



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 25 January 2019*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 19 January, Burghley Park, Stamford - *Report by Mr C Ray, Director of PE & Sport*

Despite the threatened light snow failing to materialise, a cold morning greeted students for the County Championships and, with more than 40 Bourne Grammar students involved, it was hoped that a number would qualify for the Anglian Championships in Northampton on Saturday 2 February and so an opportunity to gain their County vests. Though we await confirmation of the final selection, it was expected that the top 16 in each race would progress to the next stage. Additionally, for those from Years 8-13, a top 6 place should also gain automatic selection for the National Final in Leeds during March. Once the races began at 10:00, it was non-stop for the next 80 minutes as the 8 races began at varying intervals over distances up to almost 7,000m.



In all, I am delighted to say that 23 students finished in the top 16 across the age-groups, with 8 of these gaining automatic qualification for the National Final. Impressively, both Johan Coughlan (Year 7) and Harry Hewitt (Year 9) became County Champions, Holly Griffin (Year 7) ran superbly to finish in 2nd place, and Charlotte Cullen (Year 8) claimed a podium position in the Junior Girls' race. Final positions for the top 16 are given below but for those outside the top 6, two final places remain to be claimed for the Nationals. These will be decided following the Anglian Championships.



Bourne Grammar students in the top 16:

Year 7 Boys	1st Johan Coughlan, 11th Thomas Preston
Year 7 Girls	2nd Holly Griffin, 9th Norah Brill
Junior Boys (Years 8 and 9)	<b>1st Harry Hewitt, 5th Hugo Brill</b> , 8th Alex Galpin, 15th Seb Beedell
Junior Girls (Years 8 and 9)	<b>3rd Charlotte Cullen, 5th Erin Cox, 6th Hannah Taylor</b> , 9th Aoife Glasswell
Inter Boys (Years 10 and 11)	9th Connor Ely, 11th Samuel Staines, 12th Sam Oakley
Inter Girls (Years 10 and 11)	<b>4th Flo Brill</b> , 14th Elin James
Senior Boys (Years 12 and 13)	<b>5th Aaron Hunt</b> , 9th Robert McAndrew, 12th Matt Dowling, 15th Alfie Clark
Senior Girls (Years 12 and 13)	<b>6th Abi Cooper</b> , 10th Shannon Woodfine

*(Bold - Selection is expected to be confirmed for the National Final. For all others, two additional places per age-group remain available for selection following the Anglian Championships. Year 7 students do not compete in the National Finals.)*

Well done to all students who participated at the event - you were a real credit to your parents and to the School. A reminder that Mr Sheppard continues to offer Endurance Training for all students who wish to attend after school on Mondays. This is also available for athletes on Wednesdays.

## eSAFETY INFORMATION EVENING - Tuesday 22 January 2019

There can be no doubt that the Internet represents the most significant development in communications in living memory; but with such interconnectivity comes an enormous challenge to ensure that our children are able to access its content safely. Building on the success of last year's evening, Mr Stephen Brown (Deputy Headteacher and Director of Digital Strategy at BGS) hosted an important information briefing to parents and carers on Tuesday evening, covering topics including Social Media platforms and offering advice on dealing with and reporting issues.

Mr Brown's engaging presentation was given with the relevance and authenticity that only an expert in the field who is also a teacher, school leader and parent can bring to this topic. The talk covered the hazards and pitfalls of social media; how, in the case of certain sites, a member's account can never be closed or deleted. He explained with vivid examples how young people can be drawn in to contact with people all over the world and, thereby, potentially into risky situations. We saw most vividly how data attaching to photographs taken on a modern mobile phone can allow anyone who receives the image to locate almost exactly the location where the original photo was taken; Mr Brown then explained how to disable this feature. With sensitivity, Mr Brown broached the worrying area of online sexual exploitation and 'nude selfies' - whereby young people may choose to photograph themselves inappropriately and then share the image online. In many cases, it can never be retrieved.

There was warm appreciation of Mr Brown's presentation at the end, with many parents staying behind to express their appreciation and ask questions. Some students at BGS have encountered issues when using the Internet and practically all have constant access to one or more sophisticated, Internet-connected device. As parents we cannot protect our sons and daughters from all danger but the better informed we are, the safer they will be.

Further eSafety guidance for parents can be found on the School website *via* the 'Information for Parents & Forms' page.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION - *Report by Mr N Gatland, English*

On Saturday 19 January, the Bourne Grammar Public Speaking Team celebrated victory in the semi-final of the Rotary Club's *Youth Speaks* Public Speaking Competition.

The team, who are all Year 10 students, were in competition with five other schools from the local area, but emerged triumphant with a presentation which left the judges deeply impressed.

Sandra Sajosh delivered a polished performance of her moving speech on the topic of humanitarian concerns about the poor in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Trisha Subudhi showed outstanding confidence in her new role as Vote of Thanks, and Julia Chetian chaired proceedings with her well-honed authority and aplomb.

We wish the girls all the best for their next challenge: the District Final, to be held at Uppingham Community College on Saturday 16 March. Good luck!



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS' NETBALL TOURNAMENT - *Report by Mr Bowers, PE*

On Tuesday 22 January, 90 Year 5 and 6 students from six local primary schools attended a Netball Tournament hosted at Bourne Grammar School and led by Rupert Gibson from Agilita Sport on behalf of the Lincolnshire School Sport Partnership.



Throughout the event, 15 of our Year 10 netball leaders ably assisted the smooth running of the tournament with excellence. Students were given roles including officiating, time-keeping, score-keeping and results recording, allowing for opportunity in a number of contrasting roles. The leaders

received praise from Rupert for their conduct throughout the tournament, allowing for a superb event to be hosted at Bourne Grammar. Well done to all leaders that were involved.

Thanks go to Langtoft, Thurlby, Market Deeping CP, Bourne Abbey, Bourne Westfield and Bourne Elsea Park Primary Schools for their attendance; they gave the leaders the opportunity to showcase their leading skills. Thanks also go to Rupert Gibson for the organisation of the event and for working with our leaders.

## NETBALL MATCHES - *Report by Mrs Mohan, PE*

Bourne Grammar's netballers braved the sub-zero wind chill to play Stamford High School on consecutive evenings this week. Our Year 9 team had lost heavily to Stamford last season, but what a difference a year makes! Playing on Monday, the team took an early lead. They played with precision and used the forward drive to receive the ball that we have been working on in training to great effect. They coped admirably with the speed and physicality of the Stamford side to win 18-15. Lauren Stuart was voted our player of the match by Stamford for her excellent work at goal keeper, marking their best player.

Our Year 10 team played on Tuesday and were also looking to avenge last year's defeat. Most of the team had been outside all day in the cold helping run the primary school's netball festival and were still feeling chilled. Despite this, their performance was the best I have seen from them! They played with speed, athleticism and accuracy and coped well with the physicality. They quickly built up an early lead and Stamford were unable to catch up. Abi McCullough had her best game ever for the school and, along with Hope Tomey, scored some excellent goals. The final score was Bourne 30, Stamford 14. Katie Callcut was once again voted the player of the match by Stamford.

Well done to both teams! Our Year 7 and 8 teams also played Stamford, gaining valuable experience against tough opposition and they did enjoy the match teas!

On Wednesday, we hosted Lincoln College for a Sixth Form match. Our Sixth Form team started the season slowly but have come a long way with recent wins against regional finalists Carre's Grammar School and The King's School Peterborough. It was another cold day with the setting sun making visibility tricky, but Bourne started the match well to take an early lead. Megan Stuart has greatly improved her level of performance at goal shooter this season and had her best game so far for the school. Final score 19 - 13 to Bourne.

## STUDENT REVIEW DAY - Friday 8 March 2019

Please remember to book your appointment for Student Review Day (SRD) on Friday 8 March. All students are expected to attend the SRD meeting with or without their parent(s). If a parent is unable to attend, **the student must still attend their appointment.** The SRD email was sent on Friday 18 January to one of the Priority 1 contacts held on our database. If your email has not arrived or if you have any queries about SRD, please email [SRD@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:SRD@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk).

## CHICAGO - Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 March 2019

Saturday night's performance of *Chicago* has now sold out. Tickets for other performances can be purchased online via the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/279474>. Please contact the Box Office via [boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) if you have any queries or if you wish to go on the waiting list for returns once a performance date is sold out.

Performance Date	Adult Ticket Price	Concession (Student, OAP, Staff, Governor)	Table* (price is per table and can host a maximum of 4 guests)
Wednesday 27 March 7pm	£11.50	£9.50	£60.00
Thursday 28 March 7pm	£11.50	£9.50	£60.00
Friday 29 March 7pm	£13.50	£11.50	SOLD OUT
Saturday 30 March Matinée at 2pm	£10.00	£10.00	£60.00
Saturday 30 March Gala Performance at 7pm	SOLD OUT		

*\*Please note that the tables are situated adjacent to the band and may not be suitable for those with sensitive hearing*

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Anica Andali	7	Mrs Somerville	Art
Marie Siecker	7	Miss Pollard	Geography
Ben Simpson	8	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Fred Dametka	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Adam Taylor	8	Mr Fone	Computing
Martha Dangerfield	8	Dr Murphy	Registration
David Hyam	8	Dr Murphy	Registration
Vir Makwana	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
David Hyam	8	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Miina Maaranen	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Lily Brear	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Sarah Draper	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Sandra Sajosh	10	Mrs Chopra	Mathematics
Aaron Wallace	11	Miss McDonnell	Mathematics
Tiya Bali	12	Mr Maddox	Mathematics

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Scouts William Pickston (Year 8) has recently been awarded Patrol Leader of Lions Park at Deeping St James Scout Group.