



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 14 January 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

I would like to wish the whole community a Happy New Year and hope that everyone enjoys a productive and positive 2022. There are ongoing challenges for us all, and in that context I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance with the Covid testing days that took place last week. All progressed smoothly and we hope over the coming weeks we can keep the worst of the Omicron variant at bay.

I was delighted this week to receive a physical copy of the new student publication "Bourne Identity" which was produced in digital format at the end of last term. It is a very well put together and planned 26 page publication, and my thanks to Mrs Clark and Mrs Tomlinson for their steering of the editorial team. If you have not had the opportunity to open your digital copy yet I would encourage you to do so, and as the editors prepare for the next edition I am sure they would welcome any student ideas for the future development of this student-led project. A public thank you and well done to Abigail Hennis, Rafe Wallbank, Oliver Lee, Daniell Rambaldi, Grace Brown, Sandra Sajosh, Amy Jones, Charlotte Lindsay, Noah Tarabad, Maisie Lloyd, Ege Haliilov, Jake Clipson-Cox, Tristan Ng, Adam Kirk, Kaavya Guhan, Remi Karim, Michael Mandy, Charlotte Harrison, Lily Martin-Jones, Zsazsa Osei-Gyamfi, Sophia Leaton, Grace Munton-Hague, Megan Mears, Hannah George, Maria Wright, Vivienne Chen, Anica Andali, Atiksh Agnihotri and Alexanne Bailey for their commitment and contributions to the first edition.

Finally, I would like to encourage all our students to get involved in as much as they can, even in the dark days of winter when motivation can be hard to find. To be busy, to be creative, to be challenged, to learn what it is to work on a new skill or within a new team: these are the sorts of actions that bring out the best in all of us. Despite the pandemic we continue to have an impressive array of clubs and activity options and, as an old teaching colleague of mine used to say to students whenever he had the chance, "everyone is good at something, you just need to have the courage to take a chance and find out what!" Let 2022 be the year when all of you – every student – takes a risk and tries something new.

COVID-19 TESTING - Mrs Hill, Academic Administrator

Following Government guidance, we had to test our students for Covid following the Christmas Break. This took place on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January and was the third time our wonderful team came together to deliver this service.

Our team of testers is made up of our invigilators, parents, ex-students, members of the local community and several members of our non-teaching staff - yet again, they delivered a slick operation in our Sports Hall. We tested just under 1500 students over the two days.

The students know exactly what is expected of them now and took the testing in their stride as well as having to manage remote learning.

We could not provide this service without the help of this group of people. It is a mammoth operation to co-ordinate and deliver so thank you to everyone who helped it run so smoothly.



BGS LIVE SESSIONS AT THE OLD TOWN HALL

Mr Tomlinson, Director of Music

Following the announcement before Christmas of our collaboration with the Old Town Hall in Bourne, for the 'BGS Live Sessions', I am pleased to say the first event is going ahead next Friday 21 January. I wanted to give our students more performing opportunities and to showcase their talents to the wider community of Bourne. The Old Town Hall is a fantastic intimate venue, where a selection of pupils studying GCSE and A-Level Music will have the opportunity to hone their performing skills and gain valuable experience moving forward with their music studies.

As the venue is limited capacity, any remaining tickets will be available to purchase from Monday 17 January via the following link:

<https://bournetownhall.org.uk/events>



LAW MOCK TRIALS - December 2021

Maria Wright (Year 12)

In the last few weeks of Term 2, Year 12 Law students avidly prepared for and delivered their 'mock trials', which are trials within the classroom setting that act in imitation of those occurring in real courtrooms. These allow students to gain an understanding of what the courtroom actually feels like, what the assumption of roles as young barristers entails and what the different positions within the legal system require.

On Thursday 9 December, Class 12C had their chance to execute their very own mock trial, which centred on a case named 'R v Kennedy'. The case involved a Defendant named Sam Kennedy (enacted by Lily Martin-Jones) who was charged with an assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Terry Woolf (enacted by Lauren Stuart). The defence was that the blow was struck in self-defence, whilst the Prosecution's case was that the Defendant struck Woolf in anger.



