

Welcome to Bourne Community College



Specialising in

STEM



Aspiration, Innovation, Motivation

How should I get ready for my first day?

We are delighted to welcome you to Bourne Community College. We understand you may be feeling both nervous and excited right now, so we have put together this booklet to help you feel confident and informed about what to expect when you start with us in September.

We are all looking forward to meeting you and we will all do as much as possible to help you settle in and enjoy your new school.

Uniform

Smart appearance is very important to us and we are very proud of our uniform. We expect high standards of presentation from your very first day. Our students are proud to wear their uniform.

You will need a coat that is suitable for cold and wet weather, which should be worn over your school blazer.

Make-up and jewellery are not allowed to be worn in school.



School blazer

School tie

Blouse/shirt - plain pastel blue with collar and sleeves, tucked in

Jumper - navy blue

Tartan pleated skirt

Black formal trousers

Socks/tights - plain black or navy

Shoes - plain ALL black, full, sensible flat shoe that is polishable



What will I need for my first day?

Students must have a reading book with them at all times.

You will need a robust large school bag with the following equipment:

- Clear pencil case
- Four pens (black, blue, red and green)
- Four coloured highlighter pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Scientific calculator (e.g., Casio)
- Mathematics set (e.g., Helix Oxford Set)



Top Tips for your first day, from our students:

"Check your timetable and pack your bag the night before, so you are prepared for the day ahead."

"Plan your route to school in advance. Check any bus or train times so that you can be on time."

"It's a good idea to bring a reusable water bottle to school, so you can stay hydrated throughout the day."

What can I expect in my first year at Bourne Community College?



What can I expect on my first day?

On your first day at school, you will join your new tutor group, where you will receive your timetable. You may know some of the other students from your primary school, but even if you don't, you will soon get to know each other and make lots of new friends. You will also be given access to your locker, where you can store your belongings throughout the day.

What can I expect in my first week?

Your first week will be a very exciting time. As well as making lots of new friends, you will start your new timetable, which will include lots of new subjects. You will begin to learn your way around the school, as you move to different classrooms for different lessons. Don't worry about getting lost; you will soon get used to the layout of the building and there are lots of friendly people around to ask.

During your first week, you will be able to sign up for all the different after-school clubs we offer. Your first week will be full of new experiences.

What can I expect in my first term?

In the first term, you will settle into your new timetable. We will start to get a good understanding of how you learn as an individual, so we can provide you with the best learning experience possible!

CATs tests

You will take the CATs (Cognitive Abilities Tests) during your first term. **Please don't worry about this. These tests just give us a snapshot of your potential and how you learn best.** It means we can then set the right learning pace for you and provide you with any additional support you may need.

What can I expect in my first year?

You will get to experience and achieve so much in your first year at Bourne Community College. As well as joining new teams and groups, you will also get the opportunity to take part in some brilliant school performances. Plus, all Year 7 students will get the chance to go on a residential trip to London!

We think you are going to have a fantastic year!



What happens in a school day?

Each day there are five lessons which are 60 minutes long. There is also a break and lunchtime. Every day is different and there are lots of exciting things to do in lessons. You will move around the school to specialised classrooms for your lessons.

08:25	Warning Bell
08:30 - 08:45	Registration
08:45 - 09:45	Lesson 1
09:45 - 10:45	Lesson 2
10:45 - 11:05	Break
11:05 - 12:05	Lesson 3
12:05 - 13:05	Lesson 4
13:05 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	Lesson 5

You will study new subjects and build on what you have learnt before in primary school. Every day is different and there are lots of exciting things to do in lessons.



You will study a wide and varied curriculum, that will be taught in specialist classrooms and facilities. The following subjects taught at The Bourne are:

- Core subjects:** English, Maths and Science
- Humanities:** History, Geography and RE
- Modern Foreign Languages:** French or Spanish
- Technology:** Food, Computer Science and Design Technology
- Plus:** Music, Art, Physical Education (PE), Drama, Personal Development.



PE KIT:

- Plain, sports shorts, leggings, skort or tracksuit bottoms (Black/Navy)
- White PE top with Bourne logo
- Sports trainers

Top Tips from our students:

- “You can either bring a packed lunch, or you can buy a tasty meal from the school canteen. There’s lots to choose from.”
- “Do not bring cash as the school has a cashless system, so you can pay with your fingerprint.”

What is expected of me?

The Bourne Identity is the charter that students at our school have created. These are the rights that we feel are the most important and sum up the way that we should behave in school. These keywords are the behaviours that our students are expected to show at all times.

We are

- Accepting
- Achieving
- Polite
- Participating
- Genuine
- Protective
- Respectful
- Supporting



We want

- Aspiration
- Innovation
- Motivation

We expect all students to:

- Be **on time** to school and lessons every day
- Aim for **100%** attendance



Our school is entirely inclusive of all students and equal opportunities are always provided.

Fact

Statistics show that students with **97%** attendance or above achieve at least one grade higher than those who don't.

Top Tips from our students:

"If you are worried about anything or need to talk, you can speak to your tutors or Leaders of Year. Everyone is really supportive."

"All the teachers at Bourne are friendly and approachable, so don't worry about speaking to them."

"You'll get such a great feeling when you work hard and do well. You'll earn points too!"

Celebrating student success

Celebrating our students' success is an important part of our ethos. When you do well at Bourne Community College, you can earn Aim High Points. These points earn you the chance to win awards and vouchers at the end-of-term assemblies.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have a wide variety of clubs, activities and trips that you can take part in. These are a great way for you to make new friends, find new interests, develop lots of new skills, and have fun!

There is something for everyone:

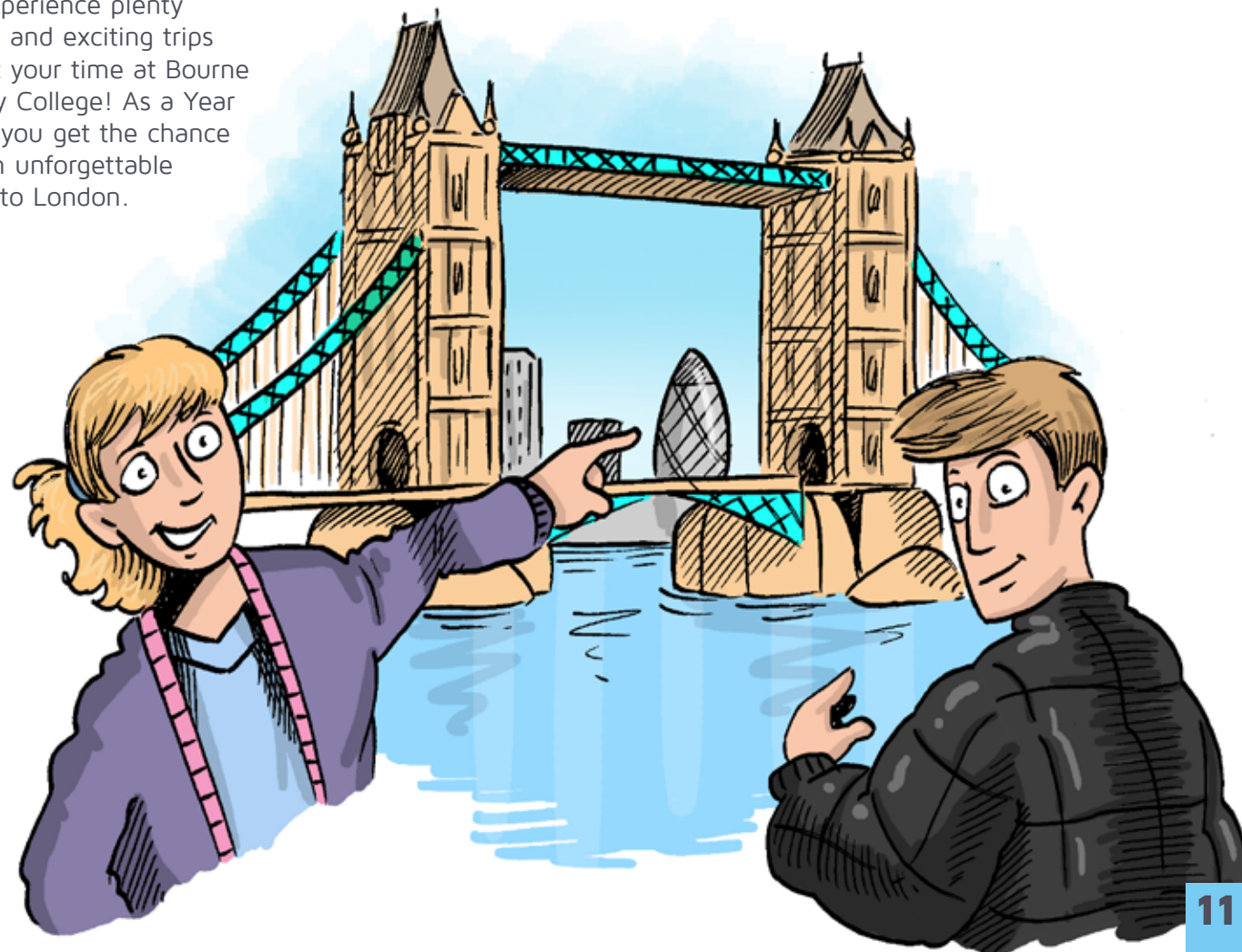
Athletics Badminton Basketball Cricket Football Netball Rugby Rounders Table Tennis Volleyball STEM Science History Book Club Drama Poetry Mindfulness Creative Writing Journalism Film Club Musical Instrument Sessions Dance Art Community Eco-Club Duke of Edinburgh's Award Board Games Homework Club LEGO Rights Respecting Ambassadors Student Movement Year Council Young Minds Charity Group.



Top Tips from our students:

"Be sure to sign up for some after school clubs, there's plenty to choose from and they are great fun!"

You will experience plenty of amazing and exciting trips throughout your time at Bourne Community College! As a Year 7 student, you get the chance to enjoy an unforgettable residential to London.



We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting school, and we are very proud of our Gold status. The golden thread throughout the school is based on our RRSA Bourne Identity Charter.



We can't wait to welcome you to Bourne Community College.

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