

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 20 March 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

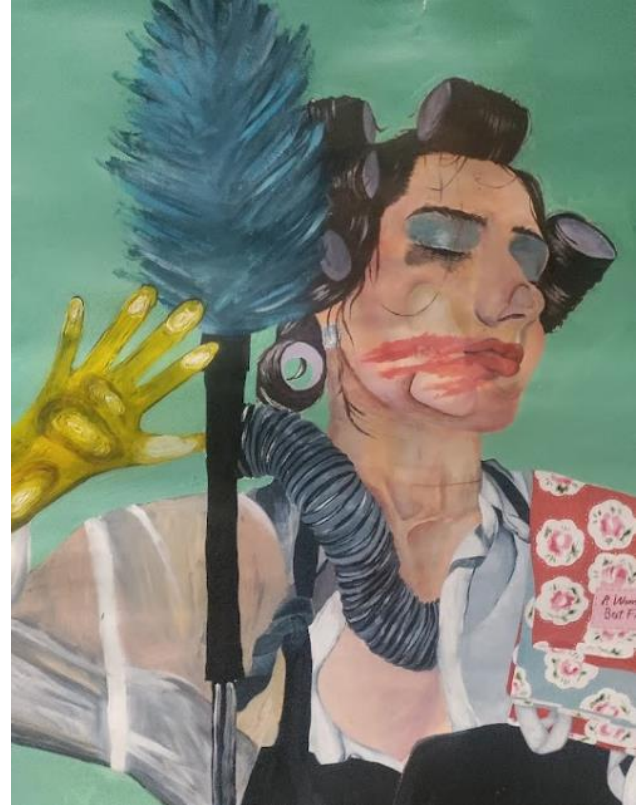
Message from Headteacher

In my previous Bulletin, I mentioned that I was looking forward to attending the Creative Arts Showcase last Friday evening, and it certainly did not disappoint.

The evening brought together an impressive range of performances, with students from different year groups showcasing their talents in a wide variety of forms. The programme ranged from Shakespearean pieces such as *Macbeth* and *Puck's soliloquy*, through to contemporary performances, musical theatre, dance and some well-judged comedy pieces.

There were particularly memorable moments in the lyrical and contemporary performances, alongside some impressive choreography and acrobatic work. The inclusion of well-known works such as *Blood Brothers*, *The Crucible* and *Chicago* added a real sense of depth and ambition. The variety ensured that there was something for everyone, and the standard throughout was consistently high. Alongside the performances, the art exhibition showcased work of a very high standard across both GCSE and A Level. Only a sample of the work can be included in this week's Bulletin, but this gives a clear sense of the quality and creativity on show. The evening proved to be a real success and a wonderful celebration of the creative talents within our school. My sincere thanks go to the Art and Drama departments, and all staff involved, for their work in bringing together such a varied and enjoyable event.

This week also saw our students take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, held at the Key Theatre in Peterborough. I have heard very positive reports about the evening, with a supportive atmosphere throughout and strong performances from those involved. Events like this provide a valuable opportunity for students to perform on a professional stage and to showcase their work to a wider audience. We now look ahead to another highlight in the creative calendar, with Musical Expressions: An Evening of Choral and Orchestral Masterworks taking place next week in the Abbey on Wednesday evening. It is an ambitious programme, very well suited to the students involved, and having heard a brief recording from rehearsals, I know it will be a fantastic evening.



Artwork by Scarlet Clifford, Year 13

Over the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit a number of local primary schools to speak with Year 5 students and their parents about the 11+ process — a familiar journey for many families, particularly the anticipation surrounding the testing process and, in time, results day.

While there were, understandably, a number of questions about the testing process itself, it was equally pleasing to hear so many questions from students about what life at Bourne Grammar School is like beyond the classroom. Those questions certainly provided no shortage of things to talk about, given the breadth of opportunities available across the school, many of which feature in these Bulletins.

It has been good to welcome more primary pupils onto our site for our latest multi-skills events. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for our Year 10 Sports Leaders, supported by the PE department, who have been excellent in the way they have worked with and encouraged younger students. It is clear how much the primary pupils look up to them, and the experience is hugely beneficial for all involved.

A selection of work from A Level students who completed their A Level Fine Art in 2025 and whose work was presented as part of the Creative Arts Showcase.



Isabella Perna – Year 13



Elsbeth Dunk – Year 13



Maddy Partridge – Year 13



Olivia Richardson – Year 13

English Schools Cross Country Championships - Mrs K McAuley, PE

On Saturday 14 March we had 5 students compete in the English Schools Cross Country Championships. This year the event took place at Sefton Park in Liverpool. The students have worked hard to reach this national level of competition having qualified through either the Anglian or County championships earlier in the cross-country calendar.

We were lucky to have brilliant weather with very little wind and the sun out all day.

Leah Graham was our first runner out in the Inter Girls competition. It is brilliant to see Leah back running so strongly after some time out with injury, she has only been back competing since January. She finished 161st out of nearly 350 runners.

Sam Griffin, who has made substantial progress with his running over this academic year ran next in the Junior Boys competition, qualifying as a year 8 in his y8/9 age group. He finished 94th out of 351 athletes.

Next up was Sophie Alliston in the Junior Girls race. The Lincolnshire girls ran well and finished in very quick succession with Sophie finishing an impressive 63rd in a strong field of 349 athletes.

Our last two runners both completed in the senior boys competition, a brilliant achievement to year 12 student Toby Staines. Year 13 student Theo Saralis also ran in this race to bring his school cross country career to an end with a great run, he finished as first Lincolnshire runner home, completing the muddy 6km course in an incredible 21mins 21seconds in 134th (a split time of 3:33min/km).



It is unfortunate that year 13 student, Yvette Annis, was unable to run despite qualifying, due to injury. She has been a brilliant runner through her time at BGS.

The last race in our cross-country calendar is on Wednesday 18 March at Hampton College for the team relays.

Well done to all our runners and a huge thank you to the parents for providing transport and support throughout the day and over this cross-country season.

A final thank you to CJ Latimer for his commitment to running club over the academic year which takes place on Monday and Wednesday after school. This is open to all students and it would be great to see some new faces in attendance in preparation for athletics season.

POSH Academy Update – Luca Christoudias (11H)

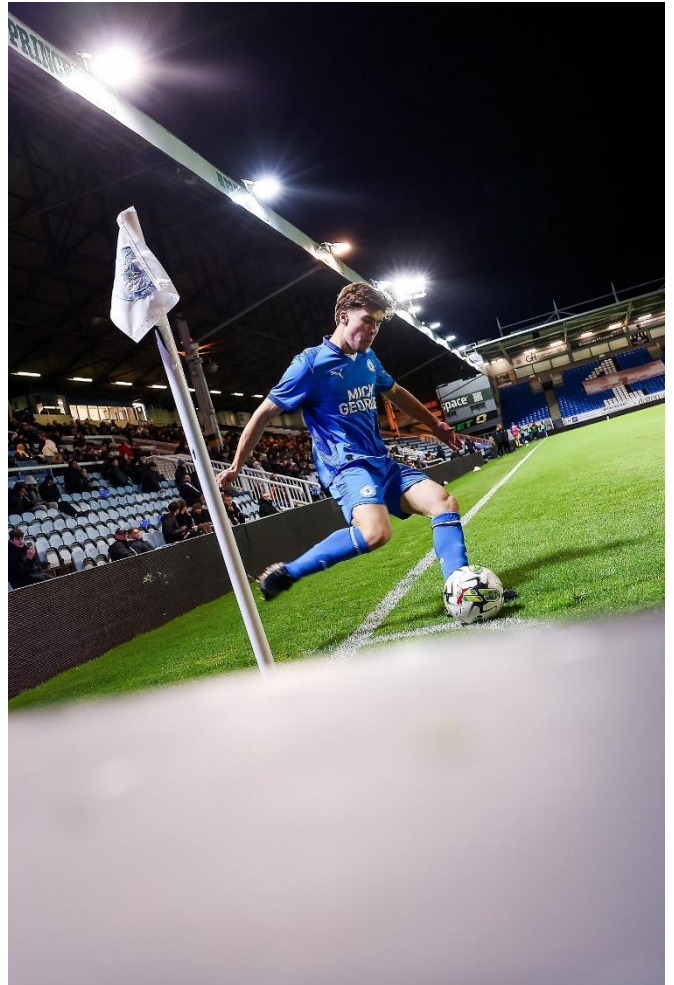
Luca has had a fantastic year at the POSH Academy. He has continued his upward trajectory, making positive progress both on and off the pitch. Although he secured a scholarship offer in his U14 year, this has only strengthened his determination to keep improving and challenging himself.

This year, Luca has been an integral member of the U18 group. He has been consistently involved in fixtures and has become an ever-present part of the team. Alongside this, he has trained regularly with the U18 group, which has further accelerated his development. Luca has enjoyed considerable success on the pitch - winning games, scoring goals and delivering some excellent individual performances - all while playing up an age group.

There have also been some unforgettable experiences for Luca this year. Victories in the 1st and 2nd Rounds of the Youth Cup secured a memorable 3rd Round tie against Manchester United at Old Trafford, an occasion that will undoubtedly live long in his memory. In addition, Luca has featured in the U18 Premier League Cup campaign, competing against clubs such as Arsenal, Stoke and Norwich, and again producing strong performances.

What is most impressive about Luca is that he has achieved all of this while maintaining his academic progress, performance and commitment at school. He continues to work hard, stay focused and dedicate the time required to succeed in his GCSEs at Bourne Grammar School. Balancing a demanding football schedule in a high-performance academy environment with academic expectations is far from easy, yet Luca has shown it can be done. We are confident that his efforts will be reflected in his results at the end of Year 11.

We are all incredibly proud of Luca - of his progress, his achievements and the way he carries himself - and we look forward to seeing him continue to thrive in the future.



DeAston County 7s Competition, Louth RFC

- Mrs K McAuley, PE

On Tuesday 17 March 11 students from Year 8 attended the DeAston County 7s Competition hosted at Louth RFC.

The students were drawn into a tough pool including DeAston, the host school for the event, Louth Academy and Caistor Yarborough.

The boys found their 7s rhythm a little too late in the game against DeAston, losing narrowly. The next game against Caistor saw a very strong performance by us with many tries scored and a very convincing win.

Last up in the morning games we played Louth Academy. They were a very physical team and started strongly, and although we had a brilliant second half we didn't manage to catch up, therefore finishing third in our pool.

For the afternoon games we went into the Plate competition. First up we played Carres who we had played previously in the season in a 13 a side game just after Christmas. Carres moved the ball well and despite some huge tackles coming in from Josh Postlewaite, Jack Watson and Jasper Purdy and some great tries scored by Vincent Bradley and Sammy Hullock (amongst others), we were not able to get ahead.

Our final game saw our best performance of the day against Priory LSST. Not only did the boys get a big win, they played some lovely rugby, Oscar and Barney particularly moved the ball well to give Finley, Greg and Harvey and putting in a strong defensive performance to end a busy day of rugby.

Well done to Gethin Baker, Greg Blanthorne, Vincent Bradley, Finley Canavan, Sammy Hullock, Oscar Newman, Jasper Purdy, Barney Rogers, Jack Watson and Harvey Weston.

This tournament marks the conclusion of our KS3 rugby season for this academic year. Well done to all players who have represented the school at this event and across the rugby season for Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9.



Fenland League - Relays

- Mr C Ray, Director of PE & Sport

Wednesday afternoon, saw the final cross-country event of the season take place at Hampton College, Peterborough.

The relay event is an enjoyable conclusion, needing teams of 4 to complete the 1.2 km loop prior to handing over to the second, third, and final runner in the team.

In the Junior Girls event, the school had four teams participating, with the A team finishing in a very credible second place overall. The boys' teams also ran particularly well, also finishing as runners up.

In the Inter Boys race, super performances from all four runners saw the team ultimately finish as winners, with Cayden MacKay finishing some 200 m ahead of second placed Stamford School. Other members of the team were Freddie Neal, Zac Browne and Eli Saralis.

The Girls also had an outstanding team with Sophie Alliston finishing more than 300 m ahead of the second placed school. She was ably supported by Sophia Christoudias who led the team out, Martha Shackel, and Madeleine Hobson as the third member of the Quartet.

These two trophies were added to the domination of the Fenland League races over the past seven months where the School claimed all four league titles.



Apart from individual performances across all age groups, credit must particularly go to the Inter Girls team, holding seven of the top 10 individual positions.

The Inter Boys also dominated, holding onto five of the top 10 individual places, whilst the Junior Boys who show real potential, had six individuals placed in the top 10 overall.

The season has been an outstanding one once again for cross-country, winning 13 of the 16 trophies available during the course of the season.

Many thanks must go to CJ Lattimer for his continued dedication during the year leading the running club. Thanks also to Miles Garrido (Year 12) who has stepped in superbly when needed to assist.

Athletics club will start in the first week back after Easter and we look forward to a broad range of students attending the club to see if we can retain our annual involvement at national level in the sport. There will again be the opportunity for students to progress and represent both the School and Lincolnshire as individuals.

Well done to all those who are participated during the past seven months of cross country.



Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 23/03/2026)

YEAR 11	Monday - 23.3.26	Tuesday - 24.3.26	Wednesday - 25.3.26	Thursday - 26.3.26	Friday - 27.3.26
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
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Subject Room Revision 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 Speaking - Role Play Task	
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 Blood Brothers written paper revision	Maths (Lunchtime) M12 & PE1 - Mr Andy & Mrs Pryor Sets 4 & 5 Revision			
Subject Room Revision topic	French Foundation & Higher (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice		French Foundation & Higher (Lunchtime) MFL3 - Mrs Cowell Individual Speaking Practice		
Subject Room Revision topic	Geography (After school) G2/G3 - EEL/REG Cambridge Fieldwork	Chemistry (After school) Lab S2 - Mr Khumalo Bonding and Structure	History (After school) H1 - Dr Barmby Edward I - Church and Education	English (After School) E1/E2 - JK & THB Unseen Poetry	
Subject Room Revision topic		DE (After school) DE2 - Mr Delport Coursework Project Reserved Places Only		PE (After school) PE1 - Mr Chamberlain Commercialisation	
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	
Subject Room Revision topic		Spanish (After school) Foundation MFL1 Speaking Drop in		Music (After school) MU1 - Mr Tomlinson NEA Catch up sessions	
Subject Room Revision topic		Spanish (After school) Higher MFL2 Speaking Drop in			

Design Engineering PIC Licence

- Messrs Delport, Dougall & Somerville

This term in Design Engineering, Year 9 students have been making their digital thermometer projects. They have learnt why home heating control is important, how to design circuits and PCBs, program their microcontrollers, customise their own programs using an analogue input (thermistor), solder LEDs on flying leads and control a servo motor using pulse width modulation.

The housings were precut and the students had to glued them together in the correct order to hold the servo, then they had to fit their self soldered PCBs and finally fit the servo arm to point the right way, hopefully! The photo shows some of their hard work.



Well done Year 9!

Year 7 Netball Tournament - Champions

- **Ms A Smith, PE & Head of House**

Our Year 7 netball team delivered an outstanding performance at the Year 7 Netball Tournament, finishing the day as deserved champions. From the very first match, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and a positive attitude that set them apart throughout the competition.

The girls showed impressive skill and composure in every game, consistently applying what they have been working on in training. Their movement of the ball, sharp passing, and strong defensive pressure made them a difficult team to break down. As the tournament progressed, their confidence grew, and they began to play with real flair and resilience.

The final match was a fantastic display of everything the team has worked towards this season. With great focus and determination, they secured the win and were crowned champions – a brilliant achievement in their first year of school netball.

Most importantly (and if you ask the team, possibly the only thing that mattered!), the girls had their eyes firmly on the medals from the moment they arrived. Safe to say, their determination paid off – and they proudly went home as champions with medals around their necks!



University Challenge House Event

- **Ms A Smith, PE & Head of House**

The recent University Challenge House Event was a fantastic success, showcasing the knowledge, teamwork, and competitive spirit of students and staff across all year groups. The event brought together participants from different houses to compete in a series of challenging and engaging quiz rounds, testing their general knowledge, quick thinking, and collaboration.

All teams demonstrated great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the competition, with some incredibly close rounds and impressive displays of subject knowledge. It was particularly pleasing to see students working so well together, supporting one another and contributing confidently to their teams.

A huge congratulations goes to our winning teams:

Year 7 Winners (Meitner)

Ahaana Kharpate, Rosalie King, Frances Hennessy, and Connie Robertson (7F)

Year 8/9 Winners (Meitner)

Eason Capper, Sam Griffin, Ben Cham, and Krithik Mohan

Year 10/11 Winners (Behn)

Edward Ciopec, Toby Garrido, Riley Haw, and Ollie Desborough

Staff Winners

Mrs Williamson, Ms Jasinska, Mr Sutherland, and Mrs Elliott

Each of these teams demonstrated excellent teamwork, strong knowledge across a range of topics, and the ability to perform under pressure.

The event was a great celebration of academic excellence and house spirit, and it was wonderful to see such high levels of participation and engagement from everyone involved. Well done to all who took part, and a special congratulations once again to our winners.

BBL Champion of the Week
- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

BBL Champion – Hriday Valluri (7H)

Every week, Mr Tighe prepares a slide for the Student Notices called: *Thoughts for the Week*. It forms part of the school’s spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development programme. Each week has a focus related to a special event that week, usually a religious festival or an international day.





Students have the opportunity to contribute to this simply by e-mailing Mr Tighe. Last week Hriday proactively decided to do exactly that. As a result, Hriday's ideas became last week's edition of *Thoughts for the Week*. His chosen focus was Eid-ul-Fitr and fasting given that the month of Ramadan ends this month, which links very well with our focus on Lent a few weeks ago.

Any student who would like to have a whole school impact in this way should e-mail Mr Tighe.

Well done Hriday!



House Totals

			
11617	11895	10642	11211

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
 It includes points from all students in each house for Term 4 up to 19/03/2026.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Miles Cranston	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Harry Davies	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Reuben Dykes	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Charlotte Evans	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Elliot Lister	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Felix McIlhagga	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Dami Sanwo	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Elwood Williams	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Oliver Abbott	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Hannah Duggins	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Elliar Fisher	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Elliar Fisher	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Science
Ethan Hudson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Jess Mabbutt	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Tirth Patel	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Raffaele Santaniello	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Eliza Stubbs	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Kriti Subudhi	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Iris Thomas	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Andrés Valdez	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Emily Wright	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Finley Bate	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Evelyn Bostock	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Erika Bryson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Robin Daniels	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Kaleb Ellis	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs McAuley	PE
Daniel France	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Bethany Gledhill	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Harriet Hudson	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Roksana Lulczynska	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Zina Nwamarah	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Ali Ravji	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Roha Sheikh	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Lennon Smith	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Jasmine Wilkinson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Andrejs Zinkevics	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Josie Bonvini	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Nathan Cheale	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Ejiro Eta	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Christopher Louzolo	10	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Nicole Mancheva	10	Person of the Week	Mr Motley	Pastoral
Jeremy Okagbare	10	Person of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Pastoral
Izzy Palmer	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Ritheesh Sabeshan	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Ruby Taylor-Dobson	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Josephine Thurston	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Jack Townsend	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jones	English
Casper Yu	10	Person of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Pastoral
Brooke Olivares-Alvarez	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	Pastoral
Archie Andrew	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Evalina Cotton	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Henry Hill	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Chloe Seaton	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Charlotte Sidebotham	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Jack Wiles	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Millie Doud	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Abbie Dudley	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Simona Gorochova	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology

Term 4, Week 3 – Year 9 Weekly Winners

- Ms A Smith

We are delighted to recognise our **Year 9 Weekly Winners for Week 3 of Term 4**, based on the conduct points achieved across the week. It has been great to see students continuing to demonstrate positive attitudes and a strong commitment to their learning as the term progresses, with some familiar names appearing once again.

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

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	3	Amberley Keith- 9G	44
2	3	Jorgie Binns – 9E	36
3	3	Samarth Aladakatti – 9H	29
4	3	Riya Trivedi – 9F	33
5	3	Natalia Swatowska – 9A	23
6	3	Madeleine Hobson – 9D	23
7	3	Alfie Barton – 9A	25
8	3	Ashmit Arun – 9B	15
9	3	Estella Ray – 9E, Theo Mitchell – 9C	18
10	3	Alexander Klatka – 9E	28
11	3	Berri Bairsto – 9G, Zac Moore – 9B	18
12	3	Freddie Knapp – 9B	19

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS
MUSICAL EXPRESSIONS
AN EVENING OF CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL MASTERWORKS

FEATURING
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WEDNESDAY
25TH MARCH
2026 AT 7PM

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Musical Expressions: An Evening of Choral and Orchestral Masterworks – Mr M Tomlinson, Director of Music

The last few tickets remain for our forthcoming concert, ***Musical Expressions: An Evening of Choral and Orchestral Masterworks*** taking place at Bourne Abbey.

The programme will feature a range of choral and orchestral works, including Mozart's *Oboe Concerto* (First Movement), Krommer's *Clarinet Concerto* (Second Movement), Whitacre's *Seal Lullaby* and Biebl's *Ave Maria*. The centrepiece of the evening will be Kim André Arnesen's *Stabat Mater*, a powerful and moving work that brings together orchestra, choir and organ in a memorable finale.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-vxvzvdr>