



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 19 June 2020  
From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## THE END OF THE BEGINNING



We have now completed the first week of our partial re-opening. Year 12 students have been enjoying packed days of support in their A-Level subjects. The vast majority of students in Year 12 attended on the days allocated to their timetable blocks and my very clear impression is that they enjoyed being back in School with their friends; they welcomed the opportunity to have some valuable support from the specialist teachers they know and trust.

Next week it is the turn of Year 10 then, after that, the cycle repeats one more time with another Year 12 week and, finally, a second Year 10 week. Remote learning will continue for all students in the final week of term, the week beginning 13 July; we are considering how we will use that final week but cannot confirm details at the moment.

The atmosphere in the School this week has been one of calm. Students had read the guidance that had been sent round in advance and had clearly been reassured by what had been conveyed. Each morning they arrived shortly before 08:40 and assembled standing on the yellow dots marked on the ground at the two waiting areas - by the main entrance and by



the side entrance - which ensured that they were socially distanced. With relatively few students in the School there was no crowding and moving around the site was straightforward with the one-way system very clearly indicated. The sessions went well and teachers reported how much they enjoyed seeing their students again.

I think all students who chose to come in this week will confirm that it was a valuable experience which will help them to focus on their studies at home. I look forward to welcoming them back for their second week here.

I hope that students in Year 10, who are due to come in to School next week, will feel reassured when they read of this week's experience in School. It is absolutely to be expected that many students will be feeling anxious about returning after so long away. That is normal. But I am certain that any concern will fade away once they walk onto the site, see other students, are welcomed by the staff and settle in to their routines. Most Year 10 students have indicated that they will be with us next week. I very much look forward to seeing them again.

The practical arrangements for Year 10 are a little more complicated than they are for Year 12 because of the way that the timetable works but students need not worry about this. Plenty of staff will be around to help as necessary and all understand that the students are likely to be a little nervous on their first day back. Full written details have been sent to the students and I will add a message in *TEAMS* too.



### PLEASE ENGAGE WITH *TEAMS*

The *TEAMS* system does allow teachers to monitor the level of engagement in the work set by students. I am sorry to see that engagement is not yet at the 100 per cent level. My colleagues are working hard, as best they are able in the present challenging circumstances, to ensure that students are presented with engaging material and relevant assignments. Students are urged to make the most of the support being offered and parents/carers are asked to encourage, as far as they are able, their sons and daughters to engage with the material provided on *TEAMS*.

The use of *TEAMS* by our academic departments continues to develop. The number of live sessions is growing daily as staff become more confident and familiar with the technology. Other good practice from teachers includes making and sharing podcasts and *YouTube* videos, and recording live-marking of work in front of the students. I do encourage students to use the Question and Answer facility available by posting questions to their teacher in the Class Channel.

### DEVELOPMENTS IN SCHOOL

I am pleased to report that our major refurbishment programme is progressing very well. Students in School will notice that the entirety of the English block/old Science area is out of bounds and that much of the playground is fenced off due to the contractors' compound. None of this presents any issues for students because there are plenty of other teaching venues to use and, with relatively few students in School and a clear one-way system, moving around is not an issue at all.

The Governors agreed at a meeting this week that the time has come to replace most of the machines in the Fitness Suite with brand new models. These should be in place in good time for when it is possible to use the Suite again.

## UCAS AND CAREERS SUPPORT

As Year 12 students begin their research and planning for life after moving on from Bourne Grammar School they might need to speak to someone for help and guidance. Mrs Hawkins is in School and will be available to see students by appointment during the second Year 12 week just as she has been this week. She can also be contacted at any time by e-mail on [sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk). Students should not hesitate to contact Mrs Hawkins for general advice, specific help with UCAS, personal statements or CVs or just for a reassuring chat. Her office has now moved to its new permanent location downstairs in the Science Block, near to the main staircase. This is a large and pleasant room and a far better location for this important aspect of the School's provision for its students.

Next Wednesday (24 June) there is an online Post-18 Q&A session from 14:30 to 15:30. Both Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Shales will be available on *TEAMS* to give advice on UCAS preparation, personal statements, Apprenticeships and next steps. The link to join this meeting will be posted on *TEAMS* in due course.

