

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 11 September 2026
From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

This week, I found myself standing at the top corner of the field, encouraging our new Year 7 students as they completed their long-distance run. It is always impressive to see the effort they put in. Some move at a remarkable pace from start to finish. Others, quite understandably, discover that long-distance running can feel rather longer once you are actually doing it.

What always makes me smile is the effect of encouragement. As students came past, many found a little extra speed from somewhere. A few may have slowed again once safely out of sight, which is both entirely human and something I will choose not to investigate too closely. The most remarkable part, though, was that so many students, clearly working hard and often short of breath, still managed to respond with “thank you, Sir” as they passed. Manners under aerobic pressure are not to be underestimated.

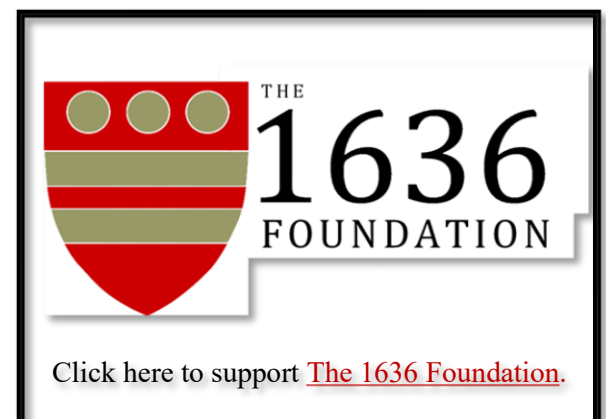
It was a small moment, but a good one: effort, determination, humour and courtesy, all on display across two demanding laps of the field.

It is also worth highlighting the Clubs, Societies and Extra-Curricular Opportunities information that has been shared this week. The range is impressive, from sport, music and academic support to Lego Club, Modelling and Mini-Figures, Puzzle Club, Pokémon Club and MedSoc. There really is something for almost every interest, and I hope students will take the opportunity to try something new.

We are also very open to new ideas. Some of the best opportunities in schools begin with a student saying, “Could we have a club for...?” We may not be able to make every idea work, but we will always be pleased to hear suggestions.

Finally, the new library is really beginning to take shape. Many books are now in place, with more arriving and still to be catalogued. The space itself has been transformed, and we are hopeful that it will be ready to open before too long.

We are also looking at setting up a wish list through the 1636 Foundation, our fundraising arm which supports projects beyond the classroom. This would give parents and members of the wider community the opportunity to purchase a book they feel would benefit our students and deserves a place on the shelves. More details will follow soon. For now, it is already clear that the library is going to be a fantastic addition to the School.



DofE Gold Expedition – 18-23 July 2026 Lake District, Keswick

- Mrs R Brett, DoE Manager

Immediately after schools closed for the summer break, 20 Year 12 students made the journey to Keswick to embark upon their Gold DofE expedition. With the weather looking fabulous (much cooler in the Lakes!) and no rain in the forecast, it certainly promised to be a successful expedition.

We were not disappointed. The students made the most of the wonderful walking conditions, taking in the sights around Ullswater, Thirlmere, Derwent Water, Buttermere and Crummock Water. All their planning and training came together to make for a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone involved and though tough, all students reported they had an amazing time and would like to do more walking with wild camping in the future.

After following many of these students through their Bronze and Silver Awards, it was a pleasure to support them through the ultimate DofE challenge, watching them successfully employ their new skills to navigate, make camp, cater for and support each other successfully over 4 days and 3 nights.

Congratulations teams; Mud, Sweat & Tears, Blister Sisters and The Hamiltons, you should be very proud of yourselves and thank you for being superb ambassadors for your school and the DofE scheme.





Progress Review Meetings

- Mrs R Hall, Student Progress Manager

Progress Review Meetings (PRMs) offer an opportunity for a one-to-one discussion with your child's teachers to explore their progress in more detail and ask any questions you might have.

PRM appointments take place online, using either a smartphone or computer. Information and guidance about PRM, including your login details and how to book appointments online will be sent nearer the date by email to Priority 1 parents (as recorded on our database).

