

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 17 March 2023
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

We have been working in the background to improve the quality of our website and, in particular, the communication pathways for all members of the BGS community. A new look website will come online in September but in the meantime I am delighted to announce that our online calendar has been significantly upgraded. The calendar link on the website now opens into a new window that has a great deal more information about School life than was the case in the past. It is built on the SOCS calendar platform and if you wish to sync this new calendar to your own on your phone, tablet or laptop it is very easy to do so by following the Calendar Sync menu. We hope that the extra information available will help everyone grasp more clearly what is going on in School. I would encourage you all to drop into the website and take a look.

The sounds of the School Musical *We Will Rock You* have become a common backdrop over recent days and we are all very excited to see the production performed next week. I am delighted that students from Bourne Westfield Primary will be with us on Monday for the Dress Rehearsal and I wish all the cast, musicians, backstage crew and staff involved in this ambitious project the best of luck for all five shows. Much more to come in future bulletins!

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and students for their patience in managing the disruption that has been caused by ongoing industrial action in schools. It is a difficult time for many involved in public sector employment and I know that staff here who have answered the call to strike have not taken the decision to do so lightly. I do not enjoy planning for days when we must restrict access to students due to low staffing numbers, and I fear that this may be an ongoing context that has yet to run its course, but I am grateful for the understanding shown by those negatively impacted and I hope that the situation can be resolved as quickly as possible. Our priority remains the futures of our students and we continue to strive to provide the best quality education we can regardless of contextual problems.

ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR – Report by Mrs Welling, Subject Leader of Art

Students across all years recently took part in the Rotary Young Artist Competition, entering work relating to the theme “Sunrise/Sunset.” Bourne Grammar School was successful in achieving a number of prizes due to the high quality of entries received. Many thanks to Bernie Cejer, Judith Devereux (Rotary President) and judge Tim O’Riordan from the Bourne Rotary Club for organising the event. Congratulations to all students who took part and to the following students on their winning pieces.

