

# Head of School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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Dear parents/carers and students,

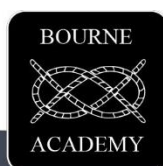
Welcome back to our final school term of this academic year. Our first week back to school has been extremely busy and students have returned to school looking even smarter as ever. As the weather should start to warm up, we will ensure students can remove their blazers during the school day. We will make this decision on a daily basis, so for now students must continue to wear their school blazers.

I am sure our Year 11 and 13 students appreciated the half-term break as they have continued to sit their formal examinations over the course of this week. I would like to thank all Year 11 and 13 parents and carers for continuing to support their child arriving prepared and on time. The crammers and support from teaching staff is still available for students as per their exam timetable. In addition to this, I would like to remind parents/carers and students that all school resources are still available for students should they require to access them for example; our safeguarding team and the careers department if any further advice or support is needed.

I am really pleased to announce that two of our amazing MFL students have been awarded the Anthea Bell Prize for the East Midlands area. The students had to translate French to English and were judged on their accuracy. Over 22,000 students participated in the competition, and almost 5,000 entries were judged, so this is a fantastic achievement. Well done to Rosie Heal and Isobel Staite in Year 12 on their award! Also, my thanks to Mr Molyneux for finding this enrichment experience for our students to take part in.

This week, our GCSE Geographers followed on from the Lincoln trip based on Human Geography, with a second trip that focussed on Physical Geography. Although Tuesday's weather was like winter, the students had a great time carrying out their fieldwork. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to apply fieldwork skills and to collect data, as well as supporting and developing concepts covered in lessons. The work conducted on these fieldtrips is worth 30% of their final GCSE Grade and will be assessed by examination at the end of Year 11. The students had a great time at Hunstanton which was the chosen location for the coast. Students followed the route from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach to analyse physical processes and assess coastal defenses.

This week, we have presented our Year 10 temporary prefects with their Prefect tie which indicates that they have completed their Prefect trial and have now been awarded with full Prefect status. In addition, we have appointed some further students as temporary prefects. The Prefects are fantastic role models in the school community who also have the opportunity to consider applying for Head Student status as we move into the new academic year.



I am very proud to announce that the school has been recognised to receive a National Attendance Award highlighting that we are in the Top 25% of schools nationally for excellent attendance. Thank you to all parents, carers and staff and students for their continued support on this important matter - another fantastic achievement for Bourne Academy.

A reminder about our end of year musical 'Rock of Ages' as tickets are selling fast with only 10% of tickets left for the Friday performance. Our previous end of year musicals have all sold out so you don't want to miss out. 'Rock of Ages' is a hit Broadway musical that will take audiences back to the 80s with big bands and big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair! Our amazing cast featuring students from Years 7 to 13 will bring out the wannabe rocker in you with this fun-filled story of romance, fame, and always believin'! There will be three evening performances to thrill audiences on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Tickets are £7 per person and you can select your preferred seats when booking. Remember to visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy) to book your tickets.

A promotional poster for the musical 'Rock of Ages'. The background is a vibrant, high-energy concert scene with a large crowd of people with their arms raised, illuminated by bright stage lights. On the left, the title 'ROCK OF AGES' is written in large, stylized, metallic blue letters with sharp edges. To the right of the title, there is a QR code in a white square. Below the QR code, the text reads: 'WE WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE TIME OF BIG BANDS WITH BIG EGOS PLAYING BIG GUITAR SOLOS AND SPORTING EVEN BIGGER HAIR!'. Further down, the dates 'WEDNESDAY 9TH, THURSDAY 10TH & FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025' are listed in white, followed by 'AT BOURNE ACADEMY' in yellow. Below that, it says 'Performances start 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)' and 'Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy)'.

Finally, can I remind parents/carers of our Year 7 students that parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Please remember to book your appointments via the link that was sent out separately. This gives parents/carers the opportunity to speak to subject teachers about their child's academic progress in their first year at school.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jemma Curson'.

**Mrs Jemma Curson**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

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