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Dear Members of The Bourne Academy Community,

We are writing to you with details of an exciting project that we have been working on at the Academy, supported by Dorset's 'Stepping into Nature' Fund. We are in the process of creating an Outdoor Theatre performance space on our Outdoor Education Site.

Following the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, and, in an effort to ensure students were still able to perform, we hosted a number of performances outside using our Outdoor Education Site. This included a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and our Summer Music Recitals. We recognised the huge potential to develop the space and create a more permanent outdoor performance arena.

Phase One of the space has been created using 30 timber posts which will be linked by planting over 200 Hornbeam plants. The process of planting will involve students in Year 7 as well as other student volunteers from other year groups. This will support students' access to the outdoors, the creation of a long-term environmental project, as well as improving performance facilities for the community.

How can you support us?

We are asking members of the local community to sponsor a tree for the cost of £12.50. We will source the tree when you make your donation. Your donation will allow us to purchase a larger sapling that will enable the site to establish more quickly.

What are the benefits?

There are clear environmental benefits to the programme as well as health and wellbeing benefits of being outdoors in nature either when planting or for members of the community when using the space for rehearsal and performance. We will also display the names of all contributors on the structure of the outdoor theatre itself.

All sponsors will be invited as our special guests to attend our first 'The Bourne Academy MiSST Proms' in the summer.

Trees can be sponsored on this link by Friday 17 March. [The Bourne Academy event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

When sponsoring please indicate if you wish to visit the Academy at 3:15pm on Friday 17 March to plant your tree, or if you wish for us to plant it on your behalf. You are able to purchase multiple trees if you wish, or to make a larger donation please contact jonathan.perkins@thebourneacademy.com

Yours sincerely

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