THE BOURNE ACADEMY

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HALF TERM NEWS ROUND UP



Bourne Scholars - Model United Nations

Our Year 8 Bourne Scholars joined students from Dumpton and Castle Court Schools for a Model United Nations event hosted by Canford Sixth Form students. Representing 10 nations, students explored the challenge of ensuring equal access to quality education in the digital age, developing their debating, teamwork and communication skills. Our Scholars demonstrated confidence, resilience and excellent contributions to the debate, receiving positive feedback and earning medals and certificates in recognition of their achievements. A fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their skills and work alongside pupils from other schools. Thank you to Canford School for hosting the event.



ASPIRE Day at The Bourne Academy!

From a choir of 180 students to pizza making, volcano experiments, mock trials, CV writing and interview skills, our latest ASPIRE Day was packed with opportunities for students across the Academy. Each year group took part in a range of activities designed to develop confidence, independence and essential life skills, while exploring future careers and new experiences. Whether investigating the criminal justice system, discovering careers in science or preparing for the world of work, students were encouraged to challenge themselves, develop their ASPIRE competencies and build a sense of belonging. A huge thank you to all the staff and external partners who helped make the day such a success!



Music Mark Recognition 2026–2027

We are delighted to have received the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement in Music Education by Music Mark - The UK Association for Music Education. This recognition celebrates our commitment to providing inclusive, high-quality music education and creating opportunities for students to explore and develop their musical talents. Music continues to play an important role in Academy life, and this award is a wonderful acknowledgement of the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of our Music Department and students.



Quality in Careers Standard Reaccreditation

The Bourne Academy has successfully achieved reaccreditation of the national Quality in Careers Standard, recognising the high quality of our careers education, information, advice and guidance. The assessment praised our excellent careers provision, strategic approach to evaluation and continued improvements in supporting students with SEND, alongside our commitment to embedding careers education across the curriculum.Congratulations and thanks to our Head of Careers, Mary Diffey, and the Careers Team for their continued hard work and dedication to providing students with high-quality careers education and opportunities.



European Day of Languages

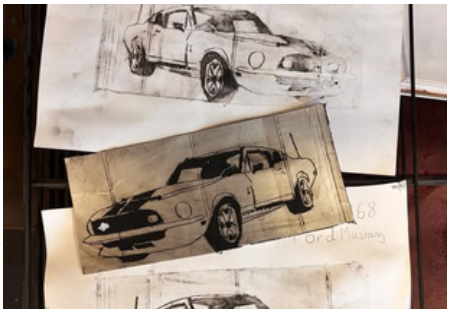
The Bourne Academy celebrated European Day of Languages with a range of fun challenges and activities across all year groups. Year 7 students took part in the 'Say Hello to the World' challenge, searching for members of staff wearing badges displaying greetings in different languages. Students were tasked with finding the greetings and completing their challenge sheets. A fun and engaging way to celebrate linguistic diversity and explore languages and cultures from around the world.

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Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset Visits The Bourne Academy

We were delighted to welcome the Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mr Michael Dooley, back to The Bourne Academy for a tour. This marked his second visit to the Academy, having previously joined us in March alongside HRH The Prince of Wales. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work taking place across the Academy and build on the relationship established during his previous visit.



Year 11 Student Develops Printmaking Skills

Following a recent Tetrapak printing workshop, Year 11 student Will has continued to develop his artwork, experimenting with the techniques he learned and building on his creative skills. Tetrapak printing is a printmaking technique that uses recycled packaging to create unique prints, encouraging students to explore different textures, patterns and artistic effects. It is fantastic to see Will applying his new skills independently, demonstrating creativity, enthusiasm and a willingness to explore new artistic techniques.



Year 11 Students in New York City!

40 Year 11 students are rounding off this half term with an unforgettable six-day trip to New York City. The visit offers students the opportunity to explore one of the world's most famous cities, experience a different culture and discover some of its iconic landmarks. From the bright lights of Times Square to the excitement of exploring the Big Apple, the trip promises to be a memorable experience for everyone involved. Pictured here are our students on the famous red steps in Times Square, making the most of this fantastic opportunity.



Academy & Sixth Form Open Evenings 2026

This half term, we were delighted to welcome families from across the local area to our Academy Open Evening, Sixth Form Subject Fayre and Sixth Form Open Evening. Our Academy Open Evening welcomed over 1,000 visitors, while more than 250 students (as well as their families) from local schools attended our Sixth Form events to explore the courses and opportunities available. Both events were a fantastic success, with wonderful feedback from visitors and a brilliant atmosphere throughout. "Such a welcoming atmosphere! Everyone was so friendly and helpful, and it was lovely to see how passionate the students and teachers are." A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and to our staff and students who helped make these events such a success!



A Busy Half Term for Sport!

It's been an action-packed half term for our PE Department, with sporting fixtures, festivals and new activities keeping students busy! Our Sports Leaders enthusiastically supported Year 5 pupils at the Primary Leadership Festival, helping them develop their leadership skills. Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic Transition Football Festival with AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust, alongside the introduction of Quidditch into their PE curriculum. Our football teams have also made a strong start to the season, with the Year 8 boys securing a 2–1 victory and the Year 9 boys battling to a 2–2 draw against Oak Academy. Meanwhile, our popular GALS and LADS sessions continue every Tuesday from 3–4pm, giving students the opportunity to get involved in a sport of their choice. Well done to everyone who has taken part and represented the Academy this half term!