

Head of School

Friday 3rd October 2025

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Dear parents/carers and students,

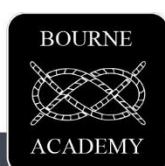
We've had yet another busy and exciting week at Bourne Academy!

Starting with a bang over the weekend, The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition in the Rutland area was a resounding success. Students from the four SLAT schools took part and completed the challenge with determination and teamwork. Despite a few navigation hiccups, they showed incredible resilience, pushing through the tougher moments with grit and positivity. The weather added to the challenge, with heavy rain on Sunday morning, but spirits remained high as students adapted to the conditions. By the end of the trip, all participants had successfully passed the expedition, demonstrating their commitment to the DofE ethos. More than just reaching the finish line, the experience was about building character and forming lasting memories with peers from across the Trust.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Every lesson began with a poem linked to the subject being studied, sparking thoughtful discussions and creative activities around the poem's choice, context, and meaning. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore poetry in a cross-curricular way. We are currently running two literacy competitions this term including the 'Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition' and 'Young Writers National Poetry Competition' - students should see Show My Homework or their librarians for further details.

At Bourne Academy and across our Trust, we are proud to uphold the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are woven into our curriculum and daily life, helping our students grow into respectful, responsible, and active citizens.

- **Democracy:** We promote student voice through school councils and regular feedback opportunities, encouraging informed decision-making.
- **Rule of Law:** Students learn the importance of laws and rules, understanding their role in creating a safe and fair society.
- **Individual Liberty:** We foster a safe environment where students can express themselves and make choices, while learning about their rights and responsibilities.
- **Mutual Respect & Tolerance:** Diversity is celebrated, and students are encouraged to understand and respect different cultures, beliefs, and viewpoints. These values are embedded in our curriculum and school culture.



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This week also saw the judging of our annual tutor board competition by our Heads of House. The creativity, effort, and enthusiasm across the school were truly impressive, making the judging process a real challenge!

The results were:

- 1st Place – 8R2
- 2nd Place – 7P1
- 3rd Place – 11G1

Special mentions also goes to 7B2, 7O2 and 10G2 – fantastic work all round! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make our tutor boards a vibrant celebration of student life and learning.

Looking ahead, we have several important events in our school calendar:

How to Succeed in GCSE Evening: **Thursday 9th October 2025, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

- For Year 10 parents to gain valuable insights into supporting their child's GCSE journey.

SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening: **Thursday 13th November 2025, 6pm to 8pm**

- An essential event for Year 10 and Year 11 students to explore Post-16 opportunities within the Trust. Discover the wide range of subjects on offer and how the three different study pathways give flexibility to choose the subjects that students want to study.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 13th November 2025
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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Annual Careers Fair: **Thursday 20th November 2025**

- Students and families will be invited to return between 3.30pm and 4.30pm to meet exhibitors offering advice, information, and opportunities from a wide range of local and national businesses.



Careers Fair 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

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A reminder to parents/carers and students that we are a nut-aware school. Due to severe allergies, we ask all families to ensure food brought into school is nut-free. Products containing nuts (e.g. Snickers) are strictly prohibited to keep all students safe.

With just three weeks left of this term, we're certainly racing through the start of the academic year.
Kindest regards,

James Hind.

Mr James Hind

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

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