The trial began with commencement, and was followed by the Prosecution's opening speech, delivered clearly by prosecuting advocate Will Craft. His fellow prosecuting advocate Reece Bates then called the first prosecution witness, Terry Woolf, and gave an examination-in-chief of him. This included an elicitation of the facts by short, simple and clear questioning. This was followed by a cross-examination, which was delivered by defending advocate Rahil Mahmood. This involved an exposure of contradictions and weaknesses of the other side. Bates then proceeded to call his second prosecution witness Les Bingham (enacted by Issy Lawson) and once again gave an examination-in-chief. This witness was, again, cross-examined by Mahmood, which rounded off the case for the prosecution.



Defending advocate Joseph Motton then opened the case for the defence with a direct and concise opening speech. This was followed by Mahmood calling for the first defence witness: the defendant, Sam Kennedy. In a similar manner to before, Motton gave an examination-in-chief, Craft gave a cross-examination and then Mahmood called the second defence witness Chris Rose (enacted by Dan Arnold). Mahmood gave an examination-in-chief and Craft gave a cross-examination, after which Mahmood signified the end of the defence case by stating "This is the case for the defence".

To conclude the trial, Bates made a closing speech, followed closely by Mahmood's closing speech, wherein both advocates accurately summed up their cases and confidently highlighted weakness in the opposition's evidence. The judge (enacted by Mr Mitchell) summed up the case for the jury (enacted by several members of 12C), after which they were led to their retiring room outside the courtroom to reach a verdict. In this case, the jury found the defendant to be guilty unanimously and, in line with procedure, were not required to specify their reasons for choosing so.



I am sure I speak for my peers in saying that it was very fascinating to get a glimpse of not only the different roles within the court, but also the procedure and guidelines a trial must follow. There is no doubt that many students would make extremely promising barristers, particularly after such poised and assertive assumptions of their roles.

Mr Mitchell, Subject Leader: Law

I should add that the second Law group also completed a mock trial on the case of 'R v Kennedy', coming to a different verdict: 'not guilty'. In this trial the Prosecution counsel were Hilary Oliver and Isabelle Pallister, and the Defence team comprised of William Byrne, Harrison Crow and James McNally-Wilson: both sets of advocates were highly impressive and very well-prepared. The Prosecution witnesses were played by Saanchi Chetal and Kaavya Guhan. The defendant was played by Emily Doyle, and the associate defence witness by Daisy Palmer. All students carried out their roles with confidence and in a highly effective and convincing manner. There were moments of real drama in the courtroom. Amelia Howard was the Court Clerk and Jury Bailiff/Usher. The other students formed a jury. The jury foreperson, Ubayd Mahmood, delivered the verdict. Thank you to Edie Whaley for her excellent photographs too. The mock trial was a great way of rounding off a very busy term.

LUNCHTIME COVID CATCH-UP SESSIONS (by invitation only)

Week commencing Monday 17 January 2022

		YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
WEEK 2	Monday 17 January	Maths <i>Mr Smith M3</i>	English Language <i>Miss Pritchard E3</i>	Spanish <i>Mrs Worrall MFL 2</i>	Biology <i>Mr Stainton S9</i>
			Music <i>Mr Jones MU1</i>	Computer Science <i>Mr Brown CS4</i>	Design Engineering <i>Mr Delpert DE2</i>
	Tuesday 18 January	History <i>Mr Green H4</i>	English Literature <i>Miss Roberts E5</i>	Chemistry <i>Mr Marsden S14</i>	Spanish Higher <i>Ms Segarra MFL 9</i>
					Computer Science <i>Mr Brown CS4</i>
	Wednesday 19 January	Spanish <i>Ms Baverstock MFL 1</i>	Maths <i>Mr Gillespie M9</i>	English Language <i>Mrs Tomlinson E8</i>	Geography <i>Mr Murray G4</i>
		EPR <i>Mr Howard EPR1</i>			
	Thursday 20 January	English <i>Mrs Williamson E2</i>	Spanish <i>Mrs Clark MFL 5</i>	German <i>Ms Doeringhaus MFL 6</i>	EPR <i>Mr Tighe EPR 1</i>
		Design Engineering <i>Mr Dougall DE1</i>	EPR <i>Mr Howard EPR 1</i>	Maths <i>Mr Farrow M10</i>	Computer Science <i>Mr Brown CS4</i>
	Friday 21 January	Geography <i>Miss Pollard G1</i>	History <i>Miss Capper H1</i>	Spanish <i>Ms Currier MFL 7</i>	Maths <i>Mr Smith M3</i>
		Science <i>Mr Fleckney S5</i>	English Literature <i>Ms Smithson E4</i>		Chemistry <i>Mr Harris S13</i>
					Music <i>Mr Jones MU1</i>

AFTER SCHOOL CATCH-UP FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

The booking link opens at 16:00 on Friday 14 January and closes at 09:00 on Monday 17 January; places are available to the first 30 students who wish to attend and make an online booking. The subjects involved are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, German, French, Art and Music.

Please visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/e-gkarzy> to book your place.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The students below have recently achieved the following DofE certificates:





Bronze

- Year 11 - Arslan Bhatti, Aadi Chabria, Charles Coulam, Charlotte Cullen, Amnah Haque, Jake Horner, Sam Jagger, Keira Maxey, Hannah Taylor
- Year 13 - Laura Saunders

Silver

- Year 12 - Miina Maaranen
- Year 13 - Max Lambert, Dan Rambaldi

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
2,614	2,795	2,535	2,708

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each House between 06/01/2022 and 14/01/2022.*

VACANCY

IT Support Analyst

Salary: £20,903 - £23,541 per year

Bourne Grammar School are looking for a full-time IT Support Analyst to join our thriving team to help staff and students get the most from our digital resources.

Responsibilities include:

- Proactively providing IT support to all staff and students at Bourne Grammar School, including setting up laptops and projectors for assemblies/presentations
- Supporting, repairing and maintaining the School's ICT equipment
- Assisting with network and server hardware installation, configuration, fault-finding and maintenance.

For further information, job description and an application form, please contact

recruitment@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

or phone Mrs Fiona Hill on 01778 422288, ext 296.

All school staff have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people within the school. The successful applicant will be required to have an enhanced DBS check completed and offers are conditional upon satisfactory background checks.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Eddie Amos	7	Mr Walker	Design Engineering
Coby Dawkins	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Harper Graham	7	Miss Roberts	English
Danesha Kumari	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Ellen Richardson	7	Mr Tighe	EPR
Ellen Richardson	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Abdullah Shafiq	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Munachukwuso Anike	8	Mr Perez	Science
Isla Blowers	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
William Brown	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Calem Healy	8	Mr Dyson	Computing
Emma Hodson	8	Ms Bowtell	PE
Tanish Patel	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Isobel Smith	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Yvette Annis	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Evie Griffin	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Ben Parkinson	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Kris Rushworth	9	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Matt Stafford	9	Miss Watson	English
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Archie Bointon	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Nuala Goodson	10	Dr Barmby	History
Hermione King	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Daisy Nickerson	10	Miss Pollard	Geography
Courtney Pudney	10	Ms Bennett	English
Alfie Scotney	10	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Anthony Catherwood	11	Ms Bennett	English
Emily Clipson-Cox	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Catie Dawson	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Enoch Ekundayomi	11	Ms Kemp	English
William Pickston	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Hafsa Saghir	11	Miss Watson	Registration
Sania Shaji	11	Ms Kemp	English
Ben Simpson	11	Mr Brown	Computing
Bella Skelton	11	Miss Watson	English
Paige Briggs	12	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Alice Dossett	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Kaavya Guhan	12	Miss Watson	English Literature
Julia Kaminska	12	Miss Watson	English Language
Jacob Rowitt	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Grace Brown	13	Mr Moxley	Theatre Studies
Madison Loades	13	Mr Mitchell	Law
Jack Maxey	13	Miss Watson	English Language
Helene Wilson	13	Dr Hanson	Biology