

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 27th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, thank you to all the Year 13 parents for their time at Parents' Evening this week. Teachers greatly appreciated the opportunity to speak with students and their families as they enter the final stage of their Sixth Form journey.

This has been an important week for our Year 9 students as they have been focusing on their Key Stage 4 option choices. Over this past week, students have been using their time to watch a variety of subject videos to ascertain more detail of what the various courses consist of. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that the Options Form which you have been sent electronically must be completed by Tuesday 31st March 2026.

On Wednesday, a group of 36 media students from Years 12 and 13 enjoyed an inspiring and immersive visit to 'The Making of Harry Potter' at the Warner Bros Studio Tour, to help influence upcoming creative coursework and future careers. The trip offered an opportunity to deepen their understanding of professional filmmaking processes and see first-hand how industry experts bring stories to life on screen. A highlight was the 'Script to Screen' workshop, which enhanced knowledge of the pre-production stages within the film industry. Through interactive activities, students explored how scripts evolve into fully realised scenes, learning about storyboarding, shot planning, continuity and set logistics. The trip also highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of film-making, with career paths that connect to subjects across the curriculum. Students learned about roles such as Set Designer, Scaled Drawing Architect, Set Gardener, Props & Costume Designer, White Card Model Maker and Concept Artist. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Head of Department for Media for organising this amazing experience for our Sixth Form students.



Our Year 10 students have entered their PPE examinations this week. For one week, the students will sit the first of their three practice examination seasons. As you know, practice makes perfect and we hold this philosophy for our students when it comes to examinations. When entering an examination hall, we want our students to feel comfortable, relaxed and reassured so they can concentrate on giving their best answers. Well done to all Year 10 students who are adapting to the process of formal examinations - and thank you to parents as your continuous support with excellent attendance to school and particularly during these sessions is very much appreciated.

As our Year 11 get ever closer to their final exams, we continue to support our students and families. I am really pleased to see such high numbers of students sign up to our Easter revision sessions. In fact, some of our sessions are full! Our Year 11 are determined to succeed in their examination series, and are showing such determination and hard work to achieve their best. Keep this up Year 11. We continue to encourage our Year 11 to use the GCSEPod to help with their revision and proven to have a positive impact.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that Prom tickets for our Year 11 students and Year 13 students are available on ParentMail for all those students invited to Prom. It has been fantastic to see so many outfits and plans being made for the Prom, but please do remember to purchase your ticket!

We hold termly Young Carer Breakfasts which are a chance for our students who are Young Carers to spend time together in a supportive community setting. Our Young Carers are supported by Mrs Chloe Smith (Pastoral Support), who will be launching a new community club next term on Wednesday lunchtimes and our next breakfast session will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026. All Young Carers are warmly welcome to attend.

Next week, we look forward to rewarding our students for achieving their Aspire badges with a Bourne Academy 'cinema experience' - we are delighted that so many students embraced the Aspire reward programme which saw over 450+ students being rewarded for their above and beyond approach to school!

Finally, please can I remind parents to utilise the studentabsence@bourneacademy.org email to report a student absence and to avoid phoning the main school line to report absence to ensure the information is dealt with effectively and efficiently.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Kindest regards,



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