Students will be set work to complete at home on the PRM day in June (per subject lesson timetabled on that day) and are strongly encouraged to attend their meeting **virtually** along with parent(s)/carer(s).

Year 13 PRM Evening: Thursday 5 November 2026 (17:00-20:30)

Year 11 PRM Evening: Thursday 14 January 2027 (17:00-20:30)

Year 12 PRM Evening: Thursday 13 May 2027 (17:00-20:30)

Years 7-10 PRM day: Friday 25 June 2027 (08:30-18:30)

Years 7-10 PRM Evenings:

Thursday 1 July 2027 (17:00-20:30), and

Tuesday 6 July 2027 evenings (17:00-20:30).

Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 25 February 2027

Year 9 students, in discussion with their parents, will be asked to choose the GCSE subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11. The Options Evening is an opportunity for Year 9 students and their parents to find out more about the Key Stage 4 (GCSE) curriculum, and to speak with subject teachers to learn more about the choices available.

House Totals

			
3805	3362	3594	3659

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 10/09/2026.***

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
Rhys Davies	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Rhys Davies	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Angelina Besal	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Joshua Burton	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Lincoln Crown	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Frances Hennessy	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Usaym Moin	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Mia Pignatiello	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Henry Steele	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Mason Young	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Jack Brock	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Dev Chopra	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Toby Scholes	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral
Louis Stubbs	9	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Iris Thomas	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Kamsi Anike	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Lucy Cottam	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Bethany Gledhill	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Kodi Gloster	10	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Elias Gyamfi	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Wood	English
Archie Howard	10	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Harriet Hudson	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Hermione Lumb	10	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Hermione Lumb	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Ryan Ogbonna	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Sophia Shorrock	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Rhys Smith	10	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Willow Story-Hall	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Rosie Evans	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Pastoral
Henry Hayes	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Finn Murphy	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Jude Roberts	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Lucy Ward	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Matty Bogan	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Coby Dawkins	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
Sasha Johnson	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Sasha Johnson	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Joseph Knowles	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Emmanuel Kouassi	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
Hannah Lessiter	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Amy Sargeson	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Amy Sargeson	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Isobel Walker	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Izzy Woollard	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology



Music Department Rehearsals

September 2026

Weekly rehearsals for ensembles will take place as follows:

Day	Time	Rehearsal
Monday	1.00-1.25pm	Y11 GCSE Coursework Session
Tuesday	8.50-9.10am	String Ensemble
	1.00-1.25pm	Orchestra (Grade 4+)
Wednesday	1.00-1.25pm	Junior Choir (Years 7-9)
Thursday	1.00-1.25pm	Senior Choir (Year 9+)
Friday	1.00-1.25pm	Junior Ensemble (up to Grade 3)

Additional rehearsals for soloists and/or smaller ensembles take place during registration and/or lunchtime slots each day.

Details of these are published on a weekly basis.

There are significant performing opportunities available this year for all ensembles and soloists

Please see Mr Tomlinson or Mr Jones for more information

SPORTS CLUBS

TERM 1 DAY	Lunchtime (12:45pm-1.15pm)	After School (4.45pm finish)
MON	PE Staff Meeting 6th Form Basketball (SJB)	Yr. 7 & 8 Netball (AS/CEB) Yr. 8 Football (ACG) Yr.10 Football (SC) Yr. 8 & 9 Girls Hockey (KJM) All Years Running Club (CJL)
TUES	All Years Girls Football (ACG) (astro)	Yr. 7/8/9 Rugby (MAB/KJM) Yr. 7 & 8 Badminton (LS) Yr. 9 Football (CJR) Yr. 11 Football (JB) Yr. 9/10/11 Netball (AS/CEB)
WED	6th Form Badminton (SJB)	All Years Running Club (CJL)
THURS	Yr. 9/10/11 Badminton (LS/KJM)	Yr. 7 Football (ACG)
FRI	All Years Speed/Agility/Quickness (SAQ) (ACG) (Sports Hall) Yr. 7 Girls Hockey (KJM) (Astro) Yr. 11 & 6th Form Table Tennis (SJB) (Main Hall)	

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.