

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 11 November 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Today we remember the casualties of conflicts fought since 1914 and we held a two-minute silence at 11.00am in addition to Remembrance discussions in tutor sessions. The Royal British Legion continues to work tirelessly in support of veterans and their families and we give them our full support at this time. On Sunday, Head Students Alice Dossett and Max Garthwaite will join me at the Bourne Remembrance Parade and lay a wreath at the Bourne War Memorial along with many other local schools and organisations. This is always a sombre time given the history of war over the last hundred years and around the world we continue to see soldiers and civilians lose their lives in conflicts such as the ongoing war in Ukraine. Historians argue, with some justification, that we are doomed to repeating the mistakes of the past because the lessons of history pass into distant memory all too quickly, but nevertheless we must try and comprehend the horror of war and resist it at all costs. For young people the best place to consider the disastrous consequences of human conflict is at school and it is therefore, absolutely right that we had a Remembrance focus today.

Elsewhere, I am delighted to announce that our students have decided to support the local charity *Don't Lose Hope* for the coming year at least and we will therefore, be channeling all charitable fundraising in their direction. *Don't Lose Hope* provide support for those with mental health issues and it is no surprise at all, in the aftermath of the pandemic, that our student community wished to support their work in the local area. I look forward to seeing the School community get behind student fund raising initiatives over the coming weeks and months.

Finally, the last few days was especially productive. My thanks to Mrs Greenfield for four days of Geography fieldwork trips to Cambridge in all weathers, and congratulations to the Year 10 Geographers who worked so hard and, by all accounts, behaved so impeccably on those days. I enjoyed seeing so many parents here to support the Year 7 Rugby Squad in their match with St George's on Wednesday and congratulations to the 1st XI Boys' Football who had a convincing 5 – 1 win over Boston Grammar in the League on the same afternoon. Congratulations also to Rorschach who were winners of the recent House Volleyball competition. Rehearsals for *We Will Rock You* started yesterday after casting and planning meetings were completed last week, and the sound of the band in rehearsal on Friday afternoons I suspect will become a rather welcome feature over the coming months. *Swap Don't Shop* is underway as we do our bit to reduce the environmental impact of clothing waste, the *Great Grammar Bake-Off* is up and running and the *Winter Card Competition* with the theme "Peace on Earth" concluded today. And, of course, Year 11 are midway through their mock GCSE examinations: good luck to all!

GCSE GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE: *Mrs R Greenfield, Geography*

Year 10 Geography classes have spent this week completing their Human Geography fieldwork at Cambridge. This is a compulsory element to the course and they were investigating key questions such as 'what is it like to live in Cambridge?' They were also investigating issues such as inequality. Students are then tested on this in the external exams. Some of the Year 10 students have written accounts of the fieldtrip.

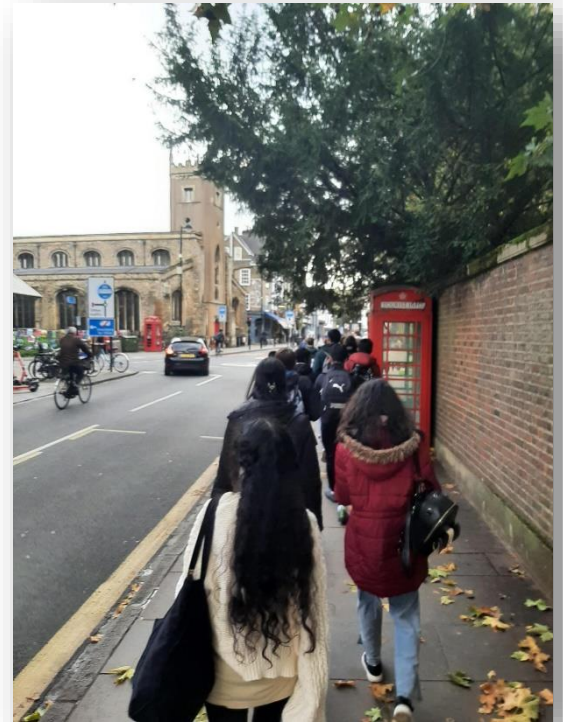
CAMBRIDGE TRIP: *Holly Burnside, Emma Dennis, Ella Dunnet and William Lou, Year 10*