## NEWS FROM TWO CARING STUDENTS

I was delighted to receive news from two students who have engaged in rewarding and valuable training in a nursing home during the considerable challenges presented by COVID-19.

Louise Human (Year 11) has completed her initial training and is close to completing her Carer Certificate (NVQ). She has embraced the role and has enjoyed working with the residents she cares for and addressing the many challenges that the work presents. Louise's career choice is in health care. Her maturity has progressed hugely over the past three months.

Lauren Human (Year 13) has also undertaken and has excelled in training to be a Carer and has been promoted to Activities Co-ordinator. This role requires her to ensure that the fifty residents at the home are entertained, compensating as far as possible for the restricted visiting arrangements in place at the moment. Lauren, who performed regularly and impressively at musical events at School for many years, regularly produces music sessions for the residents, giving them a platform to reminisce and to release their frustrations in these difficult times. She has excelled in inventing imaginative and exciting experiences for the residents including a 100th birthday party, the recent 75 VE Day celebrations and the Queen's Official Birthday.

Both Lauren and Louise have exhibited the ability to see past the residents' physical presentations to tune in to their personalities, seeing the reality and history behind the person who is living perhaps with dementia and other conditions. Lauren has signed up for a course in dementia care. She will continue to inspire the residents who rely on her leading each day's activities during lockdown.

Congratulations to Lauren and Louise for making the most of the opportunity to gain valuable and useful experience whilst helping those in particular need. We wish them well as Lauren moves to university and Louise returns to her Sixth Form studies.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN

Sean Bedford (Year 12) has been selected for the East Midlands FA CORE (Centre of Referee Excellence) for his abilities as a local football referee. Sean will be on the programme for the next few years, which includes regular coaching and mentoring by a Championship referee, exchange visits to referee at international competitions, and officiating at international events held at St Georges Park, home of the FA.

## SCHOOL BLOUSE SALE

We have a number of School blouses from old stock for sale. If you wish to purchase a blouse or blouses, please email Mrs Ford at [pastoral@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk). The following sizes are available: 28", 30", 34", 38", 40", 42". The cost of each blouse is £7.

Blouses will be collected at a pre-arranged time with Mrs Ford and payment will be made via a sealed envelope left in Reception when you collect your order.

## ARTWORK

Year 10 Art students have been continuing their coursework at home and have been industrious making their own paints from natural sources. Experiments have included beetroot, fruit teas, herbs, and even mud! Below are some of the incredible results.



Beth Ashley  
*Study using beetroot and mud*



Lilianna Rainer  
*Leeks drawn with a stick and shadow added using tea and mud*



Meg Moore  
*Study using watercolour, tea and coffee*



Hafsah Asad  
*Study of a pumpkin with turmeric*

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ashleigh Goodall	7	Miss Kirby	Mathematics
Zara Goode	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Mayra Narang	7	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Joe Troth	7	Miss Greenfield	Geography
Amy Watkinson	7	Mrs Woolf	Science
Harry Brear	8	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Theo Bryson	8	Miss Greenfield	Geography
Lizzie Edwards	8	Mr Green	History
Clara Lytle	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Tristan Ng	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Ananya Aravindhan	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Isabelle Diaz-Munoz	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Will Gardner	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Emily Gosling	9	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
George Groom	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
David Hyam	9	Miss Doeringhaus	German
David Hyam	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Roshan-Abbas Manji	9	Miss Kirby	Mathematics
Abiel Simon	9	Mr Gatland	English
Anna Williamson	9	Mrs Chapman	English
Tiffany Wong	9	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Max Garthwaite	10	Dr Barmby	History
Charlotte Harrison	10	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Thomas Payne	10	Mrs Chapman	English
Elliott Plant	10	Mr Brown	Computing
Benjamin Prince-Stone	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Ethan Rayner	10	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Katie Ward	10	Miss Dye	English
Holly Weston	10	Mr Miller	Physics
Connor Young	10	Miss Bradley	PE
Tom Cameron	12	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Ellen Fordham	12	Mr Miller	Physics
Katy Howard	12	Mr Tighe	Religious Studies
Ann Sebi	12	Mr Howard	Religious Studies
Katie Stanbury	12	Mrs Clark	Spanish