

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 30 September 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week has seen the completion of a series of evening events involving key staff and parents from various year groups entering important new phases of their education. We have met with Year 7 parents to discuss the curriculum, Year 11 parents to identify the challenges of impending GCSEs and how we can best help the students be successful, Year 12 parents to look ahead to life in the Sixth Form and the opportunities available and to Year 13 parents to assist with information on transitioning to life after school. It has been a very full schedule, we have seen over 600 families take up the opportunity to come and spend time with us and it has undoubtedly been a good decision to hold these events live rather than by video link. I am keen to enhance communications with all stakeholders and these meetings are one key strand to that approach. My thanks to the staff who planned and executed these meetings and to all parents and students who found the time to attend.

Student notices rolled out each morning to tutor groups have been full of exciting opportunities over the last few days. The School Magazine is recruiting writers, Duke of Edinburgh training is up and running, the e-library is in place, students are busy designing new sports' kits for senior Sixth Form teams and I am delighted to see the return of the BGS Debating Society. The Chess Club is busy selecting its best players to play for the School team, Year 8 students are working to establish their own Lego Club and on Monday we celebrated the European Day of Languages. All of this is in addition to the wide array of sports teams training and playing fixtures and the regular elements of Music, Art and Drama that are always in place. When we talk of seizing opportunities this kind of information in daily notices is available to all and students cannot claim to be short of options! As ever, I strongly encourage every student to find something they have an interest in and commit to it.

And finally, auditions for the next whole School Musical were underway this week. In March we will be putting on a production of "We Will Rock You" and the Drama and Music departments are already deep in planning and preparation. It is exciting for us all to see the return of this core Performing Arts event in our calendar and I hope those who have auditioned and are successful have a wonderful time over the next few months as they prepare for the performance run.

CROSS COUNTRY – FENLAND LEAGUE RACE 1 – CROWLAND, WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – *Report by Mr Ray, PE*

The start of the Cross Country season began last week with the first of four races in the Fenland League competition. It was a delight to see so many Bourne Grammar students participating in the first of these races. Pick of the races had to go to Yvette Annis in the Year 9 & 10 Girls race and Leah Graham in the Year 7 & 8 Girls race, as both led the field home with impressive victories. The second race of the competition is on Monday 3 October at Hampton College. The Team results to date are very tight with the Year 9 & 10 boys leading by just 1 point (Team scores are the first 4 runners home in each age group). That said, we currently lead the competitions in all 4 age groups a great start to the season, well done all!

There will be numerous opportunities to participate in the coming weeks with the South Lincolnshire Championship following on Friday 14 October and selected teams representing the School at the first round of the Cross Country Cup on Wednesday 19 October. Those wishing to get involved or simply improve their fitness levels are welcome to attend the running club every Monday and Wednesday after school with Mr Sheppard.



Year 7 & 8 and 9 & 10 girls and boys School cross country teams.

GIRLS YEAR 10 HOCKEY vs LINCOLN MINSTER AND KINGS SCHOOL – *Report by Ms Bowtell, PE*

The Year 10 team played two tough fixtures against these visiting sides on Tuesday. The Lincoln side had a very skilled forward who seemed to dominate all of their play and the team was a little taken aback by her skill to begin with, as she powered through the middle and scored several times in a short period. However, the girls fighting spirit rose to the occasion with some inspirational runs by Annabel Armitage who was simply incredible in her own domination up front, demolition of their defence and drew the game closer, as we clawed back the game. We nullified their main player for long periods of time with outstanding play by our Goalkeeper who was voted for player of the match as she threw herself around the Hockey D. Goals plundered in on both sides and the final score was 5-4 to them, with them scoring a goal in the final minutes.

The next game has notoriously been drawn for the last few years with both team's excellence counteracting each other. The same was true this time as the game ebbed and flowed from one side to the other with both teams struggling to score but ferocious play occurring all over the pitch with Holly Potts defending magnificently and Libby Bird interacting well with Flo Dexter to be creative in the middle. However, the Kings team managed to break the deadlock first but within 30 secs Annabel and Emma Whittle broke back to restore order. Sadly, once again we were left heartbroken as they scored to make it 2-1 and even Annabel's strike wouldn't seem to work for us as it hit the inside of the post and bounced away - heads hung low we walked away a little wiser and looking at life in a balanced way and learning the lesson that sometimes things don't always go the way you deserve or want but that is life and there is always another game. Watch out the next opponents as we don't like losing....



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES – report by Mrs Worrall, MFL

The European Day of Languages was celebrated this year on Monday 26 of September. It is a day to alert the public to the importance of language learning to increase pluralism and intercultural understanding. Furthermore, it provides the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe and encourages lifelong language learning. The day is celebrated annually since it was proclaimed by the Council of Europe on 6 December 2001.

As Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the European Day of Languages 2022 said, *“The European Day of Languages is a celebration of the rich tapestry of languages which make our continent so special. Linguistic diversity is our cultural heritage. It helps us appreciate difference and helps us understand that diversity is our strength. Let us value all languages in Europe.”*

At Bourne Grammar School we are proud to promote our love for languages and multiculturalism by providing our students with the opportunity of learning Spanish and French or German.

Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick - 9B has written the following extract which summarises what happened in our School on the day:

Walking to my form room on Monday 26 September, I couldn't help but notice many colourful quizzes posted all around the MFL classrooms, as well as, fun translations on each of the doors. The School Student notices announced that it was the European Day of Languages, and along with some fun facts, we were notified of a competition, with the winners receiving a special prize. The competition consisted of three separate tasks, all to do with languages. Each task was not only challenging, but also really fun. Overall, a big thank you and well done to the MFL Department.

We had a huge number of students who participated in the competition and we are happy to announce the winners as follows:

First place with full marks (25/25):

Michael Sarfo - 8E
Niketh Nambala - 8E
Jack Lewis - 8E
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick - 9B
Zahra Ravji - 8C

Second place with 24/25

Imogen Southwood and Darcie Trawford - 7D



Please see below for an exciting opportunity for our students to take part in a competition to design new kits for the Sixth Form students:

DESIGN THE KIT COMPETITION

The best design will be the new
6th form football, rugby and
netball kit.



The winner will
get a
personalised kit...
for free!



Don't forget to include the
School Badge





Pick up a kit template from the
PE Office or use one from
Google

The main colour must be red,
but you can include black
and/or white

Hand your design into the PE Office or email it to
Anthony.Graves@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

The competition is open to students in all years. Designs can be hand
drawn or produced on a computer. The closing date is October 14th.

House Totals

			
4706	4170	4686	4696

***These totals show all Achievement Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 29/9/2022.***

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Tamsin Bates	7	Mrs Allen	English
Jessica Nicholson	7	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Ben Alliston	8	Mr Vaughan	Science
William Blades	8	Mr Murray	Geography
Tia Ely	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Evie Ingham	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Louis Longden	8	Mr Ray	PE
Emily Sewell	8	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Ata Egeli	9	Mrs Allen	English
Sebastien Louzolo	9	Mr Baker	Biology
Jacob Sandom	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
George Abell	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Mae Cole	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Connor Gibson	10	Mrs Welling	Art
Hania Imran	10	Mrs Allen	English
Luke Norris	10	Dr Barmby	History
Joshua Oladejo	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Grace Osborne	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Isabel Turner	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Ollie Darby	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
James Banstola	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Clara Lytle	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Tiffany Olivares-Alvarez	11	Miss Smith	PE
Ollie Provost	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Emma Smith	11	Ms Kemp	English
Caleb Yates	11	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Erin Cox	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Jake Horner	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Matthew Hawkridge	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
William Bentley	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Ewan Jones	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology

Vacancies:

We currently have two vacancies:

- School Counsellor
- Site Operative

Please see our website for further details.