



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



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Reflection on the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

What a beautiful week! The sun has shone throughout, and the field has been crisscrossed with football games (I counted 12 on Monday) alongside pockets of students sitting in huddles on the grass. When the weather turns for the better, and our students are able to enjoy it, spirits inevitably soar!

While our Year 11 and 13 students prepare for their upcoming public examinations, some of which have already begun, this week we have also had internal examinations for Years 9 and 10, and Junior Maths Challenge opportunities for those in Years 7 and 8. Assessment is the name of the game at the moment, and while this must be our focus, I am delighted to report that the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh cohort are out on their practice expedition tomorrow and Sunday. We wish all those involved good conditions and a positive experience.

I hope everyone enjoys the bank holiday weekend and we will hit the ground running, once again, on Tuesday.

House Totals

3854	4379	3080	3586

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

Student Wellbeing Ambassadors

Mrs Bainbridge

Throughout the first week of term, the Student Wellbeing Ambassadors (formerly Champions) spoke to Years 7 to 10 in their assemblies. Although they have been working hard behind the scenes since September, they are now focussing their efforts on being student-facing.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have received training from Healthy Minds Lincolnshire on how to look after physical and emotional wellbeing by listening to, and signposting, students to appropriate support. They are available for students to speak to around school, soon to be identifiable by this badge on their lanyards or blazers:



The Wellbeing Ambassadors are also available every Monday lunchtime in the Common Room, held in E5 by the Year 13 Mental Health Committee. There are activities students can participate in, or they are welcome to sit and have a conversation with their friends.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors are looking forward to further embedding their role in the school community.

Their hard work so far has been reflected by being awarded their Silver Award from Healthy Minds this week.

EPQ Celebration

Andrew Mitchell



This week we celebrated the successes of last year's EPQ cohort and brought the students together with the current Year 12 cohort for some inspiring peer mentoring, including plenty of informal hints, tips and advice on how to achieve success on this challenging course.

Last year's students performed brilliantly across the board, with over half of the students attaining A* standards and two students – Delicia Johnson and Rhys Evans – scoring full marks for their projects, respectively focussing on the diagnosis of autism in women and girls, and how to save the British High Street. We also had a range of other project topics, including the representation of males and females in Politics, the practicalities of a space flight to Mars, the technological innovations in the game of cricket, and the effectiveness of the bird flu control regime in the UK. We even had a high scoring project on some of the sociological implications of the phenomenon that is Taylor Swift!





We brought the newer students into contact with their successful peers over tea/coffee, pastries, cakes and fruit, kindly prepared by the Innovate catering team. As you can see from the photographs that accompany this piece, the students fully enjoyed entering into conversations about the EPQ process and talking to each other about their projects.

Mr Mitchell, the school's EPQ Co-ordinator, conveyed a message to the successful students from their supervisor, Miss McAleese, and passed on his thanks to a number of members of staff who supported the subject in the background, such as Mrs Lattimer (Head of Year 13), Mrs Revell (Exams and Admissions Manager), Mrs Elliot (Head of Careers and Higher Education) and Mrs Everist (Pastoral Manager). He also gave heartfelt thanks to Mrs Shales, who has moderated EPQ projects for many years with incredible commitment and attention to detail, and who will be greatly missed in this, and in her many other roles, when she retires at the end of this academic year.

All in all, it was a very valuable and enjoyable event, which has become a highlight of the annual calendar. Mr Mitchell was accompanied at the event by Mr Jones, who joined the EPQ team as a supervisor last year and has been working very hard with the current cohort.



