



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another busy week at Bourne Academy.

We will continue to ask students to attend school in their full uniform for next week. We will continue to monitor the temperature in schools and allow students to remove their blazers and ties, if necessary. We will review this on a weekly basis to ensure we maintain our high uniform standard, whilst accommodating the warmer weather.

On Tuesday evening, we celebrated the end of the examination season with our Year 11 Celebration Prom. From limos to tractors and motorbikes to classic cars, our students' modes of transport were amazing and really made their arrival at Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding special. We had a huge number of spectators from the local community too. The students had their awards given out and danced the night away. We are so proud of all our students who attended, they all looked stunning and enjoyed their final send off.



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Today, we had the pleasure of having over 250 excited Year 6 students on our school site. The Year 6 students used our Transition Day opportunity to make new friends, become familiar with our school site and standards and ask us a thousand questions! We all had a successful day and the students left the school site very positive and looking forward to joining our school community in September 2024. If you have any questions about transition please visit: [www.bourneacademy.org/transition-2024](http://www.bourneacademy.org/transition-2024)

With the general election taking place next week, we want to provide an opportunity for our students to have a clear understanding on the election process. Some of our Sixth Form students spent Wednesday morning presenting their Election Hustings to all of our students from various parties. We will be completing a mock election on the Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, so students have an understanding on how to vote before sharing the results during afternoon registration.

Over last weekend, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award students ventured out to complete their practical element of the award. The DofE is a fun programme of activities designed to build confidence and improve essential skills and attributes for life such as resilience, problem solving, teamwork and communication. A fantastic group of Year 10 students from across South Lincolnshire Academies Trust completed their qualifying expedition last weekend for their Bronze Award. This two-day trip involved a 10 mile walk each day carrying everything they needed for their expedition. Throughout the weekend the students were assessed on their expedition skills. This included navigation using a map and compass as well as reading the land around them, camp craft skills and the safe use of a stove to cook their evening meals. To achieve the Bronze Award, students have to complete four sections. Three of these are completed independently over a period of three or six months, then the fourth of which is the expedition section. The independent sections involve volunteering to support a local charity or organisation, learning a new skill and taking part in a physical activity.



On Wednesday our Heads of House took part in our very own Bake Off. Our Heads of House are all fiercely competitive and take this competition incredibly seriously. This year's competition involved the Head of House team making toffee apples. They were generously provided with a basic outline of the recipe and then let loose in the kitchen! The Heads of House were surprisingly capable and some may even say talented accomplishing some excellent results with no burned sugar, no injuries and providing no broken teeth, although some were close! Mrs Kilby, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Roche formed the esteemed judging panel with points awarded for hygiene, technique and flair. In first place was Mr Broome for Galileo House with comments from the judges including *"nice colour on the toffee, however he did wash his hands in the wrong sink"*. Second place was Mr Armstrong for Turner House (standing in for Mr Dennis who was out on a sports fixture), who was commended for his presentation and overall taste although he did have to ask if the hob needed to be on. In third place was Miss English for Warwick House who took things one step at a time and was commended for her overall presentation. All round it was another fantastic event with all Heads of House demonstrating some friendly competitive spirit. A massive thank you has to go to the Food Technology Team who as always provided an exceptional challenge and dealt with all the washing up!

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the South Lincolnshire Superzone Athletics Championships was held at the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston. The competition saw our students competing against the very best students from the other 12 schools in the South Lincolnshire Superzone. The extremely hot conditions made it a challenging day for the competitors but as always the students rose to the challenge and met every competition with great determination. All the events were very competitive with close finishes in the races and some new personal bests. Our congratulations go to all our students who won their event.

As part of their A-level Geography course, students are required to write a piece of coursework (their NEA) on a topic linked to the specification of their choice. To help facilitate their data collection, we take students to the North Yorkshire moors national park, where there are a superb range of physical and human geographical features to investigate. Last week, 23 fantastic Year 12 students went on their trip, spending five full days collecting data. Students focussed on a broad variety of topics including coastal erosion and defences, sand dune succession, the impact of the North York Moors railway and the changing character of seaside resorts such as Whitby and Scarborough. The students worked extremely hard all week, collecting their own data as well as supporting their peers to collect theirs. Evenings were spent writing up their projects back in the accommodation, as well as enjoying some free time exploring the grounds of the cottages, playing cards and helping to cook the evening meals. It was brilliant to see the students working independently with a range of specialist fieldwork equipment. The human geographers gained lots of confidence in speaking with members of the public when carrying out questionnaires and practiced other qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques such as land use surveys, environmental quality surveys, pedestrian counts and noise pollution readings. All students worked exceptionally hard and were a real credit to Bourne Academy. They collected good quality data which should see them produce some detailed pieces of coursework.

Finally, this is a reminder if you have not yet purchased tickets for our production of **'Disney's High School Musical on Stage!'**. There will be three evening performances on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The Friday evening performance is nearly sold out so don't leave it too late to book. 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](http://www.bourneacademy.org/book-tickets-for-high-school-musical)

A promotional poster for the production of Disney's High School Musical. The background is a red, vertically-pleated curtain. On the left, the text 'Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE!' is displayed in a stylized, glowing font. On the right, there is a QR code in the top right corner, the performance dates 'Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July 2024' in a yellow font, and the ticketing information 'Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy' in a white font. A faint, large outline of a school crest is visible in the background.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,

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