

THE BOURNE ACADEMY SPRING 2025

HALF TERM NEWS ROUND UP



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Our talented Year 7 and 8 students from the Drama ACE Club delivered a spectacular performance of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, captivating audiences with their creativity and dedication. From the moment the wardrobe doors opened, the audience was transported into a world of adventure and enchantment. The students delivered a strong performance as Aslan, the White Witch, and the Pevensie siblings, bringing the story to life. Their hard work and commitment were evident throughout. A huge thank you from Miss Coy to the staff and parents for their support in making the production a success.



An Inspector Calls Trip - English Trip

Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to watch *An Inspector Calls* at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton—a key text in their GCSE English studies. Experiencing the play live enhanced their analysis skills, deepened their understanding, and gave them a greater appreciation of theatre. Students found the performance engaging and said it helped bring the text to life, improving their ability to discuss it critically.



Harry Potter - Media Trip

Our Media students recently visited Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter, gaining a insight into the film industry. As part of the trip, they took part in a hands-on workshop, exploring special effects, cinematography, and production design. They also experienced the green screen process, creating their own Quidditch-themed photo. Exploring iconic sets, props, and costumes, students discovered the skills behind professional film making. This inspiring experience gave them valuable knowledge about industry careers, sparking excitement for the future.



Year 10 + Scholars in Westminster

Year 10 students and Scholars had an unforgettable experience at the Palace of Westminster, standing where historical figures like Nelson Mandela once stood! During their visit, they explored Parliament, observed House of Commons debates on Sudan, and listened to House of Lords discussions on Russian maritime activity - it was so engaging they didn't want to leave! A Q&A session with Lords allowed students to ask insightful questions, gaining valuable perspectives on real-world politics. This inspiring visit provided a unique opportunity to see democracy in action and deepen understanding of the Government.



Bourne Michelin Chefs!

This term, students have been showcasing their culinary skills. Year 7 made Jam Tarts, while Year 8 baked Shortbread Biscuits, with some even practising at home. Year 9 and 10, as part of their Hospitality and Catering course, cooked weekly, creating dishes like Chicken Nuggets, Apple Turnovers, and Fish Cakes, working in pairs to follow recipes. Year 11 explored Bread Art, designing focaccia with vegetables and herbs. Our new kitchen brigade system ensures teamwork in both cooking and cleaning—an essential kitchen skill!



Year 8 Photosynthesis

Our Year 8 students have been investigating photosynthesis through a fascinating experiment. By boiling leaves, treating them with ethanol and iodine, they were able to identify stored starch, which appeared as black areas on the leaves. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, capturing photos of their results and proudly sharing them. This engaging experiment deepened their understanding of how plants store energy and brought science to life in an exciting way!



Year 7 Axiom Maths

Our Year 7 students are thriving in their Axiom Maths sessions and seem to be really enjoying the experience. This term they successfully completed their first curriculum block and have been awarded certificates to celebrate their achievement. As a further reward, Axiom Maths has kindly sent badges and water bottles for the students, recognising their hard work and commitment. We are incredibly proud of their progress and look forward to seeing their mathematical skills continue to develop.

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Anvil House - Charity Challenge

We ended this half term with a competitive and fun-filled House Challenge, as students battled to climb 58,070 steps and virtually reach the summit of Mount Everest! With a snow machine creating tough conditions, students battled the elements in reception, showing determination and teamwork. Trinity House was the first to reach the summit! The challenge raised funds for The Steve Bernard Foundation, Anvil House's chosen charity. A huge well done to everyone who took part and supported this fantastic cause!



Music Students Inspired by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

50 of our music students had an incredible experience watching the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform pieces from the GCSE syllabus. A highlight of the event was Daisy A's stunning performance of Defying Gravity alongside the orchestra—an amazing opportunity for both Daisy, Year 11, and her peers to witness. This unforgettable experience allowed students to see professional musicians bring their studies to life, inspiring them for their own musical journeys!



Boys Basketball

Our boys' basketball team put on an incredible performance this term, securing a 36-24 victory against Glenmore & Winton! Their teamwork, determination, and hard work were on full display, leading to a confident and well-deserved win. A huge well done to the team for their effort. This result reflects their commitment and developing sports skills.



Year 8 Options - Enact Solutions

Following an insightful Year 8 Options Evening, our students took part in a thought-provoking performance by Enact Solutions. The engaging session encouraged them to consider the importance of making informed and positive choices for their future. Through interactive storytelling, students explored different pathways, sparking inspiration and excitement about the possibilities ahead. This experience has empowered them to approach their GCSE options with confidence, ensuring they make the best decisions for their future.



AQA Mentoring

A group of Year 10 students is participating in the AQA Mentoring Programme through the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. This term, they had an exciting session with Olympian Sarah Ayton, who led them through circuit training before guiding them in planning their social action project. Our students demonstrated a strong awareness of local issues, educating Sarah on the challenges young people face today. They have chosen a meaningful project, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in the community.



Boys Impact Group

This half-term, our Boys Impact Group has continued its fantastic work in boosting self-esteem and engagement among our students. The group met Dr Alex Blower, founder of the Boys Impact Initiative, to discuss how boys are perceived in education. They also had the incredible opportunity to speak with MP Jessica Toale, who later raised their concerns in a Parliamentary debate. Additionally, Shaun Flores, public speaker and mental health advocate, led an inspiring session on social media pressures and youth challenges through Avengers-themed discussions. With more speakers and projects ahead, exciting times await!



Year 12 Psychology

As part of their Attachment Unit, Year 12 students have taken on the unique challenge of becoming parents to ping pong ball babies! Over the next two weeks, they will be responsible for caring for their babies and tracking how their attachment develops. Their first priority was ensuring their babies' safety, and students have already come up with creative ways to protect them. It will be interesting to see how their parenting skills evolve—hopefully, the babies will be just as well cared for in a fortnight!