On Tuesday 8 November our class went to Cambridge to complete surveys on the environment and buildings. We also spoke to the public about their views on Cambridge by completing interviews with them. We asked them about public transport, house prices and the changes that they have seen in the area. We met lots of different people who were in Cambridge for different reasons such as shopping, studying and

to see family. We got lots of varied responses which helped our understanding to find out more about Cambridge. We visited lots of different areas such as Storeys Way, Mill Road, Sidney street and King's Parade. The weather was dry which made the day go much better. Overall, it was a great day and a good first GCSE fieldtrip.

CAMBRIDGE TRIP: *Gabriella Udeaja and Bella Burton, Year 10*

On Tuesday 8 November, our class went to Cambridge for a Geography fieldtrip centred on the question 'What is it like to live in Cambridge?'. We started on a street called Storey's Way where real estate thrived and property prices were very high. We then trekked across various points in Cambridge. At certain locations we had to interview the general public and ask them questions about issues with Cambridge, such as, house prices. We also did traffic counts, pedestrian counts and environmental quality surveys. We did a six mile walk around Cambridge in total and this gave us a good impression of what it was like. Overall, it was a good fieldtrip.



YEAR 12 LAW – Report by *Gracie Sainthouse, Year 12*

On Friday last week, the two Year 12 Law classes were able to experience talking to a Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) barrister, Qamar Iqbal, as well as discussing case studies with him and how the CPS would charge a defendant in a certain case. In the hour my class had with him, Qamar explained to us the process of becoming a barrister and the difference between a solicitor's role compared to his. It was really interesting to fully understand the different duty roles of each profession as well as being able to interact during the lesson in order to develop our knowledge about the training processes and Qamar's personal experience. Something I didn't realise was how difficult it is to become a barrister in terms of the hardships of being accepted into a highly competitive programme, when there are so many talented people around you. Qamar made it clear how much work it takes which I think may have given students the determination to follow in his footsteps.

The case study we saw was of a domestic abuse case where the defendant had physically assaulted his long-term girlfriend, and further breaching his bail conditions, yet the victim chose not to provide evidence against him despite her friends telling her to do so. This was for reasons of her not wanting her boyfriend to go to prison, or out of fear of him, it is a subjective opinion. After talking to the barrister about the crimes the defendant committed, we ended up having a debate about the charge of 'threatening to kill', where I argued he should be charged for it because of the power he had in the situation and the intent he held to seriously harm her, although Qamar disagreed as there were various factors, such as the victim deciding not call the police after the defendant had left the property. However, we were all able to highlight the other



charges the defendant would face and ended the lesson discussing the repercussions of those charges. Some of the charges included: assault, strangling with intent and ABH.

To conclude, a few students, me included, were given the opportunity to try on a barrister's wig, which is much heavier and of much higher quality than it looks, not to mention being surprisingly comfy. It was truly an amazing day and such an incredible opportunity that we were given.

Another student, Jessica Leone, a former student of Qamar Iqbal (he was a teacher prior to pursuing a career at the Bar) finally reunited with him during our talk which was a heart-warming thing to see.

SUPERZONE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

The three Badminton teams headed off to Long Sutton on Thursday 3 November, to compete in the Superzone badminton tournament against other schools in the area. The 2 boys and girls teams played against Long Sutton, two teams from Boston and Holbeach and our teams dominated the event.

After the doubles, the A and B boys' team had only lost one match and were in a very promising position. However, there was a twist in proceedings as the tournament organiser decided to play our two teams against each other rather than hold a semifinal against another school, with the winner of the match being the overall winner. Needless to say, an unusual twist in the organisation but we didn't let it hold us back. Jonathan Blair played the game of his life, against a far taller and stronger opponent, Andrew Pepper and took the game down to the wire but narrowly lost. However, Shaan Damaani took inspiration from this earlier game and defeated Aarnav Bajaj to make the match even. The result came down to Thomas Drew vs Ben Page and Georbin Biloy vs Harry Merriman and despite a valiant effort from the B team players, the A team's extra experience paid off from them and they were declared the tournament winners.



The girls played exceptionally well with Freya Mclean being the star of the day with her ability to kill off any rallies and her consistent victories against the other players. Maddie Mylchrest, a newcomer to badminton grew in strength and confidence as the afternoon progressed and played in some superb matches. Libby Bird, the only Year 10 player that day, was indistinguishable in the maturity of her play from her team mates. Due to an unforeseen absence we played a wild card player, Matthew Bailey who participated with the girls and played some mixed matches alongside Libby and was superb in his general interactions and a wonderful role model for the School.

SUPERZONE U14 INDOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

Our most improved team, the Year 9's, set off to Bourne Academy to compete in their main tournament of the year against three other schools, The Kings School Peterborough, Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy.

The girls were full of enthusiasm and excitement as they started the matches. They were the defending champions but had much to prove this year.

The B team started with real focus and beat Bourne Academy quite convincingly, 2-0 with some beautifully worked goals created by a full flowing team passing. The A vs B team match came up next and the B team got so carried away with their first win that they forgot that they needed a Goalkeeper to play with at the start of the match. Fortunately, they soon realised the error of their ways and one popped up in goal. However, the mighty A team were just too strong and defeated them 3-0.

The A team maintained this winning streak with some powerful runs by Grace Miller, finished off well by Stella McDermott in front of goal. The girls carried on in this way with Faye Scott joining the forward line and hunting down balls from defence with real aggression. They brushed aside Spalding Academy 4-0 but the next A team match was against Kings, our old adversary. The game was very tense and ebbed one way and then the other with goal keepers at both ends making great reaction saves and blocks. Honor Moore was her usual calm and confident self at the back, creating wonderful opportunities for her team mates and then sending in killer shots on short corners. The final result was 1-1 and meant that they had to defeat Kings B team to win the overall title. The atmosphere was electric with cheers from the supporters up above deafening the room. The girls kept their calm and maintained disciplined passing. Annabel Parkes led the way with her disciplined marking and ferocious tackling in the D, ultimately leading to several excellently taken goals.

The B team were playing superbly in the Kings B match with Phoebe Jackson and Alice Barratt leading them on with their inspirational play and Rose Munday carrying on where she left off after her first match poaching goals in front of the keeper. Final score 2-0 to Bourne Grammar. Maisie Jeffs and Melissa Peng were very brave in their tackling, throwing themselves wholeheartedly into their matches. The final match was a close one against Spalding Academy but we were narrowly pipped 1-0 due to a runaway goal by them and our inability to convert pressure.

Overall positions were: Bourne Grammar A team first and Bourne Grammar B team 3rd.



Special mention to both Goalkeepers who were as usual excellent in thwarting frequent attempts from the opposition - Hannah Burke and Amaya Mackenzie.

YEAR 7 RUGBY MATCH 09/11/22 – Report by Mr Bruncker, Deputy Headteacher

There was a lot of nervous energy in the build-up to this fixture, partly because it was the first match for our U12s and partly because during the warm-up they had mistaken their opposition for our own senior 1st XV rugby squad who were training on the other half of the pitch. Our boys were a little calmer when the Year 7 team from St George's arrived, but a few of their players could still have been mistaken for Sixth Formers.

