

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 23 January 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Another busy week at BGS has reminded me, as if I needed reminding, that school life is shaped not only by what happens in lessons, but also by the opportunities that sit around the edges of the timetable. Walk around at lunchtime and you'll often find Room M11 buzzing. It has become the home of chess at Bourne Grammar School, with students coming together to think hard, compete, and enjoy the challenge.

Last weekend, that lunchtime enthusiasm translated into something even bigger, as our students travelled to Eton College to take part in the English Chess Federation's flagship Schools Team Rapidplay. It brought together dozens of schools from across the country, and what makes it particularly special is that it is a true team competition. It is not just about individual results, but about supporting one another, staying composed under pressure, and enjoying the experience together. The standard was extremely strong, with one school even fielding an International Master.

It captured everything competitive chess brings: concentration, nerves, determination, and the satisfaction of learning with every round. I would like to thank Mr Farrow for making these opportunities possible, including giving up his time on Sunday, and not for the first time. This is exactly the kind of enrichment that adds so much to school life, and it has been brilliant to see students throwing themselves into it.



I would also like to highlight the excellent work led by Miss Mizen, who has planned and delivered First Aid sessions to half of our Year 7 cohort this week, with the remaining students due to take part shortly. It has been a highly engaging and genuinely beneficial experience for students, and a reminder of how valuable it is to equip young people with real-world skills that they may one day need to use.

I had the chance to drop into one of the sessions as students were learning how to make a sling and support someone with an arm injury. I also timed my visit rather well, as one of our Sixth Form students had already volunteered to play the "injured person" for the demonstration, leaving me with no choice but to observe from the sidelines, before everyone practised in pairs. It was a great moment, and a great example of older students supporting younger ones, right across the School.

Looking ahead to next week, I am really looking forward to joining the rest of the Leadership Team in spending time observing tutor sessions. It is always a valuable opportunity to see our Personal Development provision in action, and to appreciate the consistency, care and thought that goes into supporting students day to day, in ways that often sit quietly in the background but make a significant difference.

With my best wishes for a restful weekend, and to those watching the Traitors final tonight, I hope Claudia's fringe and the Round Table deliver a fitting conclusion.



Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 26/01/2026)

	Monday - 26.1.26	Tuesday - 27.1.26	Wednesday - 28.1.26	Thursday - 29.1.26	Friday - 30.1.26
Subject Room Revision topic	Maths (Lunchtime) Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	Maths (Lunchtime) Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	Maths (Lunchtime) Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	Maths (Lunchtime) Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	Maths (Lunchtime) Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3
Subject Room	Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime) M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime) M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime) M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime) M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime) M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy
Subject Room Revision topic	Art (Lunchtime) Art 2 - Mrs Welling Exam Unit: Found	Art (Lunchtime) Art 2 - Mrs Welling Exam Unit: Found	Art (Lunchtime) Art 2 - Mrs Welling Exam Unit: Found	Art (Lunchtime) Art 2 - Mrs Welling Exam Unit: Found	Art (Lunchtime) Art 2 - Mrs Welling Exam Unit: Found
Subject Room/ Topic	Computer Science (Lunchtime) CS2 - Mr Osborne: Drop-ins	Computer Science (Lunchtime) CS2 - Mr Osborne: Drop-ins	Computer Science (Lunchtime) CS2 - Mr Osborne: Drop-ins		
Subject Room Revision topic	EPR (Lunchtime) EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins	EPR (Lunchtime) EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins			
Subject Room Revision topic	Drama (Lunchtime) Drama Studio Component 3 NEA prep	Maths (Lunchtime) M12 & PE1 - Mr Andy & Mrs Pryor Sets 4 & 5 - Surds			
Subject Room Revision topic	French Foundation & Higher (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice	French Foundation & Higher (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice	French Foundation & Higher (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice		
Subject Room	Geography (After school) G1 - GP/RAE/REG A natural weather hazard; Typhoon Haiyan	History (After school) H1 - Dr Barmby 1930s – The Depression		PE (After school) PE1 - Mr Ray Paper 2 - Topics 1-4	
Subject Room Revision topic		DE (After school) DE2 - Mr Delpont NEA Catch up sessions		English (After School) E1/E2 - Mrs Bolitho Analysing Structure	
Subject Room Revision topic		French Higher (After school) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell 80-90 word essay		Music (After school) MU1 - Mr Tomlinson NEA Catch up sessions	
Subject Room Revision topic		Art (After school) Art 2 - Mrs Welling & Ms Jacometti Exam unit: Found		Art (After school) Art 2 - Mrs Welling & Ms Jacometti Exam unit: Found	

Term 3, Week 2 – Year 9 Weekly Winners





- Ms A Smith

This week we are proud to celebrate our Year 9 Weekly Winners, recognised for the conduct points they have achieved throughout Week 2 of Term 3. It is especially pleasing to see some familiar names appearing for the second week in a row, reflecting their consistent effort and positive behaviour.

Well done to all those recognised this week — keep up the great work, Year 9!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	2	Amberley Keith- 9G	63
2	2	Peyton Teague- 9C	33
3	2	Adrian Balaban- 9E	35
4	2	Bella Trumble- 9B	30
5	2	Yeshara Moodley- 9B	24
6	2	Elliott O'Connor- 9H	25
7	2	Lucy Cottam- 9B	29
8	2	Lewis Evans- 9H	21
9	2	Rowan Rai- 9B	29
10	2	Jack Gois- 9C	23
11	2	Hazel Cheng- 9B	16
12	2	Leo Massey- 9E	16

House Totals

			
8703	9502	8156	8906

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 3 up to 22/01/2026.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Mahdi Abdallah	7	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Adejola Akinsulire	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Arthur Cade-Stewart	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Maddie Keith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Erik Klitovchenko	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Daniella Ojemolon	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Austin Pitman	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Finley Tolliday	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Aeon Turner	7	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Hayden Andrew	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Finley Canavan	8	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Ben Cham	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Rikil Chanda	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Archie Goddard	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Millie Hind	8	Person of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Pastoral
Ciaran Mackay	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Henry Mason	8	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Hayden Thomas	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Fatima Abbas	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Mizen	Biology
Naomi Crowther	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Danny Davison	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Emilis Gaigalas	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Lauren Hammond	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Zakariya Qureshi	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Harry Baker	10	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Elodie Collins	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Rose Divers	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lamar Farahat	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Zac Holmes	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Jensen Homewood	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR
Eleanor Twinley	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Henry Unwin	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Emily Holland	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Katie Perrin	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Balinda Iyiegbu	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Amy Sargeson	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Ella Snart	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Logan Coltman-Bell	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral
Callum Grant	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral
Maihvan Kalaiselvan	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral

BBL Champion

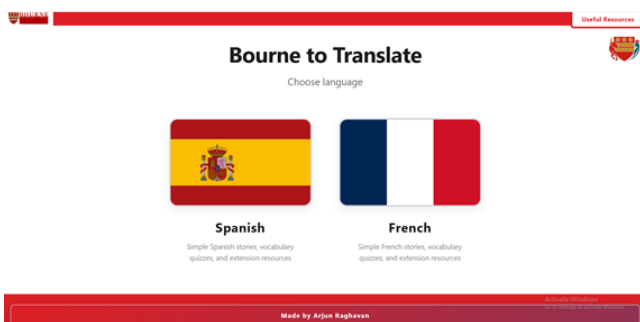
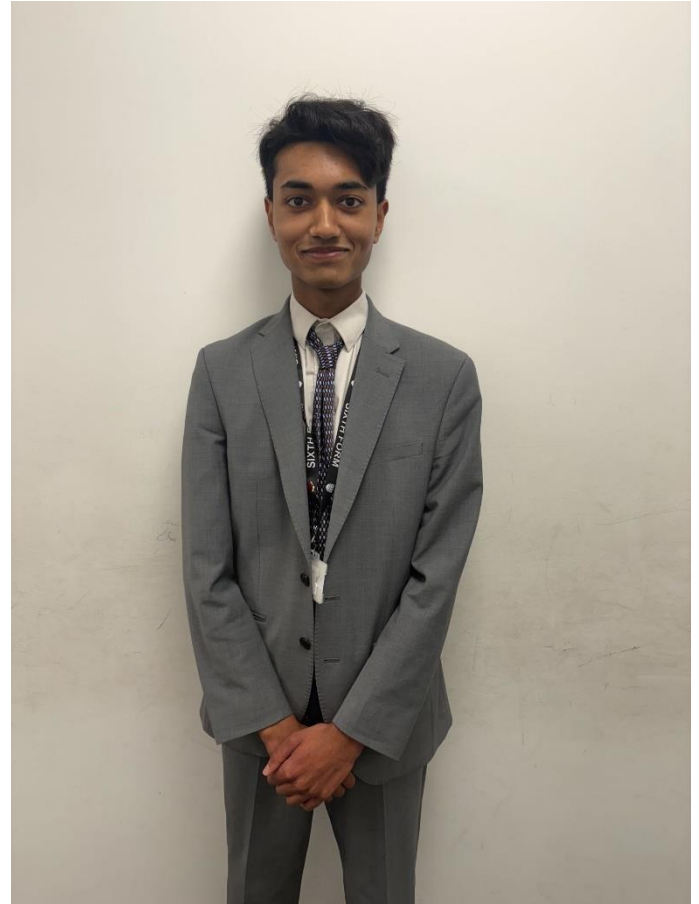
- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

This week's BBL Champion is Arjun Raghavan (12A), nominated by Mr Osborne in recognition of his exceptional initiative and technical skill.

Arjun independently designed and developed *Bourne to Translate*, a comprehensive website that translates English into Spanish and French, while also offering structured support with vocabulary and grammar to aid language learning. The quality and usefulness of this resource have been such that it has now been integrated into the Student Hub for wider student use.

This project was entirely self-directed, undertaken not as part of a set task but out of Arjun's own curiosity and desire to challenge himself. His work exemplifies the independence, creativity and academic ambition we seek to foster in our students.

Congratulations to Arjun on this impressive achievement.



Lincolnshire Schools Cross Country Championships, Burghley Park, Saturday 17 January 2026 – Mr C Ray

It was an absolute pleasure on Saturday to meet almost 60 Bourne Grammar students for the Lincolnshire Schools Cross-country Championships. Conditions were perfect for this significant event in the cross country calendar that would enable 14 students to automatically qualify and represent Lincolnshire Schools at the Anglian Championships on January 31 in Northampton. Two further students will also be selected to make a team of 16. Additionally, the top six in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior competitions would also be selected for the prestigious English Schools Cross-Country Championships to be held at Sefton Park, Liverpool in March. A further two places will be made available in each age group following performances in Northampton next weekend.

Whilst there were many excellent performances from our students, some highlights from the event saw Maddie Keith from Year 7 finish as the highest placed student for South Lincolnshire, finishing in 7th position, whilst in the Junior Boys event, up to 5 boys from School (Oliver Barker, George Calvert, Emmett Saka, Alfie Flemming, and Usaym Moin) will qualify too.

In the Junior Girls race, a strong performance from Sophie Alliston saw her gain a medal for third position, whilst excellent runs from Amberley Keith (10th) and Madeleine Hobson (13th) will see all three qualify and possibly Sophia Christoudias who finished in 16th position. Sam Griffin finished superbly in 2nd place in the Junior Boys despite being a year younger than others in the race. He will be joined by Kieran McKay (11th) too.

It was a delight to see Leah Graham finish superbly in 4th position for the Intermediate Girls having been injured and not competed since the summer. She will be joined by Edith Kaberry (10th), another student competing with the year group above.



The boys proved to be a challenging race with our highest paced athlete, Eli Saralis, finishing in 15th position. It is hoped that he will get selected following this outstanding performance. Eli will be joined by his brother, Theo (Senior Boys, 3rd position), with the possibility of Toby Staines (15th) and Miles Garrido (16th), being able to join Noah Henderson who finished in 14th position.

In the Senior Girls, Yvette Annis claimed another medal, finishing in 2nd position, with fabulous performance too from Cecilia Watson who finished in a credible 9th position, and still with a realistic prospect of gaining a place to go to Liverpool and reach the pinnacle of schools' cross country.

A special mention must also be given to Zaid Thalngara who, as a Year 11 competed in this competition for the first time having attended running club on a regular basis over the past 18 months.

Well done to all students who participated in the event and a huge thank you to the many parents who came to support.

The cross-country season returns to the School calendar with the Anglian Championships on the 31st of January, shortly after the exclusive King Henry VIII relays in Coventry on the Wednesday before (28th). After February half term, the two Fenland races will conclude the local inter schools' competition, prior to the English schools in Liverpool in mid-March.

Mr. Lattimer continues to run the Running Club after school on Monday and Wednesday, which is open to all students who wish to improve their general fitness and running.





DofE Success – Gold Award Achievement – Jessica Burton (Year 13)

- Mrs R Brett, DofE Manager

Huge congratulations to Jess who recently completed her DofE Gold Award. This amazing achievement has demanded commitment and determination over the last 12+ months as Jess participated in new activities and developed old skills too.

Jess has completed all 3 DofE Award levels. She has volunteered for Werrington Brownies groups throughout the years, completing her Young Leaders Qualification to become a valued member of the team and much respected session leader with the children.

To fulfil her Physical section requirements, Jess has blended her desire to improve her fitness with the fun of Zumba dance classes. For her Skills section, Jess decided to learn to cook so that she can prepare her own meals when she moves to university later this year.

The Gold Expeditions took place in the Yorkshire Dales (April) and the Lake District (July) where Jess was part of a very strong team successfully navigating boggy moorland and craggy hill tops whilst enduring all weather conditions, from Easter rain and cold to summer heat.

For her DofE Residential, Jess travelled to Swanage, Dorset to participate in an outdoor activities course that involved a variety of activities including; coasteering, climbing, various paddle sports, tunnelling, target sports, Dorset Waterpark and high ropes. Jess met many like-minded individuals coming together to enjoy camping and sports.

Jess should be very proud of her DofE success, I certainly am! It has been a pleasure to support her though all 3 levels, well done and have a fabulous day at the Palace when it comes. Best wishes from the DofE Team!

