



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

There are probably more exciting ways to appreciate the scale of a school than through a fire drill, but our first one of the year certainly provided a reminder. Seeing well over 1,700 students, including our largest ever Year 12 cohort of 280, make their way calmly onto the field and tennis courts, line up and wait sensibly is an impressive sight. It is no small exercise, and students handled it extremely well.

For all the size of BGS, though, it is often the smaller moments that say the most. A colleague emailed this week after asking one of our Year 7 forms what they were most proud of. What struck her was just how many said they were most proud of getting into our School. I thought that was rather lovely. For some of our newest students, simply being here already feels like an achievement, and I hope that sense of pride stays with them as the year unfolds.

There was plenty of House pride on display too during Interhouse Cross Country this week. Cross country has a particular ability to reveal both competitive instinct and camaraderie, often at exactly the same time, with students cheering one another on and earning valuable points for their Houses. The course was genuinely demanding, and by the later stages it became less about pace and more about determination. It was also good to see some staff joining in. For a few students, the sight of a teacher within catching distance appeared to unlock reserves of energy that had previously seemed unavailable.



Following last week's publication of our extra-curricular programme, we also held our Clubs and Societies Fair. It was a chance for students to see just how much is available beyond lessons and, perhaps more importantly, to find something they might not previously have considered. Joining a club where you know nobody or trying something completely new can require a little courage, but those decisions are often where new interests and friendships begin.

Finally, we always enjoy hearing where life takes former students, and I was delighted to be shown an article this week about former BGS student Georgina Harrison. The event itself took place back in June, so our congratulations are slightly overdue, but winning silver at the World Powerlifting Bench Press Championships in Poland is certainly worth catching up on.



School can sometimes make the future feel very distant. Then a story like Georgina's arrives and reminds us just how quickly students move from sitting in our classrooms to doing remarkable things well beyond them. We send her our warmest congratulations.

Sports Clubs in Full Swing

- **Mr C Ray, Director of PE & Sport**

The start of the second full week in school saw the sports clubs already well under way with almost 150 students taking part in activities after school on Monday.

More than 50 girls attended the Key Stage 3 netball club, 35 boys joined Mr Graves for Year 8 football and more than 20 attended the running club. Nearly 30 were with Miss McAuley at hockey and another 16 Year 10 boys attended their football club with Mr Chamberlain.

These will continue through the course of this term whilst the light is good before the sports clubs alter after October half term. Please see the clubs list in the Student Bulletin for further details of when these are taking place.



Sponsored Walk for Prostate Cancer

- **Amelia Stephens, 11F**

I became aware of prostate cancer after my neighbour was diagnosed with the disease last year. Thankfully, he has beaten the disease, but after speaking to him, I became aware of how common it was in men. He has since joined "Rutland and Stamford Prostrate Support" as a committee member with the sole purpose of raising awareness of the disease to men over the age of 40.

He spoke about how sponsorship was required, so with my new found skills from completing my DofE training in year 10, I decided to organise a sponsored walk around the local countryside. The route I planned started in Uffington and finished at Bourne Woods, via many villages. In total the planned route was 35Km.

Thinking it was going to be difficult to gather support, I asked some friends if they would like to join me. **Isla Cranston, Grace Rayner, Ellie Moore and Jessica Nicholson** all volunteered to join me and we planned a date on the 20th August. To raise funds, I created a GoFundMe page and also spoke to local groups in Uffington. My local cricket club played a game and donated all the match fees to the cause, the village pub put on a quiz and the winnings were also donated. There were also many individual donations.

On the morning of the walk, we met at 7am and spirits were high. We had food, music, sunshine and laughter. We had a map, compass, all was going well and on the only day in August, it started raining and thundering. We were well equipped, we put on our wet weather gear and persevered. We followed paths through fields, tackled obstacles, and kept our spirits high even though we were tiring. The last 10km became a challenge, we were wet, hungry and tired. I am so proud of the group, we all encouraged each other and showed real resilience and determination completing the walk. I had never been so happy to see Bourne Woods and our parents waiting to take us home.

In total, £760 was raised for the charity. Many thanks to all in the group for completing the challenge, and thanks to those who generously donated.

Amelia's neighbour, Paul, who inspired the walk contacted us to convey how proud he was of her, saying:

"What a brilliant thing to do. On reflection I think the challenge was much more than just raising this large amount of money, although it will make a huge difference to our growing support group. By taking the initiative herself, doing the planning, organising the event and then completing the full 35km, Amelia showed remarkable determination and maturity, at just 15 years of age.

It also demonstrated to me how Amelia's determination enabled her to harness local support within the community, including The Bertie Arms, Uffington Cricket Club and many individuals, to turn her personal challenge into a significant contribution to an important cause.

As her school, I think you can rightfully take huge pride in Amelia and her friends' achievement. I am truly humbled by Amelia's kindness and thoughtfulness."

Individual Student Success

- **Music Exam Success**

Sophie Howard (9A) - Grade 2 Flute - Merit

Jessica Murphy (9B) - Grade 1 Flute - Distinction

House Totals

			
8316	7089	8076	7386

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 17/09/2026.***

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	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
James Duffy	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Alice Grassby	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	Pastoral
Jasper Haines	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Artur Jacukevics	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Emma Malciute	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Charlie Phillips	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Pollard	Geography
Nathaniel Pisa	7	Person of the Week	Miss Pollard	Pastoral
Delilah Taylor-Speers	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Joshie Walsh	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Joe Whiston	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Mahdi Abdallah	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
George Barry	8	Person of the Week	Miss Speakman	Pastoral
Kiki Blakey	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Joshua Burton	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Georgia Chappell	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Lily Church	8	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Leon Dodamgoda	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Felix Edgar	8	Person of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Pastoral
James Evans	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Alfie Fleming	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Harsha Gannamaneni	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Kitty Hall	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Annie Hampton	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral

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Orlaith Heames	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Science
Alexia Hoad	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Science
Alexia Hoad	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Laura Kay	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Reuben Leigh	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Scarlett Lester	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Georgios Mantaleris	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Fliss Marshall	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Resmai Mcdonald	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Henry Moss	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Connie Robertson	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Megan Scarborough	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	Personal Development
Daisy Shackell	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Lennon Teague	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Imogen Thorpe	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Isla Ankerson	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Gethin Baker	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Charly Berry	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Brandon Bull	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpot	Design Engineering
Sivathmika Nantha Kumar	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lilian Osoba	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Elliot Read	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Jacometti	Art
Natalia Borowiak	10	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Alisha Chakamanga	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Joey Dickins	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Archie Howard	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amberley Keith	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Liam McAllister	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Divyana Patel	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Srikar Puppala	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Billy Vincent	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Carys Collingridge	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpot	Design Engineering
Isla Cranston	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jessica Daniels	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Henry Hayes	11	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Yenara Madanayaka	11	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Nicole Mancheva	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Daniel Mulgrew	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpot	Design Engineering
Neve Brackenbury	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Ava Hodge	12	Person of the Week	Mr Hartley	Pastoral
Alysha Kuchhadia	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Oran Summers	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Hartley	Economics
Monty Wild	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Evie Mabey	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Pastoral
Alex O'Rawe	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Single Maths
Lucy Shaw	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Isobel Smith	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Annabel Sutton	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Pastoral



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