

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 4 November 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

A big thank you to everyone who helped and attended the very successful Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday of this week. The ease with which volunteers can be found is always a good barometer of positive culture and I am delighted that 270 of our existing Sixth Form students stepped forward to be guides, car park assistants or subject ambassadors on the night. Speaking to parents during and after the event, there was a huge amount of positivity about the work of the students throughout the evening and academic departments did a fabulous job of informing and guiding prospective Sixth Formers as to what A-Level study means and what can be expected in specific subject areas. We had 163 students and their families attend from other education providers in addition to our own Year 11 students and it was an evening which should fill us all with pride. Wonderful stuff – a great advert for the high-quality educational community that we know we are.

I would also like to congratulate Ben Pennycook in Year 11 and William Craft in Year 13. Both were presented with awards at the 2022 South Kesteven Community Champions celebrations in October. Ben is an advocate for anti-bullying and became an 'Ambassador' last year having completed training through the Diana Award in School. Ben gave a wonderfully positive and supportive assembly to Year 7 students at the start of the year and then took the initiative to establish a lunchtime 'Build Your Confidence' club for younger year groups with the aim of developing self-esteem and promoting wellbeing amongst his fellow students whilst advocating the importance of prioritising kindness towards others. As a result, he received the wonderful *Inspirational Young Person Award*. He said of this:



"After my training with the Diana Award, I had the idea to start the Build Your Confidence Club. The club offers younger students a place to build their self-esteem and confidence through team-building exercises and learning new skills. I believe that being kind to others makes you feel better about yourself which is why the club's motto is: be good, do good, feel good."



William meanwhile was presented with the impressive *Neil Smith: Beyond the Call of Duty Award*. He arrived on the scene of a motorcycle accident on the A15 near Baston to find the rider unconscious and not breathing while the bike itself burned. William used skills learned from the Bourne Army Cadet Detachment to administer CPR and save the life of the injured rider. He also received a letter of commendation from the Operational Policing Inspector for the quality of assistance he provided and the confidence he displayed under such difficult circumstances. Speaking of his award he said:

"I did not know the backstory about the person this award is in memory of so that's quite something. It makes you stop and think what a difference CPR can make. It's something we learn at Cadets and something everyone can learn at work."

Year 13 - Progress Review Meetings

The SchoolCloud booking system is now open for the PRM Evening on Tuesday 8 November - 17:00-20:30.

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](#).

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 via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk
The booking system will **close** on **Sunday 6 November at 23:55**.

PTA Update

The BGS PTA, held their meeting at the nearby Sugar Mill in Bourne on Wednesday evening.



We discussed several fundraising ideas and thought a great festive event to start with, would be a Wreath Making Workshop for parents, friends and relatives, to bring a little creativity to your front door. The event will be held after hours at the School, we'd love to start looking at numbers interested. In order for us to start planning this, please register your interest via email to us on Bournegrammarpta@gmail.com

Please help us spread the word about us, like and share our Facebook page [here](#).

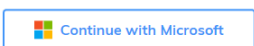
Finally, if you're unable to join in with events or meetings, another great way to support us is to take part in the local lottery. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our page [here](#).

A winning ticket is potentially a week away, we thank you for your continued support.

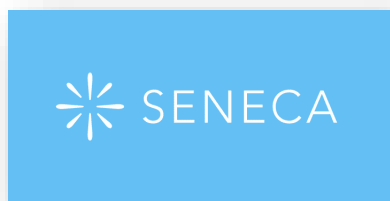
SENECA – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher

A reminder that all students have access to the amazing online learning resource **SENECA**.

Students need only to log in to the website <https://app.senecalearning.com/login> by clicking on the



box and using their school login details.



The School's subscription to **SENECA** provides students with an excellent resource to work independently on any subject of their choosing; this supports the School's '*Building Better Learners*' Programme at Key Stage 3 and our overarching curriculum philosophy of producing independent learners.

SENECA offers further teaching of content covered in the classroom, and then marks answers to assesses their understanding. The AI built into **SENECA** also removes questions, which students have previously got correct and focuses more on areas they have found difficult. Students also receive points for themselves, and their school, for all of the learning that they complete. With the exception perhaps of **Dr Frost** in Mathematics, which is superb, I am not aware of a comparably effective product. **SENECA** is excellent and I strongly recommend it.

If students have any issue with logging in, please could they see IT Support in their office at the base of the stairs in the Science Block.

Clothes Swap – The Year 13 Environmental Committee – *Ms Creedon, Assitant Headteacher*



We would like to announce that on Monday 28 November, we are having a Clothes Swap to raise money for the charity PECT and to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable fashion. PECT (Peterborough Environmental City Trust) takes positive action to improve the local environment as well as working with schools and companies to help them to be more environmentally friendly. From Monday 7 November we will be collecting clothes at breaktimes in MFL 4 to use in our Clothes Swap. Students can bring in a maximum of 3 clothing items and for each item they bring in, they can swap it for another item of clothing at the Clothes Swap. Items not allowed include: underwear, tights, socks, shoes and jewellery.

Timetable for dropping off clothes	
Monday 7 Nov	Year 7
Wednesday 9 Nov	Year 8
Thursday 10 Nov	Year 9 and 10
Friday 11 Nov	Year 11, 12 and 13

Reading Room – *Mrs Clark*

Next week students in years 7-9 will have access to the Reading Room (MFL5) on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday respectively.

There are over 200 high-quality books for students to browse and borrow from a range of genres. There is also a board for students to leave book recommendations for others.

In addition, students will be able to relax and enjoy the e-Library on their devices in a quiet, supervised space. Led by the Senior Prefects, the Student Council has played an important role in compiling a list of books which now feature in the Reading Room.



