

Head of School

Friday 19th September 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We've had another brilliant week here at Bourne Academy, filled with engaging activities and memorable

We're excited that our annual Open Evening is next week, taking place on Thursday 25th September 2025. This event is a key highlight in our school calendar, offering a warm welcome to prospective students and families from across the local area. To help showcase our school, we're inviting students from Year 8 through to Sixth Form to serve as either tour guides or to assist within departments for the evening. If your child would like to be involved, please make a note of the date and ensure permission slips, which are already distributed, are returned promptly. We'd also appreciate your support in spreading the word about our Open Evening to families with children in Years 4 to 6 who may be considering joining our vibrant school community.



At Bourne Academy, we take pride in being a Reading School. Reading is central to our educational ethos, supporting academic achievement, vocabulary growth, and student wellbeing. We promote regular reading both in school and at home to help students expand their knowledge, creativity, and communication skills. Throughout the year, students will benefit from a range of reading initiatives, book suggestions, and opportunities to explore diverse genres - including Accelerated Reader and DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read). Thank you for helping us nurture a lifelong love of reading in every student.



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Our new Year 7 cohort has made a fantastic start. We're impressed by their smart uniforms, positive attitude to learning, and respectful behaviour. A big thank you goes to our transition team for guiding them through a smooth start with tailored activities such as:

- House competitions
- Safe travel guidance
- Safeguarding awareness
- Introduction to the Show My Homework app and now that Year 7 have been able to logon themselves, parental logins for SMHWK will be sent home next week so you can help to monitor and manage homework

Well done to Year 7 for showing confidence and resilience in their first few weeks!

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 students who recently received their BTEC results, which contribute 30% to their final grade. Their dedication and effort have truly paid off. They've now begun their second Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs) and are off to a strong start.

Our Year 10 students have also made a great beginning as they settle into their new timetables and option subjects. To support them during this crucial phase of Key Stage 4, we'll be hosting an Exam Success Evening for Year 10 parents on Thursday 9th October 2025. Further details will be shared soon, but please save the date.

Six of our KS3 students (Rhys Tarrant, Finn Tarrant, Jayden Murefu, Ryan Eveleigh, Uzay Cox and Josiah Bennett, proudly represented us in Stage 2 of the Raytheon Quadcopter STEM Challenge. Their mission was to build a fully functional quadcopter drone and master flying it using a radio controller. The team showed outstanding collaboration, dividing tasks efficiently and supporting one another to ensure everyone gained valuable hands-on experience. Thanks to their teamwork and determination, they completed the challenge on time. Two students took the lead in learning and practicing safe flight techniques, and the whole team's efforts have earned them a place in the regional final this November. Congratulations to Team Crop Crusaders - you've made us proud!







This week also saw the first House assemblies, where students were introduced to this year's exciting competitions and academic targets. We're looking forward to seeing them represent their Houses with pride throughout the year.

We work in partnership with Lincolnshire Safeguarding Childrens' Partnership to work together to support keeping children safe. This month Lincolnshire's Stay Safe team are hosting a series of free parent webinars to support you keeping your child safe with expertise and specialist knowledge on specific themes. The next online webinar is titled: 'Help my child has shared a nude? Next steps as a Parent' and this will take place on Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. It will discuss what you might experience as a parent/carer if your child has shared a nude and how to guide your child and get the support services that can help. For more information and to register, please visit: www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816396

We're pleased to see students returning to school looking smart and well-presented. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our uniform standards. As the weather begins to cool, please remember:

- A black v-neck jumper may be worn under the blazer (optional)
- No socks to be worn under tights
- Any necklaces should not be visible

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend

Kindest regards,

James Hind.

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Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

Upcoming key dates





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- www.x.com/BourneSLAT