

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 13 March 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

A real highlight of the week was hosting the regional round of the English-Speaking Union's Schools' MACE Debating Competition, welcoming visiting schools including King's School and Stamford School, alongside other strong debating teams from across the region, for an evening of thoughtful and high-quality debate.

The motion for our team's debate, "This House would ban private healthcare for procedures not already covered by the NHS," prompted a challenging and wide-ranging set of arguments. Ned Dangerfield, James Houghton and Samyutha Puppala formed our team, and they were superb. Debating at this level is an exceptionally demanding skill, requiring not only preparation and knowledge but also the ability to listen carefully, think quickly, and respond with clarity and composure under pressure.

Samyutha opened the debate for the proposition with a composed and confident speech that set the tone well, and it was particularly uplifting to listen to Ned. I remember him very clearly from earlier in his time at the School, and it was remarkable to see the articulate and thoughtful speaker he has become. Unfortunately, I had to slip away just as James was preparing to give the team's closing summary. Having already demonstrated his sharp thinking through some excellent points of information earlier in the evening, I have little doubt he performed superbly. My departure was prompted not by any lack of enthusiasm for the debate, but by the small matter of a Trust Board meeting that required my attendance elsewhere. Duty called, although I suspect the Trustees will forgive me for admitting that it was a close contest between the two engagements.

Although we did not progress to the national finals on this occasion, that should take nothing away from the quality of the debating on display, and I am very grateful to Mr Mitchell (Physics) for providing this opportunity. Ned, James and Samyutha represented the School with real intelligence, composure and conviction, and they should be extremely proud of the standard they achieved in what was a very strong field.



I must also commend Mayra Narang, who chaired and time-kept the evening with real assurance and warmth. Without the benefit of the traditional debating bell, Mayra adopted a rather more direct method of signalling time, firmly driving the heel of her shoe into the perfectly respectable floor of the Main Hall. It proved remarkably effective, although I must admit that for a brief moment I found myself slightly more concerned about the future condition of the floor than the timing of the speeches. Still, such decisiveness is perhaps exactly what one might expect from one of our Head Students.

The Creative Arts Showcase opened last night, and I am very much looking forward to attending this evening's performance. I had the opportunity to visit the accompanying Art Exhibition at lunchtime today, and it was hugely impressive. My thanks go to the many students whose work features in the exhibition, and to the Art Department for bringing it all together. The exhibition will be open again this evening as part of the showcase. I have heard excellent reports about the performances on stage, and my thanks go to the Drama Department and the students involved for all their work in preparing them. Events like this are always a reminder of the collective effort that sits behind them. I would particularly like to recognise the staff working behind the scenes, together with the volunteers from the PTFA, whose support helps ensure evenings like this run smoothly.

## A-Level English Literature Trip – 5 March 2026

- Jesire Richardson, Year 12

The Year 12 and Year 13 English Literature students went on a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's birthplace and to listen to two lectures respectively.

The Year 12s started off the day with a tour around Shakespeare's birthplace, on Henley Street in Stratford-upon-Avon. The garden was the first place we saw, though we were told later that when Shakespeare was living there it wasn't a garden, but a field, with a forest behind it, where the Shakespeare family would grow food. In fact, most of the houses in Stratford were not built yet in the 16th century. Shakespeare's home was considered a wealthy house at the time, Shakespeare's family being upper-middle class. The house was made from several smaller houses that John Shakespeare (William Shakespeare's father) had acquired over time.



The tour was followed by a very successful but also very long visit to the gift shop. There were so many options to choose from, books, clothes, postcards and more.



After the indecisiveness of the gift shop, we went to a lecture on 'The Taming of The Shrew', which is the Shakespeare play that the Year 12s are studying, immediately following the Year 13s' lecture about 'Othello'. The Year 13s then set off to visit Shakespeare's birthplace.

The lecture was led by an expert in one of the buildings, and he spoke about critical readings and context surrounding the play, along with alternative interpretations of the play by directors.

At the end of the trip, we were given an hour of free time to wander around the shops and have a look at Shakespeare's statue. We did try to get into the church to see his grave, but unfortunately there was a service going on so we could not get in. All in all it was a great trip for the English Lit students and we all had a great time!

