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Head of School

Friday 21st June 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a very busy week full of activities. This month we are celebrating diversity by increasing the awareness of Pride Month. Key Stage 4 students during tutor time are delivering topics in relation to this. We do hold a LGBTQ+ Club, which any student from any year group can attend if they wish.

On Wednesday, we held our Bourne Academy Sports Day 2024 at Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston. This event is always an exciting time for our students and staff. The weather could not have been more perfect - clear blue skies and warm sunshine graced us from start to finish. The day was a great success with two records broken and some fantastic comments from the stadium management about our Trust and all of our students. The students were an absolute credit to the school and showed great team spirit!



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In other athletics news, on Saturday 15th June 2024, four students from Bourne Academy competed in the Junior Boys competition at the Anglian Athletics Championships in Norwich. Despite some very challenging weather including torrential rain, hail and lightning, all students persevered and put out some outstanding performances. Greg Bocon finished 3rd in Long Jump. Harry Hodgkin competed in the 100m also finishing 3rd. He then also participated in the mixed relay team who placed 2nd. Justin Comon competed in the Junior Boys Discus competition finishing in 6th position. Finlay Smith in Year 8 competed in the Junior Boys High Jump competition finishing 5th. All of these performances are incredibly impressive putting them up there with the best athletes in the region in their age group. Well done!

This week we were delighted to put on the Year 11 and Year 13 Art Exhibition. The exhibit was an extraordinary showcase of our students' hard work and artistic talent. Spanning two years of dedicated effort, it featured a stunning array of artwork that included a range of different mediums such as, intricate pencil drawings, bold paint, to innovative 3D sculpture, print and photography work. The quality and originality of the artwork on display was truly impressive, highlighting the exceptional skill and creativity nurtured throughout their coursework. The exhibit not only celebrated the student's achievements but also gave students and their family the opportunity to see their artwork in a gallery experience. It was wonderful to see so many students, family and staff turn up to the event and to hear the varied creative pathways they intend to take next. The event was a testament to the passion of our students and whether it is Sixth Form or university they go onto to next, we wish the students the very best and we can confidently say that we know they will go on to succeed in whatever they put their minds to.



We had a very exciting day today as we welcomed over 200 students for our Year 12 Sixth Form Induction Day. It was only a matter of days that our students were sitting their final GCSE exam, however, it was fabulous to see so many of our students looking incredibly smart and enjoying the various activities that were on offer. The day included an Escape Room activity whereby students worked in small groups to complete a series of challenges. This ice-breaker enabled all students to develop their team working skills and was an excellent way to start the day. Students had the opportunity to have a 'taste' of what a typical Year 12 lesson is like and to meet some new teachers for their chosen Post 16 subjects. We would

particularly like to thank Mrs Barber, Mr Hind and Miss Barker who planned this day to ensure it was a memorable experience for our prospective new students who will be starting with us in their Post 16 education in September.

Also today, students enjoyed a SALAD teaching day, which is designed to improve presentation and oral skills as well as build confidence. SALAD stands for 'Speaking and Listening Activity Day' and includes activities in lessons which encourage students to develop their speaking and listening skills.

As well as events in the school today, there were external trips as our STEM Year 7 and Year 8 students visited the Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers Fair. These students attend our STEM extra-curricular club throughout the year. The STEM fair included different activities and workshops, and students were able to seek careers advice from representatives of various industries. This was a great opportunity for our future STEM career students.

Next Friday, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 who will be joining the school in September. Miss McCarthy our Year 7 Lead has been visiting the primary schools and ensuring there is a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

There is less than three weeks until our production of '**Disney's High School Musical on Stage!**'. There will be three evening performances on Wednesday 10th July, Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July 2024. Further information about the production plus the link for where you can purchase tickets is available here: www.bourneacademy.org/book-tickets-for-high-school-musical



Finally this weekend some of our Year 10 students will be completing their final practical assessment for their The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award in Rutland. We wish the students the best of luck and hope that the weather stays fine for you all.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

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