



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 26 January 2018

From Jonathan Maddox, *Headteacher*

eSAFETY INFORMATION EVENING - Tuesday 23 January

The images below are the icons for some of the most popular social media apps that can be installed on smart devices such as iPhones. Do any of the logos look familiar? Do you know which two of these are restricted to users over 17 years of age? Do you know which is linked to the suicide, a fortnight ago, of a 14-year-old girl?

There can be no doubt that the Internet represents the most significant development in communications in living memory, but with such interconnectivity comes an enormous challenge to ensure that our children are able to access its content safely. Building on the success of last year's inaugural evening, Mr Stephen Brown (Assistant Headteacher and Director of Digital Strategy at BGS) hosted an important information briefing to parents and carers on Tuesday evening, covering topics including Social Media platforms and offering advice on dealing with issues such as the sending and receiving of 'nude selfies'.



Attended by around 150 parents, Mr Brown's presentation vividly covered the potential hazards of social media, including reference to the tragic case mentioned above. He explained how young people can be drawn in to contact with people all over the world and, thereby, potentially into risky situations. Attendees were guided to review their own eSafety practices in an interactive demonstration, live on their own devices, with a substantial number of attendees raising their hands to say that they had changed their own account settings as a result in order to better protect their privacy.

With sensitivity, Mr Brown moved on to the worrying area of online sexual exploitation and 'nude selfies' - whereby young people may choose to photograph themselves inappropriately and then share images online. He offered guidance on the Police's position on youth-produced sexual imagery such as this, as well as guidance on how to support one's own children in the event of a disclosure. Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) and Safeguarding Lead Mr Mark Bruncker rounded off the evening, outlining the School's role in promoting eSafety and signposting ways in which parents could seek support from the School if they should ever need it. There was warm appreciation of the evening's presentation with parents staying behind to express their appreciation and to ask questions.

Some students at BGS have encountered issues when using the Internet and practically all have constant access to a variety of sophisticated, Internet-enabled devices. As parents we cannot protect our sons and daughters from all danger but the better informed we are, the safer our children are likely to be. Further eSafety guidance for parents can be found on the School's website *via* the 'Information for Parents & Forms' page.

FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Junction - Dance Showcase

Junction is a new addition to the School Calendar, taking place on Wednesday 28 February at 7pm. Tickets can be booked via the School website or www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/218044. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for concessions.

Grease

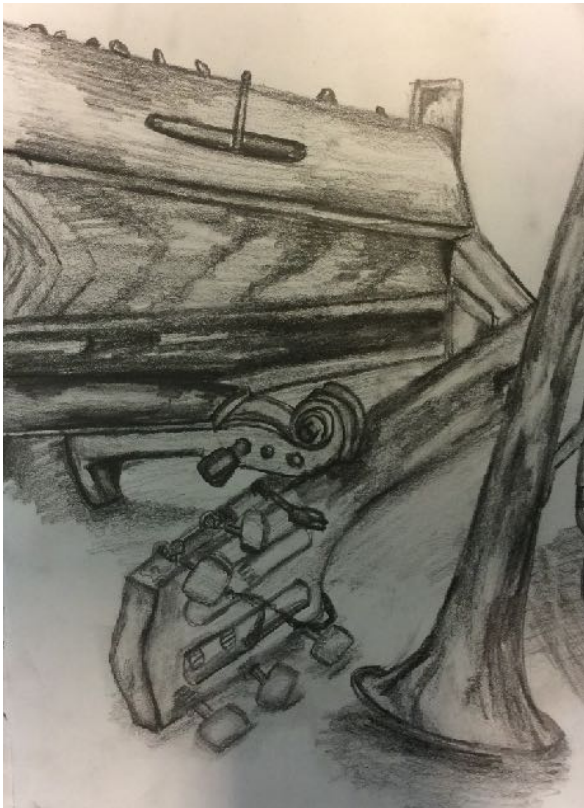
Tickets for *Grease* are selling fast but a few are still available; Saturday's Gala Night is now sold out. A limited number of tickets is available for the Friday evening performance.

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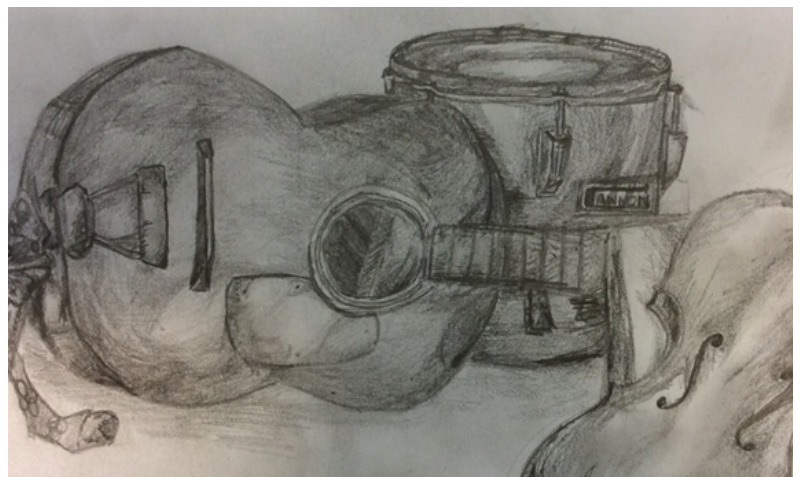
Date	Adults	Concessions
Wednesday 21 March	£10.50	£8.50
Thursday 22 March	£10.50	£8.50
Friday 23 March	£12.50	£10.50
Saturday 24 March - matinée	£8.50	£8.50
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ARTWORK

This week, Year 9 students have been completing an observational study from still life. The work below demonstrates the different effects students have been exploring in the medium of pencil.



Sophie Palmer



William Leggett



Rafe Wallbank

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Charlie Alder	7	Miss McDonnell	Mathematics
Ananya Aravindhan	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Catie Dawson	7	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Sofia Dodworth	7	Mr Dougall	Design Eng
Rosie Easey	9	Mr Murray	Geography
Abigail McCullough	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Alexander Cleathero	8	Mr Bruncker	Pastoral
Jack Wright	8	Miss Bennett	English
Sofie Greaves	11	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Caitlin Hancock	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Katie Stockman	11	Mrs Elliker	English
Fran Newman	13	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Lauren Shearman Smith	13	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Indoor Rowing Alex Roberts (Year 13) flew to Ireland earlier this month to race in the Irish National Indoor Rowing Championships at the University of Limerick.

In December last year, at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Velodrome, Alex finished 4th in the British National Indoor Championships's 500m sprint. In Limerick, he improved on this and won the Gold Medal, 0.7 seconds ahead of the next competitor. Alex is now the U18 Irish 500m National Champion - a fantastic achievement. He is now 6th in the world in the U19 age group and 154th overall.

