

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 22nd May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of Term 5, with one term to go I can't actually believe we will shortly be arriving at the end of this academic year!

Congratulations to Year 11 who had a fantastic send-off on Tuesday on their official last day in school. We are now at mid-point of the exam stage and they have been coping incredibly well with the pressure of exams, their independent revision and their own personal organisation. Thank you to the school team led by Mr Butterworth (Key Stage 4 Progress Lead) and Mrs Lynas (Pastoral Year Lead), for all their support for this amazing year group of young people.



Congratulations also to our Year 13 students who had their final day in school on Monday. We wish all the students well as they complete their final exams and wish them a fantastic summer break before they go onto their next adventure. We hope that our students will stay in touch with the school as we are all eager to know what their next steps entail - we have advertised our SLAT Alumni (www.slat.org.uk/slatalumni), which allows for past students to join and keep the school updated with their next steps. Thank you to the Sixth Form team led by Mrs Barber for all of their dedication and commitment to the students.

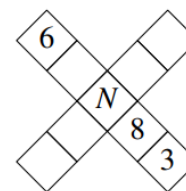


This week, we sent out details of a Parent Governor Ballot via ParentMail inviting all parents/carers to vote. We were pleased that six parents are interested in the two vacancies we have for Parents Governors at Bourne Academy. As there are more applications than vacancies, we are therefore holding a ballot and the deadline to vote is Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Parent Governors play an important role in representing the views of all parents and helping to positively support school improvement. It is therefore important that as many parents/carers vote as possible.

A group of our exceptional Maths students in Years 7 and 8 have been participating in a lunchtime club for the past two months to prepare for the UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Junior Mathematical Challenge. The challenge is a national competition designed to develop students' problem-solving skills as it encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. Our students completed the 60-minute challenge on 1st May 2025 under test conditions and it comprised of 25 incredibly tough questions with no calculators or measuring instruments allowed. Below is an example of the questions that our students had to solve.

The diagram shows nine squares arranged so that they form two lines, each consisting of five squares.

The squares are to be filled with the positive integers from 1 to 9 inclusive so that the totals of the five numbers in each line are equal. Three of the numbers have already been placed. What is the sum of the different values which the central number N can take?



A massive well done to Kasparas Benkec, Tyler Wallace, Maria Chirila, Ifenna Aniekwena, Oreoluwa Akinwumi, Douglas Gordon, Sandra Gorecka, Theo Hollis, Andrei Cernenchi and Dylan Lenton from Year 7 and Brogan Marshall, Ethan Loasby, Vanessa Harabin, Markuss Motils, Sarah Newell, Noah Sandhu, Rhys Farrow and Adomas Bajoraitis from Year 8 for working so hard over the last two months and showing their enthusiasm for maths. We are incredibly proud of the results our students achieved as they were awarded with Silver and Bronze certificates.

Please remember that tickets for our end of year musical 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie: Teen Edition' will go on general sale from 9am on Monday 1st June 2026. There will be three evening performances to dazzle audiences on Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July 2026. The shows will start at 7pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie: Teen Edition' is a full-length adaptation of the hit West End musical, which has been specially adapted for teen actors. This is a vibrant, high-energy show celebrating individuality, courage and self-expression through catchy songs and dance! Tickets are £7 per person and can be booked via www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy from 9am on Monday 1st June 2026 (you can also select your preferred seats when booking). Please remember to book early as previous end of year musicals have all sold out! Thank you for supporting our students and we hope you enjoy the show.

During half term, please remember parents/carers and our students have access to our 'Feeling worried or anxious' section on our website (www.bourneacademy.org/feeling-worried-or-anxious) where they can also email worried@bourneacademy.org during half term. This is monitored over the holiday period and we will respond to your email as soon as possible – signposting support when required. Please also use our Student Wellbeing Charter which outlines all the support available for young people should they have a concern. We have informed students that if they feel there is an emergency safeguarding concern, not to wait for an email response from the school - please always dial 999. We also have a wealth of wellbeing support on our school website for students to access during the holiday period in our Student Wellbeing Charter.

Finally, we currently have a variety of non-teaching and specialist teaching vacancies across the Trust. Some of these are brand new vacancies as we are expanding the SEN and inclusion staff in our schools to offer even more support to students. All positions are required to start in September 2026 and the closing date all for the following vacancies is 8am on Friday 12th June 2026. If you are interested in finding out more or applying online, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies. Alternatively, if you know someone else who may be interested, please forward them details.

Vacancy	Schools required at
Pastoral Lead (SEND Focus)	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Specialist Teacher - Access to Learning	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Inclusion Learning Mentor	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Classroom Cover Instructors	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy and Giles Academy
SEN Administrator	Spalding Academy and Cowley Academy
Careers & Student Advisor	Giles Academy
Examination Administrator	Spalding Academy
Art Technician (Maternity Cover)	Bourne Academy

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June 2026.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the warm weather!

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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