



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 28 April 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Another successful week on many fronts. To begin with congratulations to all in Year 11 who completed their MFL speaking exams over the last few days, a process that went smoothly and without significant incident. Public examination students are certainly into the home straight now, and I would like to repeat my best wishes to all in Year 11 and 13 as the examination pace picks up.

Meanwhile last night's Spring Recital was a wonderful evening of accomplished performance and a great platform for 13 talented musicians to showcase their ability. We have seen a number of high-quality musical events since the pandemic and the work of our musicians and our two-person music department is a particular strength within our varied co-curricular programme. My thanks once again to Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones for their time and expertise in ensuring the success of this event.

Finally, I was delighted to see primary school pupils arrive in a long queue at Reception for an afternoon of multi-skill PE and Dance challenges on Tuesday. This was the third such PE-led event of the academic year so far and clear evidence of our ongoing commitment to supporting local primary schools whenever possible. My thanks to all in the PE department for their hard work and particularly to Mr Bowers for the planning and organisation that has underpinned all three afternoons.

A hope everyone in the extended BGS community enjoys the extended Bank Holiday Weekend. Fingers crossed for some decent weather!



## **YEAR 9 RUGBY – Report by Mr Bowers, PE**

Last Thursday, saw the Year 9 Rugby teams last event for the year, the Lincolnshire 7s hosted by De Aston School.

The morning session saw the boys come second in their group, losing the first game of the morning by four points against a strong Priory Ruskin Academy team who won the group. The second game against hosts, De Aston School, this was a showcase on keeping the ball moving when going into contact and the importance of running lines, and resulted in BGS picking up a mammoth win without conceding.

With one game left in the morning, the boys had watched Waltham Toll Bar Academy in their previous, impressive game. A strong battle saw the BGS boys come away as 14-7 winners and a second place finish to be placed into the Shield Competition for the afternoon groupings.

Following an extended lunch break, the boys did not slow down. Playing against Boston Grammar School, Priory LSST and Somerville Secondary College, the ball continued to move at pace and gaps began to open that the boys managed to pierce on regular occasions. After a strong finish to the morning session, the afternoon continued in the same light, winning all 3 games and being named as Lincolnshire County Rugby 7s Shield Winners. A fantastic end to a strong year that has seen broad scale development throughout the squad. Well done boys, a superb year.

A massive thanks must also go to Darren Gray and Hal Gervis for their continued support in running the Year 9 boys rugby team. They have continually given up their time after work to train with the boys in the wet, wind and dark and the progress they have made this year is hugely due to Darren and Hal's commitment and support. I am well aware the boys really appreciate the time and effort given from Darren and Hal, but a massive thanks from the rest of the PE Department for all the help you have given us with the year group.



### **BASKETBALL TRIP TO LEICESTER RIDERS – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE**

The PE department organised another trip to support Leicester Riders in their quest to win the National league Title but this time for the lower school students. Everyone boarded the coach very excited and arrived with their voices primed and ready to yell, shriek and cheer our local team on.





The game was a fantastic display of extremely high-level elite basketball which left the boys amazed by the pace, physicality of play and extreme accuracy of both teams play. Some of the group were so inspired they tried to replicate these same skills during each quarterly break whilst others simply enjoyed the entertainment of the resident DJ, Cheerleaders or huge ball being passed around the hall. Every time the ball was being played by the opposition into Leicester's half we all screamed out in unison "Defence" and many of the group became expert at this with some even starting the rallying call ahead of the DJ!

The game was extremely close until the final quarter when Leicester pulled away to win 84-76 due in no small way to the 46 Bourne Grammar Supporters. The group arrived home at 11.15pm tired but having a had a fantastic experience.



## **DOFE GOLD PRACTICE EXPEDITION – YORKSHIRE DALES 7-10 APRIL – Report by *Catie Dawson, Year 12***

After a long drive in the minibus up to Yorkshire, we were all relieved to reach the Youth Hostel in Ingleton and enjoyed our last dinner before the expedition started - fish and chips. For a couple of hours afterwards we wandered around the village and a quick game of football with the locals was played before we headed back to our rooms to prepare for an early start the next day.

On Friday morning, for our group (The Sole Sisters) breakfast in the hostel was followed by a 45-minute drive to Pen-y-Ghent - the first of the three Peaks of Yorkshire we were to climb during our trip. After a long morning of steep incline, we made our way up Plover Hill and eventually to the summit: celebrating with lunch and a long break. Then, after a short and sunny walk down into Horton, we arrived at our first campsite and set about preparing for the night. Whilst some of us dealt with the temperamental showers, the rest began cooking dinner on our Trangias - a surprisingly edible mix of Balti sauce, silken tofu and green beans, we then all settled in for the night.

We were up before the sun had risen above Pen-y-Ghent the next morning and had to defrost ourselves with porridge and coffee before packing away - with our tents and the pair of socks left on one of them completely covered in ice. Thankfully, the walk to Ingleborough warmed us up and as we started our second peak, our group was enjoying the good weather. After summiting much quicker than we expected, we put up our 2-man-tent at the top and spent a couple hours up there reuniting with the other BGS Gold DofE groups and cooking up our boil in the bag meals - all of which were violently orange. That night at Moorgarth Farm was thankfully much warmer and we all had an early night to prepare us for the long day ahead.





Our third day was undoubtedly the longest, and saw us walking around 24km to reach Dent so we could hike up Whernside on the last day. We weren't deterred by the long distance however, and trekked through the moorland towards the Ribblesdale Viaduct for lunch, and then onwards to Dent. At the campsite, our supervisors surprised us all with Easter eggs, and this combined with working showers, had us all in good spirits despite how tired we were.

For the whole of Monday, heavy rain and strong wind settled over our area of Yorkshire and so we set off as early as we could and steeled ourselves to get up and over Whernside as quickly as possible. We were in the cloud for most of our hike up, and slogged to the summit without a single break - barely stopping for a photo at the top before starting the descent. We reached the end of our route within three hours of starting and both impressed with ourselves and completely soaked, set up our emergency shelter whilst we waited for the minibus. After changing into some dry clothes and enjoying the best service station meal of our lives, most of us slept the rest of the way back - exhausted from the expedition but with a lot of great memories that made it all worthwhile.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Krystian Chlipala, Year 8 achieved second place in Revolution English Champions Karate for age group 9-13.

Henry Wickham, Year 11 passed his Grade 7 piano exam

Well done to Year 11 students Johan Coughlan, Ollie Bardwell, Will Hughes and Harry Allen who are now County Football Champions! On Sunday they won the Hunts FA U16 County Cup final with their Peterborough RTC junior premier league team. The boys also play together in the school football team.



## YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below, this week's Year 11 revision sessions. Year 11 students can choose the session of most use to themselves and simply turn up at the time and venue stated. No booking is required.

	<b>Monday 1 May</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 3 May</b>	<b>Thursday 4 May</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Design Engineering</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Room</b>	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	No Session - Bank Holiday	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Language: Evaluation question: simple strategies for success E1	'Coursework Catch-up and Set Work Musical Elements'
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Spanish (Higher)</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Room</b>	Drama Studio	MFL2	CS2	A2
<b>Revision Topic</b>	No Session - Bank Holiday	Higher - Writing: The 150 word essay	String Manipulation in Python	External Exam "Lock"
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>EPR</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Room</b>	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	No Session - Bank Holiday	No Session	How to write 4 mark answers	Paper 1
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 4 &amp; 5)</b>	<b>Spanish (Foundation)</b>		
<b>Room</b>	MFL9	MFL9		
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Bank Holiday	Writing: The 90 word essay		

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Yousuf Elbeksaoui	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Aleksander Wiza	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Matthew Foster	8	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Joseph Knowles	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Jeeva Jaimon	8	Miss Bradley	PE
Samhita Thiagarajan Arun Prasath	8	Miss Bradley	PE
Chloe Cox	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Oliver Hill	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Alex Watson	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Maggi Mathew	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Samyutha Puppala	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Mayra Narang	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Em Peck	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Alex Stevenson	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Ben Unwin	10	Mr Bowers	PE
Em Peck	10	Mr Stainton	Biology

Alyssa Mascot	11	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Cloda O'Boyle	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Isobel Rodway	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Noah Tizi	11	Mr Lennox	Physics
Jenny Baker	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Heidi Griffiths	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Emelia Hall	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Keyon Snoek	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Julia Kaminska	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Benjamin Prince-Stone	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology

