



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 9 October 2020
From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

RECOGNISING STUDENTS' SUCCESSES

Since rising student numbers forced our annual presentation of academic awards to be spread over two separate occasions, we have held our traditional Speech Night in Bourne Abbey in late November and a more informal Prize Night at School in the preceding summer term. Between the two events all year-groups are covered.

Due to the School's closure period the Summer 2020 Prize Night, at which prizes for students in Years 7-10 would have been awarded, was abandoned. It has already been confirmed that the November 2020 Speech Night, at which prizes for students in last year's Years 11-13 would have been presented, cannot happen. It is of course hoped that the normal cycle can resume with the Summer 2021 Prize Night but, for now, we have hundreds of hard-working students who have achieved remarkable success in difficult circumstances and in the course of a very difficult year to whom prizes are rightly owing.

I am delighted to report that the Chair of Governors has approved the proposal to run a single online event in November which, along with a special commemorative printed programme will allow us to celebrate and place upon permanent record the successes of the prize-winners from the fractured 2019/20 School Year. Details of the date, which is likely to be the evening of Thursday 26 November, and the Internet link for the online element of the event will be distributed to prize-winners and their parents/carers in due course.

Our special event will lack the special ceremony attainable only in the Abbey but the prizes will carry the same prestige and will be given in the same spirit of celebration and commendation. It will be the first occasion for many years on which prizes for students across the entire School will be presented at a single event...we find, once again, that amidst the difficulties of the Covid-19 constraints lie some welcome conveniences.

PARENTAL CONTACT WITH STAFF

It is almost certainly the case that this year's opportunities for parents to consult with the teaching staff will have to consist entirely of online meetings. With that in mind, and in view of the unique circumstances which have affected all schools since March, we are presently considering how best to offer opportunity for parental consultation with staff this year. As in all things a range of constraints mean that no model will satisfy everyone and it is highly likely that whatever we decide will involve a significant element of compromise and prioritising. Our plans are not yet complete but I expect to be able to communicate the model to parents/carers within the next few weeks.

ROAD SAFETY

I have received a letter of concern from a resident of Great Northern Gardens. The resident is concerned about parents parking there at the end of the School day and the safety issues this may raise. I have also from time to time received similar messages from the management of *Jewson's* yard. I always respond to the effect that congestion is inevitable around any large school which has a wide catchment area but that any inconvenience is likely to last for no more than twenty minutes or so. That said, and cognisant of the scale of the end-of-the-day egress of students here and the limited number of places for private cars to wait, I must appeal to parents/carers to have regard to our neighbours, including those which are commercial premises, as they collect students at the end of the School day.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - *Mr Brooker, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)*

This week saw the establishment of the Senior Prefect team. Together with the Head Students, the Senior Prefects will drive the School forward in their roles as on-the-ground ambassadors for the student body and for the entire School community. With Student Council representatives in every year group, student leadership remains at the forefront of Bourne Grammar School; all the more crucial in a year touched by as many challenges as is this one. To ensure that they have the chance to make a real and lasting contribution, each Senior Prefect has been placed into one of the following committees:

Editorial	Equality & Diversity	Mental Health	Activities	Outreach
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Year 7 Team	Year 8 Team	Year 9 Team	Year 10 Team	Year 11 Team	Year 12 Team
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This year perhaps more than any other will require the innovative and proactive approach that all of our Student Leaders bring. With their ideas, their voices and their commitment to shaping the ethos and atmosphere of the School, we believe that Bourne Grammar School is in as strong a place as it ever has been.

YEAR 10 SPORTS LEADERS - *Miss Bowtell, PE*

Year 10 have started their PE curriculum this year with real enthusiasm and high energy levels. The Dance Leaders have jumped straight into action, learning what qualities make a good leader, with several students bravely volunteering to teach the group their specialist Dance genre, including Classical Indian Dance, Irish Dancing, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, and Ballet.

The group experienced a short taster session of each of these areas of dance, led superbly by their own peers. Despite being very nervous at the start of the session with the thought of teaching their own friends, they soon grew in confidence and began to deliver first-rate instructions in a clear and precise manner. This led to everyone in the group being able to copy their actions. What a fantastic start!



INVIGILATORS - *Mrs Hawkins, Examinations Officer*

Each year we need invigilators to work for the School during the examination seasons and, although we have an excellent team currently in place, we do occasionally need to add to their number. If you think that this is something that you would be interested in doing, please send an email to exams@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk, and I will contact you should the occasion arise.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Euan Hirst	7	Miss Turton	Drama
James Houghton	7	Mr Howard	EPR
April Thorley	7	Ms McVicker	English
Solomon Johnson	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Elliot Southwood	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Abigail Sellappah	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Emma Dennis	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Harrison Shreeve	8	Mr Perez	Science
Isaac Malcolm	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Amy Fletcher	9	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Courtney Pudney	9	Ms Kemp	English
Emily Thomas	9	Mr Hartley	Business Studies
Sasha Milne	9	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
William Cole	9	Mrs Lawrie	Mathematics
Archie Crane	9	Miss Sanders	Business Studies
Lizzie Edwards	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Lizzie Edwards	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Takunda Fashitidu	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Jake Horner	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Kirsty Moyle	10	Miss Bradley	PE
Ben Harrison	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Sophia Leaton	10	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Ed Trofimovas	10	Miss Smithson	English
Sharv Ghamandi	11	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Oscar Potts	11	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Fiona Jennings	11	Mrs Lawrie	Mathematics
Sophie Jordan	11	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Maria Rila	11	Miss Bennett	English
Naina Anandaraj	12	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Scott Merriman	12	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Luke Purdy	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Gemma Hutchins	12	Miss Patman	Spanish
Bryn Tiermey	13	Mr Hewitt	Politics
Peter Reid	13	Dr Hanson	Biology
Freddie Anniss	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
9,736	10,060	9,793	9,778

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 08/10/2020.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Morgan Harris (Year 11) recently passed his Grade 8 Drum Exam.
