

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 21 April 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Spring is here, and School has started with an appropriately Spring-like dynamic academic purpose. Year 7 and 8 have been completing formal assessments and Year 11 students have been undertaking their final GCSE language speaking examinations. We are a week away from GCSE Art practicals which sit alongside a raft of Year 10 examinations, with A Level Art practicals and Year 9 examinations following soon after. Finally, Year 11 and 13 go on Study Leave from Friday May 12 as they get to grips with the core timetable of GCSE and A Level papers. Within this outline schedule lies a multiplicity of other academic requirements, including the completion of non-examination assessments (NEA), that support the core examinations and I wish all students furiously preparing for their individual examination programmes the very best of luck. In the end we can do no better than our best, and to all students I say: prepare as best you can, do the best you can and then be happy that your best will be good enough to find the right path forward for you. Never let anyone tell you that your best is not good enough.

Elsewhere, it was great to hear from Mrs Welling that the visit of Susie Matson, an artist who specialises in the use of wax, was such a success on Wednesday. Susie worked with our Sixth Form Artists and we are very grateful to her for the donation of some encaustic wax irons to the department. In addition, I am delighted to report the launch of a significant Recycling effort organised by the Environmental Committee via a new Earth Day Poster Competition. This will run alongside the distribution of more recycling bins around the site with student notice reminders as to how we can recycle what we no longer need.

Finally, I hope the 50 students on the Basketball Trip to see Leicester Riders take on Sheffield Sharks tonight have a wonderful time. We can learn so much from watching experts in action and basketball players are some of the most incredible athletes around. Speed, power, flexibility, reflexes, endurance and a huge amount of individual/tactical skill will certainly be on display. It will be a first class opportunity for our students to further their knowledge and understanding in a fun, atmospherically charged environment. Many thanks to Miss Bowtell for organising this.

## **National Citizen Service, Year 11 & 12 – Mrs Shales and Ms Bradley**

Next week students in Year 11 and Year 12 will be given information about having the opportunity to take part in the National Citizen Service (NCS) during the summer holiday. A letter was sent home earlier this week which gives further information and a reminder that there is a Virtual Information Evening on Thursday 27 April at 18:00.

[Click here](#) to register for the Virtual Information Evening.

If you would like to find out more information about NCS please [click here](#).

## **PSYCHOLOGY CLUB STUDENT PROJECT WINS AWARD – Report by Dr. Hobbiss**

Psychology Club has been a new extra-curricular club this academic year, offering students from Years 7-11 the chance to conduct psychological research on a topic of their choice. Four students from Year 9 (Chloe Cox, Alice Chauvaux, Keira Rayner and Ella Snart) have been awarded a CREST Bronze Award for their research report on 'How music affects heart rate'. CREST awards are the British Science Association's 'scheme for STEM project work that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists', and are a national award recognising excellent student-led research. Congratulations to all four students. We look forward to more projects and awards in the new academic year.



### **SPRING RECITAL SHOWCASE - 27 APRIL, 7PM – *Mr Tomlinson***

The Music Department are delighted to be able to bring back the Spring Recital Showcase this year for the first time since 2019. This concert is an opportunity for students to experience the thrill of solo performing in front of a live audience. The evening promises a fantastic show of musicality and will feature music by composers such as J.S Bach, Rachmaninoff and Saint-Saëns amongst others.

To book tickets for this event, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.







Friday 31 March concluded Bourne Grammar School's very first Culture Week, organised by the Equality and Diversity committee. We are extremely happy with the number of students and staff who participated – helping to promote community, respect, and tolerance.

The highlights of the week for us were the debate, cinema rooms, bake sale, and non-uniform day. Students also had the opportunity to learn more about cultural diversity in form time throughout the week, finishing with a fun quiz on Friday and in PE some year groups were able to experience adapted versions of some traditional games (Kabaddi from India and Sepak Takraw from Malaysia) as well as take part in student-led cultural dance sessions.

Over 20 students from Years 7-11 joined us on Wednesday lunchtime as we showed the Academy Award winning 'Spirited Away' – a Japanese film following Chihiro as she attempts to escape from a spirit realm and rescue her parents along the way.



On Friday, students displayed their heritages from around the world by wearing cultural clothing, accessories, and national flags as part of our non-uniform day. This highly anticipated end to the week was clearly enjoyed by all students and there was a fantastic atmosphere around School. Proceeds were donated to the local charity *Don't Lose Hope*.









The return of the Great Bourne Bake Off with the theme 'Food Around the World' was also a great success. Students from all year groups entered a range of foods – both savoury and sweet – aiming to be named the winner. Thanks to students and staff taking part, we were able to raise £327.60 for *Nafsiyat*, a therapy centre dedicated to providing intercultural therapy in over 20 languages. The delicious bakes that won are shown below – a huge well done to all winners.

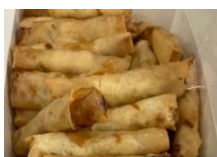
### Winners

#### Savoury

1<sup>st</sup> – Zinedine Ali



2<sup>nd</sup> – Angelia Wu



3<sup>rd</sup> – Aryan Nahata



#### Sweet

1<sup>st</sup> – Bella Hill



2<sup>nd</sup> – Ben Norton



3<sup>rd</sup> – Kasia Sulwinska



### DEBATE ON CULTURAL APPROPRIATION – *Report by Andrew Lucas, Year 12*

Every two weeks I have the privilege to chair a debate and listen to both sides and every time I love to go into it with an open mind - as I urge many people to do. This open-mindedness is the only true way to really appreciate what all the speakers are saying.

The debate during Culture Week on the motion 'Cultural appropriation is wrong' was something I was really looking forward to. Personally, I haven't had to deal with much, if any, cultural appropriation. That is why it was so interesting to hear all the speakers discuss it. In favour of the motion were Sanjani Mamillapalle, and Qais Raja and due to unforeseen circumstances Charlie Knight was a solo opposition speaker.

Both sides gave passionate and articulate speeches. The proposition mainly focused on the dangers of cultural appropriation and its consequences, whereas the opposition clarified that taking from another culture is wrong by definition, but can be a positive thing, and something we can learn from: even giving the example that the pizza served at School that same day could be classed as cultural appropriation!

In the end, the House was persuaded to vote against the motion. A key element to remember with the Debating Society is that we vote not on our personal beliefs, but on who debated the best.

As we enter the new term, I look forward to chairing the new inter-House debate competition. Mr A L Mitchell and I have prepared some increasingly difficult topics for each round of the competition and encourage as many people as possible to sign up and attend. It is sure to be an entertaining few weeks.

### SIXTH FORM ART WORKSHOP - *Report by Mrs C Welling, Subject Leader Art*

On Wednesday, Art students in Years 12 and 13 were pleased to welcome into School Susie Matson, Encaustic Artist, who spent the morning helping students to develop techniques using wax.

After an interesting and visually stimulating talk, Susie spent considerable time with each student discussing their work and ideas for development. Students were fortunate to experiment with hot plates and iron methods, producing abstract and experimental pieces during the time. The morning was beneficial to develop different outcomes and offer inspiration for personal work. We are extremely thankful to Susie for giving up her time, the workshop was a great success!







## **DofE – SILVER PRACTICE EXPEDITION – RUTLAND 01 - 03 APRIL - *Report by Ben Pennycook, Year 11***

**Saturday** - On the first day, we finished packing our bags and headed to King's Cliffe to begin our journey. Slowly but surely all the groups left the town to begin their journeys. Being in group 8, our group left last, and despite having some direction difficulties in the first few kilometres, we were happy to later find that all of the groups had faced similar trouble at the start. Throughout the day the weather was perfect for a long walk like this, but in the last 30 minutes, as we were finally reaching the campsite, the sky opened up! But luckily soon died down.

**Sunday** - After a hearty biryani the night before, we left our tents and began to make breakfast. Being group 8, we had the morning off! So instead of walking as soon as we woke up, the last four groups planned out our July Peak District expedition routes on maps, and then eventually on DofE. Soon, however, the time came to leave, so we packed up and headed out of the campsite. Following a walk through many fields we reached Rutland Water, and had a very needed snack break on the dam. After a few hours we had finished the walk (which was significantly easier than the day before). After returning to camp, the fire pit was lit and we all stood around it, chanting and cooking marshmallows.

**Monday** - After a very cold night's sleep, the camp awoke to ice covering the tents and anything outside, no wonder it was so cold! After a chilly clear up, the groups once again packed up and left the camp. Heading straight north to South Witham. Luckily for us, the third day was nothing but sunshine, and the walk was beautiful. Sadly, however, our time on the trip came to an end once we reached South Witham town hall, and were given creme eggs as a reward for completing the weekend, worth it!

Thanks to all the DofE volunteer supervisors for a great weekend.





## 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.

	<b>Monday 24 April</b>	<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 26 April</b>	<b>Thursday 27 April</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Design Engineering</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Room</b>	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Physical Fieldwork Hunstanton	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Literature: How to plan and write a successful general essay response E1	No Session due to Spring Recital
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 3)</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Room</b>	Drama Studio	MFL2	CS2	A2
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Written Paper Component 1 Blood Brothers	No Session	String Manipulation in Python	External Exam "Lock"
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>EPR</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Room</b>	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	No Session	No Session	Adalat is less problematic than predestination – Islam beliefs and teachings	Paper 2
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 4 &amp; 5)</b>			
<b>Room</b>	MFL9			
<b>Revision Topic</b>	No Session			

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lauren Spellar, Year 12 achieved a Distinction in her Grade 8 Singing exam.

Rory Spellar, Year 12 achieved a Merit in his Grade 8 Singing exam.

Cloda O'Boyle, achieved a Merit in her Grade 5 Singing exam.



# SPORTS CLUBS

TERM 5 DAY	Lunchtime (12:45pm-1.20pm)	After School (4.45p m/5p m finish)
MON		All Years Running (middle distance) (SS)
TUES	Yr. 8 Cricket (ACG/SC) Astro/Nets	All Years Athletics (PE Staff) All Years Boys Tennis (CPB) Yr. 8 & 9 Rugby (DG/HG)
WED	Yr. 9 & 10 Cricket (ACG/SC) Astro/Nets	All Years Social Tennis (CPB) All Years Running (middle distance) (SS)
THURS		All Years Girls Tennis (CPB) Yr. 7 Rounders (AS) Field All Years Girls Cricket (ACG)
FRI	Yr. 7 Cricket (ACG/SC) Astro/Nets	

Unless otherwise stated Athletics is on the field, Tennis is on the Courts, Cricket is on the Astro and/or the nets on the field.

Clubs will take place weekly.

Should there be the need to cancel, any club, as much notice will be given as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club

PE Dept. meetings will affect clubs occasionally.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Zinedine Ali	7	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Charlie Hempstead	7	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Zoe Roberts	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Eleanor Twinley	7	Mrs Allen	English
Aydan Feetham	7	Mr Graves	PE
Ellie Moore	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Grace Cullen	8	Miss Capper	History
Ivana Fuller	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Euan Hirst	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Arjun Raghavan	9	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Ata Egeli	9	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Amber Allison	10	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Yvette Annis	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Luke Norris	10	Mrs Allen	English
Alfie Hardie	11	Miss Mizen	Biology
Chloe Kirman	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Jack Knowles	11	Mr Green	History
Lily Rundle	11	Mr Walklin	Statistics
Laaqah Saqib	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Samuel Callisto	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Ellie Hall	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Genevieve Taaffe	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Lily Martin-Jones	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology

