



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**2 – 6 June 2025**

**Summary of the Week from our New Headteacher**

Mark Bruncker, Headteacher

I am delighted to share my first Bulletin as Headteacher and would like to start by expressing my sincere appreciation for the support and warm reception I’ve received from students, parents, and staff during my first week in the role.

This week has provided a real sense of the high standards and positive learning environment that define our school. I have had the pleasure of observing lessons as part of our learning walk schedule, with a particular focus on retrieval practice and supporting memory recall at the start of lessons. It has been inspiring to see students and staff engaging so enthusiastically, challenging everyone to think deeply and reinforcing vital skills for ongoing success.

If you were walking past the Drama Studio at lunchtime recently, you would have been treated to an incredible display of singing in one of the many impressive rehearsals for West End Wonders Junior. The Music Department and the huge number of students involved are working tirelessly to bring something very special to the stage later this term. With tickets for West End Wonders Junior available soon, I highly recommend securing your place promptly – this will be an event not to be missed.

We received word this week that the school has achieved the national Quality in Careers Standard using the Career Mark approach. This recognition demonstrates the outstanding quality of our careers education, information, and guidance programme. The external assessor was incredibly impressed with our provision and Helen Elliot, our Head of Careers and Higher Education, deserves special mention for her leadership in this area. Look out for the information on page 5 outlining the upcoming Careers and Higher Education Fair.

**House Totals**

<b>2377</b>	<b>2461</b>	<b>2443</b>	<b>2922</b>

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

## Computer Science at BGS

Mr Osborne, Subject Lead for Computer Science

This year, as part of our Computer Science department's commitment to revitalizing our curriculum and inspiring our students, we introduced [GameMaker](#) to Year 9 Computer Science students. This powerful, industry-standard platform has been used to create popular titles like [Undertale](#) and [Spelunky](#).

After learning the fundamentals, students formed project teams, each with a designated coder, artist, and team leader. They were then given creative prompts and guidance on genre and gameplay to spark their imagination. Witnessing our Year 9 students collaborate seamlessly - coding, creating, and genuinely enjoying the process - was truly remarkable, with students' enthusiasm and teamwork consistently exceeding expectations.

While not every game achieved visual perfection or flawless code, each project showcased unique character and was a testament to their dedication and effort. Below, you'll find a selection of their impressive creations.



### FREE REIGN

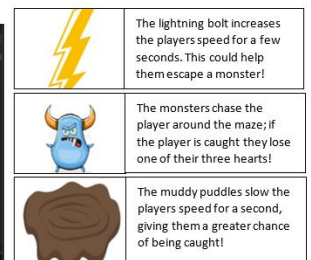
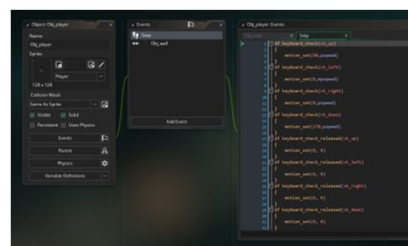
by Evalyn Brown, Zack Browne & Janice Chen

This game unfolds a narrative where a digital plague of chaos slowly consumes the game world. This descent into disorder is ingeniously mirrored in the gameplay: what begins as simple platforms progressively fractures and crumbles, escalating in difficulty until the final level becomes a near-impossible gauntlet. The core mechanics are a loving homage to classic platformers, drawing heavy inspiration from icons like Super Mario Bros. and Sonic.

### HORROR MAZE

by Bri O'Boyle, Daniel Mulgrew & Natalie James

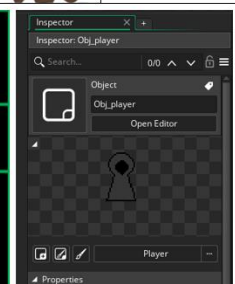
Step into a chilling horror maze, a labyrinth where you're perpetually stalked by an array of unique and deadly monsters, always closing in on your position. Evoking the classic feel of 1980s gaming and platformers like the ZX Spectrum, this old-school experience combines the thrill of escape with strategic elements like crucial lightning bolt power-ups and impeding muddy puddle traps.



The lightning bolt increases the players speed for a few seconds. This could help them escape a monster!

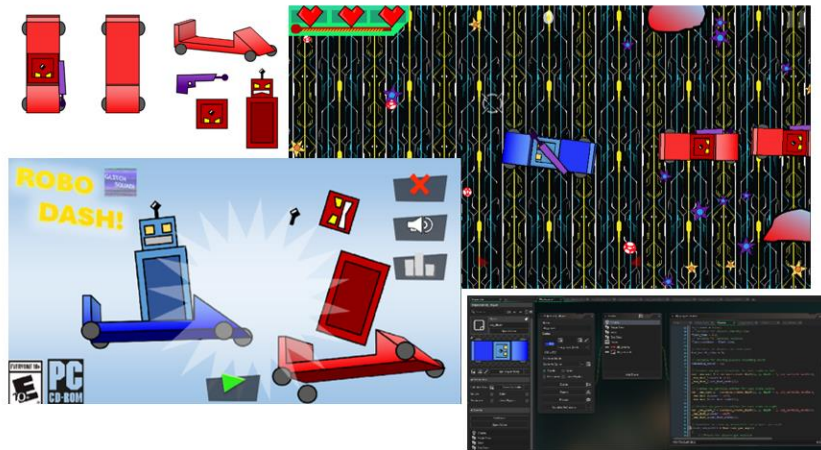
The monsters chase the player around the maze; if the player is caught they lose one of their three hearts!

The muddy puddles slow the players speed for a second, giving them a greater chance of being caught!



## ROBO DASH

By Mayowa Olufeyisan, Doogie Shorrock & Alix Smith



Experience a retro blast with this twin-stick shooter, where independent control of your car and turret was key. Swarms of enemy vehicles would converge, detonating in spectacular fashion under your barrage as you deftly navigated hazards and evaded incoming fire. All of this unfolded within a truly unique nightmare disco, its

vivid, on-theme background complemented by a bespoke soundtrack sampling the iconic Pete Tong.

The students who crafted these amazing games should take immense pride in their accomplishment. They've not only been part of something wonderful but have also expanded their grasp of the ever-evolving digital world around us by developing their creative, problem-solving and coding skills.

## Oracy in Action

Charlie Lumb 10G

Upon joining BGS, I was not a confident speaker; the idea of public speaking would fill me with dread.

During my time here, the staff have supported me and helped build my confidence. Though I hadn't realised how much until it was put to the ultimate test this half term:

During RAF cadet camp, I was selected to represent my wing, due to my aviation experience. I was asked to demonstrate and discuss flight simulators and their funding with some VIP visitors. I was honoured and took up the challenge without hesitation.

The guests arrived and I successfully executed various maneuvers on the flight sim for them. We then spent time talking about their aviation experiences and mine. They wanted to see the software in action, as they were going to parliament the following day to request additional funding for air cadets. As they put it, their goal was 'to put the air back into air cadets' by being able to provide flight simulators to squadrons.

When they left, I was then told who I'd been speaking to, the Secretary of State for Defence, John Healey, and more excitingly the Chief Air Marshal for the RAF, Sir Richard Knighton. Probably just as well I didn't know this beforehand and had been focused on the simulator otherwise I would have been very nervous!

Overall, it was a remarkable experience. If I think back to year 7, I would never have had the confidence to do this. I'm incredibly grateful to my teachers who have supported me to reach this point.

## Violin Accomplishments

Congratulations to these students who passed their violin exams recently.

Pauline Samusz - Grade 6 Merit

Zinachidi Nwamarah - Grade 6 Pass

Janice Chen - Grade 6 Distinction

Jessica Mabbutt - Grade 1 Distinction

## Bourne Grammar School Celebrates National Sporting Success

The PE Department



We are thrilled to share some exciting news and extend our heartfelt congratulations to one of our own — *Ms Bowtell*, PE teacher at Bourne Grammar School — who recently achieved remarkable success on the national stage.

Ms Bowtell was selected to represent the East Women's Over 55s Team at the England Hockey Area Masters 2025, a prestigious competition that brings together the top regional teams from across the country. Held at Ben Rhydding Hockey Club last weekend, the event showcased the very best of masters-level field hockey, with fierce competition between elite athletes from every corner of England.

Not only did Ms Bowtell represent the East with pride, but her team went on to win the entire tournament, overcoming strong sides including the Midlands, London, and Yorkshire & North East Women's Over 55s teams.

This national victory is a testament to Ms Bowtell's dedication, athleticism and commitment to the sport — qualities she brings to her teaching every day here at Bourne Grammar School. We are incredibly proud to have such an inspiring role model on our staff, demonstrating to students that passion and perseverance in sport can lead to great success.



Please join us in congratulating Ms Bowtell on this fantastic achievement!



# Careers and Higher Education Fair

Mrs Elliott, Head of Careers and Higher Education

We are currently planning our hugely popular biennial Careers and Higher Education Fair which is taking place on Wednesday 1 October 2025, 6.00pm-8.30pm, and are keen to engage with both local and national employers who are happy to give our students an insight into their sector and available opportunities. Additionally, if you are not in a position to represent a company but would be happy to talk to students at the fair about your role or profession, please do get in touch.

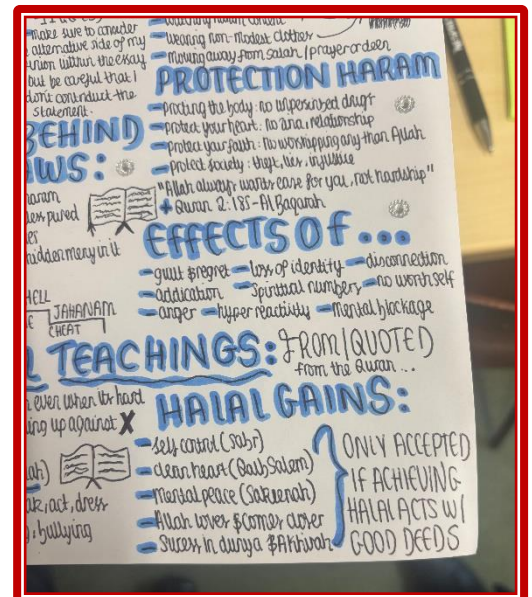
Anyone interested in attending the fair can contact Mrs. Elliot, Head of Careers and Higher Education, at <mailto:careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk>

## BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Imaan Manji (8C) is the BBL Champion this week having been nominated by her EPR teacher for this wonderfully detailed piece of work. Imaan knew she had a test on the horizon and consolidated her learning into this fantastic revision poster.



Her teacher claims that much of the content is GCSE level knowledge and that Imaan has deepened her understanding by researching the topic independently. She says 'I wanted to go into greater detail in my answers. That's why I wanted to learn the Arabic words.'

As she waits for her test score, Imaan knows that she has revised hard and given it her all. Well done! 10 House Points are given to reward your efforts.

## Exam Breakfasts



Students in Year 11 and 13, who will soon be sitting public examinations, will all be able to take a **free exam breakfast** from The Chill before their morning exam. There will be a varied choice of healthy options available and I would encourage all students to take advantage of grabbing some last-minute energy, particularly if they haven't already eaten that day.

## Water Bottles



Staying hydrated helps with many things, including concentration, mood, and memory. **Friendly reminder to please bring a named water bottle into school.** We have refill stations across the school which are free to use. Please be aware that we no longer have plastic cups at reception, students can purchase water from the Chill or Gecko.

## Virtual Progress Review Meetings (PRM) for Years 7-10

The online SchoolCloud booking system can be accessed here:

<https://bournegrammar.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the **Priority 1** parent and your child's **preferred** forename, surname and date of birth as recorded on our database.

**Please ensure only one Priority 1 parent makes the bookings to avoid duplicated appointments.**

There is a limit of 8 appointments per student.

All queries, please e-mail to Mrs Hall at [prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

The booking system will close on **Sunday 8 June at 23:55.**

**PRM Day:** Friday 27 June (08:30-18:30)

**PRM Evening 1:** Thursday 12 June (17:00-20:30)

**PRM Evening 2:** Thursday 3 July (17:00-20:30)

## Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Lottie Flatters	7	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Finn Gibson	7	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Teddy Grassby	7	Mr Green	History
Rose Harrison	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Fran Murray	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Madison Fowler	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Amberley Keith	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Amberley Keith	8	Mr Murray	Geography
Riley Keith	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Theo Mitchell	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Uzair Ehjaz	8	Miss Claridge	History
Alexander Allen	9	Miss Hodge	History
Yojit Bodduluri	9	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Ejiro Eta	9	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Ellie Moore	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Dylan Moverley	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Jessica Nicholson	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Noah Skinner	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Oliver Sweeney	9	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Carmen Van Der Westhuizen	9	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Eddie Amos	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Tiyarna Dixon	10	Mrs Evans	Geography

Poppy Drake	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Matthew Foster	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Leah Graham	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Niketh Nambala	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Ellen Richardson	10	Miss Hodge	History
Anna Sajikurian	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Oliver Smith	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Maddie Taylor	10	Mr Mitchell	Chemistry
Luca Wright	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Zeke Young	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Lucy Edgar	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Danessa Kumari	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Dexter Vipond	10	Mrs Allen	English
Heidi Paddock	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Gabriella Clarke	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ella Dunnett	12	Mr Green	History
Zoja Gajewska	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Sophie Gomes	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Zara Goode	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Tegan Haw	12	Mr Green	History
Millie Hough	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Matilda Hulme	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Lucie Lund	12	Mr Green	History
Mayra Narang	12	Ms Kemp	English
Chiara Pacitti	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Victoria Paine	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Elia Cranwell	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology

## SPORT

### Year 9 Summer League

The Year 9 Summer League is up and running again this year following its success last year! Students have been placed into leagues of similar standing in their House Point totals and battle it out each week to acquire the most House Points each week to be named weekly winners.

1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each league can be seen below.

League	1st		2nd		3rd	
League	Name	Points	Name	Points	Name	Points
League 20	Hill Bella	21	Holmes Zac	21	Hullock Johnny	16
League 19	Mavani Jabir	10	Copestake Anya	10	Jones Francesca	10
League 18	Browne Zack	18	Trawford Darcie	12	Parrott Oli	8
League 17	Hayes Henry	13	Bodduluri Yojit	12	Farahat Lamar	8
League 16	Bell Toby	10	Yu Casper	7	Mear Esther	6
League 15	Roberts Zoe	10	Summerfield Georgia	7	Bullen Travis	6
League 14	Steel Millie	15	Sweeney Oliver	13	Hempstead Charlie	11
League 13	Unwin Henry	11	Wright-Lakin Emily	8	Byrne Lucy	7
League 12	Ranjith Aakhash	13	Allen Alexander	10	Wrigley Will	10
League 11	Farrington Zac	11	Ali Haleema	10	Dutton Sam	7
League 10	Ciopec Edward	5	Korek Lena	5	Brown Evalyn	4
League 9	Strangward Alex	7	Elliott Austin	7	Collingridge Carys	5



Congratulations to all the winners!