



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 25 September 2026
From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Zina Nwamarah in Year 10 has always struck me as rather modest about her sporting achievements. A national silver medal and selection for England, however, deserve a little more fuss than she might make herself.

Zina finished second overall at the English Schools Combined Events National Championships in Bedford last weekend and has been selected to represent England at the Home Countries' Indoor Pentathlon International in Glasgow in mid-November. It is a tremendous achievement and recognition of the dedication she brings to her sport. We are enormously proud of her and look forward to cheering her on as she takes this next step.



There has also been plenty of excitement around this week's auditions for Bugsy Malone. It is not often that aspiring gangsters receive encouragement from the Headteacher, but musical theatre does allow for a few exceptions. The level of interest has been lovely to see, and there is much to look forward to as the production takes shape. Well done to everyone who has put themselves forward.

Our trips and visits programme has made a busy start too. Last week saw the Physics department visit CERN, the European laboratory for particle physics near Geneva, while this week our Year 13 Spanish students have been in Granada. Next week, our Year 11 geographers head to Sicily and Sixth Form students visit London's art galleries.

These experiences give students a different perspective on their subjects. Using a language to make yourself understood, exploring a landscape or seeing an original artwork can bring something to life in a way that a textbook cannot quite manage. There is also much to learn from travelling together, encountering unfamiliar situations and taking on a little more responsibility.

I am particularly grateful to the staff who make these opportunities possible. Their commitment extends well beyond normal school hours, especially on residential visits, when they are away from their own families and responsible for students throughout the trip. There is a great deal of preparation and care involved, and I do not underestimate it.

Fortunately, our students make very good company. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and humour are a large part of what makes these visits such a pleasure for the colleagues who lead them.

Inter Schools Cross Country Begins

- Mr C Ray, Director of PE & Sport

Despite it being barely a week since the Inter-House cross-country races were completed, the Inter-Schools races began in earnest on Thursday with the first of the Fenland league races at Crowland. With more than 70 students in attendance across the four age groups, as expected, there were some terrific performances. The Year 7&8 girls' team are likely to be leading, following a strong performance from the squad with a number finishing from positions 6 to 20. In the Junior Boys race, Oliver Barker stormed to victory with an excellent performance, and a similar feat was achieved by Madeleine Hobson in the Year 9&10 girls race. Sam Griffin was the first one home for the Year 9&10 boys, finishing in third with another excellent performance.

Whilst we await the full set of results for the four races, it is evident that Bourne Grammar will be well placed in all four competitions. A full list of the cross country calendar is listed below. Team sheets for these are always displayed near the PE office with full details of the event. As squads vary from race to race, it is important that those likely to be involved check and inform either Miss Smith or Mr Ray of any issues.

Well done to all who participated on Thursday. Running club continues to take place on Monday and Wednesday after school led by Mr Lattimer.



Cross-Country 2026-27 Competitions

Tue15, Wed16 & Th17 Sept.	Inter-House Cross-country – Tu Y9 (P2); Wed Y10 (P1); Th Y8 (P2) & Y7 (P4);
Wednesday 23 September	Fenland League – Round 1 – Crowland - Yrs 7&8 and Yrs 9&10
Tuesday 6 October	English Schools – Round 1 – Crowland - Yrs 7&8 and Yrs 9&10
Monday 12 October	Fenland League – Round 2 – Hampton College Yrs 7&8 and Yrs 9&10
Friday 16 October	South Lincolnshire Championships – PRSA, Boston Yrs 7, 8&9, 10&11, 12&13
Sat 7 or 14 November (tbc)	English Schools – Regional Final – Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire
Saturday 5 December	English Schools – National Final – Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire
Tuesday 12 January	County Championships, (Selected students – Up to top 20 from 16/10/26)
Saturday 30 January tbc	Anglian Schools Championships (Venue TBC)
Wednesday 3 February	King Henry VIII Relays – Coventry (Selected students – Best in School)
Thursday 4 March	Fenland League – Round 3 – Burghley Park - Yrs 7&8 and Yrs 9&10
Saturday 14 March tbc	English Schools National Final (8 Selected from County/Anglian Champs results)
Wednesday 17 March	Fenland Relays – Hampton College - Yrs 7&8 and Yrs 9&10

Year 8 Careers

- **Mrs H Elliot, Head of Careers & HE**

Last Friday, Year 8 students attended the first of this year's careers activities.

