



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 14 October 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

From the moment that Ofsted called on Monday morning this week has been all about the inspection. As a School we knew Ofsted would be visiting soon, but nevertheless when the call came there was a degree of surprise and trepidation as we adjusted to the news. This was quickly followed by a strong sense of adrenalin-fuelled determination right across the community to show the inspectors Bourne Grammar is a fantastic school.

The inspectors were polite, professional and the process was completed smoothly. I would like to thank publicly all members of staff for their hard work throughout the week and I would like to thank all those parents that completed the Ofsted questionnaire: I have seen the results and your overwhelmingly positive views were enormously helpful. I would also like to thank the many hundreds of students who either spoke individually to an inspector or as part of a small group and thanks also to all those who had inspectors in their lessons and contributed so effectively to the learning that was on show. I can tell you now that the inspecting team was extremely impressed at the lively, engaging, polite and ambitious qualities that they witnessed in everyone they spoke to.

I can also tell you that the busy life of the School did not break step as Year 13 Biologists went to Kew Gardens and the House Cross Country was completed. Being able to manage a very detailed and complex inspection process without sacrificing any of the regular or planned elements that make this School special is an achievement in itself.

The results of the inspection will arrive in a report that will be published in several weeks' time. At this stage there is no further information available and we wait to receive that report. Life can return to normal as the tension ebbs away and everyone can enjoy the upcoming weekend perhaps a little more than usual!

YEAR 11 – PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS: BOOKING SYSTEM

A reminder that the SchoolCloud booking system will closing on Sunday 16 October at 23.55.

You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first come first served basis. The system will ensure that each video appointment will commence and end at the scheduled time so please ensure you have logged into the system in good time to commence your appointment.

The online booking system can be accessed here: <https://bournegrammar.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the Priority 1 parent and your son/daughter's preferred forename (as used in School), surname and date of birth as recorded on our database.

Guidance on how to carry out a video call can be found [here](#).

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO SICILY 3 - 7 OCTOBER 2022 - *Subject Leader of Geography R E Greenfield.*

After missing out on the Sicily fieldtrip for two years owing to the pandemic, the Geography department was delighted to be given the go ahead to be able to run this fieldwork again. This year's trip was a wonderful opportunity for 40 Year 11 Geography students to develop their knowledge and understanding of both Physical and Human Geography through hands-on experience in Sicily. During the week, our young Geographers studied volcanology first-hand on Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active stratovolcano. Additionally, they explored the effects of lava flow at the Alcantara Gorge, visited the volcanic island of Vulcano in the Aeolian Islands, and also studied the effects of tourism on the Sicilian coast. It was a week packed with fabulous educational insight and some unforgettable experiences. Below, several students describe our week in more detail.

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER - by Archie Crane

We had to arrive at 3am on the first day at school, no-one was in the mood to talk at that time. We then had a long coach journey to the airport but luckily there was no traffic as it was half past 3 in the morning! The journey there went quickly and without any problems, but none of us were used to the heat when we first stepped off the plane. We took a short bus trip to Gardini Naxos where we were given time to eat, I chose spaghetti and we walked around a museum about the history of the area. We then went to our hotel where we were able to unpack and relax after a long day.



TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER - by Matilda King

We started off the morning with a bus ride to the bottom of Mt Etna. Our guide (Marchello) explained to us the history of this volcano and we were able to take a piece of volcanic rock with us. We then ventured up the volcano where we took a cable car and a 4 by 4 to the top (or as far as we were able to get to). Here we were able to see many rock types and when we were lucky and the sky cleared, we saw some amazing views. Then on the return back down we were able to explore all the restaurants and shop, many of us buying souvenirs to remember this experience.

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER - by George Bell

On the Wednesday, we had an early start of 06:00am, which at first, seemed way too early especially for me. However, if we hadn't had woken at this early hour, we would have missed the beautiful sunrise we witnessed. Most people slept on the bus to the port but luckily, I got to see this spectacle.

At the port we boarded a hydrofoil which was a type of boat I hadn't experienced being on yet. But the sensation of the boat lifting itself into the air was rather odd, but I think I enjoyed it. Plus, it meant the boat would travel faster, and we could spend more time at Vulcano. When we arrived, we got straight back on another boat which took us on a tour round the island where we got to see Vulcano which is currently an active volcano! On the boat we could see jellyfish all around us in the sea and could feel the build-up of the salt in the sea on the sides of the boat.



After the boat trip, we walked around the town taking in all the less than pleasant smells of the sulphur baths nearby: They smelt like rotten eggs! To end our day on the island, we relaxed on the beach, dyed black by the ash from nearby volcanoes, and enjoyed the warm sea. In short, this was one of the best experiences that I have ever had, and I would highly recommend to anybody taking Geography to do this trip to Sicily as the experiences are unforgettable and it was only made this good by the hard work of the teachers and the effort they put in to give us a great time.

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER - *by Poppy Bevan*

On Thursday 6 October, we took a trip to Taormina. We woke up at about 07:30am and were down for breakfast at 8am. We then took a coach into Taormina which was a very quick journey as it was very close to the hotel where we were staying.

Upon arrival, we walked up to the amphitheatre and were all amazed by the size of it, as well as the history. As well as this, we were all very stunned with the view we found at the top of the theatre as you could see for miles, the beautiful town, as well as the sea.

We were given time to look around the theatre and explore the wonders we could see. After this we were given time to explore the town and to get some lunch. Many groups went to different places but our group decided to go to a restaurant just off one of the side streets of the town and ended up having a lovely conversation with the chef and eating their lovely pizza and pasta.

Next, we took a coach to the gorge which was about 30 minutes from the centre of Taormina. When we got there, we were given a tour of the gardens and were showed the lemons growing there as well as learning about the history of the gorge itself. Next, we went down to the gorge itself and went for a walk through it. The water was absolutely freezing but everyone loved it and the details on the gorge itself were stunning. After this we were taken back to our hotel and spent the evening walking around the town where we stayed.



FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER - *by Jess Gois and Harry Evison-Williams*

In the morning, we had been told about an early morning swim, so a group of us walked down to the beach at 06:30am with Mr Moxley and Mr Murray. We then ran into the sea thinking it would be freezing, but

actually it was surprisingly warm. We stayed in for about 15-20 minutes before all drying off and going back to our rooms for a shower, to do our last-minute packing and organising.

After this we had to take our bags down to the foyer for 08:00am to be collected and taken to our coach for our trip to the airport. We also had breakfast at this time which included croissants, toast and cereal. A few of us then went for a coffee or hot chocolate to the shop opposite our hotel before we set off. We then waited for everyone to be ready, made sure everyone was there and set off to the coach.

Next, we had a 1.5-hour bus journey to the airport, lots of us caught up on sleep. Upon arrival we went through security and then had some free time where we got some more breakfast and snacks to eat on the plane.

Unfortunately, our flight was delayed by half an hour which meant more sitting on the airport floor and sleeping before getting on the flight. The flight lasted 3 hours in where we slept, watched some films or programmes or played some card games.

Once the flight was over we got our bags and got on the coach home. We arrived back at School for 18:45.

We all wanted to say a big thank you to the Geography department for organising and executing this amazing trip.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY - *Report by House Leaders*

A crisp, sunny morning saw the start of the Inter-House Competitions on Monday 26 September, as students in Years 7 to 10 completed a cross-country course around the school grounds and the Spinney.

Overall winners for each year are decided based on the house with the 20 highest-placed finishers in both the boys' and girls' races. It was an all-around victory for Behn and Meitner, with Behn taking the Year 7 competition and Meitner winning the Year 9 race, and the same two houses sharing the spoils in Years 8 and 10.

Many thanks to the Staff and Sixth Form students who marshalled and all the students for taking part so enthusiastically and trying their best. Congratulations to all individual winners and to the winning teams in each year.

YEAR 7 – Report by Patrick Adejuwon and Carmen Van Der Westhuizen

I was excited about cross-country because I had never run a long-distance race before. I enjoyed the new experience and liked having the chance to run with my friends. However, once I got outside, I wasn't that excited anymore because it was really cold! It started off well, but 5 minutes in I started to feel really exhausted, but I kept doing it for my house. When I finished, I felt really proud to have completed the race.



YEAR 8 – Report by Matilda Shreeve



Before starting the race, I was quite nervous about it. I usually get a stich quickly when running! However, once I started, it actually was not an issue. I was able to run with my friend Sophie and we helped each other along, which made it more enjoyable.

When I finished, I felt proud of myself for having completed a long run.

YEAR 9 - *Evan Bates*

The Year 9 group ran a whopping 3km run through the spinney and the school field. Everyone put in their best effort to see if they could emerge victorious in the top 10 and some students in particular really managed to stand out.

Overall, it was very exciting and I think everyone found it quite challenging but the relief of finishing the race really helped top it off.



	Boys Team Winners	Girls Team Winners
Year 7	Behn	Behn
Year 8	Behn	Meitner
Year 9	Meitner	Meitner
Year 10	Behn	Meitner

GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

YEAR 11 – *Report by Sasha Milne*

On the 12 October, the Year 11 girls went to a touch rugby tournament at Peterborough Rugby club. We had a great day having fun, whilst competing against other schools.

We started off with a close 2-1 loss, but we were determined, despite that to improve for the rest of our games and turn that result around. Our next game, we were raring to go and came out with a 2-0 win, with some good teamwork and skills being used.

In our third game, we came out confident and we started to work together, taking in the feedback from our referee, leading to a strong 4-0. Finally, we faced our Year 10 team as our final match.



As you can imagine, this was a very competitive game between us to, ultimately deciding the final placings of the tournament. We had a strong start, taking the lead at the start of the game. But then the Year 10's came back to score a try making it 1-1. Unfortunately, errors from our team in the final 90 seconds let the Year 10's score another try, in which they took the win with a score of 2-1 for the final game.

At the end of the tournament, we placed 3rd, 1 point behind Kings school, and this was a good result for, especially as we hadn't played touch rugby before as a team. Well done everyone, thank you to Peterborough Rugby club for hosting this tournament and thank you Mr Bowers for taking us all.

YEAR 10 - *Report by Tula Harvey*

At the Girls Touch Rugby Tournament on the 12 October we started off the first game with a 2-2 draw against Hampton College, which we were very defensive in but this motivated us for the next run of games, to aim to win the next game and work on our attacking and our set up.

The second game we won 2-1 against Kings which made us work more as a team and figured out a more tactical setup which we took on in our final games. Our third match against The Peterborough School, we won 3-1 but we were slightly less organised in play and in set ups but we sorted that out before a final match against Bourne Grammar Year 11 team. The tension was high and the pressure was on for both teams throughout the game with the Year 11s scoring the first try.

Both teams kept getting close to the try lines but losing it at the end due to great defence from both sides. In the final 30 seconds the Year 11s had the ball attacking towards us but then an incredible interception by Millie Herrick and a sprint to the try line gave us the winning try meaning the year 10s won 2-1 and ensured that we won the tournament for the second year in a row!



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ada Henson and Lily-Grace Cooke (both Year 11) who have been selected for the Lincolnshire Schools FA Under 16 Girls Football Team.

HOUSE TOTALS

7586	6453	7260	7012

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house up to 13/10/2022.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ben Fletcher	7	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Otto Forkin	7	Miss Roberts	Geography
Francesca Jones	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Ukresh Koirala	7	Miss Roberts	Geography
Nylah Moore	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Jessica Nicholson	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
James Pitchford	7	Mrs Edwards	English
Eleanor Twinley	7	Mrs Allen	English
Hamish Wood	7	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Aaminah Ali	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Fin Ashwell	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Noah Gledhill	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Nia Handley	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Daniel Bane	9	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Oscar Bell	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Oscar Bell	9	Miss Pritchard	English
Zach Bojang-Brett	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Lawson Capes	9	Mrs Allen	English
Rosie Hasbury	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Alfie Martin	9	Mrs Edwards	English
Hayden Pugh	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Shreya Sajosh	9	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Jessy Sayer	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Oliver Cole	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Olivia Dunicz	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Solomon Johnson	10	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Masha Morozova	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Kris Rushworth	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Summer Starbuck	10	Mrs Allen	English
Abigail Sellappah	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Atiksh Agnihotri	11	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Finleigh Bastin-Northcott	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Elsbeth Dunk	11	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Jake Greensmith	11	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Jayden Jafri	11	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Sai Kandikattu	11	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Hope Tivey	11	Mrs Edwards	English
Zara Wildsmith	11	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Arslan Bhatti	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Catie Dawson	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Hafsa Saghir	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Owen Slocombe	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Language
Oliver Bell	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Freya Blackmore	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Sophie Jordan	13	Dr Barmby	History
James McNally-Wilson	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology