



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



2 - 25 April 2025

Reflection on the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Term 5 is the shortest term of the year, and yet in many respects it is the busiest. External public examinations are the clear and obvious focus at this point. With internally managed pieces of work, language orals, recorded and performed pieces, and the full gambit of assessment methodology in full swing I would like to thank all staff involved in these centre assessed processes, and our wide ranging revision programmes, for the hard work they are putting in to support around 500 students in their future ambitions.

I wish each and every Year 11 and Year 13 student the very best of luck as they engage with the challenges ahead. A long summer holiday awaits at the other end, but for now it is all about the work: identifying what still needs to be done, building individual revision plans and fundamentally putting in more hours than at any point prior to this on academic study. There are no excuses to be found here: students get what they deserve in this regard, and those that work longest tend to work hardest, and hard work brings its own reward.

Elsewhere I am pleased to report that both the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions went very well in good weather over the break, and it was also wonderful to hear from Mr Graves that both our U13 and U15 girls' futsal teams were crowned County Champions at the end of last term. Long may such successes continue!

House Totals

309	415	352	422

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

Historical Easter Egg Competition

Mr Barmby

We are delighted to announce the winner of the Historical Easter Egg competition as Peyton Teague, with her outstanding entry recreating the six wives of Henry VIII. Peyton took inspiration from the theatrical production of 'SIX' and included excellent historical knowledge about the wives, bringing to life the personality of each one. Additionally, a huge congratulations to our runners up, Evelyn Bostock with her excellent 'Captain Blackbeard', and Lottie Flatter's depiction of Samuel Pepys, whose entries secured them 2nd and 3rd respectively. We were immensely impressed with the standard of entries, judged on both creativity and historical interpretation.

1st: Peyton Teague (8C)



2nd: Evelyn Bostock (8D)



3rd: Lottie Flatters (7E)



Duke of Edinburgh Gold and Silver Practice Expeditions

Mrs Brett



The Silver and Gold teams embarked upon their DofE Practice Expeditions over the Easter break. The Silver teams spent 3 days in the Rutland area brushing up on their map reading and navigation skills as well as honing leadership and communication skills to see them successfully navigate from South Witham to Kings Cliffe over 3 days with 2 nights camping at Shacklewell Scout Camp. Thankfully, the weather was kind

offering sun filled days but cold clear nights. The campfire was a welcome comfort on night 2.



Four Gold teams then travelled to the Yorkshire Dales on 9th

April. All teams conquered at least 1 peak, also enjoying the wonderful sunny weather and stunning scenery on offer. The teams undertook 4 days walking and 3 nights camping, working on various projects along the way from environmental awareness to scrapbook making. Again, they received specialist training to ensure they are safe and suitably prepared for their remotely supervised expeditions in the summer.

All teams worked hard during their expeditions, listening to the advice of their instructors in an effort to prepare well for their Qualifying Expeditions in June and July. It was a pleasure to observe all participants pushing themselves to achieve and complete their challenges with smiles on their faces and a huge sense of pride. Well done everyone!



Culture Week, 31 March – 4 April Year 13 Equality and Diversity Committee

Last term, our school proudly celebrated our BGS Culture Week 2025, a joyful and inspiring series of events that brought our diverse community together through creativity, performance, and cultural exchange.



We began the week with our Pin Making event, which gave students the opportunity to design and create pins that represented their culture, or to purchase one of the BGS Culture week 2025 badges, designed by our very own Isabella Perna. Using images, colors, and designs inspired by their cultures, backgrounds, and personal stories, students crafted unique pins that reflected their identities. It was amazing to see students leaving the room proudly wearing their new pins — each one a unique expression of their personality and creativity.

The Cultural Talent Show at Thursday lunchtime lit up the main hall with vibrant performances that celebrated the music, dance and traditions of cultures at our School. Acts included everything from an orchestral piece and a piano rendition to a beautiful singing performance and traditional/fusion dances. The performances were moving, creative and energising. An incredible thank you to each of our brave and talented performers who brought the stage to life, and a special congratulations to our two-time winners of the BGS Cultural Talent Show - Hamsini and Samyu for their South Indian fusion dance!



On Friday, the Culture Fair took place during lunchtime and transformed the school hall into a vibrant showcase. The fair featured a range of interactive stalls, each run by students aiming to share their culture through traditional foods, artifacts, games, and more.



Staff and students had the chance to sample international snacks, explore cultural items, and learn about different customs, all while supporting students' hard work and enthusiasm. The energy

was upbeat and welcoming, and it was inspiring to see so many students proudly representing their heritage and engaging others in a meaningful cultural exchange.

Alongside the fair, a lively Fashion Show also took place on stage, giving students the chance to celebrate their cultures through their clothing. Students showcased traditional outfits while the audience cheered as each group took the stage, embracing the celebration of style, culture, and community spirit.





As part of Culture Week, we also aimed to make a lasting impact. Thanks to the generosity of our School community through donations, food sales, and activities during the Culture Fair, we successfully raised £417.24. We are proud to share that all proceeds have been donated to the **Racial Equality Foundation**, a UK-based organization working to address racial inequalities in public services such as health, housing, and education. Your contributions will support programs that promote equity, inclusion, and justice — values that align perfectly with the spirit of Culture Week.

We extend our sincere thanks to all students, families, and staff who contributed their time, creativity, and passion. Your efforts made this week an unforgettable success.

Individual Achievements



Charlie Lumb, 10G

During the Easter break, Charlie Lumb, 10G, gained his FRTOL (Flight Radiotelephony Operators Licence). This qualifies him to communicate with UK air traffic control, making him the current youngest FRTOL holder in the UK.

He showed impressive determination; it involved several months of study, followed by an intensive 3½ hour assessment involving both written and verbal exams.

Congratulations Charlie, well done!

Harper Graham, 10 A

Harper had her first call-up for an England Under 15 international fixture camp just before Easter. She marked her debut with a goal in England's commanding 5-1 victory over Scotland. It was an unforgettable experience, and we are sure that it will be the first of many.

Congratulations Harper, very well deserved!



Charlotte-May Houghton, 9A & Tilda-Rose Houghton, 7F

Charlotte-May and Tilda-Rose have been shooting with the Bowmen of Rutland for a couple of years and started competing through this winter season, with much success.



Charlotte-May won her age classification (U15) and came third overall in the Olympic Recurve Junior Competition (U18) at the Leicester and Rutland indoor county championship, she also finished 1st and 2nd in the county outdoor and indoor winter leagues, respectively. She also won the club indoor championship claiming a new U15 Club record.

Tilda-Rose won the Junior Barebow Competition (U18) at the Leicester and Rutland indoor county championship and finished 1st in both the county outdoor and indoor winter leagues for junior barebow. She also won the club indoor championship and through the winter season has broken the Club, County and East Midlands regional records across U12, U14, U15 and U16 age classifications.



The indoor county championship is shot over a Portsmouth round, which consists of 60 arrows at a 60 cm diameter target at a distance of 20 yards. The competitions are shot with all adults and juniors shooting together, where both Charlotte-May and Tilda-Rose got to shoot alongside some of the best archers in the country.

The outdoor winter postal league is shot over a Frostbite round, this consists of 36 arrows at an 80cm diameter target at 30m. The indoor winter postal league is shot over a L&R300 round, this consists of 36 arrows, with 12 shots at a 60cm diameter target, and 12 each at two different 40cm diameter targets, all at 20 yards.

Congratulations, well done Charlotte-May and Tilda-Rose!

UK Maths Challenge Regional Win

Mr Sheppard

Last term, a crack team of Mathematicians was assembled to take on other schools in the region at William Farr School near Lincoln. The team was made up of two Year 9s and two Year 8s: Izzy Palmer, Seb Kay, Samaira Bajaj and Jerome Koshy. The first two rounds consisted of a simple set of questions followed by the challenging cross-number round where half the team have the across clues to a crossword style grid of numbers and half the team have the down clues. The team had planned to con me into thinking that they'd done poorly but this nefarious plan was ruined by the announcement that we sat in the top three teams! In fact, it turned out that we'd only dropped 1 mark out of 120 by the halfway stage.



The second half of the competition turned out to be much tougher however, with the third round requiring them to create a chain of four correct answers passing back and forth between the two halves of the team. This was made more challenging by the fact that each answer relied on the previous one so in the event something was wrong the team had to go all the way back to the

start with their working. The team feared that they may have eroded their excellent start and when the third and second placed teams were announced the pessimism kicked in with one suggesting they may have slipped to fourth place. We were delighted however when they announced that we had won, and the team goes forward to a national final in London later in the year.

Head Student Team 2025 – 2026

Ms Creedon

Term 4 marked the conclusion of a thorough and challenging selection process to appoint Bourne Grammar School's Head Student team for 2025–2026. Over the course of two days, candidates engaged in a series of intensive interview tasks, and—true to the high standards consistently demonstrated at our School—they tackled each one with great determination and enthusiasm. The calibre of applicants made the final decision an exceptionally tough one for the interview panel. Warm congratulations to everyone who participated and to the newly appointed team listed below.

Head Students	
Elias Polak	Carmen Stones
Deputy Head Students	
Flo Dexter	Atte Maaranen
Grace Osborne	Adaobi Nwamarah
Isabel Turner	Mayra Narang
Freya Andrew	Akshaya Tirchunapalli
Maihvan Kalaiselvan	Pippa Holtzhausen

Our Student Leaders play an integral role in the life of the School. Collaborating closely with both the Senior Prefects and the Student Council, they will continue to champion student voice, foster inclusivity, and contribute to meaningful improvements within our community.



I would also like to take this moment to extend heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Head Student team. They have set a shining example through their dedication and leadership. Over the past year, they have led assemblies, coordinated mentoring and tutoring programmes, and supported pastoral initiatives. They have also hosted talent shows, organised interform competitions, and led numerous campaigns to raise awareness of issues such as mental health and Black History Month. Consistently encouraging students to 'get involved' in the wider community, they have also delivered a wide range of student-led events in School—from Culture Week to numerous charity fundraisers, fairs, and House events. Always dependable and proactive, they have steered the Student Council with great skill and maturity, making a genuine impact across all year groups. They've been an outstanding team and have given so much back to the School. My sincere appreciation and congratulations to each and every one of them.

Year 12 – Progress Review Meetings (PRM), Thursday 15 May (17:00-20:30)

Mrs Hall

The SchoolCloud booking system will open **this evening, Friday 25 April, at 20:00.**

You will be able to book up to 10 6 minute appointments, and bookings are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will automatically start and end the video at the scheduled time so please ensure you are logged in before the start of the appointment.

The online booking system can be accessed here: <https://bournegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system will close on Sunday 11 May at 23:55

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 (as used in School), surname, and date of birth as recorded on our database.

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

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs B Hall via <mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk>

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Viganth RG of 8H is a worthy winner of the BBL Champion this week. In his Geography lessons, Viganth has been learning about plastic and its environmental impact. Viganth independently chose to spend time over Easter creating an amazing 3D model to show the environmental impact of plastic on our oceans. His teacher, Mrs Evans, was thrilled with the independent work and said 'the model is really informative and has clearly taken him several days of effort.'

Well done, Viganth. 10 Achievement Points are awarded for this superb piece of work.

Water Bottles



We have free water bottle refill stations across the site to help our students stay hydrated during the school day. With the warmer weather and exams now approaching, it is important to drink enough water. Staying hydrated helps with many things, including concentration, mood, and memory.

Friendly reminder to please ensure your child brings a water bottle with their name on into school.

Note- we no longer have plastic cups available from Reception, bottles of water can be purchased from the Chill/Gecko.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

All students are encouraged to fully take advantage of the extra help available, aimed at helping you recap prior learning, address gaps in knowledge or catch-up with coursework. While some will be required to attend, the sessions are voluntary and there is no need to book -just turn up. As always, a huge word of gratitude to the teaching staff who give up their free time from January until May to offer this extra support.

	Monday 28.04.25	Tuesday 29.04.25	Wednesday 30.04.25	Thursday 01.05.25	Friday 02.05.25
Subject	Geography	Design Engineering	EPR	English	Music (lunchtime)
Room	G4	DE2 – Mr Delpont	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	E1- Ms Bennett	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic	Paper 3: Geographical Exploration.	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Paper 2: Useful Quotations	Language Paper 2: Walking Talking Mock	Coursework Catch-up
Subject		History	Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)	Drama (lunchtime)	Maths set 4-5 (lunchtime)
Room		H1 - Dr Barmby	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	Studio – Mr Moxley	Maths 7 - Mr Andy
Revision Topic		Edward I – The Church	Surds	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	Revision Booklets
Subject		French		EPR	
Room		MFL3 - Mrs Cowell		EPR 2 – Ms Atkinson	
Revision Topic		Writing & translation		Paper 1: Religious Studies (Christianity and Islam)	

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Harry Cosford	7	Dr Barmby	History
Will Davies	7	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Teddy Grassby	7	Mr Green	History
Willow Matthew	7	Miss Hodge	History
Eve Morgan	7	Mrs Evans	Geography
Andrés Valdez	7	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Kai Adcock	8	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Sophie Alliston	8	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Evelyn Bostock	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Isabelle Bradley	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Elena Cox	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Bethany Gledhill	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Archie Howard	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Jayzen Jafri	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Aarya Tirchunapalli	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Mckenzie Watt	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Anish Katha	8	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Beatrice Amos	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Corey Bosworth	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Eloise Boyce	9	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Elodie Collins	9	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Otto Forkin	9	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Bri O'Boyle	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Ruby Taylor-Dobson	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Aaminah Ali	10	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Coby Dawkins	10	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Macy Ellis	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Akshith Pandian	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Timothy Parsons	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Zahra Ravji	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Lawson Capes	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Jack Carruthers	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Grace Nickson	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Megan Mozley	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology