



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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Dear parents/carers and students,

We would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year and hope the festive break allowed you and your family to gain some well-earned rest and family time together, ready to take on 2025. We certainly have a busy year ahead of us for school events.

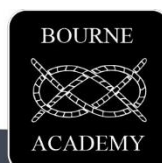
Firstly, I would like to thank parents and carers for their support on Monday and the changes we had to make to school to ensure students were safe and supervised. Our students took the changes to their usual timetabled day in their stride and were impeccably behaved. We wanted to put everything in place we possibly could to avoid a full closure; This meant some larger groups had to be supervised by our staff in our larger main hall spaces. I would like to send our thoughts to our local families and communities who have suffered with flooding over the last week. Please do get in touch with the school, if there is any support we can put into place.

Despite having a few adverse weather issues to deal with on Monday, it was excellent to welcome our students back to school this week and we have been very pleased with how settled our students have returned. Our Strike Card Draw took place in each assembly this week and students who received no negatives on their Strike Cards last term were placed in the draw to receive a £15 voucher. We would like to offer our congratulations to all our student winners who are all very well deserved!

The Year 11 and Year 13 summer examination season is now fast approaching, with only around 15 school weeks left. Students should now have started their revision in an evening on a daily basis now and we will continue to run our intervention sessions to support our young people. As we are now fast approaching the summer, we expect the attendance to these support sessions to increase further and we would ask that parents/carers encourage your child/children to attend as many intervention sessions as possible as this will impact positively on their grades this summer.

Our Year 10 students who take one of the following subjects: Health and Social, IT, Performing Arts, Music, or Travel and Tourism will also be taking part in a formal PSA (Pearson Set Assignment) examination sessions this term. Highlighting the importance of this - PSA's contribute 30% of the overall grade students receive at the end of Year 11. Students who study these subjects have now received a PSA timetable which identifies important dates for full attendance in school.

Our Year 11 students will receive their PPE grades, during a 'practice results' day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, which will help them to understand what is expected this summer. In addition to this, we would like



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to give you advance notice of the upcoming Year 11 Parents' Evening which will be taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. More details and the opportunity to book appointments relating to this important evening will be shared nearer the time.


For Post 16 students, we would like to remind you that if your son or daughter is in Sixth Form studying for any BTEC qualification, they will sit a BTEC examination (which will count towards their overall grade) in January. The timetable has already been given to the students in advance and also emailed to all parents/carers as necessary.

As you are aware, punctuality to our school is very important, as lateness results in loss of learning. As we settle back after the Christmas break, we would like to remind you of our lateness system which has been in place for over a year at Bourne Academy. Our school gates open for students, from 8.20am. Our expectation is that all students (except bus students) must arrive in the school grounds by 8.35am.

I would like to remind parents of the possible sanctions if a student is extremely late (without a valid parental reason), they will then have their school day extended by one hour that same day and parents will be contacted. During this time, the students will catch up on any missed learning due to their lateness. Parents/carers will be notified of any such detention(s), via our 'Intouch' or Show My Homework communication system. Please also note that any student who travels to school on school transport will not be included in this system if any buses arrive late. If you know that your child/children are going to be late for a valid reason, please contact the school and we will work with you to review any sanction.

Finally, I would like to wish our STEM student group the best of luck on their LEGO STEM challenge finals on Saturday, where they will compete against other schools. I cannot wait to see the photos and report on their successes and experience of the day.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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