1st Prize Senior – Ashleigh Goodall

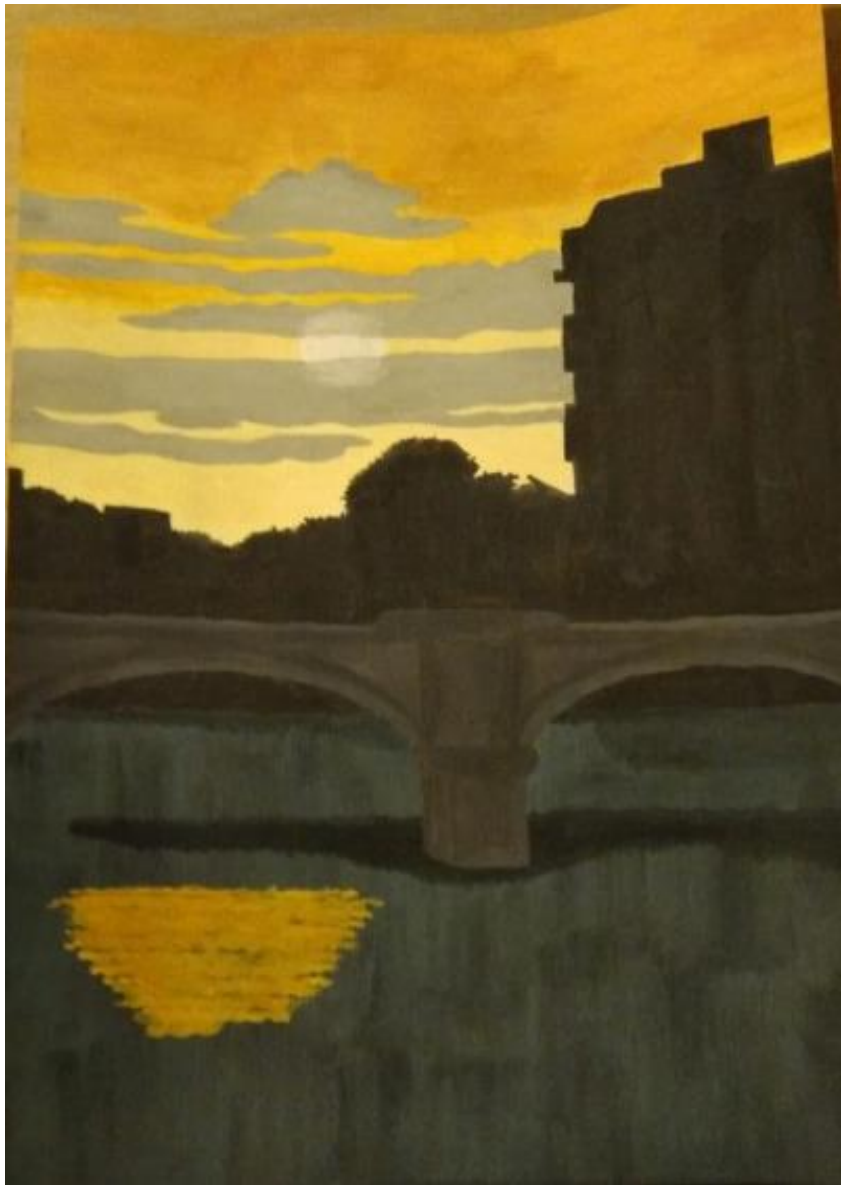
2nd Prize Senior – Lucie Lund

Highly Commended - Kaavya Guhan

1st Prize Intermediate – Poppy Drake

2nd Prize Intermediate – Mia Chiappinni





Ashleigh Goodall – 1st Prize Senior



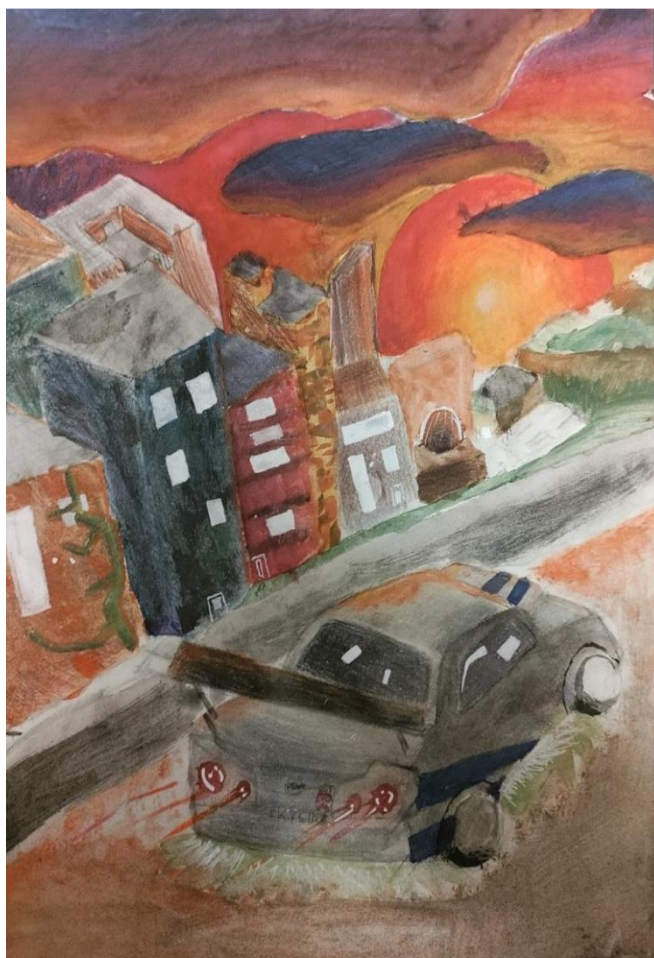
Mia Chiappinni - 2nd Prize Intermediate



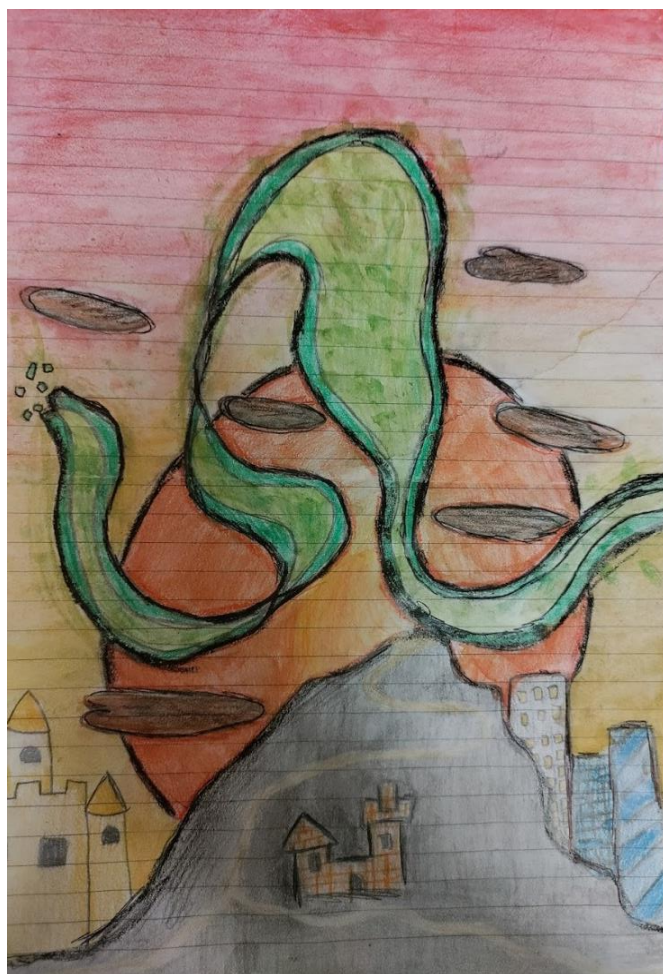
Kaavya Guhan – Highly Commended



Lucie Lund – 2nd Prize Senior



Kaleb Nicol-Mace, Year 7



Reuben Baptiste, Year 7

Macy Bundock, Year 7



Janice Chen, Year 7

Sophie Robinson, Year 7





Nandini Mamillapalle, Year 7



Rebecca Board, Year 7



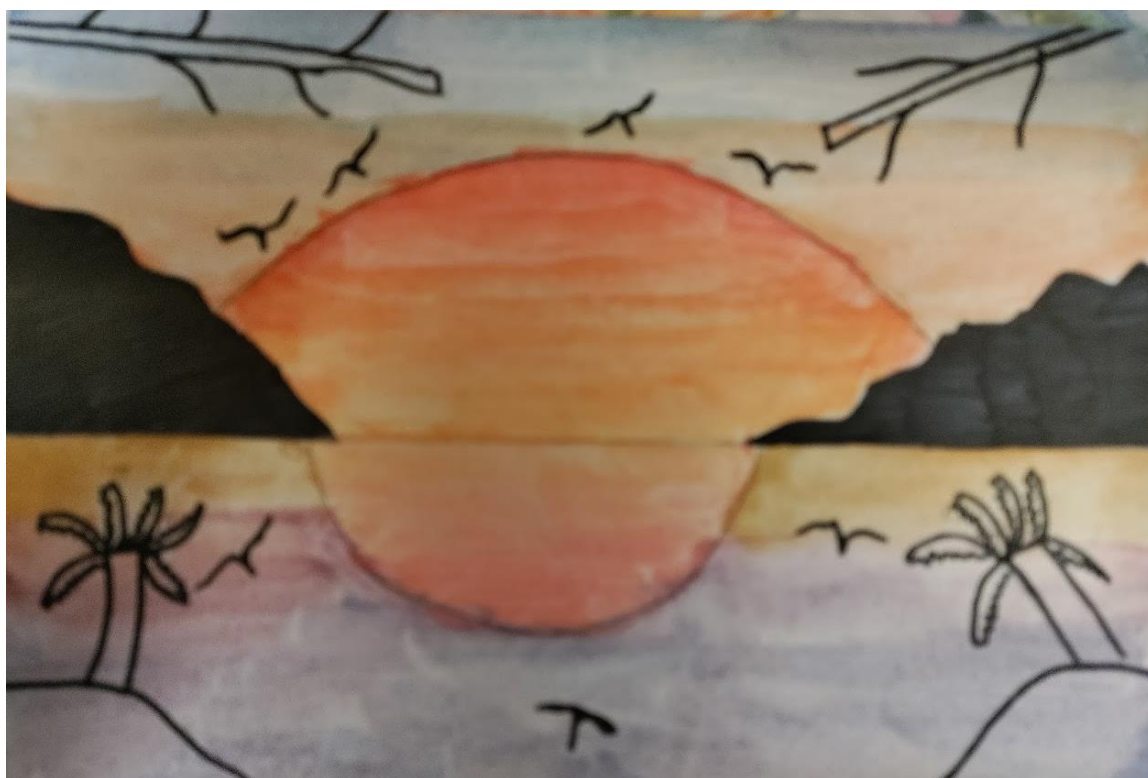
Bella Hill, Year 7



Anya Copestake, Year 7



Emily Cox, Year 9



Radha Thotakura, Year 7



Samyutha Puppala, Year 9

Eleanor Twinley, Year 7



Lola Anderson-Smith, Year 7

Tamsin Bates, Year 7



Caleb Omitiran, Year 11

Hamsini Raja, Year 7



DON'T LOSE HOPE TRIP - *Report by Melissa Peng, Year 9 and Finlay Barltrop, Year 11*

This weekend we travelled with people from Don't Lose Hope to Ullswater in the Lake District. It was an amazing experience and gave us the chance to communicate and bond with each other better.

The journey there was a long ride as the route we planned to take was blocked by snow. However, once we got there the view was beautiful. The first thing we did was a team building activity where we had to get a golf ball into a bucket using plastic pipes that we held and used to control the ball. This was a great experience as we got to know the people