

Bourne Community College Student Prospectus

"The Most Amazing School." Kieran and Lucia



Specialising in

STEM



Aspiration, Innovation, Motivation

What is The Bourne like?

The Bourne really is a special place.

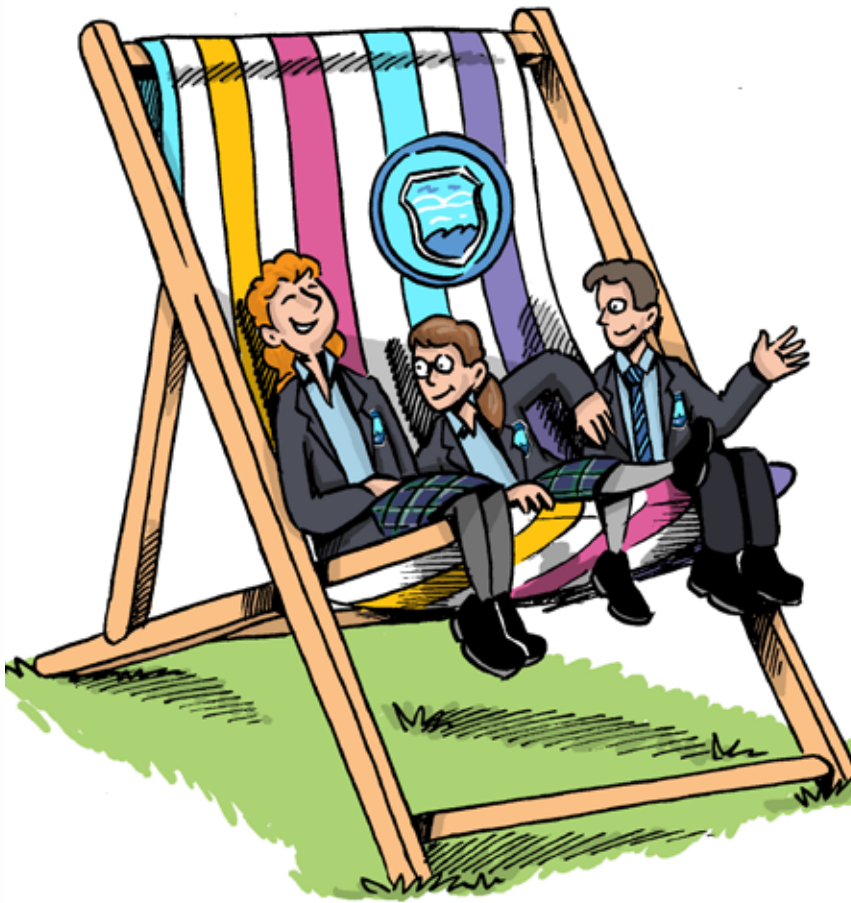
UNICEF UK Gold Award

We are very proud to be one of only a few schools that have been awarded the UNICEF UK Gold Award as a 'Rights Respecting School'. This means that all our students have a big say in all matters affecting them and have their views taken seriously. Our 'Student Movement' has student representatives from across the whole school who help make important decisions about how the school is run, including helping when we interview new staff!



We are a warm, welcoming and friendly school with a wonderful community atmosphere. We are a smaller-than-average school, which means that everyone knows each other, and your teachers and fellow students will soon get to know you really well.

We treat every student as an individual, and our teachers and staff are dedicated to helping you reach your full potential.



How will you help me fit in?

We do everything we can to help you settle in as quickly and happily as possible. We know that you may be nervous about moving on to secondary school and we will give you lots of help settling in.

You will take part in lots of fun activities when you start, to help you get to know each other and your teachers.

Finding your way around

We will show you where everything is, and it is easy to find your way around because our site isn't too big. Until you settle in, we will give you extra time to move between classes.

Making friends in your Tutor Group

When you start at The Bourne, you will join a Tutor Group and will stay in this group until Year 11, so you will make some good friends. You will see your Tutor every day and they are there to help and guide you.

"It is a good school with interesting lessons. All the students and staff are nice friendly people."
Olive, Year 7

What will I study at The Bourne?

When you join us, your days will be packed full of interesting and exciting new things to study.

