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Dear Parent/Carer

It seems almost impossible to think that, two years ago, we were entering our first period of lockdown and remote education! Two years on and, whilst we are still battling high numbers of Covid cases, there has been much to enjoy and celebrate as school life continues on the road back to 'normality'. Next term we continue this journey as we move back to department specialised areas of the academy. It has been wonderful to host our student development consultations for all year groups at the academy. Thank you for all your feedback and engagement at these events. This half-term we have also been able to resume parts of school life we used to take for granted in particular our extra-curricular activities. These activities have been:

- Over 60 students in Year 9 and 10 have started the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Students in 7,8,9 and 10 have engaged in The Brilliant Club. An organisation that places expert PHD students in schools to work on research projects with students.
- Students in Year 10 have engaged in the University of Reading mentoring program and the Future Frontiers program with Smith & Nephew.
- All Year 11 attended a workshop with educational psychologist Dr Martjin Van Der Spoel.
- We host our Spring parental engagement physical event – 'Motivation – Reframed' with Dr Martjin Van Der Spoel.
- 50 students in Year 12 and 13 attended the UCAS discover fair,
- 30 students in Year 9 have received 1-1 tutoring in English, Maths and Science through CoachBright.
- 60 students in Year 9 have taken part in a Spanish translation workshop and gained greater understanding of career opportunities if you study a language at GCSE and A Level.
- All students in Year 7 have completed an enterprise day with external company.
- All students in Year 7 and Year 8 have attended an antibullying workshop and all students in Year 9 and Year 10 have attended an antidiscrimination workshop run by Stand Up! Education.
- Over 90 students in Year 7-10 have visited the university of Reading.
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- All students took part in careers week and attended at least two guest speaker presentations from some very special guests to Bourne End Academy including retired BBC technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones and Eugene Tsyrlkevich founder and CEO of Parkopedia.
- Over 90 students in Year 7-10 attended the Bucks Skills show.
- All students received a free fiction book as part of World Book Day.
- Students in Year 7 have been supporting the local community by collecting food for the local charity 'One Can Trust' and Year 10 students have hosted a very successful community event for local residents and local care homes that celebrated the talents of our performing arts students and led a very good game of Bingo.
- 60 students with the highest attendance attended the Spring term reward trip to Thorpe Park.
- Over 150 students have been rewarded in our weekly Head of Year trips to Bourne For Desserts.

It has been actioned packed 6 weeks, I am sure you will want to join me in thanking the staff for their incredible efforts over the past term. Increasing Covid cases have continued to provide challenges, but the school community has pulled together to minimise the impact on daily school life.

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Summer Exams

Our students' determination to learn, do their best and be resilient in the face of the challenges they have experienced can be seen in the number of reward points issued this year. We are currently close to 200,000 reward points issued for the year to date, an increase of 30% on the same period last year. Resilience and determination have been evident in the approach of our examination years. I'd like to say 'well done' to Year 11 for their excellent attendance at intervention sessions and look forward to seeing those accessing the Easter revisions sessions next week. Their hard work and commitment to achieve their best is commendable.

Our Sixth Form students are equally determined and I'd like to take the opportunity to remind all our examination students to use the Easter break wisely - to strike the right balance between rest and work so they are well prepared for their upcoming exams. It is certainly important that students make good use of the break for exam preparation, as well as rest. Revision can seem daunting or just dull, but real effort, even late in the day, is invariably rewarded. I hope that knowing this helps your child to stay focused and confident in the next few months. It is also immensely helpful to begin the Easter break with a plan, setting realistic goals each day but approaching the task in a systematic way. The more a pupil interacts with their revision material, the more of it is retained – this might involve practice questions, condensing and expanding notes, rephrasing or explaining meaning to a friend. I know that students have worked very hard in recent months, and the challenge has been amplified by periods of disruption and uncertainty – they deserve every success this summer, and I wish them all well in this final phase of preparation.

New Year 7 and 12 students

We are very excited to announce that Bourne End Academy is oversubscribed for the Year 7 2022 cohort. Due to the popularity for places, we have agreed with Buckinghamshire Council to increase our intake by an additional class to accommodate the demand. Our Sixth Form again proves to be a very popular choice for our Year 11 students and students from the local area. We have again increased the size of our Year 12 intake. Our Year 12 intake has tripled in the last three years. Whilst we have not had external exams to validate the changes at Bourne End Academy and we are awaiting an Ofsted inspection, I believe the significant increase in demand for places at BEA to be an exceptionally strong signal of the improvements that have been made across the past two years.

Staffing

At the end of term, we often say goodbye to valued friends and colleagues. This term, we say farewell to Ms Walter, Ms Absoud, Ms Hallet and Mrs Bassford. We wish them all the very best in their new endeavours.

When we return, we have so many things to look forward to: summer sports fixtures, activity days/trips, concerts, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and I hope, a little sunshine! We also look forward to welcoming new staff, Ms Bellamy (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Thomas (Teacher of Mathematics) and Ms Latter as our inhouse careers advisor and transition leader. We are also very pleased to announce that Ms Keitch has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher.

As we head into the Easter holiday, our community is encouraged to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with Covid. I'd like to once again thank you for your continued support and please do remember to stay update to date with all our news via our website: [click here](#).

We wish you a safe, happy and restful break and look forward to welcoming students back to school for the Summer Term at 8:35am on Monday 25th April.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher