



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



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End of Year Words from the Headteacher

Mark Brunker

This week we were proud to host Prize Night, a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students in Years 7 to 10. Our younger students represent both the foundation and the future of the School, and this evening served as a fitting celebration of their contributions and potential. It was heartening to welcome so many families for what is a rare but special occasion: students and parents coming together in school to reflect on the year. Prize Night is about far more than certificates and applause; it is a chance to recognise the commitment, resilience and hard work that lie behind each individual success. At a school like BGS, where high standards are the norm, to stand out is no small feat and those recognised on the night exemplify what it means to go above and beyond.

The evening also showcased the remarkable talent of our students in the performing arts, with exceptional music, drama, and stunning displays of dance, including acrobatic elements that added an exhilarating – and at times slightly hair-raising – edge to the performance.

As we mark the end of another successful year, it is also important to recognise the incredible contribution of our staff. I am truly grateful for the exceptional hard work, dedication and professionalism they have shown throughout the year. At our end-of-term staff event, we took time to celebrate colleagues whose long service reflects something far more meaningful than the passage of time. It speaks to consistency, care and a deep-rooted commitment to the life of the School. Whether in the classroom, behind the scenes, or in the everyday moments of school life, these colleagues have helped shape our culture and supported a great many students along the way.

Long Service Award: 15+ years

Miss Pollard (Teacher of Geography; Deputy Head of Year 7)

Mr Mitchell (Subject Leader of Physics)

Mrs Worrall (Subject Leader of Spanish)

Mrs Arch (Reprographics and Exams Assistant)

Mr Chamberlain (Teacher of PE; Head of Year 7 and Primary Liaison)

Long Service Award: 20+ years

Mr Tighe (Subject Leader of Ethics, Philosophy and Religion; Subject Leader of Politics)

Mrs Ford (Student Manager; Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mr Ray (Director of Sport)

Mrs Woolf (Head of Science Faculty)

Mr Ransom (Teacher of Mathematics; Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Shales (Teacher of Mathematics; Head of Sixth Form)

Long Service Award: 25+ years

Mr Moxley (Subject Leader of Drama)

Ms Bowtell (Teacher of Physical Education)

We also say farewell to a number of valued colleagues who are moving on to new chapters in their lives – through retirement, relocation, or promotion – and we do so with deep gratitude for the positive impact they have made on our School community.

Mr Anderson, Headteacher from January 2021, moves to Edinburgh to take up the position of Head of Senior School at George Heriot's. He demonstrated true leadership and care, bringing his positive energy every day. His unwavering dedication and commitment to the School saw us through the turbulent Covid years and into a new phase of the School. We will miss his singing in the corridors, and the smiles he brought to staff and students alike. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him every success in his exciting new post.

Mrs Shales, our long-serving Head of Sixth Form, retires after an extraordinary 24 years at BGS. She leaves with the admiration and affection of so many students, families and colleagues whose lives she has so positively influenced. When people speak of Mrs Shales, common themes emerge: her wisdom, her warmth, her sense of fun, and her unwavering support. Colleagues have always valued the sense of belonging she nurtured within her teams, and the trust she placed in those around her. The most organised person I have ever worked with – and a genuine pleasure to work alongside – she will be greatly missed.

Also retiring is **Mrs Worrall**, Subject Leader of Spanish, after 16 years of dedicated service. Her passion for Spanish and her commitment to fostering both linguistic confidence and cultural awareness have left a lasting impact on the department and the School. Thank you for all you have done for the School.

Mr Sheppard, Subject Leader of Mathematics, leaves to take up the post of Head of Mathematics at Kesteven and Sleaford High School. Leading such a large and high-performing department is a formidable undertaking, and his contributions have been both wide-ranging and deeply valued – not least through his involvement in extra-curricular trips and his longstanding leadership of cross-country.

Ms Creedon, Assistant Headteacher, relocates to Yorkshire to take up a new leadership role at Skipton Girls' High School. Anna is a truly outstanding colleague, teacher and leader. Her influence has been felt across so many areas of school life, and she will be sorely missed by us all.

We also say farewell to **Miss Wright** (Teacher of Art), who relocates to Australia, and to **Miss Grenfell** (Executive Assistant to the Headteacher), who takes up a new post at The Abbey in Reading. Both have contributed so positively to the life of the School - their professionalism, energy and good humour will be greatly missed.

Our thanks also go to **Mr Mason** (Site Operative), **Mrs Turner** (Teacher of Art), and **Ms Stohar** (Teacher of Spanish), who leave BGS this summer with our very best wishes for the future.

To all those departing: thank you for the dedication, warmth and professionalism you have shown during your time at BGS. You carry with you our sincere thanks and you will always be part of Bourne Grammar School.

I would like to extend my very best wishes to all our students, staff and parents for a restful and enjoyable summer break. I hope the coming weeks bring a well-earned opportunity to relax and recharge and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Sports Day 2025

House Leaders

On Thursday 10 July we saw students from Years 7 to 10 take part in the most competitive day on the House Calendar, Sports Day!



The day started off with blue skies and scorching temperatures, only for the cauldron of competition to get hotter as the day progressed. The morning saw a change in the usual timetable with 1500m kicking off the day, followed by the second middle distance races of 800m. It was excellent to see that, despite the increased temperatures, the middle distances were full of competitors for the first time in many a year. The sprint heats followed and some impressive performances to qualify for the finals were on show.

There were a number of standout performances in the field events. It would be impossible to name all, but a select few were Zina Nwamarah who jumped 1.60m in the high jump, breaking the School record for Year 8, Harry Caruso jumping a massive 10.89m in the triple jump and Aydan Feetham breaking the long jump Sports Day Record with a jump measuring 5.45m, both from Year 9. Keiran Selby (also Year 9) won his javelin with a 32.66m throw, unfortunately into a slight head wind which hampered all competitors on the day.



On the track, Leah Graham broke the Year 10 Girls Sports Day Record in the 1500m, which is particularly impressive given an ongoing injury. Other standouts were Danny Davison (Year 9) in the 100m, 200m and relay, coming from well behind in the latter to pip the win at the line. Zina carried on her impressive day with wins in the 100m and 200m. Aydan Feetham stole the show in the Year 9 hurdles, pushing Leo Hornan right to the line to win it by one tenth of a second and a similarly strong performance was given by Isla Cummins (Year 9) in the girls' hurdles.

Monty Wild in Year 10 continued his fine form from the season with 3 wins throughout the day, but was most impressive over the hurdles, winning by quite a distance. Lucy Preston (Year 10) went 3 from 3 in the 800m, triple jump and long jump, again completing a personal strong school season.

In their first BGS Sports Day, it was clear that athletics will be in safe hands as the Year 10s move on and are replaced in numbers by the Year 7s. Arlo Barrasso has broken onto the scene this year



and showed his class in the shot put and 100m. Sammy Hullock is an extremely capable all-rounder, ably supported by Fletcher Norfolk with the middle distances being covered comfortable and strongly by Sam Griffin and Ciaran Mackay. For the girls, Mabel Swift has shown her sprinting prowess with a strong performance to win her 100m, pushed to the line by Martina Llames.

We have undoubtedly missed students who excelled on the day, but to name all would leave this report at 15 pages long! Just as worthy of mention are all those students who pushed themselves to take part, perhaps knowing that a podium finish wasn't their aim but rather the opportunity to win valuable points for their House and to enjoy the opportunity to participate in a whole school event and show true spirit and determination.



There were countless performances where students pushed themselves to their limit; even though they found events demanding, they persevered, proving to themselves and others that it is the taking part, not the winning, that really counts.

The relays finished the day and, as always, were the gold star event. Teams of two boys and two girls from each year group battled it out in front of the whole school to gain the last valuable points available. A new record was set in the Year 9 event for Behn following the standout finish by Danny Davison as mentioned earlier in the report. Behn won three out of the four relay races, showing real grit and determination to win their House points for Sports Day.

Arguably the most enjoyable part of the day, however, was to have Jimmy's ice cream van on site. With a queue stretching nearly the length of the 100m straight, both staff and students appreciated the opportunity to get an ice cream and keep cool! Furthermore, for every ice cream bought, a contribution went to our chosen charity, Anna's Hope so it felt very worthwhile to indulge.



The final result this year was a blowout win by Behn who claimed victory by nearly 400 points over second place Tinbergen. Meitner pipped Rorschach to third. A huge congratulations to Behn House on the Sports Day win and claiming the Sports Day Shield! Behn House and Mr Bowers were thrilled to claim the illustrious title yet again showing real dominance over the last few years with this their third win in the last four years.



First Place – Behn
Second Place – Tinbergen
Third Place – Meitner
Fourth Place - Rorschach

West End Wonders Junior

The Music Department

There are rare moments in time when everything seems to align and lead clearly towards one point; last week's production of West End Wonders JR was one of those.



When the current Year 9 joined the school, they quickly made their mark and sparked a growth in the Junior Choir, both in number and quality, that led us to this point. In successive years, the current Year 7 and 8 students have added both numbers and further talent, and the time was right to showcase, on a large scale, what our younger students can achieve.

West End Wonders JR was a musical journey through songs from the shows. The aim was to choose songs whose themes linked together to tell an implied story. The journey for our students has been one of inspiration, discovery, friendship, personal growth, ambition, and striving for the highest possible standards; apart from the age of the performers, there was nothing “junior” about this show!

Here are a few reflections from students in the Junior Choir:

Amelie Bodmer, Year 7

West End Wonders JR was such an incredible experience, and everyone felt included. Mr Jones was really supportive and kind throughout the whole experience and so was Mr Tomlinson. I enjoyed this so much, thank you!



Livvy's choreography was phenomenal and she's such an inspiration to everyone. With the added dance, I was able to be on stage for most of the numbers. I also, had my first proper solo at BGS!

The rehearsals were extremely fun as well Mr Jones kept all the rehearsals very organised. Livvy was extremely kind to all of the dancers and would always help us if we struggled with the choreography. During the all-day rehearsals it was so cool to see everything get put together. My favourite song was probably 'Just Arrived' as everyone was extremely talented, and we did lots of preparation for that song. My favourite dance was 'One' because I loved the sparkly hats and the kick line felt like being in an actual musical!

Daisy Watkins, Year 7

West End Wonders JR was amazing. It is a great experience for all years. The orchestra was phenomenal, and I am so thankful for this great opportunity. It was my first big show at the school. I am so grateful to be chosen for a solo with an incredible orchestra. I loved it and made so many great friends along the way. Thank you for this wonderful experience.

Bethan Drewett, Year 7

West End Wonders JR was seriously brilliant. I have thoroughly enjoyed this performance, and I made many new friends; it was an amazing opportunity, and I am so glad to have been a part of it. The effort that everyone put into this show was so worth it, Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson should be very proud of themselves, thank you!!



Peyton Teague, Year 8

I have never had so much fun taking part in a performance as I have West End Wonders JR. It has been a wonderful experience, and I am so grateful that Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson have given so many people the opportunity. We began to

rehearse in September, and I could already tell that it would be fantastic. The number of solos meant everyone got an opportunity to show how amazing they are, and even those with less confidence took part.



Then there was the dancing! Every single dancer tried so hard and is so amazingly talented and of course the brilliant choreographer Livvy helped us all to shine whilst making the performance very interesting. Rehearsals on a Friday after school were extremely fun and created so many friendships, showing that not only does Junior Choir help people to sing, but

also gives them more confidence, lets them perform and creates so many great friendships. It all just shows how much work Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson put into this and how amazing Junior Choir is.

Mia Chiappini, Year 9

West End Wonders JR has been such an amazing experience! So many friends have been made across the time, I'm so grateful to be in such an amazing choir as well as having such an amazing orchestra!

Kasia Sulwinska, Year 9

West End Wonders JR was an amazing experience for all of us to take part in. The overall show was fantastic and everyone performing in it put in an amazing amount of effort! We have all made some unforgettable memories throughout the making of the show.

This is one of the best shows we have done! Thank you to Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson for organising the whole production and teaching us all the songs. Thank you to everyone in the orchestra for helping us keep the show alive and running so smoothly. Thank you to the dancers and especially Livvy Bodmer for the fantastic choreography and an outstanding performance. Thank you to everyone in the front of house/tech team, we could not have done this without you!



A massive thank you and congratulations to everyone in Junior. Your hard work paid off! A special thank you to all the soloists, who went through a tough process of auditions, and especially our guest soloists Mary and Hannah from Year 10. The memories we made will last forever.

Year 9 Trip to Rutland Water

Mr Bowers



On Tuesday, we were delighted to take 160 of our Year 9 students to Rutland Water for an exciting day of outdoor adventures and team-building activities. Despite the chilly and rainy weather, the students were absolutely fantastic – showing resilience, enthusiasm, and great spirit throughout the day.



The programme included two hours of high-energy fun at the Aqua Park, followed by an hour of raft building and an hour of kayaking. Students fully embraced the challenges and worked brilliantly together, making the most of every opportunity.

A massive thank you to all the staff who supported the trip – your time, effort and positivity played a huge part in making the day such a success. Well done to all involved!

Film Director and Former Student Harry Faint Inspires Year 12

Mrs Tomlinson



We were delighted to welcome back former Bourne Grammar student Harry Faint, now an acclaimed film director, writer and creative researcher, for a visit with our Year 12 students.

Harry, whose work focuses on LGBTQIA+ storytelling in rural communities, is the co-founder of FYLM ANKOTH, a collective championing underrepresented voices outside major cultural centres. His award-winning short film King Henry

has received widespread acclaim for its honest and powerful depiction of queer identity, set against the backdrop of prom night in Cornwall. The film has screened at festivals across the UK and forms part of Harry's mission to bring about change through authentic storytelling.

As a lecturer at Arts University Plymouth, Harry combines filmmaking with mentoring and research, working to support the next generation, something he brought to life during his visit.



As part of the event, Harry delivered a lecture exploring his journey from school student to professional filmmaker, the process of developing a short film, and the importance of telling stories with social impact. Students then took part in practical workshops, where they were encouraged to pitch ideas, work on character and scene development, and receive tailored feedback on their creative work.



The sessions were both insightful and inspiring, offering students a rare opportunity to engage directly with someone working in the creative industries. Harry's openness, encouragement, and expertise left a lasting impression, particularly for those considering careers in media, film or storytelling.

We are incredibly grateful to Harry for returning to BGS and sharing his time and experiences with such generosity. His visit served as a powerful reminder of the exciting paths that can follow a passion for creativity—and the importance of using art to give voice to real, human stories.

House System – End of Year Round-Up

Ms Creedon

It has been another exciting and successful year for our House System, with competitions, achievements and team spirit on display across the School. This year saw the introduction of a brand-new House Treasure Hunt for Year 7, which proved an instant hit, alongside returning favourites such as Table Tennis, Chess, and the ever-popular University Challenge. The House

Bake-Off once again sparked creativity (and delicious results!), and the subject-specific challenges like Poetry, Castle Competition Design, and Maths Challenge were fiercely contested.

The Sixth Form House Captains also took on a more prominent leadership role this year, helping to organise events and cheer on younger students. Their commitment, encouragement and role-modelling has been a real asset – thanks to them for their dedication and guidance.

Now to the final standings...



Rorschach, despite being the early frontrunners after impressive wins in the Treasure Hunt, Bake-Off, Christmas Card Competition and Table Tennis, lost some momentum through the year and ended up in fourth place with 1100 points.



Behn put in steady performances through the year and despite being Cross Country and Sports Day victors, claimed overall third place in the House Cup with 1225 points.



Meitner came in a close second with 1300 points, thanks in large part to consistent effort across everyday school life and a strong performance in termly House Points. A brilliant example of how conduct, participation and attitude in lessons is such an important part of House spirit and achievement.



Which means that **Tinbergen** are our House Champions for 2024–2025, finishing the year with an impressive 1375 points! A strong mid-year surge, including victories in the Chess Tournament and Poetry Competition, followed by a strong Sports Day performance gave them the winning edge. Mr Graves, House Leader, could not be happier with Tinbergen's third victory in five years! #Winbergen.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our House Leaders, especially as we bid farewell to three of them this year. We said goodbye to Ms Carrier, Meitner's House Leader, at Easter, as she moved onto a different School, and both Mr Bowers (Behn) and Miss Patman (Rorschach), whilst staying at BGS, are stepping down from their House roles to focus on new responsibilities. Their energy, enthusiasm, and competitive spirit have helped shape the success of the House System over the years – inspiring countless students and building strong House identities. Their unwavering commitment and tireless support have made the House System what it is today, and we are very grateful for their contributions over so many years.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to welcome our new House Leaders: Mr Farrow (Behn), Ms Jones (Rorschach), Miss Smith (Meitner). They bring with them fresh energy and great ideas, and we look forward to seeing how their leadership shapes the next chapter of our BGS House journey.

Visit to Silverstone

Daniel Mulgrew, Year 9



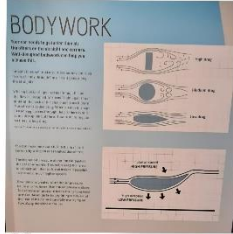
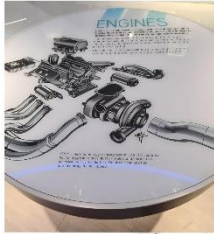
I went to Silverstone for four days to experience motorsport, which I want to work in as an engineer. Thursday started with a talk



from Lando Norris's race engineer discussing his role of being a F1 engineer. I even got him to sign a McLaren cap. Next, I visited the historic cars display and F4 pit garages and Pirelli tyre garage and watched them set up the wheels and cars ready for the races, this was very fascinating. The carbon fibre bodywork is so light, I saw some get blown over by the wind.



The afternoon consisted of a visit to Silverstone Museum exploring the various exhibitions including how a F1 car works. To finish the day, I took part in the F1 pit walk seeing all the F1 pit garages and the cars under the covers. This was the most exciting part of the day.



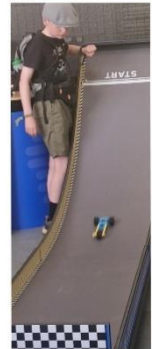
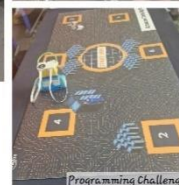
Silverstone Museum, Engineering Section



Friday was another busy day starting at Silverstone Engineering Technology College taking part in various STEM activities including programming a robot to simulate stopping at various points on Amazon factory. I also designed a car out of Lego and raced it on the speed ramp (I came 2nd). I also spoke with current students, lecturers and industry professionals (the forces, motorsports UK, Silverstone and Amazon) on careers in engineering and pathways to get into it.

After lunch I listened to talks from Jenson Button on being a F1 driver and Martin Brundle on being a F1 commentator and driver. The day finished with having a go at reaction tests and racing around the Silverstone track in a F1 simulator game.

Over the weekend I watched the racing from the Landstand and took part in the fan zone activities. It was an exhausting but enjoyable experience that has made me want to work in motor sports even more.



Individual Achievements



Ava Stewart – Year 7

Mr Chamberlain and Miss Pollard

We are thrilled to share that Year 7 student Ava recently represented England at the Dance World Cup in Burgos, Spain, where she delivered outstanding performances on the international stage. Competing in large and highly competitive sections, Ava achieved remarkable results:

- 2nd place** (Silver Medal) in the Junior Acro Team event – earning the title of World Silver Medallist with Team England
- 8th place** in the Senior Acro Team event.

These incredible results came during a week filled with high standards and exceptional global talent, making her achievements even more special. Ava performed alongside her sister and teammates from the Elite Acro Dance Associates, creating lasting memories and friendships.

In addition to her dance success, Ava made full use of her growing Spanish language skills during the trip and even managed to negotiate a business class upgrade on her return flight – impressing the British Airways cabin crew with her confidence and manners!



Ava’s achievements are a testament to her hard work, resilience, and passion. We are incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing what she accomplishes next!



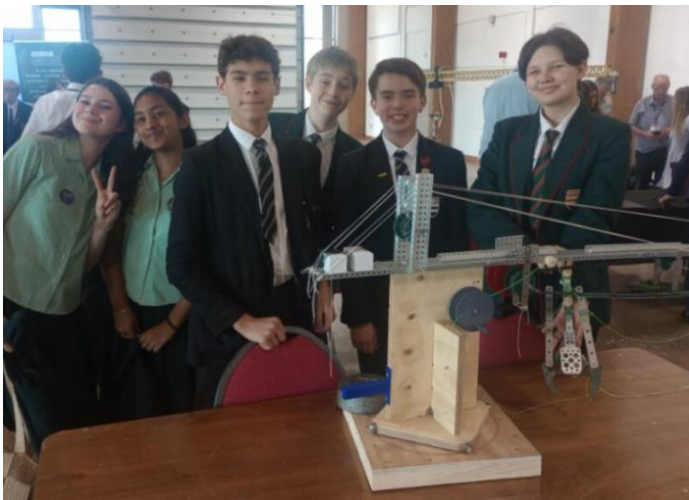
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya – Year 9

Aanjishnu successfully passed his Karate grading at the weekend and is now a First Degree Black Belt. A tremendous achievement, well done!

Lincolnshire Institute of Technology's STEAM competition

Mr Dougall

On Thursday 11th July, Mrs Elliott and Mr Dougall took twelve Year 9 students to the Lincolnshire Institute of Technology's STEAM competition at the Epic Centre in Lincoln.



This year competition was divided into two separate challenges. An engineering task – to lift 6 wooden blocks using a crane and stack them into a pyramid in the quickest time and a multimedia task to produce a video log of the construction process. Working towards these challenges helped develop enquiry, teamwork, problem-solving, engineering, media editing, directing and communication skills.

Out of the 16 teams from across the county, our 'Nerd Herd' video team secured first place and our 'Crane-ium' video team came second. The Nerd Herd video team each received a £20 Amazon voucher, the Crane-ium video team received £10 each and they secured £250 for the Design Engineering department! Each student will receive a personalised certificate and a Bronze CREST award - well done to all.



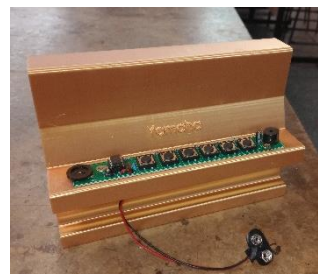
Nerd Herd: Doogie Shorrock (v), Kasper Pryke(v), Daniel Mulgrew, Xander Miley and Aran Camfield

Cranium: Rebecca Board (v), Radha Thotakura (v), Oliver Nicol, Zoe Roberts, Louis McGruer and Sashwat Thiagarajan Arun Prasath

Year 8 Piano Production

Mr Delpont, Mr Dougall and Mr Somerville

This term Year 8 have been making 555 pianos. They have soldered the PCBs, designed and made their own unique cases. Here is a selection:



Elle-ena Kennard 8A, Will Sloss 8A, Ryan Ogbonna 8H, Abigail Lakin 8D, Tobias Poberezniuk 8A, Beth Gledhill 8H, Levi Seaton 8D, Amelia Lidgley 8A, Will Duffy 8H, Holly Thornhill 8H, and Anya Harley 8A.





Special mention to Liv Bomford 8A and Olivia Laud 8H who both 3D printed theirs.

Students of the Week – for this and last week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Lily Mann	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Emily Robinson	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Joe Willimer	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Florence Cooper	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Rebecca Zheng	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Isaac Donaldson	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Matthew Pitchford	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Sophie Howard	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Maddie Surtees	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Joe Willimer	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Bethany Gledhill	8	Miss Hodge	History
Amelia Lidgley	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Imaan Manji	8	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Riya Trivedi	8	Miss Roberts	English
Imaan Manji	8	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Oakley Saville	8	Mr Mitchell	Science
Flavia Hoxha	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Dhriti Kavuri	8	Mrs Allen	English
Freya Ridgewell	8	Mrs Allen	English
Will Sloss	8	Mrs Allen	English
Edward Ciopec	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Isla Cummins	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
William Finch	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Henry Hayes	9	Mr Brooker	English
Alix Smith	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish

Lucy Abell	10	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Grace Allen	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Joe Barnes	10	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Ahmed Elbeksaoui	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Isabel Howard	10	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Emily Lawson	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Eloise Lockton	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Seb McLean	10	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Zahra Ravji	10	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Diyaan Trivedi	10	Mrs Allen	English
Miguel Valdez	10	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Jack Lewis	10	Mrs Allen	English
Jessica Cowlard	10	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Ewelina Ernest	10	Miss Hodge	History
Lucas Nemeth	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Eren Deniz Yusufoglu	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Ellen Richardson	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Samuel Bell	12	Mr Lawrence	Pastoral
Ashleigh Goodall	12	Mrs Welling	Art
Harry Hyam	12	Mr Brooker	Pastoral

House Totals

			
9858	10316	8378	11057

Totals shown are House Points minus Behaviour Points awarded in term 6.

SPORT

End Of Season Tennis Events

Miss Bowtell



The warm weather is still here but the school season of Tennis has drawn to a close. We managed to squeeze in two more major events last week to complete our season. The U15 boys travelled to Louth Academy to play a county final match and performed superbly to maintain their 100% record this year. Massive congratulations to Rohan Lesiw, Ted Mylchreest, Saul Annis, Alf Larter and Saul Annis. What a fantastic team to take away, motivated, talented and excellent sportsmanship on display throughout.

Last Wednesday all teams were in action plus some additional players in the local superzone event where all schools are invited to send up to 8 players in each age group.



We loaded a bus with 36 students all excited to play on the superb courts of Boston club. The afternoon was superb and the students played some incredible Tennis with one member of the general public remarking on how wonderful the event looked and how the future was bright for local Tennis! The school did superbly well as usual winning and coming second in the U13 and U15 girls' events. The boys came second in the junior boys' event but the older boys were beaten by some extremely talented Bourne Academy players in the semifinals of their event.



Thank you to all teachers and support staff who helped me organise social tennis throughout this very busy time. I am so blessed to have such enthusiasm for Tennis in the school as in many state schools this is not the case so thank you to all who attend my clubs. Some of you have made remarkable progress so keep playing in the holidays!

ESAA Track and Field Championships, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham – Friday 11 and Saturday 12 July.

Mr Ray

Miss Smith and Mr Ray accompanied the five students from Bourne Grammar to the Track and Field Championships last weekend. Having progressed through the Lincolnshire and Anglian Championships, they travelled to the pinnacle of school athletics and the largest schools' event in the country to compete against the very best.



Sean O'Donnell in the Senior Boys 100m ran well in one of the early heats but was just forced out of the final by the smallest of margins. Jack Carruthers found the competition tough in the high jump and had to bow out early with a niggling injury whilst still clearing 1.75m, the winner would clear 2.07m. Alex Allen in the Junior Boys discus performed exceptionally well for his first ever appearance at this level of competition, having only recently started the event competitively this season. His throw of just under 37m placed him ninth in the

country - an exceptional performance! Thomas Preston in the Senior Boys 3000m had to wait until the end of day one for his heat.

The temperatures of the day clearly affected the boys' performances with the race beginning slowly, but Thomas did enough to finish in sixth place and claimed the last qualifying spot for the final on Saturday.



With less than 24 hours rest, Thomas Preston competed in the 3000m final on the Saturday evening. The fast-paced race challenged Thomas, but he managed to stick with the leading pack and finish in a very credible seventh position overall. Well done to all five athletes and those who have competed throughout the year.



Friday also saw Lawson Capes compete again in the Boys Shot Put and claim his fourth consecutive English Schools Gold medal title - an exceptional feat! As a result, Lawson was asked to carry the English Schools banner to lead the parade of athletes on the Saturday afternoon – a rare and great honour. This title was added to his World Youth Games crown claimed in Gothenburg, Sweden in the last fortnight.

SAMAIRA BAJAJ- Road to Wimbledon Finalist

Miss Bowtell

I am writing this article to highlight to you one of our potential sporting talents to look out for in the future – Samaira Bajaj. Samaira’s love is tennis, and she plays it daily at her base club Grantham but also all over the region competitively where she is looking to constantly improve her rating.

At school level throughout this term Samaira has proved herself to be a wonderful tennis player with exceptional talent but much more importantly someone who understands how to support others develop their skills and techniques. She is patient and kind towards others in tournaments and within her own school team offering advice and encouragement regularly. She is a wonderful role model to all students at Bourne Grammar



National Finals -Road to Wimbledon Competition

A few months ago I wrote in this bulletin about our winners at the school level of this national event. Samaira qualified as our winner and went through to the county round where she was once again victorious in a tightly fought final 2-4, 4-2, 10-5!

Samaira will now compete on August 3rd at Wimbledon on the grass courts in the national finals and we wish her well.

She will be going in very confident as she was here last year when she won the plate in the National doubles event, as shown in the photo.

A dream come true for any young tennis player!

Ladies Sports Dinner

Miss Bowtell

On Monday 14 July we held the usual annual ladies sports dinner at the Angel Hotel and hosted 58 young exceptional sportswomen for an awards evening and speeches and 2 course meal. Trophies are awarded for Coach’s player of the year and players player plus the highly valued Endeavour Award in Hockey. The girls turned up very excited and beautifully turned out in their formal attire.





We are very lucky at Bourne Grammar to have such positive female students who work hard in lessons and are very keen to compete across a range of sports. We do not suffer as much as other schools in girls dropping out of love of sport as they age and instead our senior students are outstanding role models to the younger ones, willing to help, support and coach them.

Our elite winners this year were:



HOCKEY

Coach's player awards- Amberley Keith / Orla Bayley / Kiki Timmins

Players player (done on a team vote)- Jasmine Hill / Kiki Timmins / Josie Thrift

NETBALL

Coach's player awards- Jess Richardson / Ellie Moore / Leah Graham

Players player –(to be decided in September when all players are present)

FOOTBALL

Coach's player awards- Jessie Desborough / Isla Cummins

BADMINTON

Coach's player awards- Aarikha Arunkumar / Honor Moore

TENNIS

Coach's player awards- Mary Pepper / Maddy Hobson

CROSS COUNTRY – Lucy Preston / Sophie Alliston

ATHLETICS – Zina Nwumarah / Edith Kaberry

ENDEAVOUR AWARD: Elodie Collins

BEST SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR: Leah Graham

Our congratulations to all of the winners