

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 27th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

During February half term, 39 GCSE Geography students from Years 10 and 11 took part in an unforgettable five day educational field trip to Iceland. The visit brought key elements of the Geography curriculum to life, including volcanoes, plate tectonics, rivers, waterfalls, and cold environments. Highlights included the Bridge Between Continents, where they stood between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, and visits to geothermal hot springs. A visit to Reykjavík and an exploration of the Raufarhólshellir lava tunnel was experienced. Students who braved the cold were also rewarded with a sighting of the Northern Lights. The group also visited Pingvellir National Park, frozen waterfalls, and the Kerið volcanic crater, finishing with a dip in the Secret Lagoon's geothermal waters. The final day included Skógafoss waterfall, the interactive Lava Centre, and the immersive FlyOver Iceland experience that allowed students to soar over glaciers, volcanoes and waterfalls.. Throughout the week, students showed enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity, fully embracing every opportunity. It is amazing opportunities such as this that bring learning to life and create memories that will last a lifetime. Special thanks to Mrs Collinson for organising the trip, and to the staff team who gave up their half term break to support this incredible opportunity.

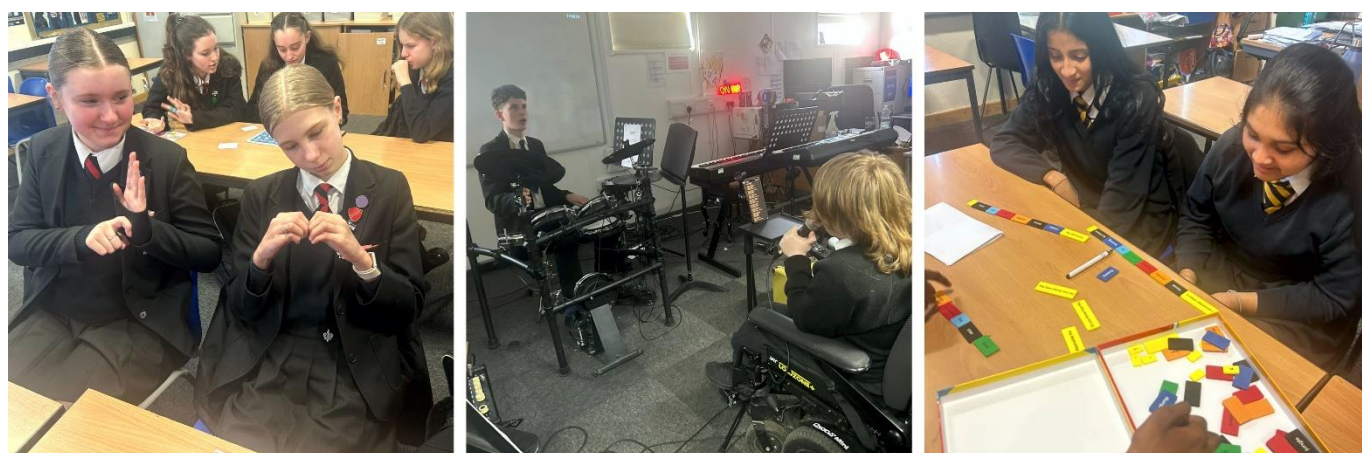


On Wednesday, Year 9 students experienced a Careers Assembly with Stamford College. The students found out about the Post-16 options available to them as part of our careers provision. This was one of the valuable experiences available to our students on their career journey throughout their school time.

On Thursday, Year 9 students received an extended assembly with Lincolnshire Police on Anti Knife Crime. As part of our PSHE provision, we continue to provide opportunities for external providers to deliver a variety of workshops alongside our robust curriculum.

Also on Thursday, Mrs Curson and I visited the extra-curricular activities available to our students at lunchtime. This week we experienced band rehearsals, Sign Language Club, EAL Club and some avid readers taking some time out to read. It was brilliant to see the fantastic attendance at the range of wellbeing opportunities available to our students. Next Wednesday, we launch our Young Carers club with Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith will be in touch with students who are Young Carers to inform them of the details.

At the end of this update we also have included details of all of the extra-curricular clubs and enrichment activities for Term 4, including revision and intervention sessions for Year 11 students to help them achieve the best GCSE grades possible in the lead up to their summer exams.



As part of our inclusion programme, we hosted a Wheelchair Sports Festival with students from Bourne Abbey Primary School, led by leaders from Inspire+. Supported by our incredible Year 9 Sports Leaders, students took part in a variety of activities including basketball dribbling and shooting, slalom pushing and tag games. The event was a huge success, with students enjoying the experience to take part in an activity they may not usually have the chance to try whilst understanding the barriers to coping with adversity.




It was fantastic this week to experience the Year 11 Food practical examinations, the Food Technology room was turned in to the MasterChef kitchen, and what amazing dishes our young people produced. Mr Bryan, Mrs Double and myself really enjoyed the visit to the Food room at the end of the exam to participate in the tasting task! We have some amazingly talented chefs amongst our Year 11 students who produced some incredible professional dishes. Well done to all involved.

We continue to promote and encourage Year 11 students to complete as much revision as possible to maximise the time left at school. The more loyalty cards completed the more prizes that can be won by attending the intervention sessions! We have also launched our Year 11 Aspire Passport this week, which rewards our students for all their efforts during Year 11. The higher up the passport they go, the more vouchers they will get! We are very proud of their conscientious efforts to their studies and excellent attendance in school so far this term.


We are still seeing lots of students from Year 7 students completing their Aspire passport and collecting their badges. A reminder that some of the Aspire challenges can be completed at home, such as make and cook a family meal or complete one task to help out at home. This week in assemblies we have also been encouraging students to Go for Silver! For those students who have achieved a Bronze Aspire badge in previous terms, now is the time to aim to achieve the Silver Award! Also, for those students who have not quite met all challenges for the Bronze award - there is still time!

If you are interested in teaching or know someone else who is interested, we are holding a **'Get Into Teaching'** event on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Bourne 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 one of the Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT and in September 2025, we opened a Teaching School Hub based at Spalding Academy where we have a full cohort of trainee teachers gaining their recognised teaching qualification with us.




Get Into Teaching OPEN EVENING


Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm
AT BOURNE ACADEMY



Discover how you can 'Get Into Teaching' and gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.




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In addition to this, we will also be holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event on the same day at Bourne 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.




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These events are for those who want to work at any school in our Trust. For more information about either of these events or to register that you would like to attend, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

Finally, I would like to remind all Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) parents/carers that next Thursday (Thursday 5th March 2026) is World Book Day. To celebrate this event in school we have been informing all of Key Stage 3 students that they are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are holding an in-house competition for the best contribution to a World Book Day costume and will be celebrating the event across the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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BOURNE ACADEMY

Extra-curricular activities

TERM 4 (Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026)



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 / KS4 / KS5	F07	Mrs Underdown / Mr Seston
History	History GCSE Intervention	Year 11	C19	Subject Teachers
Media	KS3 Film Club	Years 7/8/9	C112	Mrs Smith
Music	Band Rehearsals (Live Lounge / Mentor Session)	All Years	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	KS3 Drama Club	Years 7/8/9	E05	Subject Teachers
Social Science	Sociology Intervention	Year 11	A23	Miss Law
Social Science	Sociology Intervention	Year 13	A22	Miss Topham Clark
Sport	Astro Football	Year 7	Astro	Mr Dennis
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Mrs Pickard
TUESDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Business	Year 11 Business Intervention	Year 11	E02	Mr Thornburn
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	D16	Miss Sanderson
Maths	Maths Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	Year 11	D12	Miss Carter
Maths	Maths Year 11 Revision (Foundation 2)	Year 11	C110	Mrs McCrystal
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Year 13 Revision	Year 13	C02/C04	Mrs Cooper / Mrs Cairns
Music	Band Rehearsals (Live Lounge / Mentor Session)	All Years	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	Performing Arts Exam Prep Rehearsals	Year 10/11	E05 / G12	Subject Teachers
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Support	Year 13	A11	Mrs Chesson / Mrs Mumby
Science	KS3 Science Club	Years 7/8/9	B07	Miss Wells
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 6-8 Intervention Drop in	Year 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
Music	Band Rehearsals (Live Lounge / Mentor Session)	All Years	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	Performing Arts KS4 Intervention	Year 11	G12	Subject Teachers

PSHE	Sign Language Club	Years 7/8/9	F05	Mrs Chambers
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention/Revision	Year 11	A11	Miss Mumby
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

THURSDAY

Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Set Design Club	All Years	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
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club	All Years	D12	Miss Carter
Geography	Geography GCSE Revision	Year 11	G1	Subject Staff
Geography	Geography Revision	Year 13	G4	Mrs Collinson
MFL	KS3 French Games Club	Years 7/8/9	C04	Mrs Cairns
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	G9	Ms Nieuwenhuizen
MFL	French Speaking Sessions	Year 11	C02	Mrs Cooper
Music	Live Lounge (Fortnightly)	All Years	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	KS5 Exam Prep Rehearsals	Years 12/13	E05/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	Sports Leaders	Years 9/10	K11	Mr Dennis

FRIDAY

Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
DofE	The 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
Music	KS5 Intervention	Years 12/13	G11	Subject Teachers
Sport	Astro Football	Years 10/11	Astro	Mr Armstrong
Sport	PE Intervention	All Years	K11	Miss Lyn Kew / Miss Coles

After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY

Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Sixth Form Art Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
Business	Year 11 Business Intervention	Year 11	E03	Mrs Krywyszyn
Geography	Geography GCSE Revision	Year 11	G1	Subject Staff
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Years 10 - 13	E04	Subject Teachers
Music	KS4 Music Intervention	Years 10/11	G11	Subject Teachers
Physics	Separate Science	Year 11	G06	Mrs P Su
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

Sport	Trampolining	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Miss Lyn Kew
TUESDAY				
Business	Year 11 GCSE Intervention	Year 11	E03	Miss Ashley
Maths	Maths GCSE Revision	Year 11	D16	Miss English
Maths	Maths A-level Revision	Years 12/13	D15	Mr Graham
Maths	Maths Challenge Club	Year 10	D12	Miss Carter
MFL	French A-level Revision	Year 13	C02	Mrs Cooper / Mrs Cairns
Music	KS4 Music Intervention	Years 10/11	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	KS4/KS5 Exam Prep (to be booked in advance with PA department)	Years 10 - 13	G12	Subject Teachers
Sport	Basketball	Years 7 - 11	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
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
Business	Year 11 Business Intervention (Higher)	Year 11	E02	Mr Thornburn
History	Year 11 History Revision	Year 11	C19	Subject staff
Music	Musical Band Rehearsal	All Years	G11	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	Performing Arts KS5 Intervention	Years 12/13	G12	Subject Teachers
Science	Year 11 Combined Science Revision	Year 11	B05	Subject Teachers
Sport	Hockey	All Years	Astro / Sports Hall	Mrs Woollard
Sport	Rugby	All Years	Field	Mr Thornburn / Mr Levett
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
English	More Able Intervention	Year 11	F14	Mrs James
Media	Media Intervention	Years 11	C112 & F06	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 Lyn Kew
Sport	R180 Exam Revision	Years 11	K11	Mr Armstrong
Sport	Fitness Suite	All Years	Fitness Suite	Miss Watkins
Travel & Tourism	KS4 & KS5 Travel & Tourism Intervention	Years 10/11 & 12/13	K01	Mrs Maddison
FRIDAY				
Art	Art Coursework Intervention	Years 10/11	C13/C17	Subject Teachers
Art	Art Sixth Form Intervention	Years 12/13	C08	Mrs Scott
Music	KS5 Music Intervention	Years 12/13	G11	Subject Teachers