

Head of School

Friday 10th October 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It's been another brilliant week here at Bourne Academy. Our Year 7 students have now fully transitioned into secondary school life, and I want to take a moment to praise how smoothly and confidently they've settled in. This achievement reflects the fantastic collaboration between our committed staff, supportive families and eager students.

Our transition programme has been very well received, offering a supportive start for our Year 7 students through initiatives such as Show My Homework, wellbeing workshops, and introductory PSHE and careers sessions. Students have embraced their new routines with enthusiasm, and we're already seeing encouraging levels of academic engagement. Their curiosity and positive attitude in lessons across all subjects are helping to build a strong foundation for future success.

As part of this transition, we were delighted to welcome over 130 Year 7 students and their families to our Reading Evening on Wednesday. The event introduced parents to our reading programme, including how we use the Bedrock website and the school Library to support literacy development. It was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school in nurturing a love of reading.



In addition, as part of our ongoing literacy and communication strategy, students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 took part in DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) during Period 1 on Thursday. Students spend around 10 to 15 minutes exploring captivating reading materials and engaging in fun, thought-provoking activities, linked to the subject that spark imagination and boost literacy skills.

Our Year 13 History students took part in a powerful and insightful visit to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark. The experience offered a deep and moving exploration of the Holocaust, encouraging students to reflect on vital themes such as tolerance, human rights, and the importance of remembrance. Through survivor testimonies, interactive exhibits, and expert-led sessions, students gained a richer understanding of this significant period in history - directly supporting their coursework and deepening their analytical skills.

This week also marked the exciting launch of our Aspire Passport for students in Years 7 to 10. During a dedicated assembly, students received their passports so they can begin working towards a range of challenges designed to earn bronze, silver or gold awards. Many have already started ticking off bronze-level tasks, some of which can be signed off by parents or carers. We're looking forward to celebrating the achievements and skills they develop through this initiative. The challenges on the Aspire passports can be viewed on our website (www.bourneacademy.org/behaviour-and-rewards).

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who filled the school hall for our How to Succeed at GCSE evening on Thursday. The event was a great opportunity to share practical advice on revision planning, home support and useful online resources. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we are excited to see our Year 10 students beginning to put these strategies into action.

Earlier this week, we announced that we are holding a **'Get Into Teaching'** event on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at Spalding Academy to inspire future teachers. This is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. Our Trust are now one of the Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT and in September 2025, we opened a brand new Teaching School Hub at Spalding and already have 26 trainee teachers gaining their recognised teaching qualification with us.

In addition to this, we will also be holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event on the same day at Spalding Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. Working as a Teaching Assistant is a great way to work into education and progress your career.

At the end of the update you will find details about both events. We hope either you are interested or know someone else who is, and you can share with them. To attend, visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that the building works affecting the pathway near the Youth Centre have been completed ahead of schedule. Students can now exit the school grounds using their usual route, without any disruption.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Mr James Hind

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, Bourne Academy

Upcoming key dates



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

SAVE THE DATE

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The banner features a photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, working with microscopes in a laboratory setting. The background is a dark blue gradient with a gold starburst graphic.



Careers Fair 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

DISCOVER A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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The banner features a photograph of a person's feet in white sneakers standing on a pavement with colorful arrows pointing in various directions. The background is a blue and green gradient with a white starburst graphic.

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- www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs
- www.x.com/BourneSLAT



TRAIN TO TEACH WITH
LINCOLNSHIRE ITT



Get Into Teaching

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th November 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm

South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) are now one of the **Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT** and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us. At this 'Get Into Teaching' event, which will be held at Spalding Academy, you will discover how you can gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If any of the following applies to you, you will benefit from attending:

- Currently studying A-levels or Level 3 BTECs and wanting to get into teaching
- Currently studying a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Recently gained a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Wanting to change career and become a teacher
- Working in a non-teaching role within a school or college environment and wanting to get into teaching

You could train either at the schools in our highly successful Trust (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy) or at a variety of other secondary schools in the Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough areas.

This event starts at 5.30pm where there will be a presentation then the opportunity to speak to staff informally. You will learn about the different training pathways, entry requirements and details about student finances. We will cover school placements, the course content, support available plus timescales. We can also provide help so you can successfully apply.

To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.



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Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team.

You can drop-in anytime between 5.30pm to 7.00pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff for more information about the role and how it can also further develop your career in our Trust. You can also find out more about the Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £2,000 for suitable candidates.

This event is for those who are interested in working at **ANY of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).**

To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance. We also have vacancies advertised for Teaching Assistants on our website so you can even apply today.



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