



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**9 - 13 June 2025**

## **Summary of the Week from the Headteacher**

Mark Brunker

It's hard to believe how quickly this week has flown by, but no wonder: it has been filled with celebration, achievement, and inspiring student experiences.

Monday morning set the perfect tone for the week, beginning with a heartfelt email from a parent expressing their gratitude to all the staff involved in our first Year 8 Spanish trip. Working with students daily can sometimes mean that teachers forget just how meaningful their influence is, but when such a kind message arrives, it reaffirms the difference they make. I am indebted to our staff for their willingness to give up their free time to create such lasting memories for our students. Mr. Edwards reported that after many years of leading this trip, and with a new location this year in Benalmádena, it was by far the most impressive he has experienced — both in terms of the students' approach and the opportunities they had.

On another note of achievement and opportunity, congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh students who successfully completed their Bronze Qualifying Expedition last weekend. In addition to the five Year 10 Geography Fieldwork trips to Hunstanton in recent days, we've been focusing on vital life skills within the School. Miss Mizen has been leading on our new First Aid training provision for Year 9 students, which is a crucial addition to our curriculum, equipping our young people with life-saving skills that could make all the difference in an emergency. Year 9 students have also benefited greatly from engaging in workshops on healthy relationships this week, delivered by The Conversation, whose engaging and thought-provoking approach continues to make a real difference.

Finally, I had the opportunity to watch two Year 12 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations this week—though I genuinely wish I had been able to see them all, as each was inspiring. Jyoti Bista skillfully explored cultural differences between East and West through her research on the Kumari, the living goddess revered in Nepal. Meanwhile, Ria Thampy shared her research on searching for habitable planets and the practicalities of space travel. Each presentation was a true showcase of dedication and curiosity, and my sincere thanks to Mr. Mitchell (Law) and his team for their support and effort in guiding and encouraging our students through these impressive projects.

## West End Wonders JR Ticket Links

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Music Department are presenting *West End Wonders JR*, a musical journey told through songs from the shows.



Tickets for these three performances are now on general sale and can be purchased using the links below and via the school website:

[Wednesday 9 July](#)

[Thursday 10 July](#)

[Friday 11 July](#)

The performances will start at 7pm and feature a cast of over 100 students, mainly from Years 7-9, accompanied by a full orchestra. Performers do not require a ticket.

## 19 June Open Evening

My thanks to the nearly 400 students who have signed up to support next week's Open Evening. The events team will write to students' school email addresses early next week to confirm roles and provide further information. We will send out a reminder on *Satchel:One* when this has taken place.

Please remember that School will close earlier than normal at 12:55 on Thursday 19 June to allow our staff time to prepare the School for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

## Year 10 Geography Fieldwork in Hunstanton

Miss Lindley



Over the course of 5 days, the Geography Department took 152 Y10 Geographers to Hunstanton as part of their compulsory fieldwork requirement to a distinct physical landscape. While there, they collect data in order to answer questions in their exams, the research question they are investigating is 'How do geomorphic processes affect the distinctive landscapes at Hunstanton?'.

Evie Ingham, group 10N1, has written about her experiences during the trip:

We recently visited Hunstanton on the North Norfolk coast for our physical geography fieldwork. Whilst we were there, we measured the angle of the beach to create a beach profile at two areas of the coastline, near the sea wall and near the cliff, using ranging poles and a clinometer. At both of these locations we also compared the sediment sizes and type. Then we sketched and photographed the unique cliff observing evidence of the processes of weathering and erosion, and the bands of unique rock which we labelled on our diagrams. This helped us understand the impact of erosion on the cliffs resulting in cliff retreat and a wave-cut platform. As well as this we completed a bipolar survey in groups in which we ranked our opinions of the beach and its defences.





After this I enjoyed the 'sense of place' walk ('place' is the idea in geography that locations have meanings and is a dynamic element of a location) where we walked to the lighthouse at Old Hunstanton as we discovered how the land is used differently in each area of Hunstanton. This helped us to better understand the different needs for land there and how it changes along the coastline. Finally,

we interviewed local people on their opinions of Hunstanton, do they think it is a distinctive landscape, why they thought that and the effectiveness of the current sea defences on the beach.

Before we left, we had some free time to explore Hunstanton and even visit the local shops. Despite the wet weather we had an enjoyable and pleasant field trip.

## Summer League

Mr Bowers

Congratulations to the week 2 winners of the Year 9 summer league:

Sian Beeken	Lamar Farahat	Cassidy Thornton	Arthur Turner
Nevaeh Agyemeng	Daniel Mulgrew	Jessica Daniels	Evie Morris
Eleanor Twinley	Tyler Gibson	Reuben Baptista	Aarish Maqsood

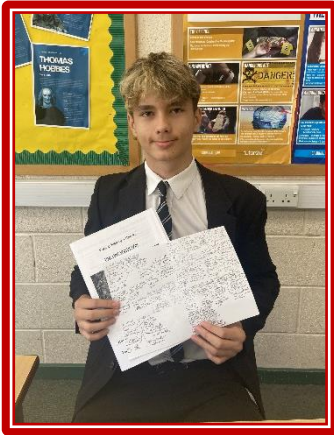
The table below shows the current 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place standings overall after week 2. Well done everyone!

League	1st		2nd		3rd	
League	Name	Points	Name	Points	Name	Points
League 20	Holmes Zac	48	Beeken Sian	38	Hullock Johnny	30
League 19	Jones Francesca	25	Agyemang Nevaeh	25	Moverley Dylan	24
League 18	Trawford Darcie	31	Twinley Eleanor	26	Browne Zack	25
League 17	Hayes Henry	35	Farahat Lamar	33	Chiappini Mia	27
League 16	Bell Toby	31	Tanna Aum	27	Mulgrew Daniel	25
League 15	Gibson Tyler	26	Wiza Aleksander	19	Roberts Zoe	16
League 14	Steel Millie	27	Hempstead Charlie	24	Sweeney Oliver	20
League 13	Unwin Henry	23	Daniels Jessica	20	Wright-Lakin Emily	19
League 12	Allen Alexander	33	Baptista Reuben	30	Wrigley Will	29
League 11	Turner Arthur	22	Addy Max	20	Sharma Aarav	18
League 10	Korek Lena	15	Weeks Megan	13	Morris Evie	13
League 9	Strangward Alex	21	Maqsood Aarish	17	Collingridge Carys	16



## BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Adrian Balaban is this week's BBL Champion recognising his self-regulated, independent work. His History teacher, Miss Davis-Williams, was impressed by Adrian's efforts following a period of absence:

'Despite missing several lessons at the start of our new topic on World War One, Adrian caught up on all his work and created revision resources for each of the lessons. He also achieved 10/10 on his knowledge test, meaning he was one of two students that got top marks. This is astounding because he had not been present for half of the lessons which the knowledge test covered. This shows real dedication to his education and commitment to learning.'

Well done to Adrian, who clearly has an excellent attitude that will take him far. Adrian receives 10 House Points to reward his efforts.

## Exam Breakfasts







A **free exam breakfast** is available from The Chill for Y11 and Y13 students before their morning exam.

## Water Bottles



Please can all students have a named **water bottle** with them. These can be refilled in break times for free.

## House Totals

			
<b>3432</b>	<b>4164</b>	<b>3839</b>	<b>4588</b>

**Totals shown are House Points minus Behaviour Points awarded so far this term.**

## Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ben Cham	7	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Sam Grey	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Krishna Koirala	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Harriet Roberts	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Isla Tate	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Eloise Thomson	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Vincent Bradley	7	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Finley Bate	8	Mrs Lattimer	Pastoral
Zach Beeken	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Rishita Dutta	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Emilis Gaigalas	8	Mrs Allen	English
Jojo Gregory	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Riley Keith	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Riley Keith	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Lucie Large	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Phoebe Stoodley	8	Mrs Allen	English
David Akinsulire	8	Miss Speakman	English
Jojo Gregory	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Riya Trivedi	8	Miss Roberts	English
Sofia Vanterpool	8	Miss Claridge	History
Nancy Willoughby	8	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Reuben Baptista	9	Mrs Bolitho	English
Freddie Neal	9	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Ryan Price	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Carlota Verdu	9	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Emanuel Bosnjak	10	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Hannah Fernandez	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jayden Luis	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Timothy Parsons	10	Miss Hodge	History
Bella Pridgeon	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Ollie Wainwright	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Daisy Willimer	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Bella Pridgeon	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Freya Fairhead-Abrahams	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Finley Holmes	12	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Hania Imran	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
William Lau	12	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Atte Maaranen	12	Mr Roche	Registration
Simba Mugova	12	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Dan Rogers	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Hasini Vijayasankar	12	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Emily Cowlard	12	Miss Summerfield	Psychology
Emily Fosbeary	12	Ms Kemp	English Language
Isabelle Riley	12	Miss Summerfield	Psychology

## SPORT

### Individual Achievement – Lawson Capes



It has been a hectic 3 weeks with GCSEs and competing in 3 international events in a row. After competing at the Loughborough International on 18 May to start the 2025 outdoor season Lawson travelled to Halle in Germany to compete at the world-famous throws event. As this was the 50th anniversary there was a world class field assembled from China, Sweden, Germany Czechoslovakia, Netherlands, France and Switzerland to name a few. Lawson went in ranked number two and was hoping for a promising performance. He threw 18.03m to gain fourth and was pipped by 5cm in the last round for the podium. An excellent performance from an athlete from China won the event.

Lawson gained valuable experience having to deal with weather conditions, travel and timetable changes where throwing at 08:00 English time after checking in at 06:30 was all a new and challenging experience to learn from for the future.

Then onto the Pickering Memorial International at Loughborough University on 1 June with teams competing from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and Italy. Lawson was keen to perform again against some of his regular rivals from Sweden, Ireland and England and improve his event record from last year. Lawson threw a new record of 18.40m which topped the table in all age groups competing and walked away with best male shot performance of the day.



A great 3 weeks and now into school qualification mode this month to then hopefully prepare and defend his English Schools title. Just before the English Schools he will be competing in the World Youth Games in Gothenburg, Sweden, in both the shot and discus which will be another great experience to add to his season.

Congratulations Lawson, we wish you all the best in the World Youth Games and English Schools!

### Tennis Matches

Miss Bowtell

#### Match vs Priory Ruskin

All of the school teams were in action last Thursday in an away match against priory Ruskin, a well known rackets school. The U13 boys faced a very difficult task as all boys have just started playing together this year and faced a team of four very experienced club players, two of whom were in the County squad. The boys played their hearts out but were defeated by the more powerful service of their opponents. The game of the day for us was Gregg Blanthorne who defeated his opponent with superb consistency in both his serve and his rallying to gain a 4-0 win.

The U15 boys started superbly in their doubles matches full of confidence from having practised and played together this season. Alf Larter managed to scare the opposition before he even started through his warm up of powerful serves and his huge presence at the net when volleying. The boys won both their doubles matches to make the fixture 2-0 to us leading into the singles but Ted Mylchreest carrying a back injury struggled against a talented no 2 and lost the singles game despite putting up a valiant fight. Rohan Lesiw, playing at no 1 had a very hard match with very long rallies of which he sadly came off of them the wrong side losing 6-4. This meant that pressure fell to Saul Annis to win his match to edge the fixture ahead for us. Once again, our reliable talisman shrugged away the pressure to complete another victory taking us now to a 3-2 lead. Then in came the mighty Alf who easily put to one side his younger and slightly terrified looking opponent. From the jaws of defeat the boys had pulled the match around to a solid victory.

The u13 and U15 girls were superb throughout winning all matches with style and grace and superb sportsmanship, replaying points whenever questionable calls had been made and praising their opponents shots. The Prior girls were not as experienced as our team although Mary pepper faced a much tougher and more solid player. She found herself 3-0 down and had to have a strong word with herself to remain positive and keep persisting in her lengthy strokes and powerful serves. This positivity paid off and Mary won the set 6-4 and still managed to maintain a wonderful relationship with her opponent throughout, a characteristic of the Pepper family in their Tennis!

Aleena Malik, a newcomer to the main team was superb in the depth of her shots and in her dogged determination to reach shots that seemed unreturnable and this paid off for her with another solid win.

The U13 team were superb from the doubles right through to the singles matches and overcame great nerves to get positive results from all matches.

A wonderful night with all timing it beautifully to avoid the mighty storm which followed us back to Bourne that evening!



### **U13 Bourne Grammar Girls Doubles Championships**

Following on from the huge popularity of the Road to Wimbledon Tournament we held this years doubles event on Tuesday 9th June. 22 girls entered making this one of the most popular events in my time at the school. The number of Year 7 entries has been a delight to see and I can see the level of progress made by all of them throughout the event. The girls were split into 3 leagues of 3 or 4 teams and they played everyone for three games. The team with the most games at the end of the league went into the semi finals plus the team with the most games overall.

Semi Finals were:

Proud Vichathum and Charlotte Dimes vs Samaira Bajaj and Lucy Cottom ( No 1 seeds)

Harriet Templeman and Jess Richardson ( No 3 seed) and Abby Larkin and Maddy Hobson ( No 2 seed).

The year 7 opponents played magnificently against the mighty powerhouses of Lucy and Samaira and won several points from their consistent returns but ultimately lost recognising the level of play they hope to reach in a few years time!

The semi final was superbly close as the match went to 1-1 and Harriet served for the game but as many Wimbledon Champions have found struggled to control their nerves and ultimately the pair lost after several superbly long rallies.

The final was once again very close with Samaira and Maddy powering it out against each other and it relied on consistency of shot and volleying and Lucy tamed her naturally powerful nature to place the ball and make life tricky for Abby at the net and this diversity ultimately won the game for them.



Third place was Harriet and Jess and in fifth place winning the next round of play off matches was Emily Wright and Olivia Woollard and winners of the last round of matches was Bronte Dave and Weinmi Edema.

I couldn't be prouder of you all!!