in our group a little better. We then did a blind shape sorting activity in our meeting pod which also helped us build communication and teamwork skills, before we went over to the lake and went in, some even jumped off the jetty, then we went back to our dorms.

The next day we canoed for around 3 miles and walked for about a kilometre, with the whole group. We then we got to a path where we decided if we wanted to go up a mountain or go to the lakeshore path. I was originally going to go on the path however, some people persuaded me to go on the mountain and helped me keep an open mind. Some chose the lakeshore path and some chose the mountain.

We climbed Place Fell which was 657m. Overall, I found it very challenging as I hadn't done this before, but a lot of people were very supportive throughout this which gave me motivation to carry on. Once we got to the top the view was breathtaking and we were glad we chose this way. We were on a time limit to get to the steamer and we persevered through with only 2 minutes to spare. After the steamer we separated into two boats to get back to the site. We also did an anonymous vote to see if anyone regretted their decision and no one put their hand up, this showed that everyone knew what was best for them and could make decisions for themselves which was one of the reasons for the trip. After that, many of us were exhausted and went to rest before dinner, after, we went to the yurt to have a fire and roasted marshmallows.

On the last day we went in tunnels and did group activities inside and outside of them. After we did a few activities to prepare us to climb a wall which was 8ft high, we managed to get 12/12 over. The next wall was 15ft and we got 9/12 over. This experience was amazing and helped us support each other and acknowledge our abilities in certain things. It showed us the weaknesses and strengths we had individually or as a group but throughout this journey there was a lot of support and encouragement.

This trip let us be more independent as on the last day we chose the activities and it was a chance to make our own decisions. At the start I tried to keep an open mind throughout and all the activities were a personal challenger however, once we as a group overcame these fears that might be inflicted on us mentally, these challenges were very capable. These challenges were mentally and physically challenging however, once you overcame it, it became a lot easier than you thought it would have been.

Report by Ben Pennycook, Year 11

Don't Lose Hope is an amazing charity in Bourne supporting adults and children, that has a community garden, a café, a gift shop and counselling rooms run by Dom and Nicola.

We were lucky enough to be invited to go on an Outward-Bound weekend run by Don't Lose Hope, with Dom, Nicola, and Jo taking care of us.

We had some brilliant experiences and made new, and lifelong friends, all thanks to Don't Lose Hope.

Volunteering is highly rewarding, so I totally recommend it.




"To enhance the well-being of all members of our community by providing access to therapeutic and emotional support".

OLD BRUNNIAN FUNDRAISING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

On the 21st of March from 09:00 to 17:00, a former Head Girl, Evie Kendrew, will be seeing how far she can row, together with her fellow team mates, in order to raise money for both the rowing club and the University Hospitals Birmingham Charity (UHB).

The UHB work across their sites to support patients, families and staff at their hospitals by providing 'added extras' that are over and above that which is provided by the NHS. Evie is trying to spread the link far and wide to fundraise as much as possible. Here is the link to the JustGiving page if you feel you are able to



donate: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/universityofbirminghamboat-club?utm_term=nNPY43RN3

HOUSE NETBALL - REPORT BY HOUSE LEADERS

A cold and very windy lunchtime on Monday 13 March did not put off Year 9 and 10 students who started off the week of House Netball with a bang!

Over the course of the week, we had matches from Year 7 through to Year 12 taking place with lots of students getting involved and cheering their peers along for a win for their house.

The Year 9 and 10 match on Monday saw some high quality netball and ended in a tense match between Behn and Rorschach with Behn scoring the winning goal in the final 30 seconds!



The Year 8s came with lots of enthusiasm on the Tuesday and both Behn and Meitner dominated the courts for the second day.

Next up were the Year 7s who showed a lot of promise and skill but Meitner were the stand out team, winning all of their matches that day.

The final day was the most competitive of days without a doubt, we had the Year 11 and Year 12 matches. It was close between Tinbergen and Rorschach but Tinbergen managed a final victory at the end winning all of their matches.

Overall winners for each year were decided based on the total of wins, with each house scoring 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. It was an all-round victory for Behn House, with Behn taking the Year 8 and Year 9/10 competition and coming a joint second in the Year 7 competition. Many

thanks to the Year 11 and 12 students who volunteered to umpire the matches and all the students for taking part so enthusiastically and trying their best. Congratulations to Behn House!

MULTI SKILLS EVENTS – *Report by Mr Bowers, PE*

The previous two Tuesdays have seen us welcome 240 Year 2 primary school students, across two sessions, from the local area for the Multiskills and Dance events led by our Year 10 Sports Leaders and Dance Leaders.

Year 10 students were responsible for guiding students through a number of sporting events whilst Dance leaders taught choreographed routines to the Year 2s.

Our Year 10 students conducted themselves superbly and it was refreshing to see how students stood up to the task of being presented with 6-10 eager Year 2s in each group! Having to lead in ways the majority had not had to before.

Students showed how comfortable they were working with younger students. The way they demonstrated during events, speaking to students at their level, giving them encouragement was a credit to them as individuals and leaders.

We have one more event in April, where 150 primary school students will be on site which will make this the largest Multiskills and Dance event we have ever hosted. A massive well done to all students involved!



DOFE – SILVER AND GOLD TRAINING – *Report by Mrs Brett, DofE Manager*

Our Silver (Year 11) and Gold (Year 12) DofE students have been busy preparing for their Practice Expeditions which will be held during the Easter break.

Both cohorts attended a full day of weekend training where they planned and plotted their respective routes around Rutland and the Yorkshire Dales. All teams brushed up on their compass and map reading skills, as well as planning their menus for the three and four day expeditions and discussed kit and first aid provisions.

As they come to terms with not using their mobile phones for the entire trip (!), the teams also discussed and agreed how they would complete their expedition aim, a key requirement of the qualified expedition.

