

Head of School

Friday 7th November 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Despite the unexpected school closure on Thursday, it has been another excellent start to the new school term, with students fully engaged in their lessons and a fantastic atmosphere throughout the building. I would like to thank all parents, students and staff for their flexibility and adaptability in dealing with Thursday's closure. As you are aware, external issues forced the closure but lessons were set successfully on Show My Homework to minimise the impact upon learning. In addition, the Year 7 Tutors Parents Evening was still able to run as planned focussing on the transition to secondary school and saw record participation levels from parents.

As we approach Remembrance Day, we've begun to see poppies worn around school. We will be marking this important occasion on Tuesday 11th November 2025, and we encourage all students to purchase and wear a poppy throughout the week, especially on Tuesday, as a sign of respect.

As part of our opportunities beyond the classroom, please find attached **at the end of this update** our timetable of extra-curricular and enrichment activities for Term 2, with sessions available to students in all year groups.

A reminder that Year 10 and 11 students are invited to the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy on Thursday 13th November 2025, from 6pm to 8pm. This is a great opportunity to explore the post-16 pathways available, meet the staff, and learn more about the subjects and outstanding outcomes achieved by Sixth Form students. Please visit www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform for more information.



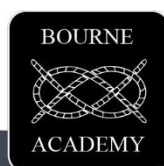
Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 13th November 2025
6.00pm to 8.00pm

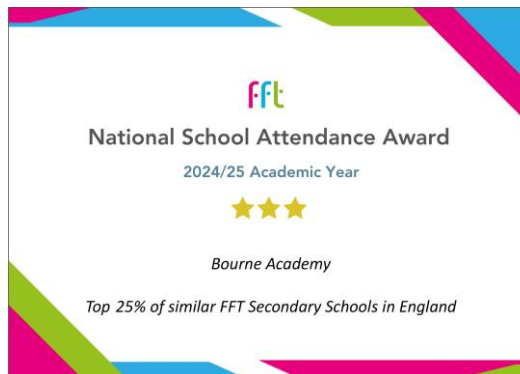
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This week, our Year 10 students took part in their Geography fieldwork trip to Lincoln as part of their GCSE studies. Across Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, students explored the theme of Urban Issues and Challenges. They began their day in the historic Cathedral Quarter, observing the city's layout and structure, before working in small groups to gather primary data in areas that have undergone recent regeneration, such as the city centre and Brayford Waterfront. The data collected will now be used in their Geography lessons to support their coursework. Well done to all involved for representing the school so well.


We place great importance on attendance to school as it is not only important for academic progress but also for the wellbeing of students. It is because of this, that we are immensely proud to share that Bourne Academy has been officially recognised for having excellent attendance and were awarded for being in the top 25% of secondary schools for attendance for the whole of the 2024-25 academic year.



Next week, we will be celebrating students who achieved 100% attendance last term. We aim to increase the number of students receiving this recognition in the current term.

As you know, good attendance has a significant impact on wellbeing and academic success. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (19-38 days per year) have only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% for those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. While 90% attendance may sound acceptable, it can still negatively affect progress.

Why **attendance** matters?

 South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

Persistent absence means students who miss more than **10% of school** every year. **EVERY DAY** in school will improve future earnings!

-£750


For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical student could **MISS OUT on an average of £750** in future lifetime earnings.

-£10k

Persistent absent students in Years 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 LESS per year** on average at age 28, compared to students with near perfect attendance.

-£20k

This rises to almost **£20,000 LESS per year** at age 28 for students who are severely absent from school!



For **EMPLOYABILITY** over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:

60%

60% LESS LIKELY to be employed when persistently absent

75%

75% LESS LIKELY to be employed when severely absent

* compared to their peers with near perfect attendance

At our Trust, we are committed to preparing students for life beyond school—helping them to be happy, healthy, and safe. As part of the National Curriculum, all students receive lessons in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education). These lessons cover a wide range of important topics and are regularly reviewed to reflect both local and national needs. Our PSHE and SMSC programme is a cornerstone of the Trust's ethos. It is taught weekly in Years 7 to 9, and through tutor time and fortnightly lessons in Years 9 to 11. In addition to our curriculum, we host PSHE events featuring talks and activities led by specialist external agencies such as PCSOs, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, and Prison Me No Way. For more details, please visit the PSHE section on this webpage: www.bourneacademy.org/curriculum

BOURNE ACADEMY

Extra-curricular activities

TERM 2 (Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025)



Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Art Sixth Form Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
English	Debate Club	KS3-KS5	F07	Mrs Underdown / Mr Seston
History	History GCSE Intervention	Year 11	C19	Subject Teachers
Media	Film Club	KS3	C112	Mrs Smith
Performing Arts	Drama Club	Years 7/8/9	G12	Subject Teachers
Social Science	Sociology Intervention	Year 11	A23	Miss Law
Social Science	Sociology Intervention	Year 13	A22	Miss Topham Clark
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Mrs Pickard
Sport	Astro Football	Year 7	Astro	Mr Dennis
STEM	Lego Robotics Club	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su
TUESDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Years 10-13	E04	Subject Teachers
History	History A-level Intervention - Germany	Year 13	C19	Subject Teachers
Maths	Maths Year 11 Revision (Higher)	Year 11	G17	Miss Sanderson
Maths	Maths Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	Year 11	D12	Miss Carter
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Year 13 Revision	Year 13	C02/C04	Mrs Cooper / Mrs Cairns
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Support	Year 13	A11	Mrs Chesson / Mrs Mumby
STEM	Lego Robotics Club	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su
WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Geography	Eco Club	All Years	G2	Miss Wilds / Miss Charles Myers
History	History A-level Intervention – Spain	Year 13	C19	Subject Teachers
Maths	Maths A-level Revision	Years 12/13	D15	Mr Graham
Media	Media GCSE Intervention Drop in	Years 10/11	C112	Mrs Smith
MFL	EAL Club	All Years	F03	Mrs Pearson / Mrs Milligan
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	C02	Mrs Cooper
Performing Arts	Performing Arts KS4 Intervention	Year 11	G12	Subject Teachers
Science	Science Experiment Club	Years 7/8/9	B07	Miss Wells
Social Science	Psychology Intervention	Year 11	A23	Miss Law
Social Science	Psychology Intervention	Year 13	A21	Miss Iles
Sport	Astro Football	Years 8/9	Astro	Subject Teachers
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Mrs Woollard
STEM	Lego Robotics Club	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su

THURSDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Art Sixth Form Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)	Year 10	D17	Miss Sanderson
English	English GCSE Intervention	Year 11	F15/F18	Subject Teachers
Geography	Geography GCSE Revision	Year 11	G1	Subject Staff
MFL	KS3 French Games Club	KS3	G8	Mrs Cairns
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	C02	Mrs Cooper
Performing Arts	Performing Arts KS5 Intervention	Years 12/13	G12	Subject Teachers
PSHE	LGBTQ – Q Club	All Years	Stage	Miss Hogan / Mr Seston
Science	Chemistry	Year 11	B08	Dr Poulter
Sport	Astro Football Girls	All Years	Astro	Miss Watkins
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Miss Coles / Miss Lyn Kew
FRIDAY				
Art	Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
DofE	Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Silver)	Year 11	D17	Miss Sanderson
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	C02	Mrs Cooper
Social Science	Social Sciences Film Club	Years 10-13	A22	Miss Topham Clark
Sport	Astro Football	Years 10/11	Astro	Mr Armstrong
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Miss Lyn Kew / Miss Coles
STEM	Lego Robotics Club	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su

After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Art	Clay Club	Years 7/8/9	C17	Mrs Proctor
Art	Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Sixth Form Art Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
Geography	Geography GCSE Revision	Year 11	G1	Subject Staff
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Years 10 – 13	E04	Subject Teachers
Physics	Separate Science	Year 11	G06	Mrs P Su
Sport	Basketball	Years 9/10/11	Sports Hall	Mr Armstrong
Sport	Boys Football	Year 7	Field	Mr Dennis
Sport	Boys Football	Year 8	Field	Mr Duggan
Sport	Netball	Year 7	Courts	Mrs Woollard
Sport	Netball	Year 8	Courts	Mrs Pickard
TUESDAY				
Maths	Maths GCSE Revision	Year 11	D16	Miss English
Maths	Maths A-level Revision	Years 12/13	D15	Mr Graham
Sport	Basketball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mr Duggan
Sport	Boys Football	Year 9	Field	Mr Broom
Sport	Boys Football	Years 10/11	Field	Mr Armstrong
Sport	Girls Football	All Years	Field	Mrs Pickard
Sport	Sports Leaders	Years 9/10	K11	Mr Dennis
Travel & Tourism	KS4 & KS5 Intervention	Years 10 – 13	K02	Mrs Maddison

WEDNESDAY				
Art	Textiles Club	Years 8/9	C17	Mrs Wiles
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Biology	Separate Science	Year 11	B08	Dr Poulter
Geography	Geography Revision	Year 13	G4	Mrs Collinson / Mrs Rains
Music	Choir	All Years	G11	Miss O'Brien / Miss Hale
Performing Arts	Performing Arts KS5 Intervention	Years 12/13	G12	Subject Teachers
Sport	Hockey	All Years	Field	Mrs Woollard
Sport	Rugby	All Years	Field	Mr Thornburn / Mr Levett
STEM	Quadcopter Drone	Years 7/8	G6	Mrs Su
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Media	Media Intervention	Years 10-13	C112	Subject Teachers
MFL	French Year 11 Revision	Year 11	C02	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	School Musical Rehearsals	All Years	G12	Subject Teachers
Sport	Netball	Years 9/10/11	Courts	Miss Coles
Sport	Trampolining	Years 9/10/11	Sports Hall	Miss Lyn Kew
Sport	Fitness Suite	All Years	Fitness Suite	Miss Watkins
STEM	Lego Robotics Club with STEM Ambassador	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su
FRIDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Art Sixth Form Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
STEM	Lego Robotics Club	Years 7-13	G6	Mrs Su