

Head of School

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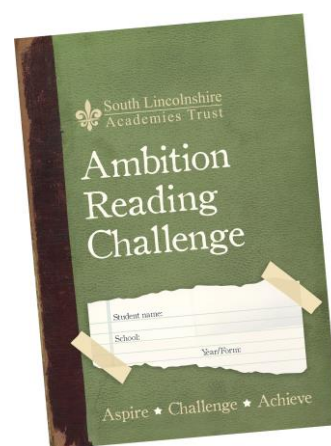
Dear parents/carers and students,

What another incredible week we have had.

Today is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day, and we celebrated by holding our annual non-uniform day at the school to support this incredible charity. I am thrilled to announce that we raised an impressive amount of over £4,000 across the Trust. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the generous contributions and enthusiastic participation of our students, staff, and community. It was wonderful to see the students supporting the cause by wearing an item of red. Please remember to visit our website and follow us on social media to see photos of our students from today. Their smiles and creativity truly captured the spirit of Comic Relief / Red Nose Day, and we are excited to share these moments with you.

On Thursday, the Year 9 rugby team travelled to Market Rasen Rugby Club to take part in the Lincolnshire Rugby 7s tournament. The day consisted of two sessions, with the morning session seeing Bourne face King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth, and St George's Academy, Sleaford. Bourne won their first game against King Edward comfortably, 34-12, but then lost their game against St George's 17-45. This saw Bourne Academy finish second in the group and take part in the Shield competition in the afternoon session. The afternoon session saw Bourne face Priory LSST, Priory Ruskin, and De Aston. Bourne won their game against Priory Ruskin narrowly, 29-21. In the second game of the afternoon, Bourne played De Aston School, comfortably winning 50-19. Bourne headed into their final game knowing a win would secure the Shield. Playing Priory Ruskin, Bourne ran out 43-14 winners, collecting the Shield for the afternoon session. Well done to all the students who took part!

We have been excited to announce the launch of our Ambition Reading Challenge in school. The challenge for our students is to read any ten books from our specially curated list from 50 books that have been chosen for their enjoyment and challenging nature. We have focused on the 'classics' across a wide range of genres including adventure, fantasy, history, mystery and general fiction. There will be rewards for students who have completed the challenge as they will receive £15 worth of book tokens, 250 achievement points and a special Ambition Reading badge. Visit www.bourneacademy.org/ambition-reading-challenge for details of the books that are part of the challenge. Students can also pick up their Ambition Reading Challenge booklet from the school library.



I am incredibly proud of our The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award students as they embark on their adventurous journey over the weekend. This practice expedition is a testament to their dedication, resilience, and commitment to personal growth. We wish them the best of luck as they navigate through their tasks, overcome obstacles, and create unforgettable memories. Your hard work and perseverance have brought you to this point, and we have no doubt that you will excel in this endeavour. Remember to support each other, stay positive, and enjoy every step of the way. Good luck, Silver Award students! We are cheering you on and look forward to hearing all about your incredible achievements.

I would like to extend a thank you to our dedicated student School Council representative for their outstanding contributions and hard work. To show our appreciation, this week we are treating them to a sweet breakfast treat from the canteen to say thank you for their contributions. A School Council brings numerous benefits to the school community, fostering a positive and inclusive environment. Firstly, it provides students with a platform to express their opinions, ideas, and concerns, ensuring their voices are heard in decision-making processes. This involvement helps students develop essential leadership skills, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Moreover, School Councils promote a sense of community by encouraging collaboration between students, staff, and parents, enhancing the overall school experience. Students learn to take responsibility for their actions and decisions, fostering a sense of accountability and maturity.

Finally, on Friday, we continued our staff versus Sixth Form charity events. The 'Great Bourne Bake Off' is our next event held at our school. Staff members and Sixth Form students will compete in a friendly baking competition to support the 'Jeans for Genes' Sixth Form charity. I am sure all bakers will showcase their culinary skills by creating a variety of delicious treats, from cakes and cookies to pastries and pies. The competition will be fierce. I personally hope the technical challenge does not involve MasterChef level skills!

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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