

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 5 June 2026

From Mark Bruncker, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break and managed to make the most of the sunshine. I certainly enjoyed the change of pace, but I often find that what I miss most when we are away from School is the teaching: the day-to-day contact with students, the conversations, and those small moments when you see something start to click. It has been good to be back in that rhythm this week, teaching athletics, and one shot put lesson in particular sticks in my mind.

As is often the case, the most enjoyable part was not really the activity itself, but watching the students interact. They were quick to offer advice, encourage each other and notice when someone had improved. It was all very natural and unforced, which probably made it all the more pleasing.

There are plenty of rewarding parts to being Headteacher, but teaching is still hard to beat. It is the reason I came into the profession in the first place: seeing students learn, try again, work something out and grow in confidence. That can happen in any subject and in all sorts of different ways, but it never really loses its appeal.

I have also enjoyed observing a few more lessons this week. What stood out was not just that students were engaged, but that they were being made to think. I saw students solving problems, refining ideas, explaining their reasoning and showing determination when things were not immediately straightforward. Those moments are often less visible than the big events and headline achievements, but they matter just as much.

There has also been no slow return to the calendar after half term. The first of our Year 8 Spanish trips has taken place this week, following the Copenhagen and London theatre trips before the break. Our Year 10 geographers have also been to Hunstanton for their fieldwork, with five separate visits taking place across this week and next to accommodate the numbers involved.



Ava and Darcie Stewart

These trips take a great deal of organisation, and I am grateful to the staff who give their time to make them happen. They also ask a lot of students: being organised, listening carefully, asking good questions and making the most of time away from the classroom. From what I have seen and heard this week, they have done just that.

Finally, I was delighted to see the news over half term that Ava Stewart in Year 8 has been selected, alongside her younger sister, to represent England at the Dance World Cup in Dublin this summer. I cannot say I was especially surprised, knowing how talented Ava is, but that should not take anything away from the scale of what she has achieved. Opportunities like this do not happen by chance. They come from hours of training, commitment and resilience. We wish Ava and her sister, Darcie, every success as they prepare for the competition.

**Year 10 and 12 London Theatre Trip, 20 – 22 May 2026**  
- **Mr N Moxley, Subject Leader: Drama**

The last week of Term 5 saw the annual London Theatre trip, with 50 students and 5 staff spending three days in the capital, experiencing a wealth of theatre as both audience and participants. We stayed in Covent Garden, in the heart of London's Theatreland.

On Wednesday evening, students saw *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre, a wonderful opportunity for them to see world-class setting design, costume, masks and puppetry in this vibrant production.



On Thursday morning, we had a private, guided tour of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, which has London's largest theatre stage. The students gained valuable insight into the behind-the-scenes working life of such a high-profile theatre, visiting the dressing rooms, the haunted tunnels beneath the theatre, and learning why it is the only theatre in the world with two Royal Boxes!

On Thursday evening, we all saw the hilarious *The Play That Goes Wrong*, staged by The Mischief Theatre Company. Students were in stitches at this clever blend of farce, slapstick and wordplay, some of whom had already performed extracts from the play in the Performing Arts Showcase in March. It was a valuable example of performance that is timed to perfection, using a set designed to collapse as the play progresses. Several members of the audience commented on the excellent behaviour of our students.



Visiting the 'haunted' tunnels



The set of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, pre-show



Waiting to catch a famous actor or two....

On Friday morning, the students participated with great energy in an acting workshop on *The Play That Goes Wrong*, led by past cast members, at Pineapple Studios. As staff, we were delighted to see their confidence and enthusiasm in these workshops, with all of the students happy to take a lead and show their work to the professionals.

Students engaged fully in these activities and made the most of these exciting opportunities. They have gained valuable insight into Live Theatre, particularly in terms of theatre design on stage, to use in their GCSE and A level questions. I would like to personally thank all staff members who participated and helped make it such a memorable experience for our students; Mr Lennox, Mrs Pickup, Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Pignatiello, and Mrs Etherington for helping to organise it.



Special thanks are reserved for Mrs Pignatiello, who brilliantly organised this wonderful opportunity for our students.

## **Athletics Round Up**

- **Mr J Bowers, PE**

Athletics at BGS came in a flurry in the short 5-week term after Easter.

Over 60 students competed in the South Lincs trials in the first week back, aiming to qualify for the County Championships this week. A competitive field saw just shy of 50 of the athletes that competed qualify to represent South Lincs, a number that exceeds that of any other school locally and possibly Country wide! It wouldn't have been a South Lincs trial day without the cold wind and rain, which came early on making it difficult for the athletes competing in the morning. Their success being even more impressive.

We then moved onto the first round of the Track and Field Cup. A competition that the school have historically excelled in and competed at National level consistently over the last 16 years. A dry but cold, windy day saw BGS students up against Schools from Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, hoping to finish top of their age group to qualify for the Regional round at Derby in a fortnights time. Some athletes hampered by a strong wind, but others ably assisted, particularly in the throws and down the home straight saw exceptionally performances throughout the day against other schools, seeing 3 of the 4 teams qualifying for Derby. The Junior boys and both Intermediate teams being successful and the inexperienced Junior girls narrowly missing out.

The final event of last term was a more specialist competition. All-round athletes competed in the Lincolnshire Combined Events. Junior athletes from Year 8 and 9 competed over one afternoon and the Intermediate students in Year 10 and 11 competed over both Tuesday and Thursday across a number of events, scoring points in each to see who would come out on top across the board. The combined events really showcase the ability a number of our students have, with 16 students attending across both days and performing superbly against students from across the County. It is impressive to be able to take so many students, a number that is not matched by any other school in the County.

It would take pages to name check all students and their standout performances so far this year, but it is safe to say that Athletics and BGS this year is living up to its legacy and it is fantastic to see nearly 80 students attending training weekly and bus loads being taking to events week on week.

Thank you and well done to all students who have trained, competed and committed to putting in the hard work so far this year. Hopefully there is further success across this last term in both the School team events and individual events as students aim to get to the National Finals of the Track and Field cup, the National Track and Field Championships and the Combined Events Regional and National event.

## Tennis League Matches

- Miss C Bowtell, PE

We started our matches this term with great success, with the U13 and U15 boys winning against Boston Grammar in style.

The boys team rallied around to play some superb matches in the very best of spirits with Ronan Summers and Theon Collins fighting out a very close Doubles game whilst also bantering with their opponents between rallies.

Vladi Grigorov made his debut in style with a confident and skilful display in the doubles match, leading to a high demand from his teammates for him to be put in other future matches.

The U15 match was a display of real dominance with all singles matches going to Bourne quite easily and the doubles matches being over very quickly, breaking the hopes and dreams of the Bostonians. This carries on the winning tradition of the U15 boys who now have a streak of several years of wins.

The U13 Girls set out with a new team of players who are just starting out their Tennis careers but put on a superb display against a far more experienced side, comprising of a county player and several club players.

Proud Vichathum was the star, winning both her singles and doubles, and Charlotte Dimes winning her singles game to take the match to a 3-3 tie break event.

Sadly, KGGS' star county player had too much power for our stars of Emi Woods and Proud. However, we left wiser and proud of our display.

This term we have a series of internal singles tournaments plus the finale matches for the leagues and the Superzone event with prizes galore.



**BBL Champion of the Week – Elwood Williams (7G)**  
**- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)**

Nominated by Mr Williamson-Ward, Elwood Williams (7G) is this week’s BBL Champion for his exceptional dedication and effort in preparation for his End of Year English exams.

Through extensive independent study, including mind maps, quotation drills and vocabulary banks, Elwood has shown outstanding commitment to developing his analytical and retrieval skills.

His motivation, consideration for others and consistently high standards make him a fantastic role model

Well done, Elwood!



**Celebrating Individual Success**  
**- Milan Laughton (8A)**

Congratulations to Milan Laughton in Year 8, pictured here proudly sporting his kit, who has been retained by Boston United following a successful U13 season.

Best of luck for the coming season, Milan! We look forward to hearing more about your progress.



## **Whole School Off-Timetable Day: Friday 26 June 2026**

**Mrs R Hall, Data Support Manager**

The school will be closed for this day (except for Year 12 students sitting end-of-year exams).

### **Progress Review Meetings – Years 7, 8, 9 & 10**

I am now able to advise parents/carers that we have arranged a series of Progress Review Meetings for students in years 7, 8, 9 & 10. This includes an off-timetable day and two evenings, each of which will provide parents with an opportunity to meet virtually with Subject Teachers, to discuss their child's progress.

The schedule of these Progress Review Meetings is as follows:

PRM Whole Day (Off-timetable): **Friday 26 June 2026**

Work will be set to complete at home via satchel:one (Years 7,8,9 &10)

PRM Evening 1: **Thursday 2 July 2026**

PRM Evening 2: **Wednesday 8 July 2026**

For practical reasons there will be a limit on the number of appointments that can be made in respect of each student. Further details on how to book your appointments, etc. will follow in due course.

### **Year 10 Summer League**

**– Miss C Bradley, Head of Year 10**

#### **Week 5 Weekly Winners**

We are particularly proud of our Week 5 Weekly Winners, as this recognises those who have continued to give their very best even in the last week of term when young minds can often be very fatigued.

Well done to Olivia Webb for back-to-back victories, and to Edward Ciopec for being our most successful student so far with 3 victories.

The following students all earned over 20 House Points in a week; Archie Gilbert, Saihaan Damani, Edward Ciopec, Ted Mylchreest, Toby Garrido and Olivia Webb.

Keep up the good work!

League 1 – Saihaan Damani 10A  
League 2 – Georgia Summerfield 10B  
League 3 – Olivia Webb 10G  
League 4 – Archie Gilbert 10D  
League 5 – Jabir Mavani 10C  
League 6 – Edward Ciopec 10A  
League 7 – Hazel Delpport 10G  
League 8 – Ted Mylchreest 10E  
League 9 – Toby Garrido 10E  
League 10 – Nathan Cheale 10F  
League 11 – Avril Bloodworth 10E  
League 12 – William Towers-Fitzpatrick 10B

## Year 8 Interform Football Tournament Report

### Mr A Graves, Deputy Head of Year 8

The Year 8 Interform Football Tournament was an outstanding showcase of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship, delivering a week of lunchtimes full of excitement and drama from start to finish.

From the very first whistle, the group stage matches were fiercely competitive. Each form brought energy and determination, creating fast-paced games packed with attacking football, strong defending, and moments of real quality. Goals were hard-earned, and every point mattered, leading to a tense and thrilling group phase. Alongside the competitive spirit, players demonstrated excellent fair play, respecting opponents and decisions while playing the game in the right spirit.

With impressive performances throughout the groups, Forms **A, B, G, and H** successfully progressed to the semi-finals. By this stage, the level of intensity had risen even higher, with every team determined to secure a place in the final.

Both semi-finals proved to be incredibly tight contests. Defences held strong, chances were limited, and neither game could be settled in normal time. The pressure mounted as both matches went to the dreaded penalty shootouts. Nerves of steel were required, and after two dramatic shootouts filled with excellent saves and composed finishes, **Forms A and B** held their nerve to book their places in the final.

The final itself was a fitting conclusion to the tournament. Form A and Form B battled hard in a tense and closely fought game, with both teams showing resilience and discipline.

Despite several promising attacks, neither side could break the deadlock, and the match ended in a 0–0 stalemate. Once again, penalties would decide the outcome.







In front of loud and enthusiastic support from the sidelines - where students cheered passionately for their forms - both teams stepped up bravely. In the end, Form B emerged victorious, keeping their composure in the shootout to claim the title and complete a memorable tournament win.

A special mention must go to all players for their positive attitude, teamwork, and commitment to fair play throughout the competition. The tournament atmosphere was greatly enhanced by the excellent support from spectators, who created a lively and encouraging environment for everyone involved.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Westland for his support of Mr Graves in refereeing the matches, helping ensure the games were played fairly and ran smoothly.



## House Totals

			
<b>3207</b>	<b>4195</b>	<b>2974</b>	<b>3194</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 6 up to 04/06/2026.***

## Values Awards

### - Mr T Brooker, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)

Our Behaviour Policy makes clear that, “as learners, we aspire to be ambitious, determined and inquisitive”, whilst “as people, we aspire to be honest, resilient and kind.”

The Learner of the Week Award recognises those students who have exemplified one or more of our learning values through their approach to their studies.

The Person of the Week Award recognises those students who have exemplified one or more of our character values in their daily interactions.

All those named should be very proud of themselves, as we are proud of them.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Mahdi Abdallah	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Mikayeel Ali	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Oliver Barker	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Kiki Blakey	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Leon Dodamgoda	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Reuben Dykes	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
James Evans	7	Person of the Week	Mr Dougall	Pastoral
Tallulah Fincham	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Alfie Fleming	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Emily Greenfield	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Laura Kay	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Scarlett Lester	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Maja Maslon	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Teddy Sampson	7	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Ishan Singh	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Westland	PE
Imogen Thorpe	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Seyda Tutkan	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Elwood Williams	7	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Elwood Williams	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Isaac Donaldson	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Tilly Garland	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Rose Harrison	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Ethan Hudson	8	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Willow Hyland	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR

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Evan Heng Lam	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Aronas Macernis	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Max Nicol	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Leyla Pasby	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Sophia Stevens	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Andrés Valdez	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jack Andresen	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Jack Andresen	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Joey Dickins	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Bede Drake	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Jack Gois	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Liam McAllister	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Isaac O'Reilly	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ivy Roberts	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Holly Thornhill	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Isabella Atkinson	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Avril Bloodworth	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Brogan Dragota	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Vladimir Grigorov	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Registration
Jude Roberts	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Jack Sanderson	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Eli Saralis	10	Person of the Week	Miss Bradley	Pastoral
Keiran Selby	10	Person of the Week	Miss Bradley	Pastoral
Georgia Summerfield	10	Person of the Week	Miss Bradley	Pastoral
Georgia Summerfield	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Oliver Sweeney	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
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Edith Bateman	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Lawson Capes	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Amelia Javid	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Aurora Mitchell	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Faye Scott	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology

