

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week, our students have been supporting the annual Poppy Appeal and learning about the Remembrance services which will take place over the weekend. Students have been donating to support our local Royal British Legion, as they help support the most vulnerable in our society. As a school, we held a minute's silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month. The Head Students and I have the honour of taking part in the Spalding Town Parade by laying a wreath on behalf of the school and the Trust, on Sunday 13th November 2022.

Our students have also been celebrating their superb 100% school attendance for last term and they loved their reward treat. We want to increase the number of students who get rewarded for this during this term. As we all know, good attendance to school can have a huge positive impact on students' wellbeing and achievements. When poor attendance starts, young people fall into a pattern that are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. Although 90% attendance sounds like a solid attendance figure, this will have an impact on students' progress.

We are targeting students' equipment this term. Being fully equipped for lessons allows the lesson to begin quickly and without interruption. We have a seen an increase in the number of students, who do not have a pencil case or the correct equipment for their school day. Our form tutors are checking the equipment weekly, and we will be contacting home to discuss the reasons for the missing equipment, if a student persistently isn't equipped for the school day. Students do need the following items:

- Bag
- Pens
- Pencil
- Ruler

- Eraser
- Calculator
- Colouring pens/pencils

We would like to promote a free online safeguarding event for you to attend. On Wednesday 7th December 2022 from 6pm to 7pm. Lincolnshire's Online Safety expert Dan Hawbrook is holding an online Teams meeting about children's safety online and bullying. Dan will talk you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Advance booking is required on the following link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-429589111597





Finally, I wanted to remind you about the Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy next week. This event will take place on Thursday 17th November 2022 from 6pm to 8pm and provides an excellent opportunity to find out about the post-16 options available in our Trust. The Sixth Form at Bourne Academy has a wide variety of A-level and vocational subjects plus students have achieved a 100% pass rate in all subjects. I hope you find the evening useful and informative.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Your sincerely,

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