



Head of School UPDATE

Friday 19th June 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Despite the unpredictable weather, it has been another extremely busy and productive week at Bourne Academy. I am pleased to share some of the key highlights with you.

Today, we welcomed over 230 prospective Sixth Form students for their induction day. A carefully planned programme provided a valuable introduction to Sixth Form life, supporting a smooth transition - particularly for those joining us from other schools. Bourne Academy continues to grow in popularity both locally and beyond, and I am very much looking forward to welcoming our new cohort in September 2026. My sincere thanks go to our Sixth Form team for delivering such a successful and well-organised event.

You will recently have received communication outlining our updated mobile phone procedures, which will be introduced from September. This approach aligns with Department for Education guidance that schools should be mobile phone-free environments. The introduction of our phone storage system will support a calm, focused and orderly school environment, while reducing safeguarding risks associated with social media, messaging, filming and online bullying. As always, we greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations.

All nights are once again set to be sold out in advance, so don't leave it too late to buy your tickets for 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'! There will be three evening performances to dazzle audiences on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th 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

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We continue to strongly encourage all students to engage in our wide range of extra-curricular activities. These opportunities play a crucial role in supporting students' personal development beyond the classroom.



We are delighted that the PE department has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the 2025/26 academic year. This government-led award, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, recognises schools for their commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities. The Gold Award is measured against a national benchmark and we are delighted that the school's efforts in keeping young people active have been recognised with this award. We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication to physical activity and sport, including the young volunteers, leaders and officials who help make competitions possible. Congratulations to our PE staff for providing these outstanding opportunities.

This week we have been rewarding students who achieved 100% attendance last term. We are delighted to have been able to reward in excess of 220 students – a fantastic achievement!

On Thursday, our Year 10 historians took part in a virtual reality experience, bringing the Battlefields of the First World War to life through immersive 360-degree technology. Students were able to be fully immersed on the battlefield and see for themselves what it would have been like for an injured soldier. The students were guided by a WW1 medic and historical interpreter who demonstrated the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) chain of evacuation and the key surgical techniques of the time. This provided a powerful and engaging learning experience, and we thank the History department for organising such an innovative opportunity.



Students have also benefited from a range of wider enrichment opportunities this week. The Year 7 visit to Peterborough Cathedral and a mosque offered meaningful insight into different cultures and faiths, supporting students' understanding of diversity and community.

On Thursday evening, we were proud to host our school Art Exhibition. We were overwhelmed by the level of support from parents and carers, and the standard of work on display was truly exceptional - creative, thoughtful and often deeply reflective. Thank you to all who attended and supported our students.

Looking ahead to next week, we will begin our transition activities as students prepare for their new year groups in September. With Year 11 and Year 13 having now finished, we are able to utilise additional space to support this process, including planned changes to move up to the next year's yard areas and increased use of the school field as the weather improves.

We are also very much looking forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students their time at Bourne Academy at their Prom next Wednesday evening at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Belcher".

Miss Katie Belcher
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