Students were excited to take part in a highly interactive session run by Bright Futures as well as undertaking the Anglian Water Challenge and playing Guess the Job and working on Unifrog. In the Step into the World of Work session they learnt about setting up a company to sell an AI fitness app, finding out about the roles of HR, Health and Safety, sales, marketing, finance and not forgetting most importantly payroll. They were set various challenges on the way; playing in teams of six there was a definite air of competition in the Hall!

Emily 8D writes:

We started the day in the Main Hall with John from Bright Futures. Working in teams of six, we spent two hours completing challenges and learning about different companies, branding and study skills. One fact that surprised me was that Subway was originally called Pete's Super Submarines, before changing its name to create a simpler and more memorable brand. We also looked at how well-known brands such as Google and Nike have changed over time. This helped us understand just how important branding can be to the success of a business.

I finished the day with a session run by Anglian Water. This involved another team challenge, where we had to work together to make water flow to different areas of a town while following some of the rules and restrictions that Anglian Water employees have to consider in their jobs.

Overall, the day taught me a lot. From learning about branding and teamwork to discovering new careers and the routes into them, it gave me a much better understanding of the world of work and the opportunities available in the future.

Harsha (8A) reported:

During the Careers Workshop, we took part in a variety of activities based on different roles within a business, such as Sales Manager, Safety Manager, HR Manager and many more. We worked in teams and answered questions about the responsibilities of each role, which helped us understand how different jobs contribute to the success of a business.

There was also a competitive side to the workshop! We earned sweets for answering questions correctly and for winning team activities. This made the activities more exciting and encouraged us to work together and think carefully about our answers.

Careers Day provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our interests and potential career paths. The activities not only informed us about various professions but also inspired us to think critically about our futures. I encourage all my peers to take advantage of resources like Unifrog to explore the diverse career options available to us.

This is the first of a number of careers events taking place this year in school. Please do get in touch via careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk if you or the organisation that you work for would be happy to come into school to talk to students about your career or provide work experience to BGS students.



CERN Trip

- Mr A Mitchell, Subject Leader: Physics

There is a saying in the military that no plan survives first contact with the enemy. Those of us who run school trips have a variation on this: no plan survives first contact with the students. So, it was that we set off slightly late on Tuesday morning for the airport, after the first (but not the last) temporarily lost student's phone. After that the journey to Geneva went smoothly and we checked into the hostel before heading out for our first evening meal in a lovely Italian restaurant in Geneva's old town.

The next day we caught the train to Bern, Switzerland's *de facto* capital city where the Swiss say time runs more slowly and where Albert Einstein showed that sometimes it actually does. The students were impressed with the Zytglogge clock, constructed in 1530 and still showing the time, day, month, zodiac sign and phase of the Moon, but the highlight for many was the three bears in the bear park. Dinner was a three-course affair at the Altes Tramdepot, but there was no porridge.

On Thursday we visited CERN itself in the morning and learned all about the working of the Large Hadron Collider, before taking the cable car to the top of Mont Salève to enjoy the breathtaking views over Geneva and the lake. After this, as part of a packed day, we visited the Swiss Plasma Centre near Lausanne. For the benefit of readers who may not have studied physics, Swiss plasma is similar to ordinary plasma, except that it is full of holes...We actually got to witness a run on the Tokamak experiment, where a plasma lasting a few seconds was created with a temperature of tens of millions of degrees. The students in my group engaged particularly well with this, asking some brilliant questions of the PhD student who was conducting our tour. The day ended with a fondue meal at a slightly lower temperature that went down well with the students.

