

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 6th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week at Bourne Academy, with many student opportunities and achievements to celebrate.

Our Year 11 students continue to work extremely hard, and we are encouraging them to complete as much revision as possible to make the most of their remaining time in school. Remember: the more loyalty cards completed, the more prizes can be won for attending the intervention sessions! To further support students with last-minute tips and guidance, we will be holding the Year 11 Exam Success Evening on Thursday 12th March at 6pm.

I would like to thank our Sixth Form Team led by Mrs Barber for organising over 200 meetings with our Year 11 students who have applied for a much sought after place in our SLAT Sixth Form. With summer exams fast approaching, these visits helped students plan ahead and feel more confident about their Post-16 transition in September. Students who have applied have chosen from a wide range of subjects including Art & Design, Sociology, History, Sport & Physical Activity, Health & Social Care, Mathematics, English Literature, Physics, Business, and Performing Arts and we look forward to welcoming as many as possible to formally apply following receiving their GCSE results.

To bring Shakespeare's iconic tragedy of Macbeth to life, we arranged for the whole of Year 10 to watch a live performance on the school stage with a professional production of Macbeth from Quantum Theatre. The theatre company visited both Bourne Academy and Cowley Academy this week, and these mesmerising performances have certainly helped our Year 10 students appreciate this dark tale of vaulting ambition and the toll it takes.



This week has been National Careers Week. During form time, students in Years 7 to 10 explored a variety of career opportunities such as Sport, Retail, Construction and Robotics. Staff have also been sharing their own career pathways at the start of lessons to help raise aspirations. In addition, on Wednesday we welcomed STEM UK/Outer Dowsing, who delivered a STEM workshop for a group of our Year 9 students.

Chess Club started this week and it was fantastic to see so many students challenging each other to a game of chess during their lunchtime and in Sign Language club this week I enjoyed taking part signing to students 'How are you'? with many students confident to sign a response!

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Our Key Stage 3 students and staff had the option to come dressed as their favourite book characters - from classics to graphic novels to biographies. We were thrilled by the creativity, imagination, and effort put into the costumes - thank you to all. Throughout the day, students took part in activities including the Masked Reader Challenge and we were incredibly inspired by a guest author visit (pictured below). Tana Macpherson-Smith has written many books and is a passionate presenter on Children's Mental Health. Tana's book 'There's A Monkey on Your Shoulder' has been hugely popular with teenagers and particularly young people navigating the challenges of life.



It was wonderful to see so many staff joining in with the dressing up on World Book day including myself, dressed as Cruella de Ville with Mr Bryan dressed as one of the 101 Dalmations! To reward students we hosted a 'Best Costume' competition in the Library, with gift vouchers and certificates for the winners. Next week, look out for student photos from World Book Day on our website and social media platforms.

Well done to the Bourne Academy's Year 9 boys football team who demonstrated teamwork, resilience and clinical finishing at the SLAT Games as they secured the championship with a perfect record and an unbreakable defence. They won 3-0, 2-0 and 2-0 to gain maximum points with a remarkable run of three clean sheets.

Finally, I would like to inform parents/carers that Friday 20th March 2026 is **Comic Relief / Red Nose Day**, and we will be holding our traditional non-uniform day. This year, we are asking students and staff to **wear something red** to show support for the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Handwritten signature of Miss Katie Belcher.

Miss Katie Belcher

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