



Headteacher UPDATE

Friday 11th September 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to the new academic year!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. It has been wonderful to see so many enthusiastic, smart, and happy students returning to our academy.

As we begin this new term, I would like to extend my very best wishes to our staff, parents/carers and, most importantly, our students for a successful and fulfilling year. I look forward to meeting many of you at different school events over the year. Each week, I share a newsletter with parents/carers to celebrate achievements and communicate important messages across our school community.

Our students have returned with tremendous enthusiasm, and it has been fantastic to see them looking so smart in their uniforms. The positive energy across the school has been truly inspiring, and it is clear that both students and staff are eager to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead this year.

As a reminder, we have high expectations regarding school uniform. We are extremely proud of how smart our students look, and maintaining these standards helps to foster a sense of pride, equality and belonging across the academy. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our website (on the link below), and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that students arrive at school each day in the correct attire.

- www.bourneacademy.org/uniform

Following my previous communication regarding the national Satchel One technical issues, I wanted to provide a brief update. Whilst the problems remain unresolved and continue to affect schools across the country, the impact on our students has been limited due to the excellent start they have made to the academic year and the fact that homework programmes are only just beginning to increase. Where necessary, staff are adapting how homework is communicated until normal service resumes.

In positive news, as part of the continued rollout of our new School App, parents and carers can now access their child's timetable and attendance summary directly through the app. We will continue to expand the features available over the coming months, providing families with even greater insight into and support for their child's education.

Over the summer, we have seen some significant improvements to our site. These include extensive redecoration projects, a new student inclusion support room and a new four classroom block development which is due to start very shortly. We remain committed to investing in our academy because our students deserve the very best facilities and learning environment.

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On Wednesday evening, we proudly hosted the SLAT House Celebration Evening, followed by the SLAT Upper School Awards Evening on Thursday at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. It was a real honour to present trophies and certificates to our superb prize winners. These events provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students from every year group at Bourne Academy, alongside students from the other schools across the Trust. With over 300 attendees at each event, the atmosphere was truly inspiring. Photos and full coverage of both evenings will be available on our website and social media channels at the start of next week.



I am also delighted to share the date of our annual Open Evening, which will take place on Thursday 24th September 2026, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. This event is aimed at families with children currently in Years 5 and 6 and provides a wonderful opportunity to discover everything that Bourne Academy has to offer. Our academy will be brought to life by our exceptional student ambassadors, who will share their experiences and guide visitors around the school. If you know any families with children in Years 5 or 6, please help us spread the word about this important event. Departments will soon be inviting students to volunteer as ambassadors and tour guides. If your child would like to take part, please make a note of the date. A letter seeking your permission will be sent out next week.

Prospective students in **years 5 and 6**
and their parents/carers are invited to our

Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026
5.30pm to 7.30pm

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As always, we want to remind students and families that support is available outside of school hours. If a student is feeling anxious, worried or in need of support, they can contact our Safeguarding Team via worried@bourneacademy.org or use the 'Feeling worried or anxious?' link on our website homepage.

Finally, we cannot overstate the importance of excellent attendance. Being in school every day makes a huge difference, not only to academic success, particularly at GCSE level, but also to personal growth, wellbeing and social development. Please continue to encourage your child to attend regularly and arrive on time each day. Below is confirmation of the term dates for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 academic years.

- www.bourneacademy.org/term-dates

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

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

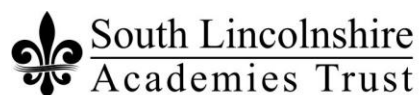
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- www.bourneacademy.org
- www.instagram.com/BourneAcademy
- www.facebook.com/BourneAcademyLincs
- www.x.com/BourneSLAT

Term Dates 2026/27



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School Holiday
 Bank / Public Holiday
 Staff Training Day
 Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 return
 All year groups return

1ST TERM 2026

Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2026

- Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 return on Thursday 3rd September 2026
- All year groups return on Friday 4th September 2026

HOLIDAY

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

2ND TERM 2026

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2026

HOLIDAY

Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

3RD TERM 2027

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2027

HOLIDAY

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027

4TH TERM 2027

Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March 2027

HOLIDAY

Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

5TH TERM 2027

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2027

HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd May 2027 (May Day)

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

6TH TERM 2027

Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July 2027

STAFF TRAINING DAYS when your child will not have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026