

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 3 July 2026

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

If anyone was hoping for a gentle drift towards the end of term, this was not the week for it. We have had incoming Year 7 students and parents in School, Year 12 students out on work experience, careers events, reward trips, remarkable artwork and, for those following the football, another England match to test the nerves. A quiet week it was not.

Across two evenings, families of our incoming Year 7 students joined us in School, and it was lovely to speak with so many of them. The real highlight, though, was hearing from Aeon and Charlotte, two of our current Year 7 students, and Chloe and Miles, our Head Students. Between them, they offered perspectives on joining the School, settling in, growing in confidence and the journey from Year 7 through to Sixth Form.

Today, we welcomed our new Year 7 students for their transition day, giving them the chance to experience BGS properly. At drop-off this morning, I am not entirely sure who looked more nervous: the children arriving for the day, or the parents trying very hard to look completely relaxed about letting them go. That is, of course, perfectly natural. For parents, that moment can feel very big indeed.

What I particularly enjoyed was seeing some of our current students, especially in Year 8, spot familiar faces from their own primary schools. It does not seem five minutes since they were the new students arriving for the first time.

Time has a habit of doing that in schools. It can feel slow enough when you are waiting for lunch or the end of a difficult lesson, but astonishingly quick when you look back over a year, or seven. For our new Year 7 students, today was one of those first steps, and I hope they left feeling excited about what lies ahead.



2026 Art competition winners

There has also been a strong careers focus this week. The vast majority of our Year 12 students have been out on work experience, gaining valuable insight into different workplaces and beginning to connect their studies with future possibilities. Those who remained in School took part in a range of activities, including Royal Navy team-building challenges, which tested communication and problem-solving in a very practical way. We also hosted our Year 10 Post-16 Morning, helping students understand the routes available after Year 11.

There was a different kind of challenge for Year 8, who enjoyed their reward trip to the Forest Facility, Stamford. With adventurous activities and plenty to test courage, balance and stamina, it sounds as though they had a brilliant time. I imagine a number of students slept well that night. Quite possibly a few staff too.

I have also been stunned by the standard of entries in our art competition. Some of the work is quite exceptional, and I would encourage you to look at the photographs later in the Bulletin. The imagination, control and attention to detail on display are remarkable. I am not sure my own contribution would have troubled the judges, unless they were looking for something best viewed from a considerable distance.

A final reminder that Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens takes place next week, with tickets available [here](#) for the Thursday performance and [here](#) for the Friday performance. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of student talent, and tickets have been selling very quickly, so please do book soon if you are hoping to attend.

Year 10 Visit to Tate Britain

- Mrs C Welling, Subject Leader: Art

On Thursday 25 June, 40 Year 10 students visited the Tate Britain to see two major exhibitions; James McNeill Whistler and Hurvin Anderson. Both artists, differing in style, gave students the opportunity to see historical and contemporary art within different gallery settings. The chance to see works from Whistler, some curated together for the first time, didn't go unnoticed. Students were impressed by the well-known painting, Whistler's Mother, 1871 and struck by the variety of subject and ethereal technique. In contrast, Hurvin Anderson's bright and large-scale contemporary outcomes enabled students to see the work of a living, working and successful artist whose work inspired their ideas through the experimental and colourful use of paint. Students were able to use the gallery as a research centre, sourcing works for their own inspiration and sketching ideas from the vast collection of art on display. Thank you to all the students for their impeccable behaviour on the day and for the perceptive and interesting conversations which were had regarding the work.



BGS Summer Art Exhibition 2026 Report

- Mrs C Welling, Head of Faculty: Creative Arts/Subject Leader: Art

In Term 6, the Art Department invited students in KS3 and 4 to enter work into our Summer Exhibition with subject matter relating to either Still Life, Portraiture or Landscape.

Each year, the Royal Academy of Arts, the inspiration for our show, invites members of the public to submit work for display; the more varied the subject matter, the better.

At Bourne Grammar School, over 80 students entered our version of the exhibition, and each piece was displayed within the Art Department.

The quality of work on display was phenomenal, with students using a variety of materials – acrylics, oils, watercolours, pastel, pencil, digital media, sculpture and coloured pencils – to create their masterpieces.

Selecting winning entries for each year group seemed an impossible task, but 12 winners were chosen and all students were given the opportunity to attend a celebration at lunchtime.

