

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 25 September 2020

From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR RE-ELECTED

I am delighted to report that our Chair of Governors Ian Mears and his Vice-Chair Robert Parker have been re-elected to serve for a further year. Our congratulations to both. There is of course no expectation that our most senior governors should be alumni but by coincidence it is the case that both Mr Mears and Mr Parker are former students of our School.

GOVERNORS MEET AGAIN - VIRTUALLY

Some may feel that there are more pleasant ways to spend a Wednesday evening than in a governors' meeting but attending the first meeting of the year really was a pleasure. All students and staff are back in School now but the governors do not spend their time in our daytime 'bubble' system so our Chairman made the wise decision that the governors should meet virtually for the time being.

Wednesday's meeting was attended, virtually, by several members of the Leadership Team who presented reports to the Governors. The good news came thick and fast. Mr Ransom gave his usual detailed presentation on this year's outstandingly impressive GCSE and A-Level results. He then briefed on the summer's extensive refurbishments - a complex project he led, along with the Finance Department. Mr Bruncker briefed on the operation of the School under the bubble system and it was good to hear him put into words what we all see in School every day: our students are able to get on with their education far more satisfactorily under the present constraints than anyone had dared to imagine. It was noted, though, that additional burdens now fall on the teaching staff but also that all colleagues are rising impressively to the challenges they now face as they go about their daily routines in School. We have been well supported by our cleaning contractor, too, and the cleaners who are on-site during the School day are doing an efficient and thorough job as they do their bit to keep us all safe.

Following the Prime Minister's Tuesday evening briefing, it seems likely that of the predictions regarding life in School ventured in these pages in recent weeks, the most pessimistic will come to pass ... it is probable now that the School will operate in bubbles for months.

Mr Hewitt briefed on the plans we have worked up in discussion with the Subject Leaders for ensuring that students' education will continue in each of as many scenarios as we might possibly expect to face, up to and including total closure. We are well prepared but, of course, we hope very much that the School will continue to be fully open to all, as it has been since the start of term.

The meeting also discussed our early-stage plans for exciting further major development of our School's estate.

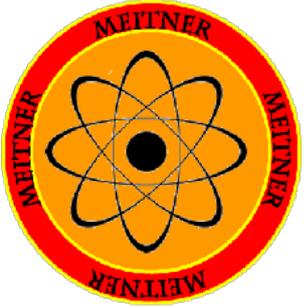
SCHOOL YARD

With some fifteen buses manoeuvring and parking in the yard and countless cars delivering students every morning, the surface of the School yard takes a bashing and it is evidently now in need of replacement rather than further repair. Of course, replacement of the surface can be contemplated only during a period of total closure and throughout the recent closure and summer holiday regular access was necessary for contractors' vehicles working on the refurbishment and the AstroTurf pitch. So the resurfacing work has been planned for the October half-term week. That is likely to be the only suitable window for some months so, assuming the weather is not an impediment, the work will be done and the surface should then need little maintenance for many years to come.

NEW HEADTEACHER - UPDATE

I am in regular contact with Alastair Anderson. It is very important to me that I do all I possibly can to ensure that my successor receives the smoothest and most comprehensive handover that I can muster and to that end Mr Anderson will visit the School for two days in November. If his commitments at his present school allow, he will visit in December too. With the Covid restrictions in place it will unfortunately not be possible to run some of the events that were planned in order to give our new Headteacher the very warmest of welcomes. It will not be possible for him to meet as many of his new colleagues and the governors as had been planned. Nevertheless a comprehensive programme has been worked up and I look forward to welcoming Mr Anderson back to the School. I know that everyone will do all they can to make him welcome in January when, as is likely, he takes over at a time when the School is operating in far from its usual manner due to the continuing Covid rules.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
5634	5621	5515	5192

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 24/09/2020.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sport

On Sunday 13 September, Filip Wiza passed his grading exam in Tae Kwon Do and received his 5th Kup (Blue Belt).

Charity

Martha O'Connor (Year 7) has taken part in the *Red Cross Miles for Refugees* campaign, walking 72 miles throughout September - the equivalent of a journey a refugee might have to make from Damascus in Syria to Beirut. She has raised £685 for the Red Cross, which will be used to support refugees arriving in the UK. .



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Jasmine Ferrara	7	Miss Bradley	PE
Freya Andrew	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Masha Morozova	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Joanne Akinniyi	8	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Abigail Sellappah	8	Ms Currier	Spanish
Harrison Shreeve	8	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Harrison Shreeve	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Jessica Burton	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Sophie Simpson	8	Dr Owen	English
Charlie Morgan	9	Miss Sanders	Business Studies
Josh Barrett	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ishna Hamid	9	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Hermione King	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Emma Aldred	9	Miss Turton	Pastoral
Lily-Grace Cooke	9	Mr Hartley	Business Studies
Lorena Ismail	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Chloe Kirman	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Alexander Udeaja	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Hannah George	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Efe Halilov	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Charles Noel	10	Ms Bowtell	Registration
Tobi Olatunde	10	Miss Smithson	English
Joseph Amos	10	Ms Kemp	English
Harry Child	10	Mr Farrow	Statistics
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Noah Akamessan	11	Miss Watson	English
Noah Akamessan	11	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Henry Needham	11	Ms McVicker	English
Sebastien Croxall	11	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Amelia Griffiths	11	Miss Bennett	English
Alex Jungmann	11	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Lily Martin-Jones	11	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Elliott Plant	11	Mr Brown	Computing
Joseph Woollard	11	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Verity Toulson	12	Miss Bennett	English Language
Kara Cartmell	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Mary Francis	13	Mr Mitchell	Law