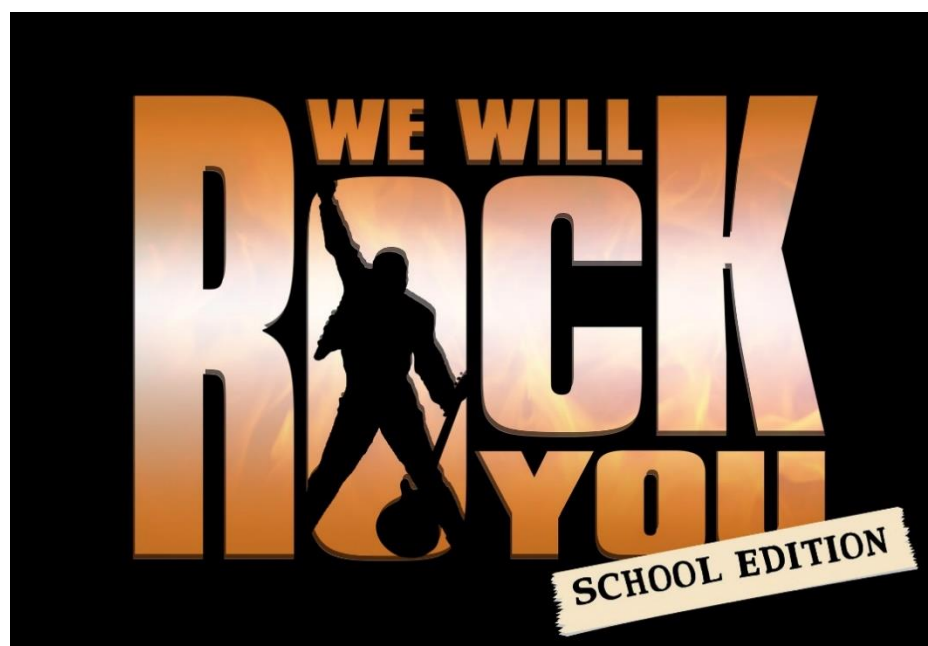




The Gold teams are also required to hold an enhanced Outdoor First Aid qualification, so they also participated in a fun, yet comprehensive day of training to ensure they have the necessary skills to prepare them should accidents happen.

The DofE team would like to wish all DofE students the very best for their Practice expeditions.

LAST FEW SEATS REMIANING FOR FRIDAY/SATURDAY NIGHT!



"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW) www.theatricalrights.co.uk

Tickets are available on our website or via the link or QR code below:

[Click to book tickets](#) or scan the QR code







Our performances will take place on:

Wednesday 22 March 7pm
Thursday 23 March 7pm
Friday 24 March 7pm
Saturday 25 March 2pm
Saturday 25 March 7pm

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Filip Wiza, 9F passed his Tae Kwon-Do grading achieving 1st Kup Red belt with black stripe.

House Totals

			
32692	30996	31180	28869

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
 It includes points from all students in each house up to 13/3/2023.*

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below, this week's Year 11 revision sessions. Year 11 students can choose the session of most use to themselves and simply turn up at the time and venue stated. No booking is required.

	Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
Subject	Geography	Design Engineering	English	Music
Room	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
Revision Topic	Sustainable management in the rainforest-Mayan Biosphere Reserve	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Literature: Jekyll & Hyde: how to plan and write a successful general essay response A Christmas Carol: successful analysis in the extract task	'Coursework Catch-up and Set Work Musical Elements'
Subject	Drama	Spanish (Set 3)	Computer Science	Art
Room	Drama Studio	MFL8	CS2	A2
Revision Topic	Written Paper Component 1 Blood Brothers	Speaking exam skills – Full Mock	CPU – Fetch, Decode, Execute cycle	External Exam "Lock"
Subject	Spanish (Set 1 & 2)	French	EPR	Physical Education
Room	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
Revision Topic	Speaking exam skills – Full Mock	Photo card practice	Disobeying an unjust law is justifiable criminal behaviour	Paper 2
Subject	Spanish (Set 4 & 5)			
Room	MFL9			
Revision Topic	Speaking exam skills – General Conversation			

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Tamsin Bates	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Chanelle Kye-Nyarko	7	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Ellie Moore	7	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Noah Skinner	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Tiyarna Dixon	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Jayden Luis	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Charlie Lumb	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Lawson Capes	9	Mrs Allen	English
Max Carruthers	10	Ms Bowtell	Registration
Solomon Johnson	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Lucie Lund	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Dhanya Ravi	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Louis Taylor	10	Mr Stainton	Biology
Isabelle Palmer	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Abigail Sellappah	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Megan Drake	11	Mr Lennox	Physics
Owen Butcher	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies

Harry Child	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	12	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Zack Newham	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Zachary Bentley	13	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Eva Mounsor	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology

