

Head of School

Friday 12th December 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we reflect on the past term, there is so much to celebrate at Bourne Academy. Each week, when I write our newsletter, I am filled with pride at the incredible achievements and opportunities our students embrace.

As we approach the end of Term 2, the school has been bustling with activity - academic successes, community support, and festive cheer. Christmas is a time of joy and togetherness, and it has been wonderful to see our students enjoying their Christmas dinners with friends and peers. Beyond the celebrations, our form groups have been busy collecting items for the Christmas Hampers for The Butterfield Centre and Bourne Foodbank. The generosity of our students and families has been remarkable, and I extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to supporting our community.

Our staff have also been busy supporting the 'Just Giving Tree' appeal. This initiative supports local families, working together with The Salvation Army to ensure that children who might otherwise go without, have a gift to open on Christmas Day. The response from the Bourne Academy team has been overwhelming, with an incredible number of gifts donated.

We are equally proud of our students' achievements beyond the festive season. On Wednesday, our Sixth Form students were recognised for their outstanding AOL data with a special reward breakfast, kindly prepared by the canteen. The celebration featured delicious pastries and comforting hot chocolate, enjoyed together in recognition of their hard work and achievement. Year 11 have also been completing their PPE 2 examinations, demonstrating focus and resilience - well done to them all.

We would like to thank our Year 8 Buddies for the fantastic support they have given throughout the year. From helping our new Year 7 students settle in to assisting with school activities, they have shown real leadership and kindness. Their efforts were celebrated with a special breakfast this week with pastries and hot chocolate to recognise the important role they play in our school community.



We also held our Year 9 Parents' Evening online last night, with excellent attendance and many positive conversations between teachers, students, and families. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Looking ahead, a reminder that Friday 19th December 2025 is 'Wear a Christmas Item Day' in aid of Save the Children. Students are invited to wear one festive item alongside their usual school uniform and make a voluntary donation. Examples of what students can wear include:

- A Christmas jumper worn over their school shirt and tie
- Festive socks, tie, or headband
- A Santa or Elf hat

Please note this is not a non-uniform day.

We have also been reminding students about staying safe over the holiday period. Our safeguarding team can be contacted via worried@bourneacademy.org, and additional support numbers are available on our website. We continue to highlight the national service Kooth, which provides 24/7 mental health support for young people, and details will be shared in assemblies and tutor time next week.

As always, we emphasise the importance of high attendance - every lesson counts as we deliver our curriculum.

Finally, a polite reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 19th December 2025. All year groups return on Monday 5th January 2026.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

James Hind.

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