



Head of School UPDATE

Friday 1st May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week, with students fully engaged in their learning and a really positive atmosphere across the school. I would like to thank students, staff and families for their continued support.

Please could I ask parents and carers to continue supporting the school by ensuring that their child is fully equipped each day with the basic stationery requirements, including an appropriate school bag and a house badge.

Our examination season has now officially begun. We have reminded all students to be calm, considerate and quiet when moving around the examination rooms, which demonstrates real team spirit in supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 cohort.

Today marked the first written GCSE examination, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they continue through this important period. The attitude demonstrated towards their examinations has been outstanding, and they should be extremely proud of the commitment they have shown. We continue to support students with revision sessions, subject crammers and Head of Department briefings ahead of exams. While this will be a busy and sometimes tiring time, students have worked incredibly hard in preparation and we are confident they will do themselves proud.

It was also a fantastic opportunity to visit the Year 13 music performances for their Music qualification which saw a wide variety of genres covered and fantastic instrumental and vocal skill from our advanced performers. Our senior leadership team thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the audience, celebrating the hard work and success with our Year 13 musicians. Well done to all involved.

Enrichment remains a vital part of school life and an important way for students to broaden their experiences, develop confidence and build positive relationships. I have recently had the pleasure of visiting several clubs, including the Sign Language Club on Wednesday lunchtime and the Chess Club on Thursdays, both of which are popular and enjoyed by students. We offer a wide variety of clubs across the week, providing opportunities for students to explore interests, develop new skills and enhance their overall school experience. We strongly encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity, as these clubs play a key role in supporting wellbeing, friendships and personal development. Please visit www.bourneacademy.org/enrichment-period-6 for further information.

A reminder that Year 10 parents and carers should have received a booking link for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 14th May 2026. This is an important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's teachers to discuss progress, attendance and behaviour, as well as feedback from recent PPE examinations.

We are incredibly proud that our attendance remains above the national average. This week, we have been rewarding students who achieved 100% attendance last term, and we thank parents and carers for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

Listening to student voice remains an important part of our school culture. This year we have received many valuable suggestions from students, and where possible, these have helped shape developments across school, including extra-curricular opportunities and eco initiatives. We regularly feedback to students on their ideas, and the 'Students Say, We Listen' section of our website is where students can actively contribute to school life. Students can visit www.bourneacademy.org/students-say-we-listen to provide feedback.

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are running three different Online Safety Webinars this month. They are all free to attend and you will need to register in advance to get the link to join the presentation. Further information about each of the webinars is available on the links below:

Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Teens

- Wednesday 6th May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about the apps teens use, key online risks, and how to keep them safe plus tips for confident conversations and a live Q&A.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160049

Online Safety webinar for Professionals

- Thursday 14th May 2026, 1.00pm to 2.40pm
- A free session covering the latest online trends, risks and tools to support children and young people. Suitable for professional working in the Police, Education, Early Help, Social Care, Mental Health and anyone working with children and young people.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160051

Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents

- Wednesday 20th May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about apps, games, social media and online risks plus practical ways to keep your child safe.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048

Finally, a date for your diaries - our Art Department are showcasing some fantastic student work at The Sessions House in Spalding on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May 2026. This will be a celebration of the super talented artists work across the school which has been selected for exhibition!

Due to the Bank Holiday, all students will return to school on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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