A public vote was also arranged, with all staff and students given the opportunity to select their favourite piece.

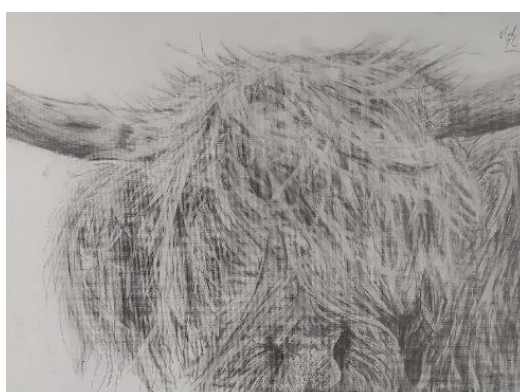
Congratulations to Emma Kemp (Year 8) who won both 1st Prize Year 8 and the public vote.

Congratulations to all the participants and thank you for your hard work and effort.

YEAR 7 WINNERS



2ND PRIZE
Maddie Keith
Autumn Night



1ST PRIZE
Vlad Vammenko
Highland Cow



3RD PRIZE
Angelina Peng
Sealife

YEAR 8 WINNERS



2ND PRIZE
Lilian Osoba
Scopophobia



1ST PRIZE
Emma Kemp
Distractions

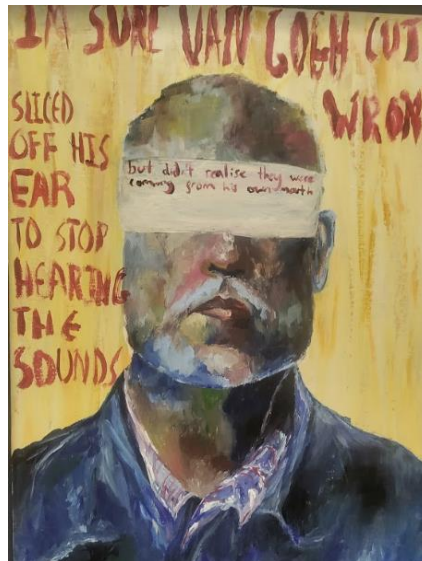


3RD PRIZE
Maija Ozola
Portrait

YEAR 9 WINNERS



2ND PRIZE
Anna Da Silva
This Took Me 9 and a Half
Hours

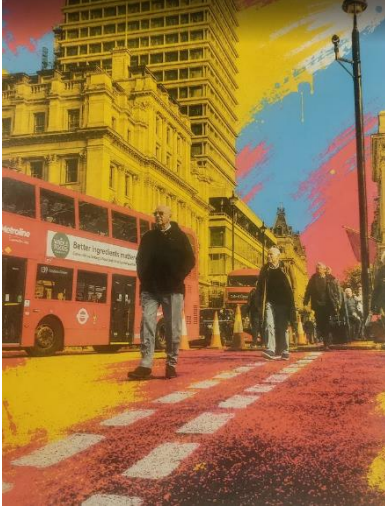


1ST PRIZE
Sienna Thomas
I Hate My Tongue

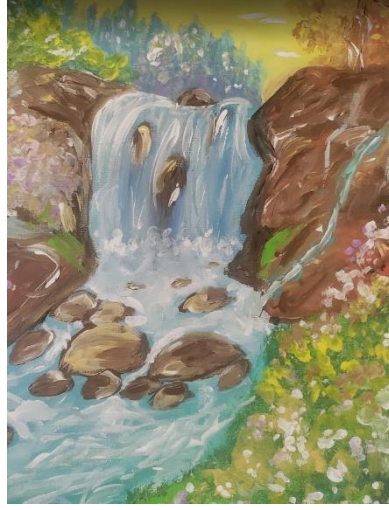


3RD PRIZE
Amelie Chatham
Restricted

YEAR 10 WINNERS



2ND PRIZE
Finn Murphy
Cityscape



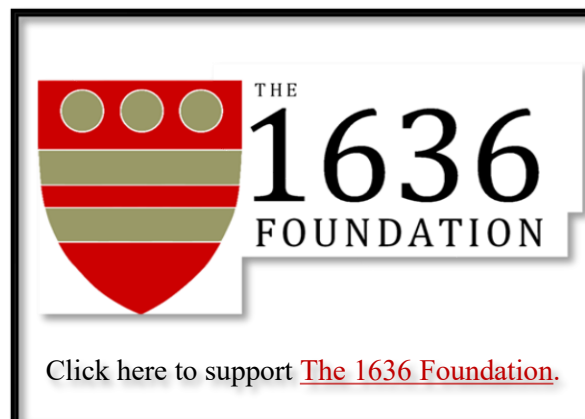
1ST PRIZE
Nandini Mamillapalle
Waterfall



