

Headteacher UPDATE

Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fantastic week at Bourne Academy, with students continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm, creativity and commitment both inside and outside the classroom.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Every lesson began with a poem linked to the subject being studied, sparking thoughtful discussions and creative activities exploring the poem's context, meaning and relevance. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate poetry through a cross-curricular approach and to develop students' literacy skills in a variety of subjects.

Students also have the opportunity to take part in two exciting literacy competitions this term (Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition and Young Writers National Poetry Competition) with further details can be found on Show My Homework or by speaking with our library team:

This year, we are proud to introduce the **Headteacher Award** badge, a prestigious new recognition designed to celebrate students who have achieved something truly exceptional, either within school or in the wider community. The award recognises those who consistently go above and beyond through outstanding kindness, leadership, resilience, creativity, or by making a significant difference to the lives of others.

In addition to this new honour, we also have a series of achievement badges that recognise excellence across key areas of school life:

- **Academic** achievement for outstanding progress or performance
- **Athletic** achievement through sport
- **Artistic** achievement across drama, music, art and textiles

Together, these badges form a vibrant celebration of the diverse talents and accomplishments of our students, shining a spotlight on everything that makes them exceptional. Staff members are able to nominate students for these prestigious awards, with recipients receiving their award within school assemblies, giving each student a proud moment of recognition in front of their peers and the wider school community.



It has been fantastic to see so many students engaging with our enrichment programme this term. Attendance at lunchtime and after-school clubs has been extremely positive, and it has been wonderful to see new students developing new skills, pursuing interests and forming new friendships. Our Art Clubs have proven particularly popular, and we are also delighted to offer a Sign Language Club on Tuesdays and a Journalism Club on Wednesdays. I will continue to promote these opportunities through assemblies and future newsletters. I would like to thank students for making such a positive start to our enrichment programme. Please visit our website (www.bourneacademy.org/enrichment-period-6) to explore the full range of clubs available.

If your family currently serves, or has previously served, in the Armed Forces, please let the school know by contacting Mrs Holland via email at hollands@bourneacademy.org. We are currently working with RAF Wittering to provide exciting opportunities and additional support for service children attending Bourne Academy.

Next Thursday, we will be hosting our Year 10 GCSE Success Evening. I look forward to welcoming Year 10 students and their families for an informative evening packed with practical advice, guidance and revision strategies designed to support students throughout their GCSE journey.

For parents/carers of our Year 7 students, information has been sent out to you about our forthcoming Literacy & Numeracy event. This will be taking place on Wednesday 14th October 2026 and is designed to help parents be able to support their children at home with the many programmes we use to further develop reading, literacy and numeracy. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at this event.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and site safety, we will be conducting a lockdown drill next week. Students have been informed about the procedure and reassured that this is simply a practice exercise designed to ensure everyone understands what to do in the unlikely event that a lockdown is ever required. During the drill, students will be expected to follow staff instructions carefully until the procedure has concluded. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you and your family have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



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