



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 26th January 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We are half way through Term 3 already and have had another successful week at Bourne Academy.

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers who attended the online Parents Evening yesterday evening. Following on from the recent PPE/AOL 2 data, this evening proved the perfect opportunity to discuss the progress of our Year 11 students who have less than 60 school days to go until their first exam. The recent data check has enabled us to introduce further intervention opportunities, once such initiative being the regrouping of our morning and afternoon registration sessions. This provides an opportunity for all students to access a curriculum subject area for additional teaching and revision. We are pleased to see how successful these sessions have been already in such a short space of time and we are confident that all of our students will benefit from this intervention.

On Monday, we were delighted to be able to host a Kin-Ball Tournament for local primary schools. The thrilling and unique sport of Kin-Ball, is an engaging and dynamic team sport that involves three teams competing against each other in a circular court. The games distinctive feature is the oversized, lightweight ball, which measures 4 feet in diameter. Assisting this tournament were Year 10 Sports Leaders, who showed great enthusiasm to learn the game and help all the primary students have a fantastic day. The event was held in association with School Games and Rupert Gibson said the following about our Year 10 students "I was really impressed with how proactive they were. They picked up on tasks and the rules really well. I hadn't in fact expected them to step into the umpiring as they did. I thought I'd be umpiring one pitch and grabbing someone else to do the other but they just slotted in!"



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

This week congratulations go to Isabella Afford in Year 8 who is the first student at Bourne Academy to achieve the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards in our Aspire passport challenges. She proudly received her Gold award in the House assembly and was presented with a Gold badge and certificate by Mr McQueen, Head of Keller House. Isabella has fully embraced the challenges from helping out at the Open Evening in September, feeding her dog and cat at home, reading dozens of books to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes, baking a scrumptious Kinder Bueno cake with her dad, demonstrating her commitment to out of school activities by attending Scouts every week, creating a PowerPoint presentation about actress Emma Watson and performing a scene from The Grinch with the drama group in the Winter Concert.



Mr McQueen, Head of Keller House said “I am very proud of Isabella for being the first student at Bourne Academy to complete the Gold award on her Aspire passport. Her tenacity and drive to excel should be an inspiration to other students across the House system – she is a credit to the school.”

Yesterday, around half of our Year 7 students had a cultural trip this week visiting the Cathedral and Mosque in Peterborough. Next week the remainder of our Year 7 will be going out on this trip and we will provide you with a full write up and photographs in next week’s update.

Our extra curricular focus for this week is Chess Club which is an inclusive and competitive club that helps students meet new friends and learn to play competitively against each other. This takes place on Monday lunchtime in D03 and is a great space for beginners and chess masters of all years! Playing chess involves a good deal of strategizing, planning and problem solving - all of which are involved in making decisions toward a goal. It also improves memory, aids creativity, social and thinking skills. At the end of the last academic year, the students took part in a chess tournament which was very exciting to watch. We are planning to run the same tournament this year and any new students are very welcome to come along and take part.

Finally can we please remind parents/carers that the Trust's Safeguarding and Attendance Policies require the school to have daily contact for any absences. Please report these **before 8.00am** on the morning of any absence via the ParentMail app.

We hope that everyone has a good weekend.

Kindest regards,

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RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS

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If you are interested in discovering the opportunities available at **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust**, we would like to meet you at one of our Recruitment Roadshow events.

Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September.

By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career.

These events are for those who are interested in working at **ANY** of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).

Giles Academy

Church Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9LD

Tuesday 6th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

Spalding Academy


Neville Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2EJ

Thursday 8th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

You can drop-in anytime between 5.00pm to 6.30pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff about the many teaching and support job vacancies that will be available. There is free parking on the school site and free refreshments will be served from 5.00pm.

To attend, you must register in advance - please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies



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