



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 4 September 2026

From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Welcome Note

Yesterday we welcomed students back to School after the long summer break. I hope the first morning alarm was not too much of a shock in households across the School community, although I suspect there may have been a few slightly slower starts than usual, or maybe even some last-minute dashes to the bus stop.

The first day back always brings a mixture of excitement and nerves. That is true for students returning after the holidays, but especially for those joining secondary school, or our Sixth Form, for the very first time. Our new Year 7 students did extremely well, taking in new faces, new routines and moving around a site that accommodates well over 1,700 students. They also looked extremely smart, which deserves particular credit; for some, navigating the site may yet prove easier than mastering the art of tying a tie.



Mr Brunker addresses an assembly



Mr Brunker greets new Year 7 students

At drop-off, I am not entirely sure who looked more nervous: the students arriving for their first day, or the parents doing their very best to appear completely relaxed about letting them go. Actually, the parents won that contest by some distance. I say that with complete sympathy, because leaving your child at a new school, particularly at the start of Year 7, is a significant step for parents as well as students.

When parents and carers entrust their children to us, that responsibility is something we take very seriously. We know that students learn best when they feel safe, known and supported, and helping them settle quickly is one of our most important tasks at the start of the year.

It has been lovely to see returning students picking up conversations and friendships after the summer, and to watch the School feel full of life again so quickly.

I wish all students, staff and families a very successful year ahead.

New Colleagues Joining Us

Mr J Clark (Science Technician)

Mr C Hart (Psychology)

Mrs L Glenn-Sansum (Teaching Assistant)

Dr A Hesselwood (Subject Leader - Geography)

Mr J Poulter (Biology)

Miss L Shelbourn (Physical Education)

New Teacher Trainees

Miss J Mahoney (Physical Education)

Mrs M Rocha (English)

Mr P Sinfield (French)

Mr B Turner (Spanish)

SPORTS CLUBS

TERM 1 DAY	Lunchtime (12:45 pm - 1.15 pm)	After School (4.45pm finish)
MON	PE Staff Meeting 6th Form Basketball (SJB)	Yr. 7 & 8 Badminton (LS/KJM) Yr. 7 & 8 Net ball (AS/CEB) Yr. 8 Football (ACG) Yr.10 Football (SC) Yr. 8 & 9 Girls Hockey (CPB)
TUES	All Years Girls Football (ACG) (astro)	Yr. 7/8/9 Rugby (MAB/KJM) Yr. 9 Football (CJR) Yr. 11 Football (JB) Yr. 9/10/11 Net ball (AS/CEB)
WED	6th Form Badminton (SJB)	All Years Running Club (CJL)
THURS	Yr. 9/10/11 Badminton (LS/ KJM)	Yr. 7 Football (ACG)
FRI	All Years Speed/Agility/Quickness (SAQ) (ACG) (Sports Hall) Yr. 7 Girls Hockey (KJM) (Astro)	

Clubs will take place weekly.

Should there be the need to cancel any club as much notice will be given as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club.