13 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

ASPIRE day 20 October 2023

We hold one ASPIRE day per term and the next one takes place on Friday 20 October 2023 which is themed around exploring future opportunities and raising aspirations.

We are excited to be launching our Skills Builder programme with Years 7-9. This framework focuses on developing the top skills required for future employment. These skills reflect many of our ASPIRE competencies and are:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Problem-solving
- Creativity
- Staying positive
- Aiming High
- Leadership
- Teamwork

All students will have a variety of lessons on careers, life skills and developing the skills they will need for the future. An overview is provided below.

Year 7	Skills Builder Challenge Day – Future Transport
Year 8	Skills Builder Challenge Day – Moon base
Year 9	Skills Builder Challenge Day – Start Up success
Year 10	Post 16 options workshop, self-employment session, CV writing and work experience support
Year 11	Interview Skills, assembly from post 16 providers and decision-making session
Year 12	Finance sessions, personal branding and life skills
Year 13	Independent study reading day

Please note, Year 13 will be working from home on a "Reading day". Year 13 teachers will have set additional reading for them to complete. Reading days and weeks are a part of higher education, and we are keen to develop independent study skills for our Year 13s.

Our normal uniform policy and behaviour expectations will apply.
We look forward to an enjoyable and memorable day. If you have any concerns of queries, please do not hesitate to contact me Vickywoodings@thebourneacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

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