



**BOURNE  
ACADEMY**

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Despite the very wet weather this week, we have still managed to enjoy a busy and productive time in school, with several valuable enrichment opportunities taking place across all year groups. Students have shown great resilience and enthusiasm, making the most of everything on offer. Hopefully we will see better weather next week but if it looks set to continue, we kindly remind parents that students should bring a waterproof coat each day, particularly those who walk to and from school.

On Monday and Wednesday, our Year 10 Geographers as part of the GCSE Geography course went on a fieldtrip to Hunstanton, which focused on Physical Geography. The aim of the trip is to provide students with the opportunity to apply fieldwork skills and to collect data, as well as supporting and developing concepts covered in lessons. The work conducted on these fieldtrips is worth 30% of their final GCSE grade and will be assessed by examination at the end of Year 11. The students had a great time at Hunstanton which was the chosen location for the coast. Students followed the route from Old Hunstanton to the town's beach to analyse physical processes and assess coastal defences.

On Wednesday, a small group of students joined with students from our other Trust schools on a trip to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham. Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of STEM careers and also engaged in hands-on scientific experiences, helping to inspire future aspirations. It was a fantastic opportunity to work with our other Trust schools and an excellent day of developing STEM understanding.

On Thursday, we held our SALAD Day (Speaking and Listening Activity Day). Lessons for Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 focused on developing communication skills, with little to no writing involved. While classrooms are often calm and quiet, it was wonderful to hear a real buzz around the school as students engaged in debates, presentations, group discussions, and team-based activities. Staff across all subjects worked hard to plan engaging lessons that placed speaking and listening at the heart of learning.

On Thursday last week, a team of 12 students from Years 7 to 10 travelled to the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston to compete in the County Athletics Championships. The event brought together talented athletes from across the county, all aiming to secure qualification for the Regional Championships in King's Lynn on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. To qualify for this next stage, athletes needed to finish 1st or 2nd in their event, making the competition both challenging and exciting. All students represented the Academy with great determination and resilience, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and commitment throughout the day. Rebecca Palmer delivered an outstanding performance, winning the Triple Jump with an impressive distance of 9.02m, securing her place at the regional finals and Finlay Smith enjoyed a fantastic competition, winning the 800m and also finishing 2nd in the High Jump, qualifying for both events at the next stage. Well done to all involved!

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Our Sixth Form Peer Mentoring programme launched this week, with our Year 12 students paired with nominated Key Stage 3 and 4 students to provide additional support and guidance. The programme offers a valuable opportunity for collaboration, with our Post-16 students acting as positive role models while supporting younger students both academically and pastorally. Through regular meetings, mentors will help to build confidence, develop organisation and study habits, and provide a trusted point of contact within the school. We are proud of our Year 12 students for taking on this responsibility and for the maturity, empathy and commitment they have already shown. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this programme will have on all students involved.

What an incredible display of musical talent we have at Bourne Academy. Our intimate 'Stage & Screen Showcase' on Tuesday evening provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy their children's performances in a truly special setting. The evening was a fantastic celebration of our students' dedication, with each performer taking to the stage with confidence and pride. It was clear to see the hard work and commitment that had gone into refining their pieces, resulting in a memorable and inspiring showcase for all who attended. We are exceptionally proud of our talented musicians and grateful to the families who joined us to support and celebrate their success.



A reminder that the remaining tickets for 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' are available to purchase and all nights are once again set to be sold out in advance! There will be three evening performances to dazzle audiences on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026. '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. Tickets are £7 per person and can be booked via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy)

**EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT**  
**JAMIE**

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY,  
THURSDAY 9TH JULY &  
FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

**TEEN EDITION**

Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bourneacademy)

Finally, thank you to all Year 7 parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening last night. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and support their continued success in their first year with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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