



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Today we celebrated the launch of our new library with poet, author and hip-hop artist Karl Nova. Karl spent the day working with groups of students, as well as giving a poetry performance for Year 7, making for a rather special way to mark the arrival of a space we have been looking forward to for some time.

The former Gecko space has been completely transformed. There is already a substantial collection of books on the shelves, alongside computer access and areas for students to read, study and work. This is very much the starting point: we intend to build and develop the collection over time, responding to students' interests and ensuring that the range continues to grow. The library is sent to open fully on Monday, and I am really looking forward to seeing the space become part of everyday school life.

There has also been considerable interest this week in the release of the cast list for Bugsy Malone. Congratulations to those who have secured roles, and equally, well done to everyone who had the courage to audition. With so much interest, it was never going to be possible for everyone to get the part they hoped for, and inevitably there will have been some disappointment. Putting yourself forward takes courage in itself, and I hope those who missed out this time will continue to get involved in the many performance opportunities available. For the cast and production team, the excitement, and the hard work, now really begins.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Fliss Marshall in Year 8, who has been selected for the Lincolnshire County Cricket U13 Girls Squad for the 2026/27 season. Fliss is a leg-spin bowler and has been playing club cricket since she was just seven years old. To earn county selection at this stage is a superb achievement and a real recognition of the skill, commitment and hours of practice behind it. Representing Lincolnshire will be a very special opportunity, and Fliss should be enormously proud of what she has achieved. We will certainly be following her progress and wish her every success for the season ahead.



Fliss Marshall, 8C

House Cross Country

- Mr A Graves, Physical Education

Inter-House Cross Country - Team Results - 2026-27

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Points	Overall Position
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
BEHN	2	1	3	4	4	1	3	3	19	3rd
RORSCHACH	4	2	1	2	2	4	1	4	20	2nd
MEITNER	3	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	21	1st
TINBERGEN	1	4	4	3	1	2	4	1	20	2nd
YR Winners	Behn		Rorschach/Meitner		Tinbergen		Meitner			

The highly competitive House Cross Country returned last week with members of years 7-10 taking part to represent their houses. It was wonderful to see the determination and resilience from participants with many giving everything they can to gain those extra few positions to try and push their house up the podium.

A big thank you to the Sixth Form marshalls for their help directing and encouraging students throughout the races.

A congratulations to all that took part, and good luck in the House events yet to come.

Sam Griffin (Year 9) - Last week, students from years 7–10 participated in the annual interhouse Cross Country race, pushing hard through the windy conditions to secure vital points for their house.

A huge congratulations to those leading the group, as well as all of those who did their best in the event. A huge thank you to all staff and sixth formers who helped organise the races and marshal the course.

It was great to see the support from those on the sidelines, and the teachers brave enough to race alongside us.

It has shown that the school's cross country teams are in safe hands.

Madeleine Hobson (Year 10) - House Cross Country is always a much-anticipated event (for most!) to start the school year with and is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved with some running. Whether you were aiming for a top spot or simply having a go, it is always a fun morning and a great excuse to be outside and take a break from the usual lessons! It is a great chance to race your friends and earn more points for your house, overtaking one person could make all the difference!

This year was no different, with lots of people bringing out their competitive side or working together to reach the finish. The support from older students and teachers around the course, along with a few “Run Forrest Run” shouts from the Sixth formers, created a brilliant atmosphere and encouraged everyone to finish with a smile! No matter what position you came, I hope that everyone had fun doing a bit of running!

HOUSE	FORENAME	SURNAME	POSITION	YEAR	B/G
Tinbergen	Artie	Saunders	1ST	7	BOYS
Rorschach	Millie	Booker	1ST	7	GIRLS
Meitner	Oliver	Barker	1ST	8	BOYS
Rorschach	Daisy	Shackell	1ST	8	GIRLS
Meitner	Sam	Griffin	1ST	9	BOYS
Rorschach	Isla	Tate	1ST	9	GIRLS
Behn	George	Wilson	1ST	10	BOYS
Tinbergen	Sophie	Alliston	1ST	10	GIRLS
Tinbergen	Alex	Watson	2ND	7	BOYS
Behn	Bethany	Clough	2ND	7	GIRLS
Rorschach	Alfie	Fleming	2ND	8	BOYS
Behn	Maddie	Keith	2ND	8	GIRLS
Tinbergen	Ciaran	Mackay	2ND	9	BOYS
Tinbergen	Avocet	Williams	2ND	9	GIRLS
Rorschach	Ethan	Renehan	2ND	10	BOYS
Tinbergen	Madeleine	Hobson	2ND	10	GIRLS
Behn	Jago	Brunker	3RD	7	BOYS
Rorschach	Molly	Winn	3RD	7	GIRLS
Meitner	Lennon	Teague	3RD	8	BOYS
Meitner	Alexia	Hoad	3RD	8	GIRLS
Behn	Harry	Cosford	3RD	9	BOYS
Meitner	Emily	Robinson	3RD	9	GIRLS
Behn	Will	Sloss	3RD	10	BOYS
Rorschach	Amberley	Keith	3RD	10	GIRLS



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The Handmaid's Tale – Visit from Dr Carol Atherton

- Mrs A Bolitho, Head of Faculty: English

Bronte Wyvill – Reading enthusiast and Literature Student

On Tuesday afternoon we were fortunate to have Dr Carol Atherton, a former member of the English Department at BGS, visit our English Literature cohort to discuss her views and research findings on *The Handmaid's Tale* and hear our own perspectives of the book as she prepares to rewrite chapters of her book, *Reading Lessons*, for publication in America, including one chapter on our set text which was the focus for the afternoon. This discussion introduced us to the different receptions that the novel received, from parental complaints at schools to retail merchandise with quotes plastered on, inviting us to reflect on what it is about Atwood's work that enrages or resonates. I particularly enjoyed learning about how symbolism used in *The Handmaid's Tale* has been reclaimed, by women especially, over the years to speak out against certain policies and protest for rights. Within this we reflected on the longevity of the novel and its message, considering what attracts us to the dystopia genre. This was a very valuable opportunity that will greatly benefit not only my future essays but also my understanding of the influence that a novel can have and its place in society. Thank you to Dr Atherton for taking the time to talk to us.

Mrs A Bolitho – Reading enthusiast and Head of English and Media Faculty

Sadly, *The Handmaid's Tale* maintains its relevance 40 years after its publication and so Year 13 were soon into discussions and debates about this controversial book, including considering whether the ban in so many American High schools is warranted, why the novel still evokes such strong reactions in its readers and how the novel challenges us to face our attitudes towards the injustices that we see both in the world and on social media.

It was wonderful to see so much lively discussion and genuine enjoyment of a text and of literature more broadly. We were also fortunate to be able to have our questions answered about studying English at university and writing as a career. The afternoon was a powerful reminder that studying literature is not simply about analysing what is on the page, but about questioning the world around us, challenging our own assumptions and engaging thoughtfully with the ideas and issues that continue to shape our society. We are extremely grateful to Dr Atherton for giving our students such a stimulating and memorable afternoon and we hope to welcome her again soon.



- **Mrs R Greenfield, Assistant Headteacher**

The students received training from myself, Mrs Tomlinson and Mr Brooker, focusing on how they can support other students safely, confidently and responsibly. The training explored what good mental health means, the importance of listening without judgement, how to start a supportive conversation and, crucially, when concerns need to be passed on to a trusted adult.

The Mental Health Ambassadors will play an important role in strengthening peer support across the school.

A huge thank you and well done to all 17 of our new Mental Health Ambassadors. We look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make to the wellbeing of students across BGS.



House Totals

			
15641	13575	16259	13756

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 01/10/2026.***

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
Vincent Balazs-F	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Miles Brown	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
James Duffy	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
James Duffy	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Molly Fish	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Thea Gunner	7	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Jasper Haines	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Artur Jacukevics	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Felicia Kovalskaia	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Miller	Science
Esme Lyle	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Aggie White	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Lily Church	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Ethan Croft	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Rudra Dixit	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Mizen	Science
Isaac Fay	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Gabe Gao	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Lottie Gibson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Erik Klitovchenko	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Reuben Leigh	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Eric Lin	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Emmett Saker	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Lennon Teague	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Erica Wade	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Elwood Williams	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR

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Elwood Williams	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Oliver Abbott	9	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Harry Cosford	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Daisy Donovan	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral
Keira Hennelly	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral
Megan Younger	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Rebecca Zheng	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Berri Bairsto	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Stainton	Biology
Bede Drake	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Kodi Gloster	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jace Gwiti	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Rilan Haria	10	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Pippa Harrison	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Caoimhe Healy	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Flavia Hoxha	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Pollard	Geography
Roksana Lulczynska	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Theo Mitchell	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Ted Moocarme	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Spanish
Srikar Puppala	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Ethan Renehan	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Anna Da Silva	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Peyton Teague	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Immie Turner	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	RE & Pd
Reuben Baptista	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Elodie Collins	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Saihaan Damani	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Jessica Daniels	11	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Lewis Fryer	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amelia Giblin	11	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Bella Hill	11	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Natalie James	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Kaleb Nicol-Mace	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Keiran Selby	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Doogie Shorrock	11	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
Olivia Sloan	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Josh Falco	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Brooke Green	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Riley Haw	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Hartley	Economics
Poppy Hibbitt	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Niketh Nambala	12	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Brooke Olivares-Alvarez	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Zahra Ravji	12	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Bella Ward	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Emmi Woods	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Leo Zeng	12	Person of the Week	Mr Hartley	Pastoral
Ewan Dragota	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language

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Bea Ford	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Emma Hodson	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	Pastoral
Amelia Javaid	13	Person of the Week	Miss Sanders	Pastoral
Liam Laing	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
Tanish Patel	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Pastoral