The Student Council also suggested that students may wish to donate any used books they have previously enjoyed. Any high-quality books suitable for years 7-9 will be gratefully received and can be

bought to the allocated box in MFL5. We look forward to welcoming lots of students to the Reading Room next week.

El Día de los Muertos /The day of the Dead - Miss Segarra Ginés, Spanish

El Día de los Muertos, “The day of the Dead” is a holiday celebrated each year on November 2 in countries across Latin America. While this holiday comes only days after Halloween, el *Día de los Muertos* is a celebration of the unity of life and death, rather than a holiday which is meant to be spooky and scary. On this holiday, people remember with joy the loved ones they have lost, inviting their spirits back to celebrate with the community.



Report by - Adeena Sajid 8H, Heidi Paddock 8G and Bella Ward 8A

On 2 November, the Spanish department held a workshop about the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) for Year 7 and Year 8 students.

This workshop taught students about the unique and special traditions celebrated in Latin-American countries, especially Mexico where it's originally from.

Firstly, we played a fun and educational quiz testing our current knowledge on the Day of the Dead. Then we learnt about the event, the traditional bread offered to the dead (Pan de Muertos), the common and beautiful flowers (Cempasúchiles - Marigolds) used to decorate Mexican altars (ofrendas).

Secondly, we learnt how to build Mexican altars and the elements that are included. These altars are built in homes and made to bring back loved ones from the Land of the Dead. Altars must include candles, sugar skulls, a photo of the loved one, marigold flowers and offerings such as drinks and *pan de muerto*.

Lastly, to end the interesting workshop, we designed our very own sugar skulls! These are brightly-coloured skulls which are used to symbolise the Day of the dead. This activity was very fun and awe-inspiring for many students.

We all agreed that it was a wonderful workshop and would recommend it to other students in the future to come and join us!



Year 9 Rugby – Report by Mr Bowers, PE

Bourne Year 9 rugby team had a superbly competitive and close match against St George's Academy in Sleaford. Both teams were strong and St George's won by only 4 points in the end.

Noah Humphries led the team by example, (supported by scrum lead Finlay Gray) both on the pitch and through their opening motivational talk.

Bourne rucking and scrum play has clearly improved. The backs scored a couple of really well worked tries passing the ball into open space after the forwards had tied in several of St George's players. The finishers (subs) came in and made a difference as players started to get tired. Jack Wiles worked tirelessly and hard, at full back, on a very busy day for him as their tactic was to kick a lot. Henry Tate, James Houghton and Aayan Saqib had a great first partnership in the front row.

The feeling at the end was one of disappointment by the squad, but clearly supported by knowing what they need to work on in training. A fantastically mature approach to a loss.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to following students for their DofE success with Bronze and Silver awards:

Year 12

Bronze – Anthony Catherwood, Finn Macauley

Silver – Joseph Amos, Aadi Chabria, Sam Hartley, William Pickston, Olivia Skinner

Year 11

Bronze success – Finleigh Bastin-Northcott, George Bell, Poppy Bevan, Vivienne Chen, Rachel Dudley, Benji Edgar, Ben Fahidy, Thomas Houghton, Mathilda King, Harry Merriman, Aneeqa Sheikh, Zara Wildsmith.

Harrison Shreeve, Year 10 – Congratulations whilst competing in the recent the TAGB association Inter Club Competition winning 2nd place in the boys blackbelt sparring category, and also a silver medal (2nd place) for the blackbelt team patterns.



House Totals

9773	9647	9857	8951

**These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 3/11/202**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Malika Bartram	7	Miss Mizen	Science
Sian Beeken	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Charlie Biggs	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Geerthana Elango	7	Mrs Allen	English
Robin Gove	7	Mrs Allen	English
Johnny Hullock	7	Mr Ray	PE
Edith Kaberry	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Seb Kay	7	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Nylah Moore	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Maisie Moulds	7	Miss Roberts	EPR
Jessica Nicholson	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Parinith Rangaswamy	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Doogie Shorrock	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Radha Madhurima Thotakura	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Aleksander Wiza	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Ben Potter	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Zahra Ravji	8	Mr Sutherland	Science
Aras Tugluer	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Jack Cotuk	9	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Jessy Sayer	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Jack Wiles	9	Mrs Allen	English
Kieran Farrell	10	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Millie Herrick	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Areeb Hussain	10	Mrs Allen	English
Ben Aldred	11	Miss Lindley	Geography
Scarlet Clifford	11	Mrs Welling	Art
Cait Healy	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Zachary Jones	11	Dr Barmby	History
Mathilda King	11	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Chloe Kirman	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Eva Larter	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Lorien Selby	11	Miss Pritchard	English
Charlotte Alder	12	Mr Tighe	Politics
Charlotte Alder	12	Dr Barmby	History
Jasmine Anyamene	12	Mr Stainton	Biology
Rosie Baker	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Harry Foster	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Kaitlyn Hallas	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Oscar Hodge	12	Dr Barmby	History
Oscar Hodge	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Zoe Husbands	12	Dr Barmby	History
Andrew Lucas	12	Dr Barmby	History
Zeen Ramo	12	Mr Stainton	Biology
Gracie Sainthouse	12	Ms Jones	English Language
Ethan Taylor	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
William Bentley	13	Dr Hanson	Biology
Paige Briggs	13	Mr Moxley	Registration
Hope Butler	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Alex Ewart-Malcolm	13	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Freya Hancock	13	Mr Moxley	Registration
Malavika Leena	13	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Ethan Rayner	13	Ms Kemp	English Literature
Thomas Wright	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology