

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 30 January 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

There is never a shortage of what could be said about life across our School. Each week brings more than can reasonably be captured in a single Bulletin, and the challenge is deciding what to leave out.

The week began with the welcome news that Amelia Kearns (Year 12) had been crowned Zonal School Champion in trampolining on Sunday, securing her place in the National Schools final in Derby later this term. Amelia is now champion for the “middle” of the United Kingdom, an outstanding achievement and one that reflects an enormous amount of personal commitment and determination.



On Wednesday night, a number of our students represented the School at the Len Pick Memorial Evening, hosted by the long-standing Bourne charity that supports community and educational initiatives in the local area. Our Chamber Choir, under the direction of Mr Jones, performed with real assurance, musical maturity and control, reflecting both the commitment of the students and the high expectations set for them. Supported by our pianists, the performances reflected an extremely high standard, and Mr Tomlinson, our Director of Music, was rightly proud of what had been achieved.



We were also pleased that Reverend Kate Bottley was present on the night (yes, the one some may recognise from television). Earlier in the day, she had visited us and spent time with our Strong Girls Club, alongside Miss Roberts, leading a thoughtful and engaging session that prompted reflection, discussion and excellent questions from students. I met her only briefly, but she brought a remarkable sense of energy and warmth during her time in school with us. We are very grateful for her care and insight, and for the contribution she made to our students.

Alongside this, our Year 12 mock interviews began this week, marking an important stage in students' preparation for life beyond school. I am extremely grateful to all those who gave up their time to support this work, including trustees, employers and members of our wider community, some of whom are former students of Bourne Grammar School themselves. Their willingness to return and support the next generation speaks volumes. For some students, this was their first experience of a formal interview, and the opportunity to practise in a supportive but authentic setting is invaluable.

This week has also brought confirmation of offers made to a number of our students for their next steps beyond school. We are always pleased to see students securing places, whether at university, on degree apprenticeships or through other competitive pathways, and this particular point in the cycle is especially significant as Cambridge University has now released its decisions, following Oxford offers last week. I am delighted to share that the following students have received offers:

Oxford: Atte Maaranen - Chemistry

Cambridge: Flo Dexter - Geography

Johnny Cottage - Natural Sciences

Jonathan Blair - Natural Sciences

Holly Potts – Modern & Medieval Languages







Chamber Choir performing at the Len Pick Memorial Evening

Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 02/02/2026)

YEAR 11	Monday - 2.2.26	Tuesday - 3.2.26	Wednesday - 4.2.26	Thursday - 5.2.26	Friday - 6.2.26
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	French Foundation (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell 80-90 word essay	
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 - indices			
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) G3 - RAE/REG A natural weather hazard; UK Heatwave 2022	History (After school) H1 - Dr Barmby 1940s – WW2		PE (After school) PE1 - Mr Ray/Mr Bowers Paper 2 topics 5-8	
Subject Room Revision topic		DE (After school) DE2 - Mr Delport NEA Catch up sessions		English (After School) E1/E2 - Mrs Bolitho Evaluating fiction & non-fiction texts	
Subject Room Revision topic		French Higher (After school) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell 130-150 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	

House Totals

			
10676	12494	10432	11219

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 3 up to 29/01/2026.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Lilly Barnard-Coulson	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Lily Church	7	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Harris Cootes	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Sebastien Donaldson	7	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Felix Edgar	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Williamson	Pastoral
Muhammad Huzaifa Elahi	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Isla Getty	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Austin Hickey	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Charlotte Lawrence	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
Georgios Mantaleris	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Effie May	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Felix McIlhagga	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jay Mistry	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
George Stokes	7	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Hriday Valluri	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Lilly-Mae Woodcock	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Amelie Bodmer	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Jack Brock	8	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Brandon Bull	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Florence Cooper	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
Elliar Fisher	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Emma Kemp	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Zayan McDonald	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Isabelle Plant	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Martha Saralis	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Iris Thomas	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Jonathan Ulyatt	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Kai Adcock	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Joey Dickins	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Caoimhe Healy	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Science
Lucas Huang	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Amberley Keith	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Maia Paige	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Idara Samson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Harry Baker	10	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Josie Bonvini	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English