3RD PRIZE
Evalyn Brown
Still Life of Fruit

Congratulations to our Highly Commended participants:

Channelle Kye-Nyarko, Kaleb Nicol-Mace, Edith Larder, Connie Robertson, Willow Hyland, Johan Kimani, Ahnaf Ahsan, Erica Wade, Ethan Renehan, Gabriela Korbylo, Hamish Shorrocks, Viganth RG, Natalia Swatowska and Izzy Jones.



DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

- Mrs R Brett

On Friday 26 June, 38 Year 11 students embarked upon their 3 day, 2 night Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition in the Peak District. After travelling to Winster, teams walked through Youlgreave and Lathkill Dale to Mandale Campsite to complete Day 1. It was an arduous journey in the summer heat but they managed amazingly well, made good time and (once camp was set) enjoyed mixing with the other schools and scout groups who were also doing their DofE expeditions.

Day 2 was cooler, but teams had left camp by 7am to ensure they made the most of the fresher time of day. Walking through Bakewell and Dovedale, teams arrived at Barn Farm camp by early afternoon and enjoyed a long rest period, again meeting teams from other schools, enjoying their dinner and dodging the showers.

Day 3 saw teams leave camp early again to walk via Bonsall and Matlock to Cromford ready to present their projects, board the coach and return home.

I am incredibly proud of all students, DofE expeditions are not easy and the Peak District is often the first experience these students have of walking in hills. These young people dug deep to find the resilience and determination, depending on good teamwork and navigating successfully to complete the expedition with smiles on their faces and host of memories to reflect on.

Well done Year 11 Silver!



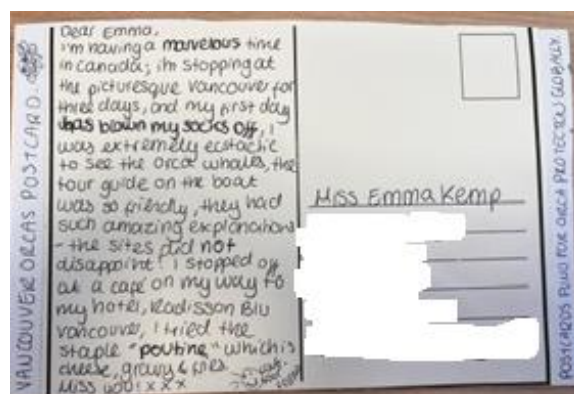


BBL Champion of the Week – Emma Kemp (8E)
- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

Emma Kemp has been nominated this week by Mrs Williamson as our BBL Champion. Emma has made an outstanding start to her travel writing project in English with a beautifully illustrated postcard promoting Canada. Her artwork is creative, detailed and perfectly complements her persuasive writing, showcasing both her artistic talent and enthusiasm for the task.

This term, students are exploring a range of travel writing genres before presenting a complete collection in the final week of term, when the class will vote for the most enticing destination. With work of such a high standard, Emma has every chance of being one of the class favourites.

A fantastic example of creativity, effort and pride in learning. Well done, Emma!



The Gift of Reading for Our New Year 7 Students
- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

During today's New Year 7 Transition Day, every student received *The Gift of Reading* – a book to take home and enjoy over the summer holidays.

We hope this special gift encourages our new students to enjoy the pleasure of reading, sparking their imagination, curiosity and confidence before they join us in September. Reading for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to develop vocabulary, comprehension and communication skills, while also supporting wellbeing and academic success across all subjects.

We wish all of our new Year 7 students a wonderful summer and hope they enjoy getting lost in a great book!



Tennis News

- Miss C Bowtell, PE

The teams have had some outstanding success in the recent weeks with the U15 boys winning all of their local league matches and a friendly against St Georges and the U13 boys winning their last league match against Robert Pattinson. The U13 and 15 girls have mirrored these outstanding successes against Robert Pattinson also. The next test will be at the Superzone in a week's time at Boston Tennis club where we hope to come home with several titles.

In general classes this talent is being nurtured and spotted with the Year 9 boys all playing a doubles tournament and really honing their skills and positioning on court and Years 7/8 working on developing control and consistency in their rallying.

In the Best in School rallying competition across all years the stumbling block seems to be around the 40 zone with this week's highest scores being boys from Year 7 -

Ben Barwell and Alfie Phillips with a score of 46 closely followed by George Hildebrandt and Reuben Dykes with 44.

Year 9 Boys Tournament in Class - Winning Results:

9S Winning pairs were Ali Ravji and Zach Beeken and Seb Hewitt and Layton Sandall.

Runners Up on the courts were Jack Andresen and Ashmit Arun, Harry Carruthers and Leo Massey, Max Jones and Adrian Balaban, Alex Klatka and Emilis Gaigalas.

9G winning pairs were Jasper Hudson and Will Didsbury and James Willson and Daniel France.

Runners up in each league were Adam Hickey and Kodi Gloster and Will Duffy and Billy Vincent.



This week is the last of our annual internal tournaments, with both boys and girls competing to see who is the best of the best at school for trophies and, of course, bragging rights.



U15 Girls Singles Tournament

This event took place on Tuesday and is often a fierce event, but this year was even more so as all girls attend club training throughout the year and are highly skilled players who have performed exceptionally well all season against local schools. The event ebbed and flowed as favourites dropped points whilst previously lower ranked players surprised themselves with some outstanding play.

Top 4 results were:

1. Samaira Bajaj, defending her title
2. Emily Wright Lakin who has had an outstanding year.
3. Abi Lakin
4. Maddy Hobson

U15 Boys Singles Tournament

Following another win against Horncastle Grammar school the boys had an afternoon competing against themselves for the title of Best in Year 10. Traditionally this has been a very hard-fought event between Ted Mylchreest and Rohan Lesiw but the other boys have been catching them up in their general play recently.

14 boys competed in this event on Wednesday afternoon. The boys were divided into two pools with everyone playing each other, with the top two from each pool reaching the semi-finals. The semi-finalists were Johnny Hullock and Ted Mylchreest, Eli Saralis and Rohan Lesiw, but as predicted Ted and Rohan were victorious leading to a final to be played on Friday 3 July.

U13 Boys Singles Tournament

The U13 Boys event took place on Monday night. The numbers were down slightly which was a surprise considering how high they have been all year, but many of the main team players were present to produce a fantastically competitive evening. There were some lovely and supportive comments from all players after matches demonstrating what great sportsmanship the boys in these year groups possess.

The best game came in the semi-finals where Ellison Trawford, resident Road to Wimbledon school champion, played Fraser Daniels. The match was tense and superbly close, but Fraser was a master of consistency and managed to keep the rallies going, frustrating Ellison into making a few errors. This proved to be the difference, with Fraser making it to the final to play fellow tournament favourite, Greg Blanthorne. Greg, however, proved to be too strong for Fraser after his epic semi-final and so is this year's U13 Champion.

Next Week's News

On Monday we will be having a girls Year 7 and 8 tournament so please sign up if you want to come and play. There will be no Social Tennis next Wednesday, but we will be running it on Thursday instead so please come along as it is the last Tennis session of the year.

Year 8 Rewards Trip – Forest Facility

Tuesday 30 June 2026

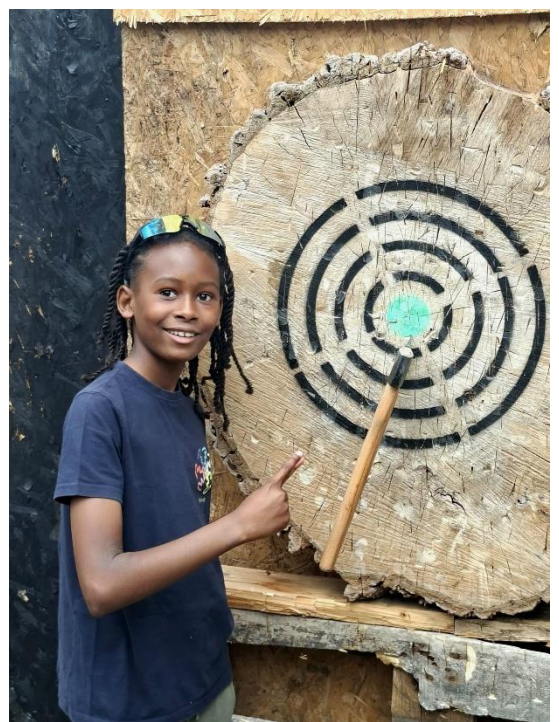
- Report by Liliana Winn 8E

We were all really excited for the forest facility trip. We had worked really hard to earn the trip and it was an amazing reward for all our good behavior throughout the year.