## **U14 Boys Singles Badminton Tournament** - Ms C Bowtell, Physical Education

This event took place on Tuesday 10 March afterschool, and 24 keen boys took part ranging from Year 7 – Year 9. Badminton has gone from strength to strength in the last few years and this showed tonight in the quality and depth of talent and expertise.

The group was divided into six leagues, each containing four players. Every player competed against the others in their league, resulting in a ranking of first to fourth place. The boys then played the opponent with the same league position from a corresponding league in a knockout round.

The matches were officiated by the boys themselves, which is testament to their honesty and maturity, and went on over a period of two and a half hours of constant play.

The top three players this year playing in the final rounds were: Krithik Mohan, the no 1 seed and winner of the doubles event earlier this year, Srikar Puppala and Advith Kallepally, a new addition to the team this year. Krithik was the resounding overall winner of the event, barely dropping any points with his powerful drives and clears and deft touches at the front of court.

In the battle of the second-place rounds, the winner and potential replacement at KS4 was a very talented Year 7, Tanay Poshala. The winner of the third places was Steven Murimi and fourth place was Hriday Valluri.

I hope the girls' tournament is as exciting as this was next Tuesday evening.



## Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 16/03/2026)

YEAR 11	Monday - 16.3.26	Tuesday - 17.3.26	Wednesday - 18.3.26	Thursday - 19.3.26	Friday - 20.3.26
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes / Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy Quiet Revision Room	<b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy Drop - Ins	<b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy Drop - Ins	<b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy Drop - Ins	
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Subject Room Revision topic	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins	<b>French Foundation (Lunchtime)</b> MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Speaking - Read Aloud Task	
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b> EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins	<b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b> EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins			
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>Drama (Lunchtime)</b> Drama Studio Blood Brothers written paper revision	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M12 & PE1 - Mr Andy & Mrs Pryor Sets 4 & 5 - Graphs including transformations & minimum values			
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>French Foundation &amp; Higher (Lunchtime)</b> MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice	<b>French Foundation &amp; Higher (Lunchtime)</b> MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice	<b>French Foundation &amp; Higher (Lunchtime)</b> MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice		
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>Geography (After school)</b> G2 for EEL for Thopia & G4 for RAE for DRC An LIDC: Dynamic Development: DRC	<b>History (After school)</b> H1 - Dr Barmby Causes of Germany's surrender		<b>English (After School)</b> E1/E2 - THB & ALB Writing - SPAG choices for effect	
Subject Room Revision topic	<b>DE (After school)</b> DE 1- Mr Delport Coursework project Reserved Places	<b>DE (After school)</b> DE2 - Mr Delport NEA Catch-Up Sessions		<b>PE (After school)</b> PE1 - Mr Ray/Mr Bowers Aerobic/anaerobic exercise & the immediate short & long term effects	
Subject Room Revision topic		<b>French Higher (After school)</b> MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Speaking - Read Aloud Task & Role Play Tasks			
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Subject Room Revision topic		<b>Chemistry (After school)</b> Lab S2 - Mr Khumalo Organic Chemistry		<b>Music (After school)</b> MU1 - Mr Tomlinson NEA Catch up sessions	
Subject Room Revision topic		<b>Spanish (After school)</b> <b>Foundation MFL1</b> Picture description (speaking)			
Subject Room Revision topic		<b>Spanish (After school)</b> <b>Higher MFL2</b> Picture description (speaking)			

### Regional Badminton Finals

- Aarikah Arunkumar, Year 9

Recently, our U14 Badminton team took part in the regional badminton tournament in Nottingham, where we played against 4 schools.

When the first match began, we were already off to a strong start, winning match after match and putting our opponents under pressure early in the games. Thorough the match, we showed great technique, teamwork and effort on the court, it was the best I had ever seen us play as a team.



There were some very close games against Littleover and Abbey field but in the end, we managed to win and make it to our last game against English martyrs who were our hardest competition. From the very beginning of that match, we knew it was going to be hard, but every player gave their best and stayed positive. By the powerful smashes and the excellent communication and teamwork shown by Maddy, Abi and Rishita in the double's games, we pulled through to our final match where the score was 2-2. Though we did win the final match, it was down to the points, meaning we did lose in the tournament. However, we placed 2nd overall, and I am so happy and proud of our accomplishment.

Even though we didn't win, the tournament was a fantastic opportunity, and we are so grateful for the experience. I am sure that we will come back stronger next year!

Even the Tournament Organisers were rooting for the team to win as no Lincolnshire side had ever won at this level before and it was mentioned that we were the better overall team as we had a great range of skillful players, rather than one or two national ranked players.



### **Celebrating Individual Success**

- **Gabriella Clarke, Year 13**

Congratulations to Gabriella Clarke who played in her second U18 England PDG game last Sunday, playing against 2 other area development groups.

Gabby will play her last game for PDG in April which will end her 10 months within the program that's designed to help talented female rugby players play at higher levels.

## Year 10 Volleyball Tournament

- Mr C Ray, Director of PE & Sport

On Thursday 12th March, two Year 10 GCSE PE volleyball teams travelled to St George's Academy Ruskington for an Inter School volleyball competition.

It was their first experience of such an event and proved to be a huge success, not just in terms of the results but also performances and general atmosphere generated by all five schools in attendance.

The quality of the volleyball steadily improved through the five games and at its conclusion, both the A and B teams were playing some very good '3-touch' volleyball. The A-Team, consisting of Harry Armstrong, Corey Bosworth, Elliott Edwards, Saihaan Damani, Ted Mylchreest and Eli Saralis, comfortably beat two teams and engaged in some fantastic rallies with the stronger teams from St George's Academy, Sleaford, and Priory Ruskin School.

The B team, lead by Rohan Lesiw and ably assisted by Johnny Hullock, Dylan Ware, Henry Hayes and Keiran Selby, also won all four games and again improved their '3-touch' touch volleyball throughout the tournament.

Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the experience and regularly attended the GCSE PE volleyball club on Wednesday lunchtime.

A girl's tournament is also planned in the very near future following a similar format, with the girl's only club available also for Years 9, 10 and 11 on Thursday lunchtimes. This well attended club has nearly 30 students in attendance each week.



## BBL Champion of the Week

- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

Congratulations to Dasha, our BBL Champion of the Week!


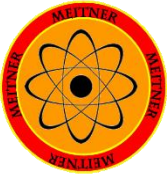


Nominated by her English teachers Miss Mears and Ms Jones, Dasha has been recognised for her outstanding independent learning and exceptional commitment to homework. She consistently produces work of an incredibly high standard, with impressive detail and thoughtful responses each week. Her positive attitude towards her English homework sets a fantastic example for her peers.

Dasha's dedication to learning, both in and out of the classroom, is truly commendable.

Keep up the amazing work, Dasha!



## House Totals

			
<b>8320</b>	<b>9291</b>	<b>7391</b>	<b>8218</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 4 up to 12/03/2026.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Miles Cranston	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Dami Sanwo	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Jessie Walton	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Jessica Warrener	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Elwood Williams	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Elwood Williams	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Basem Awadallah	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Eve Morgan	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Maija Ozola	8	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Martha Saralis	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Oscar Tilly	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Rebecca Zheng	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Fatima Abbas	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Samarth Aladakatti	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral

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Emily Barwell	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Robin Daniels	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Madeleine Hobson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Harriet Hudson	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Edwards	Pastoral
Jasper Hudson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Roksana Lulczynska	9	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Zina Nwamarah	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Dennis Brierley	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Aran Camfield	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Pastoral
Hazel Delport	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Bea Gregory	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Hall	Pastoral
Finley Harrison	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Nandini Mamillapalle	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Dylan Moverley	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Freddie Neal	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Hall	Pastoral
Kasper Pryke	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Saffron Steen	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Kasia Sulwinska	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Otto Wild	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Sawyer Campion-Clarke	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Sophie Jibb	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Jack Meckin	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Jack Meckin	11	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Niketh Nambala	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Scarlett Parr	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ellen Richardson	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Kiki Timmins	11	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Diyaan Trivedi	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Alice Jones	12	Person of the Week	Mr Osborne	Pastoral
Daniel Partridge	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Single Maths
James Risebrow	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Single Maths
Ella Snart	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Jessica Burton	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Isabelle Hull	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Solomon Johnson	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Isabelle Riley	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Fletcher Wilkinson	13	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral

