



BOURNE  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week with many student opportunities and successes to be celebrated.

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, where our Year 7 students were able to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, which includes many classics, young adults fiction, graphic novels and biographies. It was optional for students to participate in, and we were impressed there were so many amazing costumes with lots of thought, effort and imagination gone into them. To reward our students for taking part, we held a 'Best Costume' competition in the Library where there were gift voucher prizes and certificates to the winners. It was very difficult choose a winner!

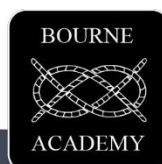
Congratulations to the following students and also everyone who took part.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Brooke Lane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Dexter Chessum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Lexi Kent



On Tuesday, we had SALAD Day which stands for 'Speaking and Listening Activity Day'. This is where all of the lessons in the day for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 involved little to no writing to encourage students to speak and listen. Normally, the classrooms around school are quiet and calm, but the decibels were notched up as we encouraged students to learn differently for the whole day. There was debating, presenting, group discussion, teamwork activities and much more. There have been some fantastic lessons planned by teaching staff across all subjects to incorporate speaking and listening in the classroom.

We have been celebrating International Women's Day, which will be celebrated across the world on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. In school we have focused on this topic during assemblies this week and will be part of our SMSC sessions (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) next week. By educating our students on the history and global issues around women's rights, we can help empower the next generation and also change attitudes around misogyny as we work towards a world with gender equality.



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To help prepare Year 11 students from Spalding Academy who have applied to our SLAT Sixth Form, we arranged two separate trips to visit Bourne Academy in February and March. With the summer exams around the corner, this has helped the students plan ahead and be better prepared for when they start in September. They had a guided tour of the school visiting subject classrooms, met key staff and heard from former Spalding Academy students who are now at Sixth Form as well as having the opportunity to ask any questions throughout the day. Thank you to the Sixth Form team and our current Year 12 and 13 students for supporting us with our event.

This weekend, our budding sporting enthusiasts are heading to Twickenham to watch the thrilling rugby match between England and Italy in the Six Nations Championship. It's an incredible opportunity to witness top-tier athletes showcasing their skills and passion for the game. The atmosphere at Twickenham is sure to be electric, with fans cheering and supporting their teams with great enthusiasm. Watching professionals perform at their best is always inspiring, and it's bound to be an unforgettable experience.

It is always important to continually remind our students and parents of the wide platform of safeguarding support offered at all of our Trust schools. We widely highlight and signpost supportive strategies to enable students know where to access support and contacts for safeguarding and mental health concerns. Our school based email [worried@bourneacademy.org](mailto:worried@bourneacademy.org) is accessible at all times for students and I would also like to remind parents that all schools have a support room. There is also a comprehensive list of support services to be signposted to in order to access external specialist services, these can all be found on the school website – [www.bourneacademy.org/safeguarding](http://www.bourneacademy.org/safeguarding). One important service to highlight is Kooth [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com), which is a service we often promote to our young people. It is an online support and counselling service which is available 24 hours 7 days a week. It is a platform which is easily accessible to students and run by professionals to provide a free and safe space to communicate concerns and worries by name or anonymously.



I would like to inform parents/carers that on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter will be sent out next week to remind parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day. This year we would like students and staff to **wear something red** to support the event.

Finally, this week it has been Year 6 Offer Day and I am extremely proud to communicate that once again, Bourne Academy will be oversubscribed in Year 7 with a rapidly increasing waiting list. The rapid growth of the popularity in the local community is testament to the school's and South Lincolnshire Academies Trust sustained success. We have already been making plans to welcome these new students to the school and this week they will all be receiving their New Student Welcome Pack.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jemma Curson', written over a white background.

**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

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- [www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs](https://www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs)
- [www.x.com/BourneSLAT](https://www.x.com/BourneSLAT)



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# Become a Teaching Assistant

## INFORMATION EVENING

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team.

You can drop-in anytime between 5.30pm to 7.00pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff for more information about the role and how it can also further develop your career in our Trust. You can also find out more about the Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £2,000 for suitable candidates.

**This event is for those who are interested in working at ANY of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).**

To attend, please visit [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies) to register in advance.

We also have vacancies advertised for Teaching Assistants on this website so you can even apply today.



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# Get Into Teaching

## OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) are now one of the **Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT** and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us. At this 'Get Into Teaching' event, which will be held at Spalding Academy, you will discover how you can gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If any of the following applies to you, you will benefit from attending:

- Recently gained a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying A-levels or Level 3 BTECs and wanting to get into teaching
- Wanting to change career and become a teacher
- Working in a non-teaching role within a school or college environment and wanting to get into teaching

**You could train either at the schools in our highly successful Trust (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy) or at a variety of other secondary schools in the Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough areas.**

This event starts at 5.30pm where there will be a presentation then the opportunity to speak to staff informally. You will learn about the different training pathways, entry requirements and details about student finances. We will cover school placements, the course content, support available plus timescales. We can also provide help so you can successfully apply.

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