



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Following our recent outstanding Open Evening in September, I would like to thank parents, carers and students who visited the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening which took place last night. It was a busy evening with over 900 visitors in attendance. The evening enabled our prospective Sixth Form students in Year 10 and 11 to discuss the various academic pathways our Post 16 provision has to offer. You will recall from the recent Department for Education performance tables that Bourne Academy is a centre of academic excellence, outperforming many Lincolnshire schools on progress measures. We are proud of this success and this is a testament to our hard-working staff and motivated students. Last night mirrored the resounding success of our main Open Evening just two months ago and we envisage a high intake of Year 12 students in September 2024.

The first deadline for students to make their application to our Sixth Form is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, although I would urge our Year 11 students to hand their forms in as soon as possible so a subject meeting can take place to confirm their options.



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This week, our students have been supporting the annual Poppy Appeal and learning about the Remembrance services which will take place over the weekend. Students have been donating to support our local Royal British Legion, as they help support the most vulnerable in our society. As a school, we held a one-minute silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month. The Head Students and I have the honour of taking part in the Bourne Town Parade by laying a wreath on behalf of the school and the Trust this coming Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Our Heads of Houses play an integral part to school life at Bourne Academy. One aspect of their work is to encourage the participation of competitions that run throughout the academic year. Throughout the month of October, students had the opportunity to engage in a competition focusing on Black History Month and it is pleasing that we received a record number of entries! Thank you to all students who participated in this competition as your entry was greatly received. Congratulations to the following students who were the selected winners for their excellent work:

- 1st Jake Fenner
- 2nd Natalya Krywyszyn
- 3rd Roxie Bates

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, nine students from Years 7 and 8 were invited to Kesteven Rugby Club for a taster day of Rugby. Despite the poor weather conditions, the girls involved rose to every challenge and immersed themselves into each activity. The morning session consisted of a carousel of activities led by Rugby coaches from local clubs on tackling, rucking, ball handling, beating the attacker and modified games. Overall, it was a great day and fantastic opportunity for the girls to experience an activity that isn't offered on the curriculum. This will hopefully lead to further opportunities and enhance links to local clubs which will benefit all the students at Bourne Academy.



As a school community, it has always been important to us to seek stakeholder feedback. We appreciate and value all the feedback we receive from our parents/carers throughout the academic year. We would like to ask as many parents as possible, to complete our Trust feedback survey. We will use your stakeholder feedback, to ensure we continue to offer the best education our young people deserve. Please click <https://forms.office.com/e/W6W8Eq6FqU> to access the survey.

Finally, you may have seen that Giles Academy – one of our Trust schools, received a special visit from the Prime Minister on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Giles Academy has been on a transformation journey and this visit enabled the Prime Minister to see the school in action, but to also discuss his plans of a smoke-free generation. The visit followed on from the King's Speech on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, where King Charles III confirmed that the UK Government will introduce legislation regarding smoking and vaping. Mr Sunak took the opportunity to talk to the students and staff at Giles Academy which provided a memorable experience to all involved.

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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