By this point, a second student had mislaid his phone, but undeterred by this we spent Friday morning visiting the UN Palace of Nations and the History of Science Museum, before meeting the coach driver from the previous day to retrieve the phone. Then we headed to the airport for the trip back home. Only one student lost his passport, but he at least had the decency to wait until we were on the plane before doing this, so it caused less of a problem than it might have done. We arrived back in Bourne at 2am on Saturday, with the students exhausted but still cheerful after a very successful trip.



Clubs & Societies Fair

- **Mrs R Greenfield, Assistant Headteacher**

On Thursday 17 September, the Main Hall was transformed for the Clubs and Societies Fair, giving students the opportunity to discover just some of the many activities available beyond the classroom at Bourne Grammar School.

The Hall was buzzing throughout lunchtime as students visited stalls, spoke to current members and found out how they could get involved. It was fantastic to see so many students exploring new interests and considering trying something different.



Drama Club



Rap Club



Junior Choir

There was an impressive variety on display. Students could find out more about opportunities including Geography Society, Rap Club, Junior Choir, Drama Club, Economics Club, Strategy Games Club, Film Club and LGBTQ+ Club, alongside many other clubs, societies, music groups and sporting activities available across the school.

A particular highlight of the Fair was the enthusiasm and creativity shown by the students running the stalls. From globes and maps to costumes, games, film characters and colourful displays, a huge amount of effort went into promoting the different activities. Our staff and students did an excellent job of explaining what their clubs offer and encouraging others to join.

A huge thank you goes to Evie Mabey and Annabel Sutton who helped organize this event. Also a big thank you to all the students and staff who gave their time to organise and run stalls, as well as everyone who came along and made the event such a success.



Geography Society

We hope the Fair has inspired even more students to get involved this year - there really is something for everyone!

House Totals

			
12301	10500	12339	10860

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 24/09/2026.***

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
Molly Davis	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Alice Grassby	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Kofi Kye-Nyarko	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Kaitlyn Lok	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Lucas Magliulo	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Computer Science
Joel Mitchell	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Leo Moss	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Harry Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Emma Zagorodniuc	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Mahdi Abdallah	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Muadh Asad	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Freddie Bellairs	8	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Maxwell Butler	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Harsha Gannamaneni	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Emily Greenfield	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Charlotte Lawrence	8	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Usaym Moin	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Freddie Sutton	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Imogen Thorpe	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jessie Walton	8	Learner of the Week	Dr Poulter	Biology
Odetta Cukanova	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Emily Gray	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Wilson	English
Fran Murray	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Bradley	PE
Joel Ndlovu	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Amelia Nicholson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ava Stewart	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Iris Thomas	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Edie Austin	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lavinia Bomford	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Alisha Chakamanga	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Tighe	EPR
Lucy Cottam	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Lucy Cottam	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Robin Daniels	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Freddie Gibson	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Bethany Gledhill	10	Person of the Week	Miss Wilson	Pastoral
Bethany Gledhill	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Caoimhe Healy	10	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Harriet Hudson	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Harriet Hudson	10	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Mya Kirk	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Hesslewood	Geography
Magdalena Loy	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Ted Moocarme	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Zina Nwamarah	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Lennon Smith	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Lennon Smith	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Jasmine Wilkinson	10	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Nevaeh Agyemang	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Sian Beeken	11	Person of the Week	Mr Andy	Pastoral
Janice Chen	11	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Vlad Harlap-Valters	11	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Bella Hill	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Zac Holmes	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Thomas Hurley	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Eli Saralis	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Eli Saralis	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Bradley	PE
Ella Staff	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Avani Sunish	11	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Sneha Soju Thomas	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Emilia Wargacka	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Alfie Carroll	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Zoe Odunlami	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Tighe	EPR
Beau Cunningham	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Noah Henderson	13	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Charles Kavati	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Lawrence	Economics
Tom McLay	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Pastoral
Martha Yates	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology



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