

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 24 April 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

I hope that the Easter break was an enjoyable one for all. It was certainly a welcome opportunity to pause and enjoy a change of pace, along with a bit of spring sunshine along the way.

Over the holiday, it was great to hear about our Duke of Edinburgh's Award students completing their Gold and Silver practice expeditions. It's always impressive to find out about the resilience, teamwork and good humour that students bring to these activities, particularly as they are undoubtedly challenging experiences.

Thank you as ever to the staff who support these expeditions, but also to the large number of volunteers who give their time to make our Duke of Edinburgh provision possible. It simply would not run in the way it does without them, and we are very fortunate as a school community to be able to offer this to so many of our students.

Special thanks go to Becca Brett, whose leadership and dedication are central to the strength and success of our DofE provision.



With the new term now underway, we have already moved into the exam season, and I want to say a particular well done to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students, who have approached their internal assessments with maturity and focus. These early experiences of exams are important, and it is pleasing to see how well students are managing them.

Alongside this, our GCSE and A Level cohorts have begun key elements of their formal assessments across a range of subjects. These can be demanding, high-pressure experiences, and I have been very impressed with the way students have conducted themselves. Thank you also to staff for the careful preparation and support that sits behind these outcomes.

Over the past month, I have very much enjoyed visiting a number of our local primary schools to speak with pupils and parents about the 11+ process. For many families, this can feel like a daunting stage, and a key aim of these visits is to provide reassurance, clarity and a sense of perspective. It is always a pleasure to be welcomed into our partner schools and to begin building those early connections.

## National Table Tennis Championship Success

- Mr S Chamberlain, Head of Year 7

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Year 7 student **Jayden Chen** (7D), who competed at the National Table Tennis Championships on 17–18 April in both the U12 and U13 categories.

Jayden delivered an exceptional performance, being crowned **U12 National Champion in Singles and U12 National Champion in Doubles**, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects both his skill and dedication.

Competing above his age group in the U13 category, Jayden continued to impress, finishing as Runner-Up in Singles after an incredibly close final (2-3, 9-11 in the fifth set) against one of the top-ranked U13 players in the world. In addition, he secured Runner-Up in Doubles, completing an extraordinary weekend of competition.

This is a truly exceptional set of results, demonstrating not only talent but also resilience and determination at the highest level of junior sport. We are extremely proud of Jayden and look forward to following his continued success.



## DofE Silver Practice Expedition

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 April – Rutland Area

- Mrs R Brett



Seven teams of Silver DofE participants set off from Kings Cliffe on the Friday, all excited to get going. They successfully navigated their way across the Rutland countryside to Shacklewell Scout camp to make camp for the night and try out their cooking skills. A variety of pasta dishes were by far the most popular choice but some had prepared a tasty chilli and curry the night before, a welcome comfort after a long day walking.

Day 2 saw each team walk with a Supervisor to Wing in order to 'polish' their navigation and map reading skills, thereby ensuring they are well prepared for the Peak District expedition.

The final day tested most with a few hills en route, (especially after a cold a windy night) but the lure of a comfy bed and good home cooked food that evening kept them going.

The teams showed great tenacity and determination in completing the weekend. Many had sore feet and learned the lessons of packing correctly and using properly fitting kit – this is what the Practice is for!

Well done Silver, the DofE team wish you the very best with your exams and look forward to supporting you on your Qualifying expedition in late June.

### **DofE Gold Practice Expedition Friday 3 – Tuesday 7 April – Yorkshire Dales - Mrs R Brett**

Twenty eager DofE Gold Award participants journeyed to Ingleton in the Yorkshire Dales to embark upon their Gold Practice Expedition during the first week of the Easter break. With Storm Dave waiting to sweep across the country, it was set to be a challenging experience. Undeterred the students were correctly equipped and supported by the DofE supervision team to begin their 4-day hike and 3-night camp expedition.

After a team briefing (nicely wrapped up with a fish & chip dinner!) all teams were ready to get going the following morning. Weather was the main topic of conversation and teams were prepared to make necessary changes to planned routes if necessary.

Battling strong winds and lashing rain the students made the most of the sunny intervals, visiting stunning landmarks and enjoying the scenery. Sadly, planned climbs of the 3 Peaks were not possible due to high winds, however, the students showed great resilience and spirit, working well to support each other, rerouting sensibly and making the most of the changes.

All students impressed the support team and must be commended on their ability to change plans at short notice, support each other in extreme situations and lift spirits, thereby ensuring all had an enjoyable experience.

All participants successfully completed the Practice are now looking forward to the Qualifying expedition in July. Well done teams!





## House Netball Bulletin Report – Ms A Smith, PE/Head of House

In the final week before the Easter holidays, students took part in an exciting and competitive House Netball event. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout, with great participation across all year groups and a strong display of teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship.

The **Year 7** teams set the tone with enthusiastic and energetic performances. For many, this was their first experience of house competition, and they embraced the opportunity brilliantly, growing in confidence with each match. The **Year 8** fixtures showed a clear progression in skill and understanding. Matches were closely contested, with players demonstrating strong communication and improved tactical awareness, making for some excellent netball. The **Year 9 and 10 combined** teams brought a high level of intensity and competitiveness. These games were fast-paced and engaging, with impressive shooting accuracy and determined defending throughout. The event concluded with the much-anticipated **Year 11 & Sixth Form vs Staff** match. This was a highlight of the week, full of energy, laughter and a great sense of community.

Overall, the House Netball event was a fantastic way to round off the term. Congratulations to all students who took part.

### Final House Results:

- 1st – Meitner
- 2nd – Tinbergen
- 3rd – Behn
- 4th – Rorschach

Well done to Meitner on their overall victory, and to all houses for their effort and team spirit throughout the competition.



## **BBL Champions of the Week**

**- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)**

This week's BBL Champion is **Elliar Fisher (8F)** who has been nominated by Mr Perez. Elliar has demonstrated exceptional curiosity and initiative in her recent science learning. Completely independently, she produced a set of highly detailed research notes exploring genetics, focusing on the range of syndromes that can arise from different combinations of X and Y chromosomes beyond the typical XX and XY patterns. Her work showed impressive depth of understanding, covering complex concepts that extended well beyond what was taught in class. Notably, several of the genetic combinations she researched introduced new knowledge even to her science teacher!

In addition to the high quality of her research, Elliar's notes were presented clearly and thoughtfully, reflecting both strong academic ability and pride in her work.

This is a fantastic example of independent learning, intellectual curiosity, and academic excellence.

Well done, Elliar!



## **Year 12 Progress Review Meetings (PRM): Thursday 14 May 2026**

**- Mrs R Hall**

Our PRM evenings are an opportunity to have a virtual meeting with subject teachers to discuss your child's progress using our online *SchoolCloud* platform.





Year 12 parents can book multiple 6-minute appointments on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *SchoolCloud* booking system will go live **Tuesday 5 May at 20:00** and remain open until **Monday 11 May 2026 at 23:55**.

Guidance on how to book appointments and carry out video calls was sent out earlier.

If you have any queries about online booking or the PRM process, please email Mrs Hall via [prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) for assistance.

## House Totals

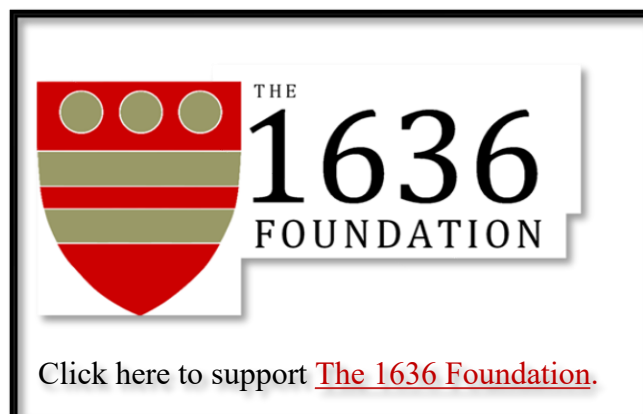
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| <b>2423</b>   | <b>2285</b>   | <b>2405</b>  | <b>2512</b>   |

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 5 up to 23/04/2026.***

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Year</b> | <b>Type</b>         | <b>Staff</b>   | <b>Subject</b>     |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Jessica Bedford     | 7           | Person of the Week  | Miss Hodge     | Pastoral           |
| Chloe Berners       | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters   | Spanish            |
| Arthur Cade-Stewart | 7           | Learner of the Week | Ms Ordonez     | Spanish            |
| Connie Robertson    | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mr Moore       | Art                |
| Aeon Turner         | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mr Moore       | Art                |
| Daisy Donovan       | 8           | Person of the Week  | Miss Roberts   | Pastoral           |
| Aarikha Arunkumar   | 9           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Williamson | English            |
| Bethany Gledhill    | 9           | Learner of the Week | Miss Hodge     | History            |
| Imaan Adil Zaka     | 9           | Person of the Week  | Ms Ordonez     | Pastoral           |
| Andrejs Zinkevics   | 9           | Learner of the Week | Miss Hodge     | History            |
| Zinedine Ali        | 10          | Learner of the Week | Dr Barmby      | History            |
| Ewan Atkins         | 10          | Learner of the Week | Mr Bainbridge  | History            |
| Lucy Byrne          | 10          | Learner of the Week | Mrs Lattimer   | Mathematics        |
| James Pitchford     | 10          | Learner of the Week | Mr Bainbridge  | History            |
| Aakhash Ranjith     | 10          | Learner of the Week | Mr Fleckney    | Physics            |
| Saffron Steen       | 10          | Learner of the Week | Mrs Lattimer   | Mathematics        |
| Michael Sarfo       | 11          | Learner of the Week | Mrs Bolitho    | English            |
| Karina Ying Yu Lok  | 12          | Learner of the Week | Mr Khumalo     | Chemistry          |
| Isabel Palmer       | 12          | Learner of the Week | Ms Kemp        | English Literature |
| Riley Peacock-Smith | 12          | Learner of the Week | Dr Hobbiss     | Psychology         |
| Amelia Reilly       | 12          | Person of the Week  | Ms Nicholls    | Pastoral           |
| Khushi Upreti       | 12          | Learner of the Week | Miss McAleese  | Psychology         |
| Rebekah Arnold      | 13          | Learner of the Week | Miss McAleese  | Psychology         |
| Simona Gorochova    | 13          | Learner of the Week | Dr Hobbiss     | Psychology         |
| Lily Handley        | 13          | Learner of the Week | Miss Sanders   | Sociology          |

## Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 27/04/2026)

| YEAR 11                                  | Monday - 27.4.26  | Tuesday - 28.4.26   | Wednesday - 29.4.26   | Thursday - 30.4.26   | Friday - 1.5.26  |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>Normal Maths Classes<br>Mr Calver M6<br>Drop-ins: Sets 1-3          | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>Normal Maths Classes<br>Mr Calver M6<br>Drop-ins: Sets 1-3      | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>Normal Maths Classes<br>Mr Calver M6<br>Drop-ins: Sets 1-3  | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>Normal Maths Classes<br>Mr Calver M6<br>Drop-ins: Sets 1-3 | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>Normal Maths Classes<br>Mr Calver M6<br>Drop-ins: Sets 1-3 |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy<br>Quiet Revision Room | <b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy<br>Drop - Ins      | <b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy<br>Drop - Ins  | <b>Statistics/ Further Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>M8 - Dr Pritchard-Murphy<br>Drop - Ins |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Art (Lunchtime)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling<br>Exam Unit: Found                               | <b>Art (Lunchtime)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling<br>Exam Unit: Found                           | <b>Art (Lunchtime)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling<br>Exam Unit: Found                       | <b>Art (Lunchtime)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling<br>Exam Unit: Found                      | <b>Art (Lunchtime)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling<br>Exam Unit: Found                      |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b><br>CS2 - Mr Osborne<br>Drop-ins                             | <b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b><br>CS2 - Mr Osborne<br>Drop-ins                         | <b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b><br>CS2 - Mr Osborne<br>Drop-ins                     |  |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b><br>EP 3 - Mr Tighe<br>Drop ins   | <b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b><br>EP 3 - Mr Tighe<br>Drop ins                                       |   |  |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Drama (Lunchtime)</b><br>Drama Studio<br>Drop-in   | <b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b><br>M12 & PE1 - Mr Andy & Mrs Pryor<br>Sets 4 & 5 - Q&A Revision    |   |  |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic | <b>Geography (After school)</b><br>G4/G1 -RAE/GP<br>Paper 3                                     | <b>Chemistry (After school)</b><br>Lab S2 - Mr Khumalo<br>exam practise on 6 mark questions | <b>History (After school)</b><br>H1 - Dr Barmby<br>Edward I-Robert Burnell & Government | <b>Music (After school)</b><br>MU1 - Mr Tomlinson<br>NEA Catch up sessions             |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic |   | <b>DE (After school)</b><br>DE2 - Mr Delpont<br>NEA Catch-Up Sessions                       |   |  |  |
| <b>Subject</b><br>Room<br>Revision topic |   | <b>Art (After school)</b><br>Art 2 - Mrs Welling & Ms Jacometti<br>Exam unit: Found         |   |  |  |



# SPORTS CLUBS

| TERM 5<br>DAY | Lunchtime<br>(12:45pm-1.15pm)               | After School<br>(4.45pm/5pm finish)                           |
|---------------|---|---|
| MON           | PE Staff Meeting                            | Yr. 7 & 8 Girls Tennis (CPB)<br>All Years Running Club (CJL)  |
| TUES          | Yr. 9 & 10 Cricket (SC)<br>Nets/Astro       | All Years Athletics (PE Staff)<br>All Years Boys Tennis (KJM) |
| WED           | Yr. 7 & 8 Cricket (ACG/SC)<br>Nets/Astro    | All Years Social Tennis (GP)<br>All Years Running Club (CJL)  |
| THURS         | All Years Girls Cricket (ACG)<br>Nets/Astro | Yr. 9 & 10 Girls Tennis (CPB)                                 |
| FRI           |   |   |

Unless otherwise stated Athletics is on the field, Tennis is on the Courts, Cricket is on the astro and/or the nets.

Clubs will take place weekly.

Should there be the need to cancel any club as much notice will be given as possible.

If you have any questions please contact the member of staff leading the club.

PE Dept. meetings will affect clubs occasionally.