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

Mrs Hall

The SchoolCloud booking system is open. You will be able to book up to 10 6-minute appointments, 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

prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

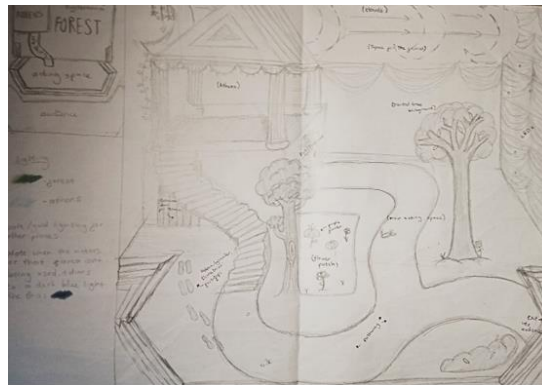
BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Lilian Osoba (7H) has been nominated by Mr Moxley, her Drama teacher for her excellent independent work during the Easter holiday. In her own words, Lilian says 'I really like the idea of designing things and making them for a set. I came up with ideas, sketched them on paper and then added more detail and colour. I spent several hours a day doing it over several days because I really enjoyed it.'

As everyone can see for themselves, the set and costume designs for A Midsummer Night's Dream are fantastic and Lilian is clearly very talented. Well done Lilian, 10 Achievement Points are given as a reward for your efforts.



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.

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.



Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
William Giblin	7	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Alfie Street	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Odetta Cukanova	7	Mrs Edwards	English
Madison Fowler	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Jojo Gregory	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Alicja Odrobinska	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Viganth RG	8	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Viganth RG	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Immie Turner	8	Mr Willis	Science
Hazel Delport	9	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Ben Fletcher	9	Mr Somerville	Computer Science
William Blades	10	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Harry Slack	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Oran Summers	10	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Katie Perrin	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Evan Bates	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
William Brown	11	Mr Hewitt	German
Milhaan Maqsood	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Alice Chauvaux	11	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Tanish Prasanth	11	Miss Patman	Spanish

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 05.05.25	Tuesday 06.05.25	Wednesday 07.05. 25	Thursday 08.05 25	Friday 09.05.25
Subject		Design Engineering	Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)	English	Music (lunchtime)
Room		DE2 – Mr Delpont	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	E1- Ms Roberts	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic		Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Surds	Q7 B	Coursework Catch-up
Subject	BANK	History		Drama (lunchtime)	Maths set 4-5 (lunchtime)
Room	HOLIDAY	H1 - Dr Barmby		Studio – Mr Moxley	Maths 7 - Mr Andy
Revision Topic		Power and the People		Comp 3: Scripted Practical	Revision Booklets
Subject				EPR (lunchtime)	
Room				EPR 2 – Ms Atkinson	
Revision Topic				Paper 1: Religious Studies (Christianity and Islam)	

SPORT

BGS are Double County Champions!

After both our Under-13 and Under-15 girls' teams triumphed in their Superzone futsal tournament finals at Haven High, they were invited to compete in the Lincolnshire Finals at the University of Lincoln.

This event brought together all the Superzone winners and runners-up from across the county in the two weeks leading up to Easter.

We were proud to be the only school from the south of the county to have representation in both tournaments, and one of only two schools from the entire county to achieve this.

It was always going to be tough for the Under 13's, as they were entering the tournament without a key player due to injury. Despite the strong competition in their group, they exceeded expectations by finishing top and advancing to the final.



Their journey to the final was a remarkable achievement in itself, so their victory was nothing short of extraordinary! The final was a nail-biting match where we initially took the lead, but a defensive mix-up in the dying seconds led to a penalty shootout. We held their nerve and secured the win (just!).

Jessie Desborough (Year 8) deserves special recognition for her outstanding performances in goal throughout the tournament, including scoring from a kick-off in a 1-0 victory during our last group game.

Not to be outdone, our Under 15 team returned the following week, brimming with confidence. With their formidable line-up, they knew that any opposing team would need to deliver an exceptional performance to defeat them. As expected, the girls comfortably topped their group, advancing to the final to play against our local neighbours, Spalding High School.

Having previously defeated Spalding High School in the Superzone Final, they were eager for revenge and proved to be a very tough opponent, pushing us all the way.

However, our team's quality shone through, and we clinched the victory in the final minute of the game.

All the girls should be immensely proud of their efforts, and we eagerly anticipate defending our titles next year!

