



BOURNE
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Head of School UPDATE

Friday 20th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Today is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day, and we celebrated by holding our annual non-uniform day to support this incredible charity. I am delighted to share that we have raised an impressive total of over £4,000 across the Trust. This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the generosity and enthusiasm of our students, staff, and wider community. It was wonderful to see so many students showing their support by wearing something red. The students' smiles and creativity truly captured the spirit of Comic Relief / Red Nose Day.



Our Year 9 students have taken part in Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) sessions delivered by an external specialist this week. During visits to these lessons, it was clear that students demonstrated respect and engaged with maturity throughout, reflecting their understanding of the importance of this topic.

Year 10 students have their Pre-Public examinations next week, we recognise how hard they are working in lessons and this will be an informed milestone to check on their progress within their examination subject areas.

We also continue to encourage our Year 11 students to revise as much as possible to make the most of the time remaining in school. A reminder that the more loyalty cards completed, the more prizes students can earn by attending intervention sessions. It has been truly fantastic to see how many Year 11 students have been committed to lunchtime and afterschool interventions as the examination season is rapidly getting closer.

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On Wednesday, we held SALAD Day (Speaking and Listening Activity Day). All lessons for Years 7, 8 and 9 involved little to no writing, encouraging students to focus on speaking and listening. While classrooms are usually calm and quiet, the volume was certainly raised as students took part in debates, presentations, group discussions, team-based tasks, and more. Staff across all subjects planned engaging lessons to promote communication skills throughout the day.



One of the fantastic literacy initiatives we have to encourage students to engage with reading is our Accelerated Reader programme. This is where our Year 7 and 8 students have time during their afternoon registration to read their chosen books, which can then be carried on as home learning. They can then use the Accelerated Reader portal to check their targets, progress towards their targets and take quizzes. Congratulations to the following students who are top achievers in their House for Term 3.

Blue House

- Meeting Points Target: Emily Brown
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: Rowan Walker
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Charlie Meadwell

Green House

- Meeting Points Target: Connie Falkner
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: Tanvi Ahmadzai
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Rishanth Ratheeswara

Orange House

- Meeting Points Target: Finley Whitmore
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: Lily Woods
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Dante Daley

Purple House

- Meeting Points Target: Ava Gasson
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: Alan Czarnecki
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Taylor Sargent

Red House

- Meeting Points Target: Theo Copping
- 100% on a Reading Quiz: William Pearson
- Completed Reading Bookmark: Theo Copping

We continue to prioritise raising standards across the school. Throughout the term, we have held focused weeks dedicated to specific year groups. During these periods, Senior Leadership has maintained a strong and visible presence in lessons to engage with students in their learning. This ongoing focus on ensuring exemplary standards has meant that any minor distractions are addressed swiftly and effectively, reinforcing to all students that high expectations are consistently upheld.

Next week, we see our Term 4 Young Carers Breakfast being held on Thursday 26th March 2026. This is an open invite to all students who are identified as Young Carers due to supporting a family member who is either: ill, disabled or has a mental health condition. Visit www.bourneacademy.org/young-carers for additional information and support for Young Carers.

Finally, thank you to our Year 8 parents and carers for your time at Parents Evening on Thursday. This valuable time with your child's teacher should allow for positive and constructive feedback focused on your child's learning and progress in lessons.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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