

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 28 September 2018*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## **REASSURANCE - Mr I J G Mears - Vice-Chair of Governors/Chair of the Finance & Premises Committee and The Headteacher**

You will read in the news today about a 'March on Downing Street' by headteachers from across the country. The aim is to demand extra funding for schools. The reporting may refer to budgets being 'cut to the bone', 'the funding crisis' and variations on these themes. Our Headteacher will not be there. He will be at School, running the School as usual and teaching as usual. We write to reassure parents/carers and all in the School community that there is no 'crisis' in funding at our School. We manage our finances very carefully and are particularly fortunate in that our Finance & Premises Committee - the committee of the Governing Body which oversees our budget and expenditure - contains a number of highly-experienced and financially-qualified business-people, along with other experienced governors, who together keep a firm grip on the School's finances. No state-funded school is awash with money but we are in a strong and confident position. Our expansion has helped, of course, but we have benefitted also from the recent changes in the national formula used to fund schools and academies. We are solvent and generate a modest surplus which is ploughed back into the School for the benefit of your sons and daughters. Unlike so many schools, we do not need, and do not plan, to ask parents to pay a regular standing order contribution to School funds. As it is likely that the news today and tomorrow will include reports of the headteachers' march, we felt that we wanted to include this message of reassurance in today's issue of the *Bulletin*.

## **YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BUSHCRAFT - Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 September Report by Jack Knowles, Gabriel Carver, Finleigh Bastin-Northcott and Ella Bowers (all Year 7)**

On Wednesday 19 September, 220 Year 7 students and 10 teachers went on their first school trip with Bourne Grammar School. Bubbling with excitement, we boarded the coaches ready to embark on the journey to Bushcraft. After a quick 50-minute journey, we arrived at Bushcraft and met the tribe and camp leaders. We started playing some fun games in our tribes with the tribe leaders and then had delicious hot dogs for lunch. After even more games, we went to see our campsite so we could unpack our belongings. Whilst we sat round the camp fire, we had some of their mouth-watering tea - it was delicious! The camp leaders taught us Bushcraft songs and we sang them whilst playing games in the dark, with our torches on of course. After snacks and songs with the leaders, we were all sent to bed for a good night's sleep.



We woke up the next day to hear the terrible news that we had to leave early and it dawned on us that we had to go back to lessons on Friday! However, we had a great last day - we built dens in the woods, we toasted marshmallows and cooked and ate fresh salmon - some people even tried the eyes! We played many games before we had to depart and go home.

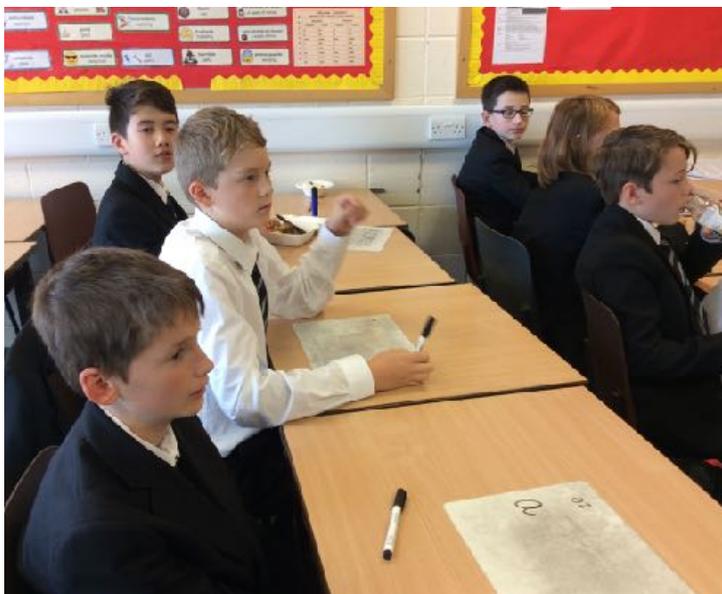
Bushcraft was a very enjoyable trip and we were all quite sad to leave the Centre, but we definitely enjoyed our time there; some of the campfire songs are still being sung around school! As we have only just started at Bourne Grammar School and didn't know many people, it has helped everybody in Year 7 to make new friends.



### EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - Wednesday 26 September - Mr Edwards, Spanish

For this year's European Day of Languages, the Spanish Department celebrated linguistic diversity by offering lunchtime workshops in four languages which are not taught at the school: British Sign Language, Russian, Italian, and *Valenciano* (one of Spain's regional languages, spoken in the region of Valencia).

Held across two of our teaching rooms, the workshops received a great turnout and it was very pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the students who were all ready and willing to throw themselves into attempting the different languages. We were also very proud of the students who, due to their prior knowledge of the languages being taught, supported their peers and taught alongside the staff instructors. The demand and interest felt by the staff involved has encouraged us to think about additional language clubs that could be established - watch this space!



## FOR THOSE WHO COLLECT STUDENTS BY CAR

I have received a communication from Jewson's - the builders' merchant located on South Road to the north of the School - concerning parking by parents waiting to collect BGS students. Please could parents not park in Jewson's yard if they are collecting students? The Assistant Manager is concerned about the safety of students when delivery lorries manoeuvre and fork-lift trucks move around the yard with heavy loads. The Branch Manager and Assistant Branch Manager observe also that designated staff parking spaces have sometimes been occupied on occasion by BGS parents, causing inconvenience for the business. Please could parents waiting in their cars refrain from using Jewson's yard? Traffic caused by parents at the end of the School day is an issue at almost every school but on the whole we receive few complaints in that regard. Please do respect Jewson's reasonable and safety-conscious request.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 12 'The Reality' Evening - Tuesday 2 October 2018

An information evening for Year 12 students and parents. Tickets can be booked via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/548976>

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Tristan Ng	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Aarnav Bajaj	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Kunjai Bhandari	8	Mr Sheppard	Registration
Sree Ramesh Shankar	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Maddy Gamble	8	Dr Murphy	Registration
Prasidda Jolmi	8	Dr Murphy	Registration
Grace Swindell	9	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Esme Thorley	9	Mrs Clark	French
George Welling	9	Mr Chan	Mathematics
Maisie Lloyd	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Arjun Andali	11	Mrs Somerville	Art
Phoebe Mason	11	Miss McDonnell	Mathematics
Molly Bull	11	Mr Ray	PE



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Awards

Tyler Shell (Year 9) recently attended the *Best Magazine* Heroes Awards and won an award for the exceptional courage and bravery shown whilst delivering his baby brother at home.



### Music and Dance

Harrie Metcalfe (Year 7) recently achieved a Merit in her Grade 3 Violin exam and a Distinction in her Grade 2 Ballet exam.

### Karate

Leila Silkstone (Year 7) recently received her Black Belt in Karate - she has been working towards this achievement for the past five years.