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Head of School

Friday 13th September 2024

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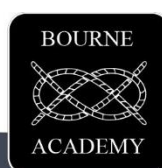
Dear parents/carers and students,

It was a privilege to attend the annual Upper School Awards Evening held last night at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening celebrated the successes of some of our former Year 11 and 13 students. Invited to the event were subject award winners and overall winners in respect of achievement. We are immensely proud of all young people and wish them the very best in their next steps of education. Details and photos of the winners will be on the school website and our social media.

- www.bourneacademy.org/upper-school-awards-evening-2024



Our new Year 7 cohort has settled in well and it is a pleasure to see how much they're enjoying their new school. The students look so smart and are engaging in our opportunities in lessons already. You will be aware from separate communication from Mr Martin that all Year 7 students will be completing their CATS tests from next week. Students do not need to practice for these assessments and are not something



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to worry about. They are similar to an IQ test in that they are designed to measure a student's potential rather than testing specific knowledge. We will reassure our new students in tutor time and assemblies to ensure students are not concerned.

Bourne Academy continues to go from strength to strength which is seen through our ambitious curriculum, as well as wider extra-curricular provision. We are very proud of our students who work hard and uphold the school's ethos to 'Aspire, Challenge, Achieve.' As such, if you know any families that may have children in Years 4 to 6, please encourage them to attend our annual Open Evening on Thursday 26th September 2024 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. On the evening, our school will be full of our young student ambassadors who will be able to inform families what it is like to be a student at Bourne Academy. Our departments will begin to ask for student ambassadors to help support the evening and represent the school as tour guides. Please put this date in your diary if your child would be interested in helping at this event and further information will be communicated in due course.

The banner features a photograph of a young boy in a school uniform and safety goggles, working with test tubes in a laboratory setting. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'Prospective students in years 4 to 6 and their parents/carers are invited to our Open Evening Thursday 26th September 2024 5.30pm to 8.00pm'. A yellow starburst graphic contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. The Bourne Academy logo is positioned below the photo. At the bottom, the school's motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written in a stylized font against a yellow background.

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This year sees our new launch of Sixth Form rewards and community support. Last year's students reviewed our current reward systems and made some great additions to our rewards system. Whilst reviewing the rewards, the Sixth Form students wanted to increase their charity work and support too. With this in mind, students will take part in their first charity event called 'Jeans for Genes Day'. As a school, we support local and national charities and the Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. The money which is raised supports to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Jeans for Genes will be taking place next Friday 20th September 2024 for Sixth Form students only who will be allowed to wear their jeans in support of this worthy cause.

Starting from next week, we will be introducing handheld metal scanners, which is now a common approach in many local and national schools. The purpose of the handheld scanners are for detection and deterrent, and these additions will further support our Behaviour Policy, in line with creating a safe environment. This decision has been made to further ensure the safety and security of all students and staff.

Listed below are the key reasons for this initiative:

- **Enhanced Security:** The handheld scanners will help us detect and prevent the presence of any prohibited or dangerous items on school grounds.
- **Preventive Measure:** This proactive step aims to deter any potential banned items and ensure a safe learning environment for everyone.
- **Student Safety:** Our primary concern is for the well-being of our students. These scanners are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure and supportive school atmosphere.

This approach is supported by the Department for Education (DfE), as outlined in the [Searching, Screening and Confiscation document](#), where it states: *“A senior member of staff may use a metal detector/scanner to assist with a student search for any banned or prohibited items. Health and Safety legislation requires a school to be managed in a way which does not expose students or staff to risks to their safety. Therefore, the metal detector/scanner will be used at the discretion of the school when searching a student for any banned or prohibited items. Please note that if a student refuses to be screened, parents/carers will be contacted and this may result in the student being refused admission into the school building on the grounds of safety.”*

We believe that these measures will contribute positively to our school community and enhance our school safety. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this new safety procedure, as we believe that this measure will contribute positively to our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school, via your Pastoral Year Lead.

And finally, I wanted to raise aware of the roadworks which are happening on Harrington Street starting on Monday for four weeks. The road will be down to one lane and will be controlled by traffic lights. We realise this will affect many parent/carers journeys into school. We will monitor the situation and update when we can.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Jemma Curson

Head of School, Bourne Academy

Upcoming key dates



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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- www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy
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- www.twitter.com/BourneSLAT