

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

On Thursday, our Year 9 students had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Bourne Academy.



On Thursday, we had our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 parents/carers. This was a fantastic opportunity to ensure students and supporting parents are equipped with everything required to fully invest in revision leading up to the examination period.

Remaining with examinations, I would like to remind parents and carers that we will be hosting our Easter Revision sessions during the Easter break for our Year 11 students. The holiday sessions form an additional mechanism of support and I am pleased to see how many students have signed up for the sessions already. Year 11 students have now received information regarding the Easter Holiday Revision sessions led by teachers during the holiday period. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity to 'top up' revision in preparation for their GCSE examinations which are now only just around the corner in Term 5.

In sporting news, our Year 8 Girls Netball team delivered an outstanding team performance in this year's Netball Superzone tournament on Tuesday. With a squad of nine players and nine matches to complete – versatility and teamwork were essential. Overall, the team finished in fourth place as they had six wins against Bourne Grammar School (2-0), Cowley Academy (3-0), Haven High Academy (4-0), Spalding Academy (3-1), University Academy Holbeach (4-0) and University Academy Long Sutton (3-0). Across all nine fixtures, the players supported each other brilliantly and worked tirelessly. Every player contributed across multiple positions, ensuring equal game time and demonstrating fantastic adaptability throughout a long and competitive afternoon. Well done to the entire team.



We have been celebrating International Women's Day, which was celebrated across the world on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026. In school we have focused on this topic during assemblies this week and was part of our SMSC sessions (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education). By educating our students on the history and global issues around women's rights, we can help empower the next generation and also change attitudes around misogyny as we work towards a world with gender equality.

Next Wednesday evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, there are two events taking place at Bourne Academy for those who are interested in becoming a Teacher or a Teaching Assistant. Students who are aged 16+ and studying at Sixth Form or College are also invited to find out about the career opportunities and pathways available to them before they start university or higher education. These events are also popular with those who want to change career and get into education and enjoy a highly rewarding career. If you know anyone else who may be interested, please share this information with them. For more information about both events, and to register in advance, please visit the Trust website: [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)



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At Bourne Academy, we have high standards and expectations of our students to come to school prepared and ready to learn, whilst maximising every opportunity. Students are expected to have the basic equipment which is checked each morning by the form tutor (black pen, red pen, purple pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator, strike card and out of lesson card). We would appreciate your support. We are also reminding students of the importance of maximising the opportunities provided and preparing for life beyond school. Every second in lesson counts towards their goal of achieving high academic progress which we are very proud of.

Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and the Year 13 Parents Evening will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Both evenings run from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and will be online so parents are required to book online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students.

I would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent to parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day. This year we would like students and staff to wear something red to support the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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