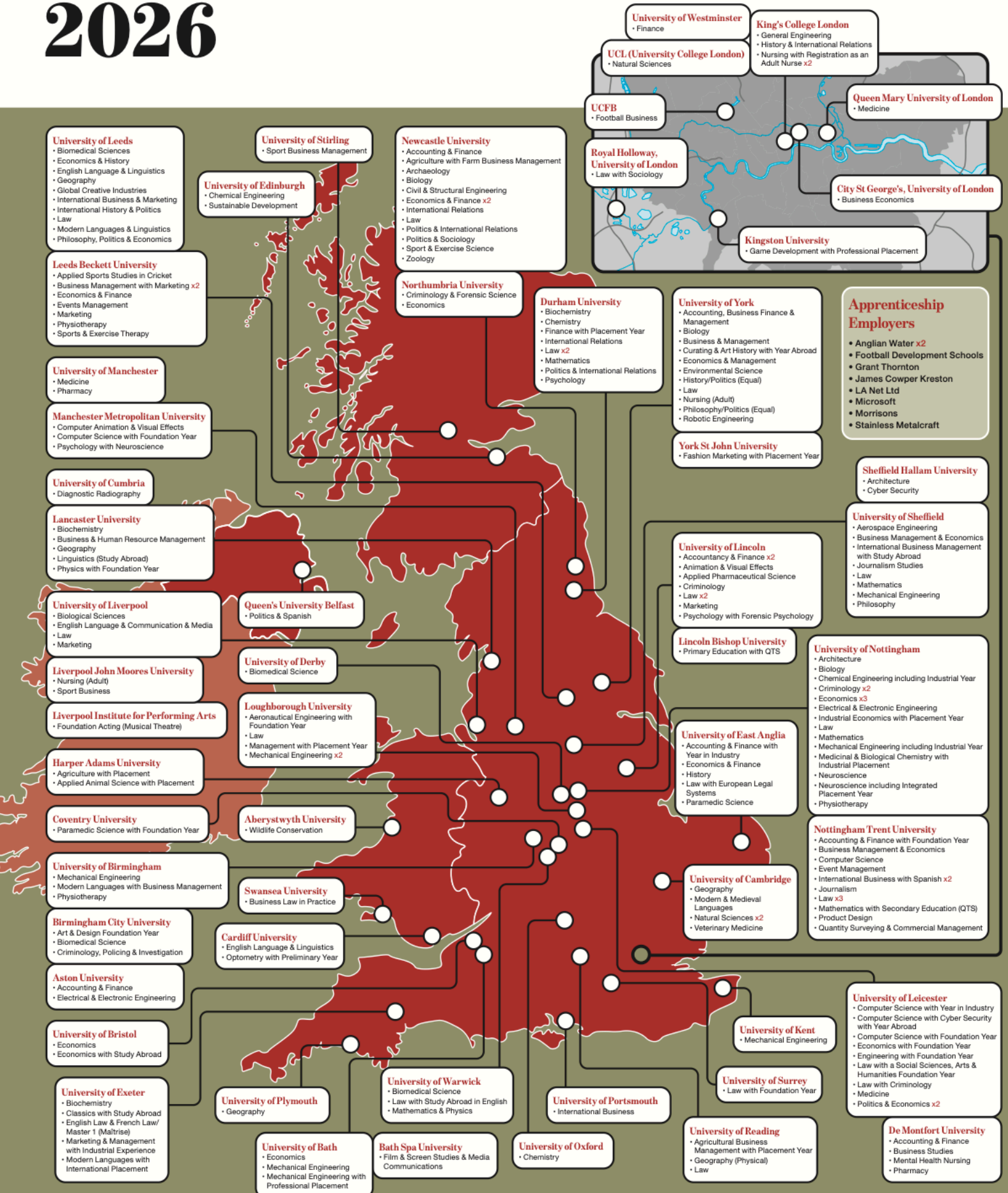




Student Destinations 2026



Choosing the right path after GCSEs is a significant decision, and it matters that every student finds the place where they can thrive. We hope that this prospectus, along with the opportunity to visit us at our Open Evening or on another occasion, will help inform and guide that choice.

At Bourne Grammar School, our Sixth Form is underpinned by an ethos of providing the best atmosphere, the best support and the best results. It is a place where students are empowered to believe in themselves and to succeed at the highest level, leaving them ready to embrace the future with confidence and ambition.



Mark Brunker
Headteacher

I am immensely proud to be part of Bourne Grammar School and to lead a Sixth Form that supports, challenges, and inspires its students every day. Here, you will find a community where you can grow, explore, and prepare for the opportunities that lie ahead — whether that's university, training, or employment.

Our Sixth Form is built on independence, support, and choice. You will have the freedom to take ownership of your learning while benefiting from guidance & encouragement whenever you need it.

I would be delighted to welcome you to our Sixth Form, where you can make the most of your potential and enjoy two truly transformative years.



Hattie Tomlinson
Head of Sixth Form

The best choice of subjects

Working with our subject specialists, students just like you consistently go on to achieve superb results across the ability range, giving the widest range of options for when you move on after your Sixth Form career. The Sixth Form is a happy, vibrant place that offers a truly special atmosphere with modest class sizes - the average subject in 2026 had 15 students.

The following A-Level subjects are available for September 2027:

Subject	Specification Number	Exam Board
Biology	H420	OCR
Business	9BS0	Edexcel
Chemistry	H432	OCR
Computer Science	7517	AQA
Design Engineering	H404	OCR
Drama and Theatre	7262	AQA
Economics	9EC0	Edexcel
English Language	7702	AQA
English Literature	7712	AQA
Fine Art	9FA0	Edexcel
French	7652	AQA
Further Mathematics	H245	OCR
Geography	H481	OCR
History	H505	OCR
Law	7162	AQA
Mathematics	H240	OCR
Media Studies	H409	OCR
Music	7272	AQA
Physical Education	7582	AQA
Physics	7408	AQA
Politics	9PL0	Edexcel
Psychology	7182	AQA
Religious Studies	WJEC Eduqas	WJEC Eduqas
Sociology	7192	AQA
Spanish	7692	AQA

“When I need help, they provide so much support”

- Joshua, Class of 2026

The Sixth Form study programme

Students who join the Sixth Form in Year 12 can choose to study the following:

- Three A-Level subjects, or
- Four A-Level subjects (by agreement with the Head of Sixth Form). Please remember that university applications require only three A-Levels.

The A-Level qualification is a two-year course which students will start in September 2027 and take their final A-Level exams in May/June 2029.



2026 A-Level Results Day

A new way to study

Sixth Form provides a bridge between school and your next steps - whether that's university, training, or employment. Our programme is designed to give you both independence and flexibility, helping you to take more responsibility for your learning while still having the right support in place.

Each subject is taught in nine hour-long lessons over a two-week cycle. In addition, you'll have ten periods of supervised study in our Sixth Form Centre, giving you dedicated time and space to focus on your work.

The EPQ at BGS

The EPQ is an optional extension to Sixth Form subjects, affording students the freedom to explore an area of interest through a research project.

The qualification is equivalent to 50% of an A-Level in UCAS points (up to 28 UCAS points) and is increasingly being used by universities to make alternate offers (e.g. AAA or AAB plus an A in your EPQ). Students can choose to opt for a research paper/essay or an artefact informed by research.

The course is especially well-suited to those students aiming for highly selective universities. We also encourage applications from students with particular talents or pursuing niche careers where an artefact project may enable some technical skills to be demonstrated.

The EPQ helps demonstrate your self-reliance as you manage your time independently, learn how to research and analyse findings, and evaluate sources used. Your EPQ will culminate in a short presentation to a small audience and answer questions to both show your expertise and justify the research methods and processes you have followed.

Last year, our EPQ students achieved 100% A*-B grades, with 76% of all EPQ grades at A*.

The best support from a specialist team

The Head of Sixth Form is Mrs Tomlinson, an English teacher, who leads the Sixth Form team. Mrs Tomlinson is supported by the Heads of Year 12 and 13, Mrs Lattimer and Mr Lawrence, who are both experienced teachers.

All our teachers are subject specialists who will help you to develop your knowledge throughout the Sixth Form. In some subjects it is normal to have two teachers although for others you will have just one.

Your form tutor will help to support your academic progress and well-being as well as helping you to address any concerns that you may have during your time with us.

UCAS and Careers are led by Mrs Elliot. As well as careers advice, she can provide advice on choosing and applying for university courses and alternatives such as apprenticeships and employment. You will also have access to *Unifrog*, an online system designed to help you research university courses, apprenticeships and other post-18 opportunities.

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs McCrudden are our Sixth Form administrators, who supervise the study rooms. They deal with administrative matters such as authorised absence (medical appointments etc.), study leave arrangements, 16-19 Bursary applications and general queries. You can also see them for pastoral issues or if you need to see your Head of Year.

Mrs Everist is our Pastoral Manager, available throughout the school day. She is your first port of call if you have any pastoral concerns and wish to seek additional support.

Dress Code

In Sixth Form we do not have a uniform, but we do have a dress code that reflects a professional environment. Moving from Year 11 to Year 12, this is one of the key changes you'll notice.

Dressing smartly helps establish the right atmosphere for study, sets a positive example for younger students, and promotes the strong public image of BGS within the wider community.

"The difference from GCSE to A-Level is a big jump, but Bourne Grammar has supported me through every step and aided me when I needed support. I love the independence and freedom we have.

PS: the Sixth Form centre café is amazing!"

- Beau, Class of 2026



Ultimate flexibility

Sixth Form gives you the freedom to focus on what matters. From 08:15 you can arrive early to study or catch up with friends. Once your final lesson is over, you're free to head home or unwind — perhaps with a fresh panini and barista coffee from our Sixth Form-only café.

At break and lunch you can stay on site in the Sixth Form Centre, or head into town — McDonald's, Costa, or Tesco are all close by. Your personalised lanyard makes signing in and out quick and secure.

Personal mentoring

The Sixth Form is an exciting next step in your education but we recognise that it is very different from your previous. That's why we've reimagined tutoring, creating a dynamic programme to help you make the most of your time with us. You'll have regular one-to-one meetings with your form tutor, giving you the chance to focus on what matters to you — whether that's getting organised with notes, refining a CV or personal statement, or talking through academic or personal challenges. These sessions provide a private, supportive space designed to help you thrive and achieve your potential.

Careers

Sixth Form students benefit from a comprehensive programme of careers education with numerous opportunities to engage with representatives from universities, employers and BGS alumni. Students benefit from careers fairs, mock interview days, and a wide range of visits, talks and workshops from external organisations. The school has recently been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard which recognises the quality of our provision; our report noted that *'Students in the sixth form benefit from individual support with both university and apprenticeship applications. The students were confident and knowledgeable, giving clear examples and reflections of how their careers education had both inspired and informed them and help shape their future plans.'*

Our Head of Careers is a qualified careers professional, able to provide careers guidance as well as specialist support to students with their applications for university, apprenticeships and employment. BGS students consistently progress on to a range of apprenticeships and university courses, including the most highly selective.



"I love the independence that sixth form gives me as I find I am much more productive working in studies compared to at home. The teachers treat you more like adults and offer loads of support - not only managing a higher workload but also ensuring you are always working towards your goals and ambitions post Year 13."

- Oliver, Class of 2026

The Best Results

Subject	2026 A-Level Results			2025 A-Level Results		
	Entries	%A*-C	%A*-E	Entries	%A*-C	%A*-E
Biology	60	86.7%	100%	48	97.9%	100%
Business	74	82.4%	97.3%	58	77.6%	100%
Chemistry	62	88.7%	100%	43	95.3%	100%
Computer Science	13	30.8%	100%	18	72.2%	94.4%
Design Engineering	13	92.3%	100%	10	100%	100%
Drama and Theatre	8	100%	100%	17	88.2%	100%
Economics	48	81.3%	100%	50	82.0%	98.0%
English Language	31	96.8%	100%	26	92.3%	100%
English Literature	21	90.5%	100%	27	88.9%	100%
Fine Art	8	87.5%	100%	9	100%	100%
French	10	90.0%	100%	4	100%	100%
Further Mathematics	18	77.8%	100%	18	100%	100%
Geography	36	94.4%	97.2%	36	86.1%	100%
History	22	95.5%	100%	41	92.7%	100%
Law	56	67.9%	96.4%	54	50%	100%
Mathematics	94	77.7%	100%	102	79.4%	100%
Media Studies	18	100%	100%	38	86.8%	100%
Music	1	100%	100%	5	80.0%	100%
Physical Education	14	64.3%	92.9%	7	71.4%	100%
Physics	44	79.5%	100%	50	80.0%	100%
Politics	9	55.6%	100%	12	91.7%	100%
Psychology	61	90.2%	100%	56	85.7%	100%
Religious Studies	11	81.8%	90.9%	16	93.8%	100%
Sociology	30	80.0%	93.3%	45	84.4%	97.8%
Spanish	24	95.8%	100%	20	100%	100%

"I feel like I have fit in really well and made a bunch of friends... the teachers definitely help you and make sure that you are continuously supported along the way. There is a wealth of opportunity such as the Elective program so there is always a chance to do something that you like. The Sixth form has really encouraged me to grow as a person."

- Nathan, Class of 2026

Above and beyond

Sixth Form is about so much more than exam results. Beyond the classroom, you'll find a packed enrichment and lecture programme designed to broaden your horizons, build your skills, and prepare you for whatever comes next. You might spend time volunteering, mentoring younger students, or taking part in sport. Our weekly lecture series brings in voices from all walks of life — from NHS professionals to entrepreneurs, charity leaders to industry experts — alongside inspiring talks from our own staff. Sessions cover everything from employability skills and post-18 options to online safety, wellbeing, and much more.

It's all about giving you the experiences, confidence, and insight to succeed long after Sixth Form.

Getting to know you

We know moving from Year 11 into Sixth Form can feel like a big change — especially if you're joining us from another school.

That's why our Induction Day in June 2027 is all about helping you settle in and feel at home. You'll get a taste of lessons with our subject specialists, meet new people, and spend time with our welcoming Sixth Form team, who'll cover all the things students usually want to know.

By the time September comes around, you'll feel confident, prepared, and ready to make the most of Sixth Form life.

Post-18 destinations

In 2025/26, there were 260 students in Year 13. Of whom:

- 239 (92%) applied to university.
- 203 (78%) of students who applied to university have accepted a place

Of these...

176 students (87%) secured their first-choice place

99 students (49%) gained a place at a Russell Group university

16 students secured their second-choice place

6 students secured Oxbridge places

2 students joined the Armed Forces

3 students secured a place to read Medicine or Dentistry

13 students started work or secured apprenticeships

The number of students choosing alternatives to university is increasing. Good A-Level grades are still a prerequisite to help to secure apprenticeships and employment opportunities for those who choose an alternative to university.

From our most recent A-Level cohort, 13 students are now working or have started apprenticeships. 31 are taking gap years prior to putting in applications for university or apprenticeships and two are joining the Armed Forces.

Sixth Form Entry Criteria for 2027

To qualify for a place, students require a minimum of six GCSE (or BTEC equivalent) passes, comprising:
 Grade 4 or better in GCSE Mathematics, and
 Grade 4 or better in either GCSE English Language **or** GCSE English Literature, and
 A minimum of four GCSE 9-4 (or BTEC equivalent) grades in any other subjects.

All students must also meet the subject-specific entry criteria for the courses they wish to study.

Biology	Grade 6 in Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 7 in Statistics, <i>and either</i> : Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Biology
Business	Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies (or Level 2 equivalent), if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language / Literature if not studied
Chemistry	Grade 7 in Mathematics <i>and either</i> : Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science, if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics if not studied
Design Engineering	Grade 6 in GCSE Design Engineering/Design Technology, if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics if not studied
Drama and Theatre	Grade 6 in GCSE Drama, <i>or</i> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature
Economics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics or Statistics <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature
English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
Fine Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art <i>or</i> Distinction at BTEC Art Level 2
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics with a fourth subject taken in addition to Further Mathematics
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography, if studied, <i>or</i> Grade 6 in English (Language or Literature) <i>and either</i> Grade 6-6 in Combined Science <i>or</i> Grade 6 in one of Biology/Chemistry/Physics if Geography not studied
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History <i>and</i> Grade 6 in English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Law	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Media Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Music	Grade 6 in GCSE Music, if studied, <i>or</i> must be an able performer (Grade 5+) <i>and</i> have undertaken theory work of Grade 5 standard

Physical Education <i>Students who wish to study PE at A-Level should be active participants in competitive sport; the PE department can advise</i>	Grade 6 in GCSE PE if studied, <i>or</i> , Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology
Physics	Grade 7 in Mathematics <i>and either:</i> Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 7-7 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 7 in GCSE Physics
Politics	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature, <i>and</i> Students who have studied Combined Science Trilogy: Grade 6-6 <i>or</i> Students who have studied Triple Award Science: Grade 6 in GCSE Biology
Religious Studies	Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies, <i>or</i> Grade 6 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Sociology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Literature
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish

How to apply for a Sixth Form place

All applications must be made *via* the School website and before the deadline date of
Friday 19 March 2027

www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk ➡ Sixth Form ➡ Applying to the Sixth Form

We do not interview students and do not ask for predicted GCSE grades prior to offering a Sixth Form place. Offer letters will be issued before the end of May 2027, after which you will be invited to attend our Sixth Form Induction Day on **21 June 2027**, shortly after the end of your GCSE exams.

GCSE results are issued on **Thursday 19 August 2027**. All Sixth Form applicants must confirm their A-Level subject choices and complete their enrolment by 15:00 on the same day. *It is advisable to not be away on holiday on GCSE Results Day.*

We aim to email confirmation of your Sixth Form place and A-Level subject choices as soon as possible.

For advice on Sixth Form admissions, please contact **Mrs Revell** *via* SixthForm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

Apply online at www.SixthForm.net or scan the QR Code...

