshop on Jewish identity. Whilst walking around there was lots of discussion on the intentionalist vs functionalist debate surrounding the Holocaust and how the students intend to use this trip to inform their writing. Students had an excellent time and finished the day by taking time to reflect by placing a stone in memorandum of the children who lost their lives in the tragedy.

I would like to thank Miss Taylor, Head of History and Mr Little, Trust Associate Education Director (Humanities: History & RE) for planning and organising this memorable trip.



Also on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, our Year 10 students received an external presentation from the charity 'Stand Against Violence' on Anti Violence and Knife Crime. This presentation forms part of our on-going and extensive PSHE programme. Unfortunately, we are living in a world where we need to educate and heighten awareness of knife crime, the law and the sanctions for carrying weapons. Our Year 10 students responded maturely to this very important topic which has increased awareness for all.

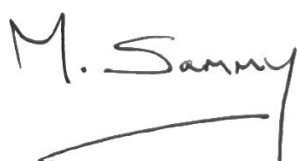
Next week, our Year 11 students will be having a presentation based on positive health which looks to be another worthwhile event to support the personal development of our young people.

Communication is important to us and we feel it is important to have a strong partnership between school and home to ensure there is a positive working relationship. On Wednesday this week, parents/carers of Year 7 had the opportunity to meet with their child's form tutor for a online Parents Evening to discuss how they have settled into school life at Bourne Academy. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended and I am hoping you found this opportunity to discuss your child's progress very useful.

We have started to see poppies in school as part of the annual Remembrance Day which we will be paying our respect to in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We are encouraging all students to buy a poppy to wear throughout the week and in particular on Friday. A letter has been sent to parents/carers which provide the finer details as to the dress code for those who participate in external groups with official uniforms.

Have a good weekend.

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

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