

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

ESAA CROSS-COUNTRY CUP NATIONAL FINAL - Report by Mr Ray, Director of PE & Sport



After a record-breaking result in the Regional Round where three of our teams qualified for the National Final, our hopes were high for teams to show their quality and to potentially improve on our best ever result of 6th place last year.

Walking the course, it became apparent to the runners that it would be cross-country in the truest sense of the phrase, with technical aspects in woodland, sharp banks and tight corners.

The first race of the day was for the Junior Boys, who were feeling the weight of expectation as England Athletics had declared the team as favourites and Harry Hewitt as one of the top contenders individually. Pushing hard out of the pens, the Junior Boys had a remarkable start with Harry Hewitt and Hugo Brill challenging for early positions, with our third and fourth placed scorers Alex Galpin and Joe Manning a very short distance behind.

After the rapid first part of the race, team members started gaining ground with Hugo and Barnaby Sykes picking off runners throughout and Joe Garner running a great race from start to finish. In the end the team was placed 4th, a mere 5 places from snatching a podium position, which was a disappointment tempered by the fact that the team had secured the best result in Bourne Grammar history.

Following an excellent 2nd place at the Regional Finals, our Junior Girls team, consisting of five Year 7 students, were looking forward to their first taste of racing at the National Finals. After watching the excitement of the Junior Boys' race, the girls were anxious to get going; our message to them was to do their best, enjoy the race and savour the experience - they all followed our advice, with some really impressive individual performances.

The race began and the girls, led by Amelie Fairclough, found it tough to get out as quickly as the others. However, they managed to push through in order to contend in the top half of the pack. As they settled into the race, they worked hard on the short inclines to maintain their positions, with Erin Cox and Hannah Taylor working well together to pick through the other runners. Heading into the last 500m, Amelie was 58th but started an early sprint that pushed her to an impressive 47th place overall. Not far behind, Erin and Hannah were battling for second home in the team, a battle which ended in them crossing the line with exactly the same time. The rest of the team were making steady progress as they negotiated the fairly quick course with Aoife Glasswell, Lauren Stuart and Sophia Bull all gaining places as they sprinted to the finish. The team finished an impressive 14th place overall out of 27 teams and is definitely one to watch for the future.

The Inter Boys was the last team to run and had a dramatic start, as Max James took a tumble in the early part of the course and runners touselled with elbows and spikes from the start. Largely, our boys were embattled at the start by the larger physical presence of other schools, with Jake Jungmann being the most successful at dealing with the early jostling. Despite a race plagued with bad luck - falls, spiking and forays into tape - the team placed admirably, with Jake being caught by others who were aiming to make up for poorer starts. Sam Oakley was first home in 51st, with Max James picking his way through almost half of the field to end up 73rd in one of the individual performances of the day. As a team, the Inter Boys finished in a respectable 22nd place.

The truly outstanding performances from all 18 students were recognised by staff and parents alike. It demonstrates how far the School has progressed in recent years to see fourth place at the National Final as a slight disappointment! However, when the dust has settled and the occasion is looked back on, to have 3 teams at the Final and a 4th, 14th and 22nd place finish for each team, it is a remarkable achievement, matched only by the Junior Boys' athletics team of 2007 finishing 4th at the ESAA Track and Field Cup Final. A special thanks goes to our sponsors of the Inter Boys team, Alder Veterinary Practice, and to all the parents who took the trip out to give some much appreciated support to the teams.

The individual results for each student can be found below.

Junior Boys		Junior Girls		Inter Boys	
Hugo Brill	14th	Amelie Fairclough	47th	Sam Oakley	51st
Harry Hewitt	19th	Erin Cox	56th	Max James	73rd
Alex Galpin	38th	Hannah Taylor	60th	Connor Ely	96th
Joe Manning	40th	Aoife Glasswell	96th	Tom Bodily	97th
Barnaby Sykes	70th	Lauren Stuart	123rd	Jake Jungmann	98th
Joe Garner	141st	Sophia Bull	127th	Dylan Snoek	128th
Overall position - 4th		Overall position - 14th		Overall position - 22nd	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Concert - Friday 15 December

Tickets for our Christmas Concert have now sold out. Due to strict health and safety regulations, we are unable to add additional seats on the evening. The Concert will see over 100 students from across the entire School performing both traditional and contemporary music within the School ensembles.

Sixth Form Play - *Our Country's Good*

This year's Sixth Form Play, *Our Country's Good*, is a historical drama exploring the experiences of the First Fleet of convicts in Botany Bay in 1789 and, on a more profound level, the nature of punishment, justice and the redemptive power of theatre.



A set-text at A-Level and a script choice for GCSE Drama students, the play will appeal to parents and students alike. It would, additionally, be an excellent example of Live Theatre for students to see (a key requirement at GCSE, AS and A-Level).

Tickets are available *via* the following links: www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/432305 (7 December), www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/432313 (8 December) or *via* the School website. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for concessions.

UNDER 19s NETBALL - Mrs Mohan, PE

On Wednesday 29 November our Sixth Form Netball team, along with selected players from Years 10 and 11, had a training session with international coach Kirsty Kruger. Kirsty has recently moved into the area and I invited her to work with the players leading up to the U19 Regional Tournament in January. She is incredibly passionate about netball and her experience of coaching at a high level will be invaluable to the squad. She has coached in South Africa and was the coach for Hong Kong for a number of years, improving their rank to fourth in Asia.



Throughout the session, she gave the players valuable advice and key points to work on in drills and game-play - all students gained a great deal from the session. We are all looking forward to working with her again in the coming weeks.



VACANCIES

Due to an internal promotion, we currently have the following non-teaching vacancies:

Data Analyst
Academic Administrator

Full details of the above posts will be available shortly but, in the meantime, please contact Stella Chamberlain *via* recruitment@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk to register your interest.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Kunjai Bhandari	7	Mr Topham	History
Isabelle Diaz-Munoz	7	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Zach Duffill	7	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Zoe Husbands	7	Mr Maddox	Mathematics
George Groom	7	Mr Perez	Science
Tanith Storm	7	Miss Bradley	PE
Alex Ewart-Malcolm	8	Mr Murray	Geography
Max Garthwaite	8	Mrs Ellis	Computing
Amelia Griffiths	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jess Alder	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Maisie Brownlow	9	Miss Pepper	Geography
Calvin Mason	9	Mrs Welling	Art
Edward Norman	9	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Jay Stainton	9	Mrs Rawnsley	Mathematics
Lea Strakova	9	Dr Hesselewood	Geography
Katy Brown	10	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Nathan Dawkins	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Jacob Hulme	10	Mr Murphy	Mathematics
Zarah Khalid	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Tommy Skinner	10	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Zac Campbell-Waggott	11	Miss Turton	Drama
Marlow Dupont	11	Miss Walters	English
William Green	11	Mrs Chapman	English
Nancy Simmons	11	Miss Bennett	English
Amy Taylor	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Noel Thomas	11	Miss Dye	English
Neve Hattee	12	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Lydia Henderson	12	Mrs Somerville	Art
Iyanu Abioye	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Jasmine Cottage	13	Dr Owen	English Literature

SUCCESS AT THE WILLOUGHBY MEMORIAL TRUST ART COMPETITION

Report by Adam Thompson (Year 9)

On Friday 24 November, Phoebe Leadbeater (Year 12) and I attended an awards evening at the Willoughby Memorial Gallery in Corby Glen, for winning prizes in our age categories in the Open Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see our paintings displayed in the Gallery amongst all of the other competition entries, as there was a very high standard in all classes, from the youngest entrants in the age 5-7 category up to the adult section.

It was fantastic to listen to the comments and praise from the judges, outlining why they awarded our prizes, and great to hear how supported and loved the Gallery is by the community and the impact it has on young and old people to take up Art as a hobby, interest or study. In the middle of the exhibition, all of the families, supporting teachers and judges gathered as the prizes and certificates were awarded - it was a great experience to be rewarded for our hard work.



Adam Thompson

1st Prize



Phoebe Leadbeater

Highly Commended

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Gymnastics Daniel Yates (Year 8) recently won a gold medal at the Boys County Floor and Vault Championships.

Awards Earlier this month, Callum Scane (Year 12) collected his Arkwright Scholarship Award at the IET in London, sponsored by the Royal Air Force.

