

Head of School

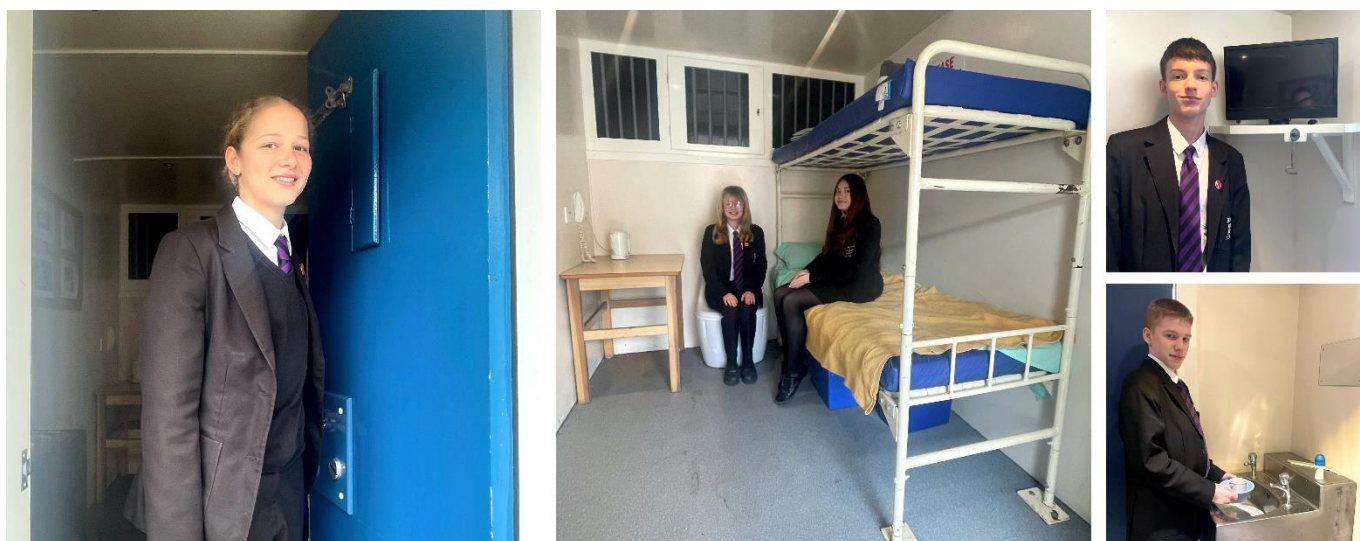
Friday 14th March 2025

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Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we are half way through Term 4 already. Our staff and students have been very this week again.

On Wednesday, our Year 9 have had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, ex-offenders and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Bourne Academy.



This week we have focused on National Careers Week. Throughout the week members of staff have shared their career journey with the students. Sharing this information with students has sparked discussion about careers and opportunities that are available.

The Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme at Bourne Academy is designed to support students' transition to the next stage of their careers. The school offers impartial advice through various activities including talks, visits, information evenings and individual interviews. The Careers team collaborate closely with local employers to provide an annual Careers Fair and a variety of enterprise challenges ensuring students develop essential employability skills. We have embedded weekly 'Job of the Week' presentations to help students in all Year groups consider different careers. Students in Year 11 and at Sixth Form are provided with additional support to explore career paths, further education and employment opportunities. There are work experience opportunities for Sixth Form students and they are also successfully guided towards diverse destinations including university placements (for approximately two thirds of Year 13 students each year), apprenticeships and direct entry into employment. This tailored approach ensures that each student receives personalised advice, aligning their aspirations with suitable Post-16 and Post-18 options. For further information, please see the Careers section on the school website (www.bourneacademy.org/careers) or contact Mrs Barber, Associate Director for Post 16 & Careers by emailing BarberL@bourneacademy.org if you have any queries.

Last weekend, on Saturday 8th March 2025, students from across the Trust took part in the Peterborough Drama Festival. The event aims to promote speech and performance skills for all age groups in order to increase confidence, develop artistic expertise and to provide competition and cooperation amongst all keen students of the arts. 19 students from Bourne Academy joined other schools from across the Trust to compete across five categories. Within each of these categories students from the Trust were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd and out of the five categories entered the Trust took home their winning trophies. This was the first year that the Trust had competed in the festival, and we were so pleased with how our students conducted themselves in a professional manner. This was a great opportunity for the students to gain exposure performing in front of a live audience. All students worked extremely hard in preparation for the festival and performed with flair and vigour. The judges were very complementary of the quality of the work and the students should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done to everyone involved and notable successes from Bourne Academy are below. What a success!

KS3 Duologues - The Millennium Cup

- 1st – Alexa Thompson & Isla Sanson (Year 8)
- 2nd – Mariella Baptista & Lilee Wright (Year 8)

KS3 Monologues

- 2nd – Mason Wyche (Year 9)
- 3rd – Isabelle Afford (Year 9)

KS4 Monologues - The Dave Cupit Award

- 1st – Isla Liddle (Year 10)



Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 20th March 2025 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all Year 11 parents and carers about our Easter Revision Sessions being held across the two-week holiday period. These are valuable sessions to prepare for the examination period and to practice revision techniques with specialist subject teachers. All students have received their Revision Sessions timetable and information this week to sign up to. In addition to this, we are holding our Year 11 Exam Success Evening on Tuesday 1st April 2025 - this will be a fantastic evening for parents, carers and students to support their child in the final stages of preparation for their exams.

Finally, we will be having a special whole school non-uniform day next Friday 21st March 2025 to raise funds for Comic Relief / Red Nose Day. Students will be allowed to wear non-uniform **incorporating red items of clothing** in support of Comic Relief. However, we do ask for students to observe the list of dress restrictions as outlined in the letter sent to all parents this week. If students do not wish to take part they will need to wear full school uniform as per normal.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

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