



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 5 November 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week we hosted an excellent Sixth Form Open Evening, properly risk assessed and managed with Covid-19 very much in mind. It was fantastic to see so many people in School once again and to have over 300 members of the current Sixth Form volunteering to help on the night, more in fact than we could realistically use. Our student helpers were smart, enthusiastic and regularly commented on by visitors, over 130 of whom were student families currently in education elsewhere. They were a credit to themselves and the School, and further enhanced the excellent work of academic departments in providing relevant, useful and dynamic advice to prospective A-Level students. The event as a whole was another indicator of the positivity that surrounds life at Bourne Grammar, and of the excellent educational experience on offer here. Since the holiday, we have also hosted the highest number of weekly School tours so far this year to prospective families, and once again we have had volunteers from our Head Students queuing up to help in this very important task. Our students are the best ambassadors we have, and I am extremely grateful to everyone in the Sixth Form for doing so much to show off their School so effectively in recent days.



Next week we see the start of Year 11 mock examinations, an important moment for GCSE students to benchmark their progress. We are as hopeful and confident as we can be that GCSE examinations will proceed normally in 2022, but we have learned in the last couple of years to adapt to difficult circumstances and try to prepare for whatever comes at us. I urge all students in Year 11 to work as hard as they can over the next two weeks in order to achieve the best results they can, not only to give them focus and direction for the months ahead but also to bank some robust data as to their current progress. We all hope that Teacher Assessed Grades will not return, but the Government have instructed all schools to prepare for a Teacher Assessed Grade context as a worst case scenario. The results from mock examinations will be an important element in any data trail.

Finally, on a wider note I have been watching developments at COP 26 with interest. All organisations must look at their environmental credentials, and as I highlighted back in September, we have a student Environmental Committee looking at ideas for sustainability on a weekly basis. Yesterday, I asked our Head Students to raise environmental issues at all committee meetings over the next couple of weeks and I am looking for a student-led strategy to be developed for the School. I am confident that some positive ideas will be forthcoming.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES - Mr Tomlinson, Director of Music

The musical events at Bourne Grammar School have always been a pleasure to be a part of. Seeing the students showcase their talents to audiences, reminds me of my own love of performing and it has been so hard this last year and a half to not have that. We are pushing forward with plans for a Christmas Concert and for performances in School to finally return. Looking ahead, I am keen to create additional opportunities for our students to perform in the wider community, and so it was great to receive an email from Nicky Ferguson, one of the trustees of the Old Town Hall in Bourne, inviting some of our students to join an evening of musical performances last Thursday. Ellie Langman (Year 12) and Courtney Pudney (Year 10) were outstanding and deserve particular acclaim, given the lack of performing opportunities over the last couple of years due to COVID. They put any nerves aside to deliver some excellent performances.

Following on from this event, I am very keen to build links with the Old Town Hall further, and as such I am pleased to announce a collaboration where we will be staging a concert series there throughout 2022. In addition to the events in School, the students will have access to performing opportunities in a quite fantastic venue, where they will be able to showcase their skills to the wider community of Bourne. The planning is underway and further information will be released in the Bulletin in the near future.

YEAR 11 INTER-FORM SPORTS - Mr Bowers, PE

The last week of Term 1 saw the start of Year 11 Inter-Form sports take place - this was a fiercely contested week within the year group. Eight students from each tutor group made up a volleyball squad with five players playing at once. Some fantastic volleyball was played throughout the week - the group stages were unfortunately cut short, but we managed to get four semi-finalists from the games played.

11A v 11F and 11B v 11C showed the calibre of volleyball the year group are able to play. 11A and 11B were victors from the semi-finals and the finals were played on centre court of the Sports Hall in front of a large crowd. Congratulations to 11A who came out victorious in the final, winning 38-34. A great week for the year group before a busy return to School this week - well done everyone!



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

1,254	1,258	1,200	1,241

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each House between 01/11/2021 and 04/11/2021.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Jake Stubbs	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Munachukwuso Anike	8	Mr Edwards	Drama
Abi Buzzel	8	Mr Edwards	Drama
Jack Cotuk	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Jacob Didsbury	8	Mr Williamson	English
Charles Kavati	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Isabella Mahoney	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Adrienne Moore	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Julius Priedis	8	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Hayden Pugh	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Milan Sisodia	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Bronte Wyvill	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Grace Miller	8	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Jessica Burton	9	Mr Gatland	English
Naomi Daniels	9	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Mayra Narang	9	Mr Walker	Computing
Holly Potts	9	Mr Gatland	English
Kacper Zajac	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Ayesha Shazad	9	Miss Atkinson	Pastoral
Isabel Turner	9	Miss Atkinson	Pastoral
Ben Aldred	10	Mr Dyson	Computing
Emma Aldred	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Josh Barrett	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Harry Brear	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Vivienne Chen	10	Mrs Tomlinson	English
Holly Griffin	10	Mr Miller	Physics
Finn Hewlett	10	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Luke Jones	10	Dr Barmby	History
Eva Larter	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Eva Larter	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Alyssa Mascot	10	Miss Roberts	English
Nabeeha Saeed	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Adam Wheel	10	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Delicia Johnson	10	Mrs Welling	Art
Charlotte Alder	11	Miss Capper	History
Lotte Cole	11	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Efe Halilov	11	Ms Kemp	English
Zoe Husbands	11	Miss Capper	History
Sophia Leaton	11	Mr Moxley	Drama
Jack Morrison	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Alice Nickson	11	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Sania Shaji	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Ben Simpson	11	Mr Sheppard	Cross Country
Adam Taylor	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Nina Thelwell	11	Ms Bennett	English
Archie Ward	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Fatoumata Cham	12	Miss Watson	English Literature
Rishma Chanda	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Isabelle Pallister	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Milly Ramm	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Grace Lawday	12	Ms Bowtell	PE
James Eames	13	Mr Roche	Registration
Oliver Lee	13	Mr Roche	Registration
Sian Manzur	13	Mr Mitchell	Law
Molly Morrison	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students recently achieved their DofE awards:

- Bronze Award - Amelie Murphy, William Pickston (Year 11), Tommy Armitage (Year 12)
- Silver Award - Leah Fry (Year 13)