



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 8th March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week with many student opportunities and successes to be celebrated.

This week has been National Careers Week with members of staff sharing their education and career paths both in assemblies and at the start of their lesson.

On Tuesday we had SALAD Day, which stands for 'Speaking and Listening Activity Day' for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. This is where all of the lessons for the day involved little to no writing to encourage students to speak and listen. Normally, the classrooms around school are quiet and calm, but the decibels were notched up as we encouraged students to learn differently for the whole day. There was debating, presenting, group discussion, teamwork activities and much more. There have been some fantastic lessons planned by teaching staff across all subjects to incorporate speaking and listening in the classroom.



Also on Tuesday, we had the honour of supporting some of our students with their RAF Cadet celebration evening, at St Marys & St Nicholas Church, in Spalding. The Awards evening was a great opportunity to congratulate our students who are new cadets into the Squadron. We also celebrated the successes of the cadets and what they have done throughout the last year. The RAF Cadets unit is dedicated to promoting leadership, teamwork, and character development in young people, and we believe that these values align with the goals of our school.



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On Wednesday our Sixth Form Psychology students in Year 12 and Year 13 had a treat (if you like reptiles and insects!) when Zoolab who specialise in animal encounters and therapy visited the Sixth Form. Our students came face-to-face with Caspar the Snake, Jarvis the Cockroach, Honey the Gecko, Maurice the Millipede as well as Elvis the Tarantula and had the opportunity to safely hold and stroke the friendly visitors. Our students have been studying the psychology of phobias as part of the A-level content and the different treatments such as 'flooding' where you face your phobias to overcome them.



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday where our Year 7 students were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, which includes many classics, young adults fiction, graphic novels and biographies. It was optional for students to participate in, and we were impressed there were so many amazing costumes with lots of thought, effort and imagination gone into them. To reward our students for taking part, we held a 'Best Costume' competition in the Library where there were gift voucher prizes and certificates to the winners. It was very difficult choose a winner! Congratulations to Ellie Smith (1st place), Edie Murdoch (2nd place) and Saffie Hume (3rd place) and also everyone who took part.



Each year, Rotary organise a national Young Writer competition to encourage young people to demonstrate their creative writing skills and let their imagination run wild. We were delighted that entries from three Bourne Academy students have received prizes in the local heats of the competition. Eva-Rose Dubell in Year 7 received FIRST PRIZE in the Intermediate category for 11-13 years and her winning entry will now go forward to represent the local area in the District Finals of this national competition. Aleksandrs Nesterins, also in Year 7 received a Commended in the Intermediate category and Summer Petler in Year 11 received a Commended in the Senior category for 14-17 years as well. Congratulations to all our students who took part and especially our winners.



We would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 15th March 2024, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent out this week to remind parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day.

This week we would like to give a mention to our Eco Club. This all inclusive club gives students the confidence to engage in worthwhile environmental projects and activities. Beyond the parameters of the curriculum, we investigate environmental ideas and projects that have a positive impact on the environment at Bourne Academy. At the moment, there are over 20 members of the group, which meets every Monday during lunchtime in room G4. Any year group is welcome to join, and new members are always encouraged. Recently, we have organised litter picks, made an assembly slide to promote Fairtrade, and developed a quiz in honour of World Wildlife Day! Students can get involved if they have creative ideas and are interested in making a difference.

Kindest regards,

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