

Head of School

Friday 18th October 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we draw a close to the first term of this academic year, I would like to thank parents/carers for your continued support to ensure our students come well prepared for their learning. It has been a very positive term and I am pleased to see our highest of standards and expectations are upheld in all areas of school life.

On Monday 14th October 2024, we held our annual University Information Evening for our Year 11 students to discuss future next steps in education. The aim of this session was to provide to parents/carers and students to consider the benefits and implications of going to university and to also outline the support that Bourne Academy gives to students in its Sixth Form to help them make informed decisions and strong applications to university should they want to pursue this avenue.

After half term on Thursday 7th November 2024, we will be holding our SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening, which is for families of Year 10 and Year 11 students to attend. With the growth of the Sixth Form and increase in applications from schools across the region, it is really important that students make their application for Sixth Form by the end of Term 2 (by Monday 16th December 2024). This will help ensure that they can choose their preferred subject options. Attending the Open Evening will give you the opportunity to speak to all of the subject areas to work out the subjects to put on your application. For further information about the Sixth Form to discover the study pathways, the subjects on offer and the amazing results students achieve, you can visit: www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform



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

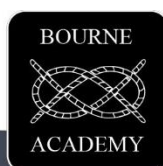
SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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Our Year 10 Geography students visited Lincoln on Monday and Wednesday this week to gather data for the human fieldwork element of their GCSE course. Students were investigating urban regeneration in the city centre, to compare the castle/cultural district, the main shopping area and Brayford waterfront. They carried out data collection techniques including public questionnaires, land-use surveys, environmental quality surveys and pedestrian counts. Students also enjoyed a walk on Lincoln castle's historic walls in order to gain a perspective of the city layout below.

We have also had our first winter SLAT games, where our football and netball teams visited Spalding Academy, to start the third year of this great sporting event. We had a mixed result, but there is still enough games to secure the overall SLAT tournament winners!

Our 'Staff v Sixth Form' charity football match after school yesterday was a resounding success! The game showcased incredible sportsmanship and camaraderie, drawing enthusiastic support from students and staff alike. Both teams demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, making it a thrilling match from start to finish. The event raised significant funds for our chosen charity 'Jeans for Genes', highlighting the community's generosity and spirit. Special thanks to everyone who participated, organised and donated. Together, we made a positive impact while enjoying a fantastic day of football. The final score was a 2-2 draw, which means there will be a rematch!

Our Peer Mentoring Program is due to start during Term 2. This is a form of support where students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 are matched with a Sixth Form Mentor. The Mentor provides support to the mentee on a 1:1 basis once a week during afternoon registration. The Mentors offer a listening ear and also support in a range of areas to include: helping students settle into school, organisation skills, confident and self esteem. The Peer Mentoring Program forms an integral part of the pastoral support that we offer in school which we feel benefits not only the younger students but those in the Sixth Form as well. All peer mentors have received appropriate safeguarding training and know the importance of reporting any concerns to a designated member of staff.

We kindly request that parents and carers avoid visiting our reception area in the mornings for non-essential matters. This helps us maintain a smooth and efficient start to the school day, ensuring our focus remains on the students. Please contact office@bourneacademy.org if you have queries or need assistance. This will help reduce congestion and allow our staff to manage urgent matters more effectively.


We are holding our annual virtual Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 31st October 2024 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a very important evening for parents and carers, as it provides important information regarding your child's transition to secondary school and progress so far. You will meet with your child's form tutor, who has spent the most time with your child each day. We have sent more information about this evening including information on how to book your appointment on Parentmail.

I would like to remind parents and carers that our start of term 2 is on Monday 28th October 2024 for all students. We have been in contact with Lincolnshire Transport to confirm the school buses are running as normal.

On Tuesday 29th October 2024, we also have our school nurses in to deliver the flu vaccination to those students in Years 7 to 11, who have signed up with the NHS for this vaccination.

We hope all of our school community has a restful half term.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Jemma Curson
Head of School, Bourne Academy

Upcoming key dates



Careers Fair 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024

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