



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 8th December 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We are fast approaching the end of this term and there is an air of excitement as both staff and students are looking forward to the Christmas festivities! On Wednesday this week there was an unprecedented demand for the Christmas Dinner! It was brilliant to see so many students enjoying their Christmas Dinner, pulling their cracker with friends and wearing their paper hats. It was a very busy service in the canteen, however, all students were served in good time. For those who may have missed out, or would like to have the opportunity to eat another Christmas dinner, I am pleased to inform you that we will be repeating this meal next Wednesday lunchtime in the canteen. For any student not wishing to partake in the Christmas dinner, other healthy options will be available such as sandwiches and salads.

We are also looking forward to the upcoming Winter Concert which will take place in the School Hall on Tuesday 19th December 2023. Rehearsals are sounding excellent and I am excited to hear our talented students perform throughout the course of the evening. Tickets for this event have virtually sold out with just a few left, so please do purchase your tickets as soon as you can to avoid missing out.

In my newsletter last week, I featured Year 12 student, William Robbins, who qualified as a private pilot. This week, I have the pleasure to share the success of Year 11 student, Skye Harper. Skye has been competing in martial arts since she was 8 years old and is part of the 'Annabel Murcott School of Taekwondo'. In 2022, Skye gained her first dan black belt in Taekwondo and has competed in many local competitions, including the world Championships in July 2023. Skye was successful in this event and came away with a bronze medal in the blackbelt team sparring. Additionally, on Saturday 24th November 2023, at the British Taekwondo Championships 2023, Skye won a silver medal in the blackbelt individual Lightweight sparring. This is an incredible achievement for Skye and we are all incredibly proud of her who is seen in the photo with her master instructor, Annabel, who has just become the first British woman to gain the 8th Dan Black Belt World Master in Taekwondo!



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Yesterday evening, we held our annual Year 9 online Parent's Evening and I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended. I am positive that this critical evening enabled you to gain valuable information about your child's learning and progress across the various subject areas. In the New Year, our Year 9 students will be considering their GCSE options which is another important milestone in their education. There will be plenty of guidance for you and your child and further information will be communicated to you nearer the time.

Last week, our Post 16 students sat their Pre-Public Examinations (PPE Mocks) and this week was the turn for our Year 11 students. This series will provide our Year 11 students a good opportunity to sit a full suite of examinations over a two-week period. Students have been working very hard and we continue to encourage all students to be revising as we approach the final week of examinations.

On Thursday 7th December 2023, students in Years 7 to 10 took part in a 'Speaking And Listening Activity Day', also known as 'SALAD.' Mrs Daisy Bland (Trust Executive Education Director) oversees the Communications Strategy across all four schools in our Trust and has embedded SALAD as part of our curriculum offer. Regardless of the subjects which students are studying, the aim of the day is not to use any writing instruments, but to encourage students to communicate verbally within the lesson.



This year's UCAS process is well underway with students applying for a variety of courses from medicine to International Tourism! Offers are coming in from a range of universities, include Russell Group universities. Mrs Barber would like to remind students that the deadline for UCAS application is Wednesday 17th January 2024.

In other Sixth Form news, next Friday, Bakkavor will be coming to Bourne Academy to run mock assessment centre sessions to support some Sixth Form students with future apprenticeship applications. The process for apprenticeship applications is highly competitive and as such, we want to help prepare our students to be successful as they pursue their future career pathway.

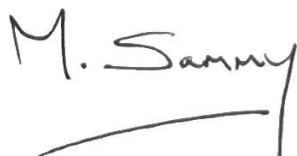
I would like to take this opportunity to once again share the details of our two parent Local Advisory Board (LAB) members who are Phil Pettit and Mark Rainbow; Phil Pettit is also the Chair of the Bourne Academy LAB. Both these parents have done an outstanding job in their LAB roles, which can often be very time consuming and demanding, for which I thank them. As their term in office is due to end on 31st December 2023, have both said they would be pleased to continue. The LAB team, albeit it a non-voting team, take a central role in shaping the ethos and culture of the school, but have no governance responsibilities. That means members have no voting rights and cannot make financial decisions on the school's behalf, but can

advise on matters as directed by the SLAT Board of Trustees. It is important to note that this is not a traditional Governance role, and should not be confused as one, as the LAB has only the powers and responsibilities that are delegated to them by the Board of Trustees. If anyone else would like to put themselves forward for this role can you please let the school know no later than 2pm on Friday 15th December 2023, by emailing clerktogovernors@slat.org.uk. If further candidates are put forward, this would be subject to a LAB member election.

Finally, for students who completed GCSE, A-level and BTEC examinations in 2023, these certificates are now ready for collection in person from the school. The last date they can be collected is Monday 15th January 2024. If students are now in the Sixth Form at Bourne Academy, we will make arrangements for them to collect their certificates. If someone is collecting on behalf of the student, we will need permission from the student. It is important that students keep the physical copies of certificates as they may need these for job, college or university applications as proof of achievement. If they do not keep, they may have to pay an administration charge to obtain copies from each examination board in the future. Please note that students Art & Design artwork can also be collected from the school. To collect artwork, liaise with the school 'in advance' so this can be made ready for collection.

Have a great 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 the name.

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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