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Elodie Collins	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Saihaan Damani	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Ben Fletcher	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Vladimir Grigorov	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Marcus Spencer-Kidd	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Kasia Sulwinska	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Harry Beacham	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Charlie Bedford	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Isabelle Clarkson	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Isaac Dales	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Tilly Henderson	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Akshith Pandian	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Timothy Parsons	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Jack Pepper	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	Pastoral
Ethan Thomas-Burton	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Alex Bogan	12	Person of the Week	Mr Marsden	Pastoral
Alex Bogan	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral
Connor Brenchley	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Ben Dexter	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral
Bea Ford	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Miles Garrido	12	Person of the Week	Mr Lattimer	Pastoral
Amani Lawal	12	Person of the Week	Mr Marsden	Pastoral
Evie Mabey	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Vasyl Sadlii	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Ella Snart	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Harrison Ward	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Max Andrew	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Evie Griffin	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Olivia Mahoney	13	Person of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Pastoral
Orla Pike	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law

Term 3, Week 3 – Year 9 Weekly Winners

- Ms A Smith

This week, we are proud to recognise our Year 9 Weekly Winners for the conduct points achieved during Week 3 of Term 3. It's great to see a mix of familiar names returning alongside new students being recognised for the first time, reflecting both consistency and emerging positive habits.

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

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	3	Amberley Keith- 9G	35
2	3	Sienna Thomas – 9C	22
3	3	Adrian Balaban- 9E	23
4	3	Ffion Jones – 9B	17
5	3	Fatimah Walji – 9C	26
6	3	Daniel France – 9G	21
7	3	Lucie Large – 9A	27
8	3	Willow Story-Hall – 9E	23
9	3	Eva Neal – 9D	18
10	3	Ava Bembridge – 9E	18
11	3	Emilis Gaigalas – 9B, Oliver Petz – 9H	12
12	3	Adam Hickey – 9E	13

BBL Champion

- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

This week's BBL Champion is Amberley Keith (9G), nominated by her History teacher, Miss Hodge.

Amberley produced a fantastic two-sided poster on her study of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, which was beautifully presented and packed with thoughtful detail.

The task showed excellent BBL skills as it allowed Amberley to consolidate everything she has learned throughout the unit, making clear links between key events, ideas and historical understanding.

She has worked consistently hard all year, and this piece of work is a true reflection of the sustained effort and achievement she demonstrates in every lesson.

Well done, Amberley – a very well-deserved recognition!



ESU Schools' Mace Debating Competition

- Mr A L Mitchell – Subject Leader: Physics and Debating Society Co-ordinator



On Monday evening, our Year 12 debating team, supported by their Year 13 coaches, travelled to Leicester for Round 2 of the English-Speaking Union Schools' Mace Debating Competition.

Six teams take part in this round, with only three able to go through to the Regional Final in March. Our team was paired in their debate with the team from Oundle, a prestigious public school, and had to argue in favour of the motion: 'This House believes that modern politics does not represent the interests of young people.' The first speaker, Samyutha Puppala, stepped up and began, calmly and confidently, to lay out the case. She was followed by the second speaker, Ned Dangerfield, adding further arguments with forensic precision. Finally, James Houghton took the floor as the summary speaker and closed the debate in style with some witty ad-libs.

This was followed by the always-tense wait for the judges' verdict, although our team and their coaches, Mayra Narang and Paa-yaw Gyan, were confident that they could be proud of their performance whatever the outcome. As it turned out, their hard work and skill were rewarded and the BGS team claimed a thoroughly deserved place in the Regional Final. Well done to them and their coaches.

Debating Society runs every Thursday lunchtime from 12:45pm in Lab 3 and is open to all students in Years 10 to 13.

Year 11 Trip to Science Live!

- Adeena Sajid, Year 11

On Friday 23rd January, a group of Year 11 students went from Bourne Grammar School early in the morning to London's Apollo Victoria Theatre, to watch and listen to the GCSE Science Live! along with many other students from different schools.

GCSE Science Live! is a series of lectures delivered by leading scientists, each exploring their specialist field in greater depth. The event enhanced our understanding of how science shapes the world around us and influences everyday life. We also heard from an experienced senior GCSE examiner, who shared valuable advice and exam techniques to help us maximise our performance in the Science GCSEs.

We were first introduced to Professor Sophie Scott, a knowledgeable neuroscientist, who unveiled to us the importance of laughter. We learnt that laughter is a key method to socializing, as well as relieving our stress levels. Apparently, according to recent studies, laughter has only been seen contagious in the human species!

We then heard the detailed advice from the senior GCSE examiner, providing us with many small tweaks and tricks that would prove to the examiner in the summer that we have a profound ability and understanding of the science specification.

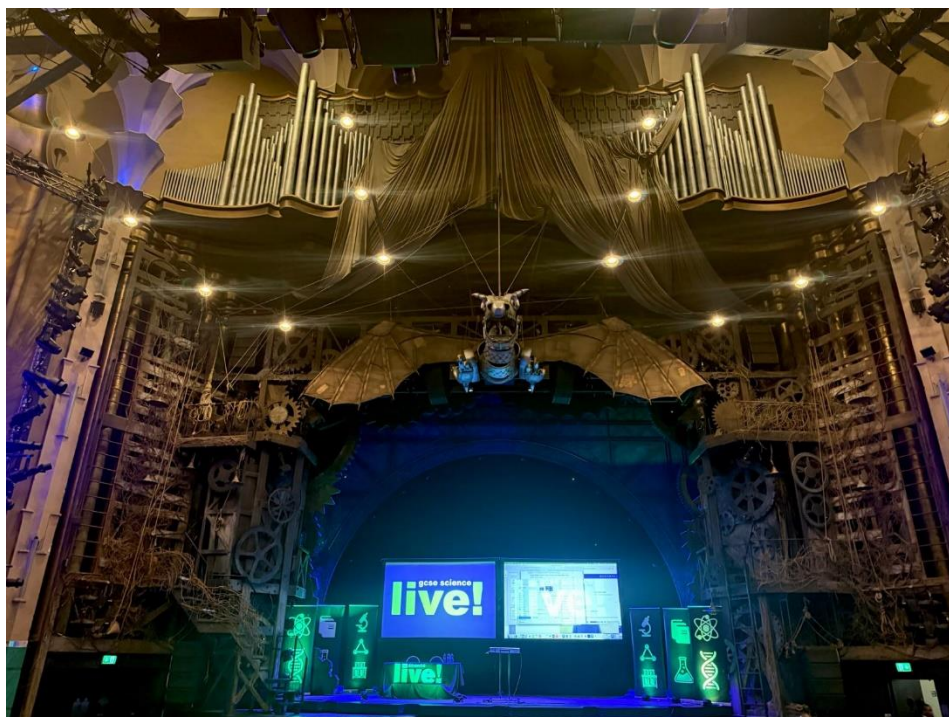
Furthermore, we also met Professor Robert Winston, a world-renowned fertility expert who was part of the team which developed IVF treatment, an unforgettable experience that he shared with us all.

Dr Eleonara D'Elia described to us the wonders of material science, and how many phenomena of nature revolve about the inner structure of molecules and atoms at its very core.

Professor Andrea Sella with a specialty for the synthesis of new materials and compounds, presented the idea that by understanding the chemistry behind certain chemicals, we can apply this to make sense of why certain patterns are seen in nature (such as in crops).

Finally, we met Professor Jim Al-Khalili, a theoretical physicist who explained the possibility of time travel to the past and future, all based off Einstein's theories of relativity.

Overall, this was a wonderful and inspiring experience of how science looks in action, and how it has shaped our modern world, ultimately the base of our modern society. Many thanks to Mr Harris, Miss Wilson and Miss Doroshenko who accompanied us on this trip.



Year 12 Mock Interview Afternoon

- Ms H Elliot, Head of Careers & Higher Education

The Sixth Form hosted the first of two afternoons to help prepare Year 12s for future interviews, whether that be for university or employment. Students had a twenty-minute interview with a volunteer from local industry or a School trustee – an opportunity to find out how to prepare for an interview and then essential practice in a supportive atmosphere.

Students really enjoyed the opportunity to put into action the skills that they had been developing in Tutor Time and enrichment sessions.

Emmanuel writes:

I really enjoyed the mock interview as it gave me a realistic insight into what real interviews are like. It helped me practise answering questions clearly, speaking with confidence, and thinking on the spot with difficult questions. My interviewer was especially helpful, giving me tips throughout to improve my answers and build confidence. Overall, it was a valuable experience, and it has made me feel more prepared for future interviews.

The volunteers were hugely impressed by our students:

What a fantastic and impressive afternoon at Bourne Grammar School!

They were all well prepared, confident and articulate and should all be extremely proud of themselves. I don't think I was any of these things at such a young age, so it was impressive to see such assured individuals and there were some that we would definitely employ!!

A massive thank you to all those who volunteered to support the afternoon.



Cross Country – Mrs K McAuley

On Wednesday 28th January we took 14 students to King Henry VIII School in Coventry to compete in a cross country relays competition.

This is an open aged competition meaning each relay team can be made up of students from any year group. Every member of the relay team runs the 2.3-mile course before handing the baton to their next team member. We were lucky to have brilliant weather on the day with the sun out and the temperature almost in double figures. However, the heavy rain in the lead up to the event resulted in some flooded paths on the course and a very muddy woodland section.

All three of our teams performed brilliantly and the younger members of the teams benefited from the support and knowledge of the older students who were returning after having run at the event in previous years.

The boys' team was made up of 6 runners. Theo Saralis led out the boys' team, finishing the course in a blistering time of 12.12. The rest of the team was made up of Miles Garrido, Ben Alliston, Noah Henderson, Cayden Mackay and Toby Staines, who all ran consistently strongly to complete the course within a 45second window of each other. Their total relay time was 1:21.12 and they placed 23rd out of 60 teams.

We had two girls' teams in the competition. Our A team made up of Yvette Annis, Edith Kaberry, Sophie Alliston and Leah Graham ran exceptionally well and finished in 9th place overall out of a field of 38 teams. A particular shout out must go to Sophie Alliston, our fastest female runner who completed the course in 14minutes (a km split time of 3.47). The A team completed the course in exactly 1 hour.

Our B team finished in 16th, making them the second B team home overall, a brilliant achievement. Congratulations to Cece Watson, Amberley Keith, Madeleine Hobson and Sofia Christoudias. They finished in 1:04:19.

Of our eight female runners, four are only in Year 9 which is a very exciting prospect for the future given each of them finished the course well under the 16 minute mark. Well done to Madeleine, Sophie, Sofia and Amberley.

Each of the students ran hard and were fantastic representatives of Bourne Grammar School throughout the day.

Lastly a huge thank you to CJ Latimer who runs run club on a Monday and Wednesday after school and is always welcoming of new members.



Year 11 Superzone Hockey

- Miss C Bowtell

On Wednesday 28th January our Year 11 team, plus honorary player Elodie Collins, competed against Kings A and B teams plus our own B team, comprising of Orla Bayley and her merry bunch of Year 9 and 10 players.

The Year 11 team were the holders of the title and have never lost a tournament since being at the School so the pressure was on. The team started strong with fantastic interplay between Honor Moore and Eloise Hull across both wings. Elodie joined in the flowing passing with some strong runs up front and some superb balls into the D. The girls tore Kings apart and started to score for fun, especially from short corners where Honor was deadly. Hannah Burke kept a clean sheet due to her flexible, and at times unbelievable, saves to touch the ball around the post. Final score was 4-0.

Next game was the younger team players playing against a group of girls often two years above them, but this made no difference at all as Orla led them to victory. Romilly's tenacious harrassment of the opposition and Jessie Desboroughs fantastic movement up front created quite a few opportunities put away by Nicole Mancheva. Special mention must go at the other end to Jasmine "Wilko" Wilkinson who continues to impress with her development both at school and at her local club. Jasmine Hill and Harriet Templeman tore into the poor Year 11 Kings players, turning them inside out with their skills and cunning play. When required we even played the ball back around via our trusty defender "Jess the Rock" Richardson.

This meant that the final placements were between our A and B team. The B team started tremendously with a quick run at goal but the mighty Hannah Burke kept all attempts at bay which then led to a superb team goal started and finished by Eloise Hull. The younger ones fought back to get another goal but then regretted this action as it triggered Honor Moore to go up a gear and start to really show them why she is the best female player in the School. More goals came from the Year 11s to create a two goal lead at 3-1 but then due to persistent pressure the B team scored to make it 3-2 and it went to squeaky bum time especially with just two minutes remaining. The Year 11 team rallied and put the game to bed with a final goal to make the score 4-2 and to retain their title for the fifth time.