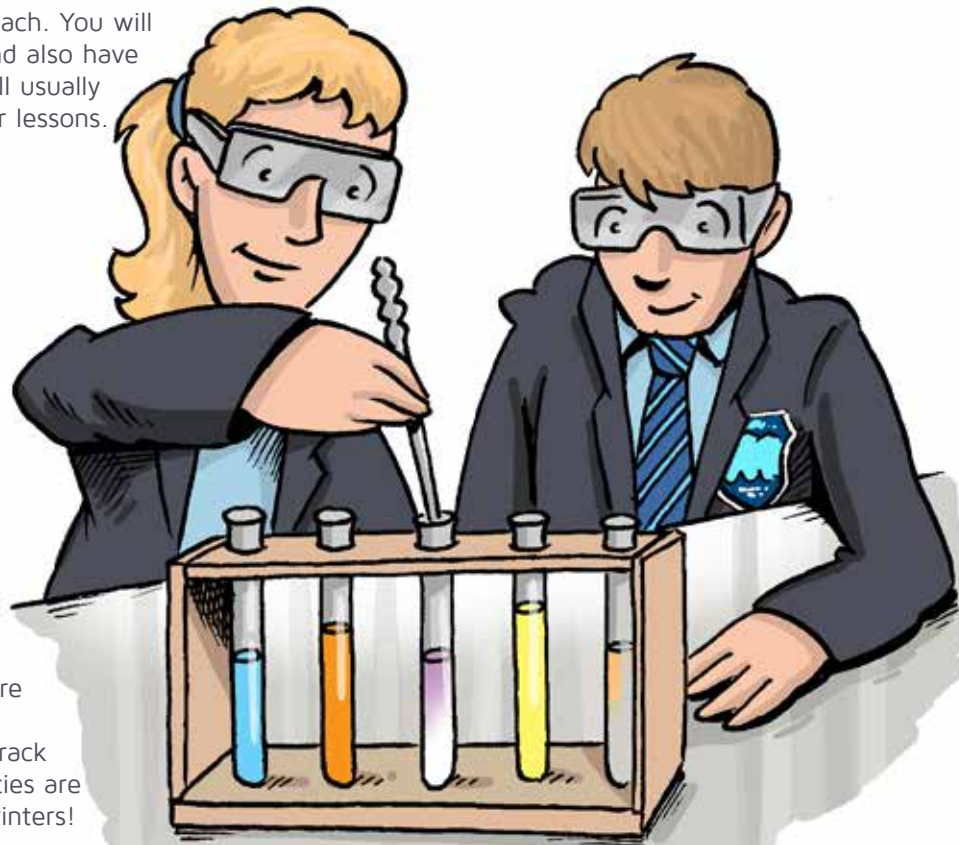
Each day you will have six lessons of 50 minutes each. You will move between classrooms for different subjects and also have specialist, expert teachers for each subject. You will usually stay with some of your Tutor Group friends for your lessons.

Subjects include:

- Art
- Design Technology
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- Foreign Languages
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Maths
- Music
- PE
- PSE
- RE
- Science

Lots of support

Your teachers will be experts in their subject and are dedicated to helping you fulfil your full potential. They will give you lots of support to keep you on track with all your subjects. All our classrooms and facilities are specially equipped. We even have lasers and 3D printers!



What about homework?

You will also get about three to five hours of homework a week. This may sound daunting but don't worry – you will get lots of support with this as well. Your homework will all be on the online portal 'GO4SCHOOLS' so it is easy to keep track of.

Homework Club

We also have a Homework Club in the library where you can use all the facilities to help complete your homework or even get some extra help!

"It's a good school with great teachers and the students are happy here." Zilan, Year 7



What facilities are there at The Bourne?

We pack a lot into our school!

STEM

We have fantastic facilities, including our brand-new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Centre with new classrooms and labs.

We also have great Food Technology rooms where you can learn all the skills you will need.

Library

We have a brilliant library where you can access reading materials and it is also a fantastic place to relax. You can play board games with your friends, do your homework or even just curl up with a book. You can also help in the library by becoming a Student Librarian.

Dance and Drama

We have Dance and Drama studios which have professional-level facilities.

Sports facilities

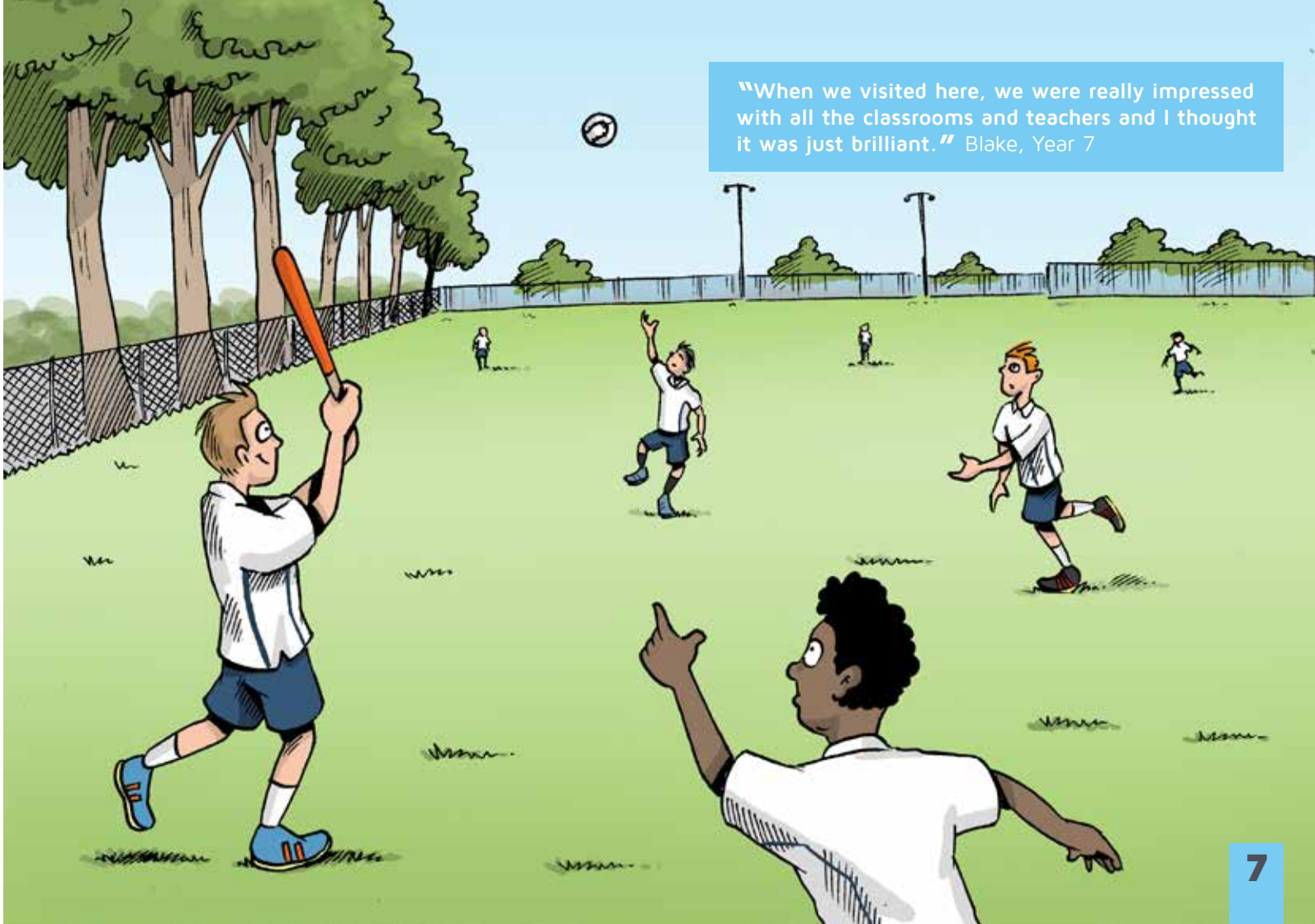
Bourne Community Leisure Centre is on our school grounds and we use its brilliant facilities for PE lessons and sports.

Canteen

You will love our canteen. All the food is made in our kitchen, with loads of things on the menu, and we can cater to any dietary needs you may have. The canteen is a great place to meet and relax with your friends. You can even meet your friends for breakfast. You don't need to worry about having money as we have a 'fingerprint' system to charge your online account.

Chilling out

We also have lots of areas around the school where you can just relax and hang out with your friends.



"When we visited here, we were really impressed with all the classrooms and teachers and I thought it was just brilliant." Blake, Year 7

What else can I do at The Bourne?

We have lots of activities and clubs for you. They run at lunchtime and after school and there really is something for everyone.

Thirty Clubs

We run over 30 clubs related to subjects you are studying, e.g. Maths, History and Geography. We would love to see you at our STEM Club where you can build robots or even an electric car.

We have sports teams, including basketball, football and lots more.

We also run Drama, Dance and Art Clubs.

School shows

You can also take part in our school shows and concerts, which are great fun.

Extra-Curricular

Have a look at our website to see the wonderful opportunities that we have on offer. You may find something that you love already or find a new interest. Extra-curricular activities are also a fantastic way to meet people who like the same things and make friends.

Trips

We also have a Year 7 residential trip where you will be able to try new activities and really get to bond with your Year Group.

We have ski trips and trips to support your studies, such as trips to France and Spain, and to Science and Innovation centres.

Africa

We have also developed strong international partnerships, including life-changing, volunteering trips to Africa.



What support will you give me?

We know that moving to secondary school can be exciting but also challenging. We also know that you can have struggles as you move through our school.

Here to help

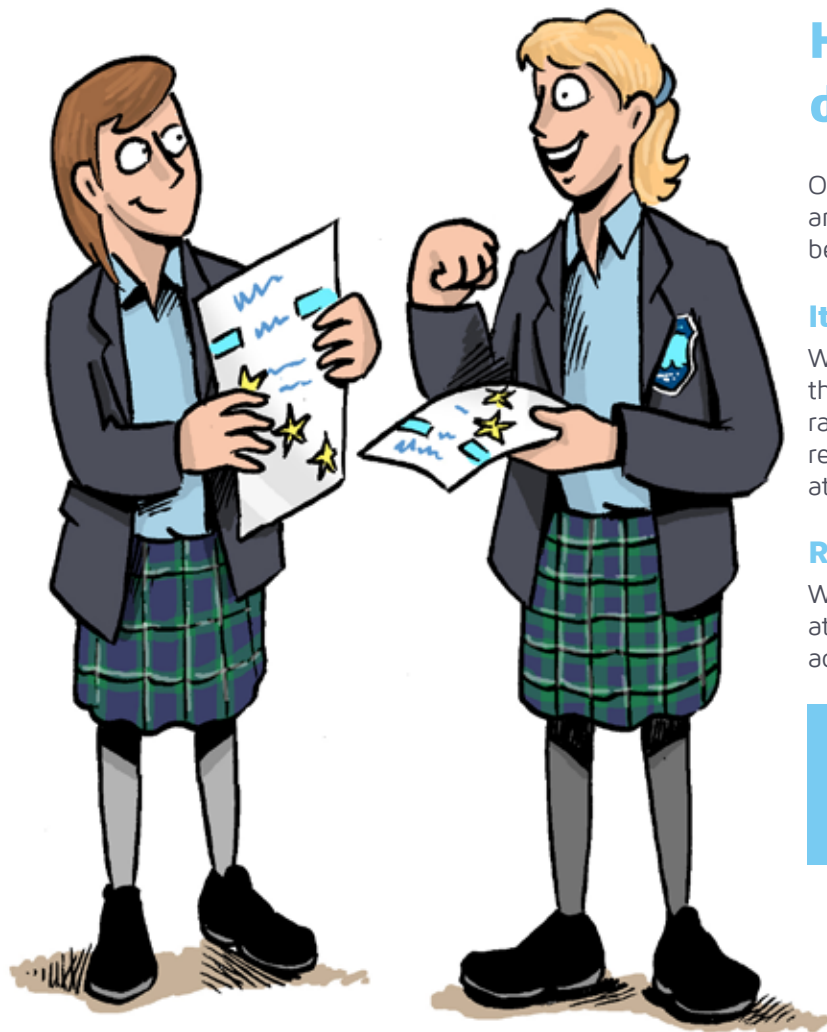
We have an open, caring atmosphere at The Bourne and we will encourage you to let us know if you are having problems with anything from schoolwork, friendships or issues outside of school. We are all here to help.

Additional needs

If you have any additional needs, we will make sure that you get all the help you need and that everything is based on you as an individual.

Listening to you

You can speak to any of the adults here, but the best people to speak to will be your Form Tutor or someone in the Student Support team. Whoever you speak to, we promise we will always listen, and we will help.



How will I know when I am doing well?

Our goals at The Bourne are to help you feel confident and have big dreams, reach your full potential and become a valuable member of society.

It's OK to make mistakes

We know that sometimes you will make mistakes and that is OK. You will learn more through trying again rather than through getting things right first time. We will reward you when you have tried hard, shown an excellent attitude or done well academically.

Rewards

We have a great system of rewards, including recognition at special assemblies, awards and special organised activities such as visits to Silverstone!

"I really liked all the teachers and I think it's a better school than all the others because the lessons and the teachers are great." Hope, Year 7

Where will Bourne Community College take you?

You could join the police force, work in healthcare...or even become an astronaut!

If you would like to find out more, please visit our website at www.bourne.org.uk

Have a look at the brilliant video our pupils have produced to show you why they love The Bourne!



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