



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Dear parents/carers and students,

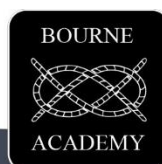
We have had a focus on PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) for our students this week. On Monday, Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership came in to deliver a relationship and sex education for our Year 11 students. The session discussed all important relationship advice, and allowed our students to ask questions they may have. Then on Tuesday, we had a Multi-Agency Day for our Year 8 students where we had over 20 external speakers deliver five sessions across the school day. These included Anti-social Behaviour, Fire Safety, Online Safety, Alcohol & Drug Awareness and Healthy Relationships. As usual, our speakers were really impressed with our students and their engagement in the active sessions. These days are very important for our curriculum delivery of PSHE.

As Christmas approaches, I am excited that our Winter Concert will take place in the evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This is the perfect festive event for the end of term, which all of the family can enjoy. You can be guaranteed there will be amazing performances from a diverse mix of bands, soloists as well as vocal and drama groups. Our talented students from Years 7 to 13 and the Music and Performing Arts staff are busy preparing this seasonal showcase to share with you that will feature acts performing classic and modern Christmas songs as well as contemporary crowd-pleasers. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased online from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy) and there are no ticket booking fees. The amazing performances will start at 7.00pm with doors open at 6.30pm. As well as great entertainment there will be a raffle and refreshments before the show and at the interval. I cannot wait to attend my first concert at Bourne Academy.



Join us for our annual Winter Concert where there will be a mixture of bands, soloists, as well as the Bourne Academy vocal and drama groups.

Tickets are £5 in advance and available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy)



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On Monday next week, all families will receive a letter about the 'Wear a Christmas Item Day' in aid of Save the Children, which will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024. As well as this our students are contributing to creating Christmas Hampers to donate to the Bourne Foodbank and The Butterfield Centre in Bourne. All donations for this event are gratefully received.

We will also be holding a Christmas Film event for those students who have completed their Aspire Passport and therefore, have received a Bronze badge. Please encourage your child to share with you their Aspire Passport in the hope that we can award as many students as possible who have been committed to the programme. The deadline for completion of the Bronze Passport for entry to the Film Festival is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Any badges completed after this time will not be allowed access until the next reward event.

For the next three Wednesday's (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December), the canteen will be serving the best meal of the year - Christmas Lunch! This seasonal feast will include roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts and carrots with gravy and cranberry sauce. For vegetarians there will be a homemade Brie & Vegetable Wellington so everyone can enjoy this festive dinner together. There will also be a choice of festive desserts including Xmas Pudding, Yule Log and Mince Pies plus there are Christmas crackers. All of the main meal is freshly made on the premises in our school kitchen using quality ingredients so students can be assured of a tasty and nutritious lunch. For £4.00 students can get the main meal with a dessert and a Christmas cracker. If students only want the main meal and a Christmas cracker, this is just £3.20.



**Christmas Lunch**

Wednesday 4th December  
Wednesday 11th December  
Wednesday 18th December

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets or Brie & Vegetable Wellington

with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Brussels Sprouts, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

plus a choice of Xmas Pudding, Yule Log or Mince Pies

**£4** Main Course, Dessert and a Christmas Cracker!

£3.20 Main Course and a Christmas Cracker  
£2.50 Main Course      80p Dessert

As the cold weather is finally here, we appreciate many of our students leave the house early in the morning and may miss the most important meal of the day... breakfast! We would like to extend our service to those who need it by continuing to offer free porridge to all students from 8.20am in the school canteen. We hope this will support our students and their families as the cold winter temperature sets in.

In sporting news, our Year 7 students had an exhilarating clash in the National Cup. The Year 7 Bourne Academy football team triumphed over Hampton Gardens School with a score of 2-1, securing their place in Round 4. The match started dramatically, with Hampton Gardens taking the lead just 60 seconds in. A well-placed free kick smashed in off both posts, leaving Bourne stunned. However, the team rallied and found their rhythm just before half-time. The second half saw Hampton Gardens dominate possession, but Bourne's defence held strong. Congratulations to the team on this hard-fought victory! They now await the draw for the next round.

Our Student Council will be relaunched this term. The School Council focuses on school development projects to support improving areas of the school. They also represent the school positively at internal and external events – the first project is the Student Wellbeing Charter.

I would like to remind Year 9 parents that next Thursday (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024) is the Year 9 Parents Evening. Please ensure you have signed up for the event as it is a very important date in the Year 9 school calendar.

In the Trust, one of the key factors behind our schools' success is our strong emphasis on the Communications Agenda, which encompasses the core elements of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Next Thursday marks our first SALAD Day of the year, which stands for 'Speaking and Listening Activity Day.' On this day, students engage in minimal or no writing and instead focus on developing their oracy and listening skills across all subjects. Activities include debates, role-plays and presentations.

All of our Year 7 to 10 students participate in this day, and for the first time, our Year 12 students will also join in. Following the Covid pandemic and the further advancement of the digital age, we observed a decline in our students' confidence with speaking skills. SALAD is part of our initiative to bridge this gap and promote these essential skills. In future jobs, interviews, and social situations, students will need to articulate confidently, and we emphasise this by ensuring all departments are responsible for teaching these skills.

In addition to our SALAD Days, we use the term 'speak like a specialist' across the curriculum, encouraging students to use the correct vocabulary and terminology for each subject. Students are also encouraged to speak in full sentences, use standard English and communicate with clarity during lessons and around the school. Our various departments ensure that the promotion of these skills is integrated throughout the topics studied by our students, with numerous opportunities for speaking activities throughout the year, not just on SALAD Days. We hope these measures will help all of our students become highly successful communicators who confidently command a broad vocabulary.

Finally, next Wednesday will be the last of our SLAT Recruitment Roadshows at Bourne Academy. If you or someone you know is interested in working at any of the schools in our Trust, we would like to meet you. Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September. For further information and to register to attend, please visit: [www.slat.org.uk/recruitment-roadshow](http://www.slat.org.uk/recruitment-roadshow)



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Are you interested in progressing your career by **working for our Trust?**

Register to attend one of our Recruitment Roadshows to discover more about the **teaching and support roles** we have.

**Bourne Academy** Wednesday 4th December 2024  
5.00pm to 6.30pm

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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