St George's had a lot of early possession which tested our resolve in defence, but when the ball was turned over we were able to show our dominance in attack, breaking through and bouncing off many a tackle. After some quick decision making and aggressive running we were over the line to score first. The first half was a closely fought battle and St George's didn't take long to score a try of their own, but we went into half time up 10-5.

The players had an opportunity to reflect on the first 20 minutes of the game, which had seen many impressive individual tackles and darting runs through St George's defence. They concluded that they needed to support each other more and follow their team mates into the contact area, before moving the



ball away into space. The aim of the second half was to support the ball carrier, win the rucks quickly and run onto the ball at pace.

The boys made significant progress throughout the second half and really began to gel as a team. It was a joy to watch (and referee) and credit must go to both sides who behaved impeccably and demonstrated a level of sportsmanship that would make anyone proud.

It was a nice feeling for the boys to win their very first rugby match for the School, along with a touchline full of parents.

Final score: BGS WON 35-15 versus St George's.

HOUSE VOLLEYBALL – Report by Mr Bowers, PE

Throughout last week, students from Years 7 to 11 competed in the inaugural House Volleyball competition. The week saw new and experienced players take part in an action-packed tournament. Whilst new to the sport, Years 7 and 8 games were adapted with the use of inflatable beachballs whereas, the Year 9 and up matches were played with the correct ball.

The week saw support and spectators for every year group and it was fantastic to see so many students give up their lunch time to come and cheer on their House and peers in some fierce game play and close games. The results for each year group event and the overall positions can be found below.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10/11	Overall
1 st	Tinbergen	Rorschach	Rorschach	Rorschach	Rorschach
2 nd	Meitner	Meitner	Behn	Meitner	Meitner
3 rd	Rorschach	Behn	Meitner	Tinbergen	Tinbergen
4 th	Behn	Tinbergen	Tinbergen	Behn	Behn

The House Leaders would like to thank their House Captains for organising the teams before the half term break. Their organisation ensured a smooth start to the event with all squads filled to maximum capacity. We would also like to thank our Senior House Captains from Year 12 who gave up their lunch time to officiate the games with calmness and composure during quite energetic fixtures!



House Totals

13387	12026	13056	12759

These totals show all Achievement Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house up to 10/11/2022.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Patrick Adejuwon	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Anoushka Bartram	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Anya Copestake	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Mayowa Olufeyisan	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oli Parrott	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Cassidy Thornton	7	Mrs Allen	English
Alfie Bird	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Bradley Connolly	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Grace Cullen	8	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Ben Potter	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Zahra Ravji	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Ellen Richardson	8	Miss Raebel	German
Ellen Richardson	8	Miss Turton	Drama
Aaron Sadler	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Adam Jaffer	8	Mr Graves	PE
Nathan Bisalla	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Jack Cotuk	9	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Austin Harrison	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Muhammad Ibraheem	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Gabriel Jagger	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Emma Kettle	9	Mrs Allen	English
James Risebrow	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Chloe Cox	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Isabella Mahoney	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Andreea Rila	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Emily Seaton	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
George Abell	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Adrian Ernest	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Evie Griffin	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Matilda Hulme	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ubaid Majeed	10	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Zack McKean Smith	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Luke Norris	10	Mrs Allen	English
Erin Richards	10	Mrs Allen	English
Thomas Wright-Lakin	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Millie Daines	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Flynn Henderson	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Ellen Nixon	11	Ms Kemp	English
Tiffany Olivares-Alvarez	11	Miss Mizen	Biology
Noah Pawlett	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Emily Thomas	11	Ms Kemp	English
Jake Fraser	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Megan Mears	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Max Roe	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Gracie Sainthouse	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Language
Bella Skelton	12	Mr Tighe	Religious Studies
Joe Coleman	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Roman Everist	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish

Sophie Jordan	13	Mr Brooker	English Language
Lily Martin-Jones	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Daisy O'Rawe	13	Mrs Lattimer	Further Maths
Arujan Sivakumar	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology

