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# Head of School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

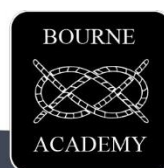
We have had a busy week here at Bourne Academy. The students continue to amaze me with their uniform and behaviour standards around the school.

On Wednesday, for Years 7 to 10 we held DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. This is a fantastic opportunity to work together on our communications agenda, raising awareness of varied texts and reading opportunities to support the learning in the classroom. There were some excellent examples of this seen across the school with highlights seen across the range of subjects.



The summer examinations have started this week for Year 11, 12 and 13 with a fantastic start by our Health & Social Care students on Monday, then throughout the week we have continued with MFL speaking examinations. Our full Year 11 cohort examination starts next Monday with English Literature being the first of many next week. Our examination students are conducting themselves professionally around school as they prepare and attend additional lunchtime and after-school sessions in order to be as prepared as possible. Well done to all!

In addition to this, our May Revision sessions have been sent home to all Year 11 parents this week as our final pitstop for intervention prior to the last stage of exams following the half term break. Please do support your child in signing up for the extra sessions.



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We are excited to share the details of our VE80 celebration at school, commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. This special event was throughout Thursday. We started the day with tutor time activities on VE day. At 11am we then observed a one-minute silence across the school to pay our respects to those who served and sacrificed during World War II. This moment of reflection will help our students understand the importance of remembrance and gratitude. During the break, students enjoyed some sweets on the student yards. This small treat is a way to celebrate the day and bring a sense of joy and community to our school.

Our Key Stage 3 students also got the opportunity to read a local war veteran experiences in a letter he sent to our school. During English lesson this week, students will be able to write a letter back to this local hero. The department will select the best examples and send these back. This activity aims to connect our young learners with history and provide them with a chance to express their appreciation and learn from the experiences of those who lived through the war.

We believe these activities will not only educate our students about the significance of VE Day but also foster a sense of respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made by previous generations.

As our Year 13 students prepare to embark on their A-level examinations, we held our final farewell to mark their last day in school on Friday. It was an afternoon filled with mixed emotions, as we celebrated their journey and achievements while looking forward to their bright futures. We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 students and wish them the very best in their upcoming A-level examinations.

A final reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 10 teachers regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter we have sent which contains further details on how to sign up for the evening.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Jemma Curson**

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