The bus ride over was fun with people buzzing with excitement. As soon as we arrived, everyone ran to base camp, intrigued for the day ahead.

The Forest Facility staff were really nice and we felt comfortable with them. Since I had come the Sunday before I had already met one of the staff members, he was really kind and remembered me which made me feel at ease. Whilst doing activities like the assault course our tutors were by our side to cheer us on with Forest Facility staff and this helped me improve my confidence.

The first activity my form did was the assault course. Some people raced each other to see who could complete the course first, whilst others took their time to bond with their friends. The staff weren't judgmental and if the obstacle looked too big we could just miss it out and the staff helped us and gave us tips on how to tackle it if we were struggling!



When I had completed the course, me and a couple of others went to go to do it again. We ended up getting a little distracted and spent the whole time in the water area! We were all sliding into the water, splashing each other, and more. The owner of the forest facility came and took pictures of us having fun to put up in Queensgate (which I can't wait to see). I liked the owner who was kind enough to supervise us in the water and I have now made new friends because of it. Afterwards we had lunch, and Mr Graves arranged for an ice cream van to turn up at the perfect time as the sun came out as it came. After the draining morning we had just had it was the perfect treat!





During lunch I socialised with some people I usually wouldn't and I can't wait to speak to them more. After lunch we played laser tag which was an amazing team activity helping me get close with some of my form members, we then did team tasks which helped me and some of my newer friends bond.

Looking back, I realise that the trip has made me closer with my friends, helped me make new friends and help my team work skills. It made my confidence improve and made me feel more able going out of my comfort zone. It was an amazing experience making my good behavior feel worth it. I will definitely be going back and I can't wait to try the other activities they have.

Thank you to all the BGS teachers and Forest Facility staff for making the day so memorable.



House Totals

			
9592	9981	8170	9945

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 6 up to 02/07/2026.***

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.

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Chloe Berners	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Leo Canham	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Lily-Rose Crawford	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Ethan Croft	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Finn Ellis	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
James Evans	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Jemima Garland	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Lottie Gibson	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Emily Greenfield	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Annie Hampton	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Stan Irving	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Cover
Laura Kay	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Laura Kay	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Charlotte Lawrence	7	Person of the Week	Miss Pollard	Pastoral
Finley Page-MacNicol	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Cover
Edie Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Aeon Turner	7	Person of the Week	Mr Chamberlain	Pastoral
Adam Al-Helli	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Jack Brock	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Sam Harrison	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Henry Mason	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Charlie Rybicki	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Ananya Sahoo	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Joey Scott	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Sophie Whitehead	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Prashitha Yelkoti	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Naomi Crowther	9	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Lauren Hammond	9	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Jules Kelsey	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Finn Lemon	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Roksana Lulczynska	9	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Ted Moomcarme	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Liam Philip	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Freya Ridgewell	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Riya Trivedi	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	Pastoral
Edward Ciopec	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Sam Dutton	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Kendrew	Physics
Ria Gupta	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Isaac Quince	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Carlota Verdu	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Emilia Wargacka	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English

Year 10 Summer League

– Miss C Bradley, Head of Year 10

Year 10 Weekly Winners

Another stellar week from our Year 10s as the annual Summer League competition enters the final two weeks.

Plenty of new names on the list today, as well as back-to-back success for Georgia for her 4th overall win. Special mentions to Archie, Isabella and Aakash for securing their 3rd league win too.

We all know that fatigue really starts to set in at this time of year, so keep focused and working hard despite that, Year 10!

League 1 – Freddie Neal 10D

League 2 – Georgia Summerfield 10B

League 3 – Flossie Swift 10G

League 4 – Archie Gilbert 10D

League 5 – Alfie Lovell 10E

League 6 – Sophie Robinson 10A

League 7 – Zack Browne 10E

League 8 – Isabella Atkinson 10H

League 9 – Channele Kye-Nyarko 10D

League 10 – Nylah Moore 10E

League 11 – Aakash Ranjith 10A

League 12 – Ben Fletcher 10B