

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week this week at Cowley Academy.

On Monday, our Year 9 students had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Cowley Academy.



We have been celebrating International Women's Day, which was celebrated across the world on Sunday 8th March 2026. In school we have focused on this topic during assemblies this week and was part of our SMSC sessions (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education). By educating our students on the history and global issues around women's rights, we can help empower the next generation and also change attitudes around misogyny as we work towards a world with gender equality.

The last couple of weeks has seen our students participating in the annual SLAT games in Football and Netball. All students have played with determination and represented Cowley Academy well. This week we were proud to host the Year 7 Netball tournament here at Cowley Academy. In the past, we have not been able to host as many home fixtures as we would like but thanks to The Cowley Endowed School Foundation who are supporting us to purchase some additional equipment we should see more home fixtures in the future.

At Cowley Academy, we have high standards and expectations of our students to come to school prepared and ready to learn, whilst maximising every opportunity. Students are expected to have the basic equipment which is checked each morning by the form tutor (black pen, red pen, purple pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator, strike card and out of lesson card). We would appreciate your support. We are also reminding students of the importance of maximising the opportunities provided and preparing for life beyond school. Every second in lesson counts towards their goal of achieving high academic progress which we are very proud of.

Next Wednesday evening on Wednesday 18th March 2026, there are two events taking place at Bourne Academy for those who are interested in becoming a Teacher or a Teaching Assistant. Students who are aged 16+ and studying at Sixth Form or College are also invited to find out about the career opportunities and pathways available to them before they start university or higher education. These events are also popular with those who want to change career and get into education and enjoy a highly rewarding career. If you know anyone else who may be interested, please share this information with them. For more information about both events, and to register in advance, please visit the Trust website: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies



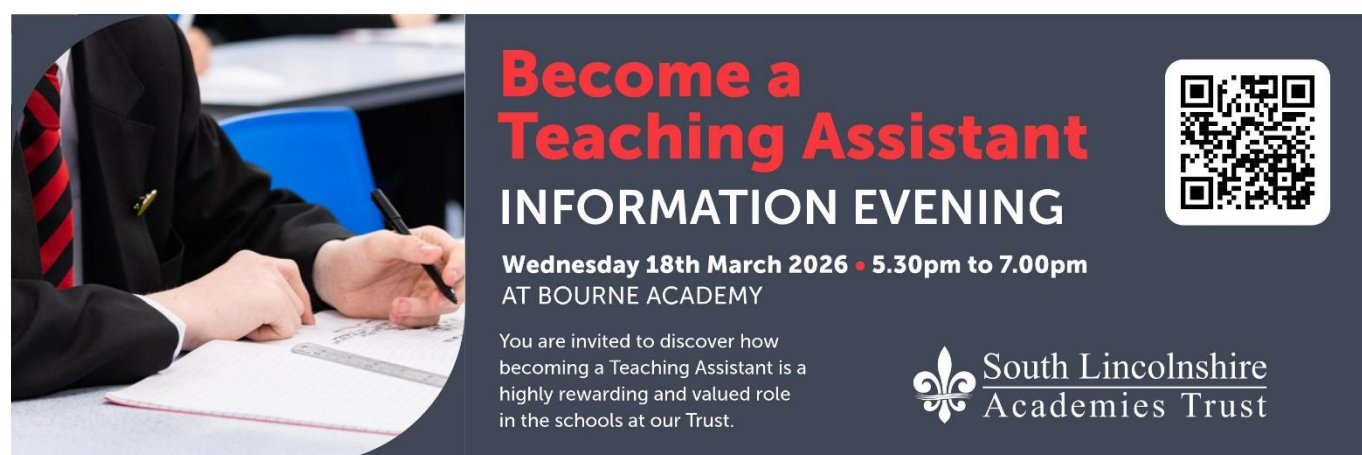
**Get Into Teaching
OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm
AT BOURNE ACADEMY

Discover how you can 'Get Into Teaching' and gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

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You are invited to discover how becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued role in the schools at our Trust.

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Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 19th March 2026 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students.

I would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 20th March 2026, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent to parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day. This year we would like students and staff to wear something red to support the event.

Finally, I am giving prior notice to our Year 11 parent/carers that we have our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 students along with their parents/carers on Thursday 26th March 2026. This evening provides students along with their parents/carers guidance on a variety of revision techniques, as well as looking at ways in which we can all work together to support our students in these vital weeks in the lead up to the formal exam season. Remaining with examinations, I would like to remind parents and carers that we will be hosting our Easter Revision sessions during the Easter break for our Year 11 students. The holiday sessions form an additional mechanism of support and I encourage all students to sign up to these extra sessions.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Kath Kilby

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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