



BOURNE
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 13th December 2024

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Dear parents/carers and students,

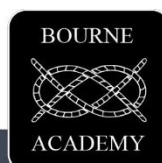
As I reflect on the past year, there is so much to celebrate at Bourne Academy. Each week, as I write my newsletter, I am filled with pride at the incredible achievements and opportunities our students have embraced. As we approach the final week of Term 2, we have been busy with our usual accomplishments and supporting our local community, especially during this time of year when a little extra help is always appreciated.

A big thank you to all our Year 11 students for their diligent approach to their Pre-Public Examinations over the past few weeks. There has been extensive independent revision, additional intervention classes, and high usage of GCSEPod. The students have been well-supported, and their conduct has been exemplary. PPEs continue next week with Art, Speaking and Listening for English, and French Speaking. We scheduled the PPEs before the Christmas holiday so students can enjoy their break without worrying about upcoming exams. Results will be available in January.

Last week, a team of eleven Year 11 students represented the school at the annual Elite 11 competition, organised by Boston College at the Peter Paine Performance Centre in Boston. The event involved individual students competing against other schools in Olympic style events (inspired by The Paris Olympics 2024). Included were tests of co-ordination, speed, agility, problem solving and team based challenges; all of which were linked to events seen at the Olympics and Paralympics.

Students faced one of the most gruelling challenges first which saw their fitness put to the test in the farmer's walk, cheering each other on to get a good start in the competition. The events continued to come quick and fast in the morning with student's memory being put to the test followed by the crazy golf event. Students continued to support each other and build on the good start that they had made. Later in the day some more familiar events faced the Bourne Academy team with things such as a netball shooting challenge and a football challenge. All students continue to add points to the overall team total.

As all the events began to draw to a close and all 12 competing schools returned to the hall for the results where an inspirational talk was given by Josh Blue who discussed his pathway into the industry of bodybuilding and personal training. This then left for only one thing, the results. Our fantastic team of students built up a score that saw them finish the day in 3rd place which was a brilliant achievement given the level of competition. Congratulations to all of the students involved for their exemplary representation of the school and performance at the event.



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This week, we held Super Prize Draws for our highest-achieving students in Year 9. All year groups have performed exceptionally well. Over 130 students were eligible for the prize draw based on their outstanding AOL data, attendance, and achievement grades. Students who entered the Super Prize Draw can also sign off this task on their Aspire Passports. Well done to all the winners!

As we all know, Christmas is a time of joy and happiness. Our second day of Christmas dinner was very popular and delicious as always. We recognise the importance of supporting our local community, especially those who may need an extra helping hand during this season. All our form groups have been busy collecting food hampers to donate to our day care centre and foodbank. Our students and their families have gone above and beyond for our local communities, and we will deliver all the hampers in our school minibuss next week! Thank you to everyone.

On Thursday this week, we held our first 'Wear a Christmas Item Day' across the Trust. This initiative was led by our student voice, as many students completed our "You Say, We Listen" feedback tab on our school website. Students felt they wanted to join this national campaign and raise funds for this great charity. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students wearing Christmas items to show support. Across the Trust, we raised an impressive amount, making a significant impact on the lives of many children.



Our teaching and support staff has also been busy supporting our 'Just Giving Tree' appeal. This initiative makes a significant difference to struggling families across Bourne and in local area, ensuring children who might not receive a present have something to open on Christmas Day. We support this local charity each year because we believe we can make a difference to our local families. The Bourne Academy staff have been incredibly generous this year, with a huge number of presents collected. The gifts are amazing! I would like to thank Miss Carver and Mrs Kettle for organising this charity event and coordinating the gifts.

A massive thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Winter Concert next week on Wednesday 18th December 2024. This event has now sold out and I am very much looking forward to supporting our students and enjoying their performances.

We understand that the Christmas holiday break can be a difficult time for some young people and families and, therefore, we are raising the awareness of support available to them. We continue to promote the worried@bourneacademy.org email address which enables students to email any safeguarding concerns to our safeguarding team. During the holiday period staff will endeavour to respond as soon as they are available to – signposting support and offering advice.

In addition to this school email support, please be reminded that the national support service 'Kooth' offer a 24/7 service for students who are struggling with their mental health. This service is supported by trained professionals who can offer specialist advice and support to all children in a non-judgemental forum. We will be highlighting Kooth to students in assemblies and tutor time throughout next week to enable all of our young people to understand where to access support if needed. All details for this service will also be available on the safeguarding pages of our school website.



Whatever's on your mind during the Christmas holiday, we're here to listen

Free, anonymous and safe support for children and young people aged between 11 and 18 in Lincolnshire

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24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm – 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm – 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm – 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm – 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm – 8pm

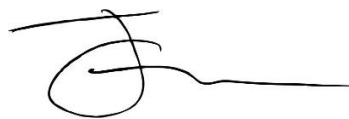
Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm – 10pm on weekdays and 6pm – 10pm on weekends.

It is incredibly important as we head towards the end of term to maintain high attendance. As we say to all of our students that every lesson counts as we continue to deliver our curriculum.

Finally, just a polite reminder that we break up on at 3.15pm on Thursday 19th December 2024. Please remember all year groups return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



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Head of School, Bourne Academy

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