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# Head of School

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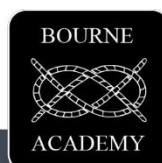
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Dear parents/carers and students,

As we continue to experience warmer weather, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring students are well-prepared for school each day.

This week, it has been a pleasure to watch the performances of our school production of *Rock of Ages!* Our talented students delivered electrifying performances that transported the audience straight to the heart of the 80s rock scene. With powerful vocals, energetic choreography, and vibrant costumes, our young performers brought the spirit of classic rock to life on stage. A huge thank you to all of the Performing Arts and Music staff involved, as well as our incredible behind-the-scenes crew, including costume designers, lighting and sound technicians, and stage managers - whose dedication was essential to the show's success. We are also incredibly grateful for the continued support from our parents/carers, family, and friends. Your encouragement, whether through volunteering, providing materials, or cheering from the audience, played a vital role in making this production a reality. Special thanks go to all the students (including some returning Year 11 and 13) for their commitment and passion.

Keep an eye on our website and social media platforms next week for more photos from the show!



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

On Thursday, eleven of our brilliant Year 9 students represented Bourne Academy at the Lincolnshire Showground for the 2025 STEM Automation & Recycling Challenge, hosted by the Lincolnshire Institute of Technology. The challenge was to design and build an operational crane capable of moving and stacking blocks into a pyramid, testing their skills in engineering, design and teamwork. This year's challenge also emphasised sustainability, requiring students to use recyclable, recycled, or repurposed materials to build machines like conveyor belts that could sort and transport cylinders from point A to B.

We proudly entered two teams:

- **Team 1** (Joseph Brackley, Jack Child, Ollie Christie, Elliott Housden and George Lee) soared to victory in first place, completing the challenge in an impressive 58 seconds!
- **Team 2** (Oleh Dzysiuk, Raphael Gioia, Vakaris Limba, Bosco Mo, Charlie Morris and Niket Sedhain) also performed exceptionally, finishing in fourth place with a time of 1 minute 30 seconds.

In addition to individual prizes, the teams won £250 for Bourne Academy STEM Club! A huge congratulations to both teams for their creativity, collaboration, and outstanding performance. You've made Bourne Academy incredibly proud. A huge thank you to the students and staff for their hard work and dedication.



During PSHE lessons this week, we have focussed on water safety to highlight the dangers, risks and how to stay safe, especially around open water. The harsh reality is that every year, over 300 people drown in the UK because they get into difficulty in water, which can be due to underestimating the water currents, cold water temperatures, not knowing what is underneath the water surface or even contamination in the water.

We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our Aspire Films Badge Winners, who have demonstrated outstanding creativity, collaboration, and dedication. These students have gone above and beyond in their commitment to earn their recognition through our Aspire Passport programme. They will enjoy a film and sweet treats next week.

Also, next week, we are thrilled to announce that the Bourne Academy Film Festival will take place! This special event is to celebrate their achievements of this academic year. We have sent out a separate letter out with further details.

I hope you 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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