



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 10 June 2022*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

The BGS Sessions concert at the Town Hall on the last Friday of May was another tremendous success. Congratulations to our musical performers who were all drawn from Years 7 – 9 and thanks to both Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones for the giving of their time to provide planning, guidance and support as accompanists. Our relationship with the volunteers at the Town Hall is excellent, and I know there are plans to see our Drama students use the Town Hall as a performance venue in the near future which will be great to see too.

The trip to Kingswood for all students in Year 7 on Monday and Tuesday was also a great success. We offer some wonderful trips-based experiences as a School, though often there is a restriction on the numbers who can attend which can lead to disappointment for some, to be able to take every student from a large cohort on an adventurous trip is very pleasing. I am told much fun was had, and the focus on team building and problem-solving activities will have had significant benefits to the whole group. My thanks to Mr Chamberlain and his team for the organisation of this event.

And finally, I must mention our hard-working Public Examinations' students in Years 11 and 13 once again. The first half of June is always the climax and busiest time in the schedule before the number of exams tails off a little in the second half of the month and our thoughts are with all of those deep in revision schedules and doing all they can to maximise their performance. So far, we have not experienced the heatwave that has often made the exam period difficult in the past, and let us hope the best of the summer weather can hold off until after the last exam. Continued best of luck to each and every student showcasing their learning at GCSE and A Level this year – the long holiday is not too far away now!

## **BGS LIVE SESSIONS III - Report by Lucy Preston - Year 7**

On Friday 27 May, nine students from years 7-9 performed in a concert at The Old Town Hall in Bourne. The venue was really lovely, and the staff did a brilliant job looking after us and making us feel welcome. A range of instruments were played during the night; four students playing the piano, two playing violin, one playing oboe, and two singing. The evening was great to watch and listen to. The audience was made up of the performers' family and friends and they all seemed to enjoy everyone's performances. I was a bit nervous before the evening began, but I hope to do more performances like this in the near future.





## **JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE – Report by Shreyan Pankhania - Year 10**

Last weekend on the 4th of June, our Jazz Band and Year 10 Band had the pleasure of playing at a garden party at the Old Rectory in Carlby, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The atmosphere was lovely and it was a very new experience for all of us with the music, the weather, the games and the incredible amounts of tea and cake! It was a great day out for us and our parents and we massively appreciated the support shown to us from the residents in Carlby, who made us feel really welcome and seemed to really enjoy our music. It was special for us to be playing a gig outside of School for the local community, so thank you to Mr Tomlinson and the music department for this opportunity. Hopefully there will be more such events in the future.

We also feel honoured that we have received £150 from the organisers of the garden party to donate to a charity of our choice, which is going to be Don't Lose Hope.



## **YEAR 7 TRIP TO KINGSWOOD – Report by Mr Chamberlain, Head of Year 7**

On the 6 and 7 June, 208 Year 7 students visited Kingswood Outdoor Adventure Centre, Dearne Valley, in South Yorkshire.

The students all took part in activities such as Jacobs ladder, problem solving, nightline, and the thrilling zip line.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to interact away from the distractions of everyday school life, taking them out of their comfort zones and encouraging both independence and teamwork. By the end of the day, the students hopefully left with a new sense of self-sufficiency and confidence.

A day to remember, which provided students with a taste of independence, a rush of adrenaline, a breath of fresh air, a sense of achievement and making memories that last a lifetime. Well done Year 7!







### **BOOK CLUB – Mrs Clark**

Book Club met during Term 5 to discuss “The Knife of Never Letting Go” by Patrick Ness. We enjoyed discussing our views on the characters, themes and plot. I was particularly impressed with how confidently many students expressed their ideas. We will meet again in Term 6 to discuss a short story. All students from years 9 and 10 are welcome to attend and more details can be found on Student Notices.

### **The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness – Review by Courtney Pudney, Year 10.**

This book is a dystopian thriller of approximately 490-500 pages. It is written in the perspective of a young boy called Todd Hewitt who is the only boy in a village of ‘adult’ men. They live on a planet called ‘New World’ after leaving their previous planet (‘Old World’). What makes Todd’s life so interesting is that in the New World, everyone’s thoughts are of audible expression called ‘Noise’. Therefore, no one has privacy and secrets cannot exist. However, that does not stop lies breaching a concept that is seemingly unbreakable. As Todd grows more curious and desperate to learn the truth, he soon realises that not everything is quite as simple as it seems. This book explores his journey to find the lies whilst meeting many new characters who will help him along the way. This book is exciting and action packed whilst demonstrating an intriguing variety of techniques, such as the fonts used for Noise and the vocabulary and spelling adapted to appropriately fit the lifestyle and history of Todd. The Knife of Never Letting Go is the first book of the ‘Chaos Walking’ series. Despite learning so much of this unique world in this book, there is a lot more to be explored in the sequel. I really enjoyed reading this and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a mysterious and lively fiction story.

### **‘UNLEASH YOUR DRIVE’ GOLF CLUB – Report by Mr Graves, PE Teacher**

This Wednesday saw the exciting launch of a new project. ‘Unleash Your Drive’ is a programme devised in collaboration with Mindset experts Yeast Ltd and a group of PGA Professionals, that teaches techniques such as breathing and visualisation alongside traditional golf skills to improve a person’s ‘Mental Toughness.’

Mental Toughness includes **Confidence, Commitment, Challenge and Control**. Hopefully the techniques the students learn in their golf lessons will help them to better address challenges in everyday life; at School, in exams and at home.

The very first thing the students did was complete a standard Mental Toughness test (MTQ48) which measures how people respond when faced with stressors, pressure and challenge. The techniques that I will share with students (through golf games/challenges) will hopefully show an improvement in these by the end of the programme when pupils will complete the questionnaire again.



The first session went really well (the sun being out certainly helped!). We looked at developing self-confidence by focusing on the things that we they did really well, as opposed to the things that didn't quite go to plan, as our tendency is to focus on the negatives.

Next week we are going to work on our 'Square of Concentration' - This is an imaginary square that a player places around them to help them solely on the task in hand and eliminate all external distractions.

Also, the students that take part in the programme have very kindly been invited to have a round of golf at Burghley Park Golf Club in Stamford by Darren Game (PGA Golf Coach and Junior Lead). There will be no cost to the pupils for this. I very much look forward to seeing the skills (both golf and mental) out on a proper course.

It is not too late to get involved. The club is after School on Wednesdays and if you would like to join the club please see Mr Graves in the Year 8/9 Pastoral Base for more information.



## **TENNIS – Miss Bowtell, PE Teacher**

Tennis practices have been fantastically supported by all students and I would encourage even more to attend to develop their enjoyment and skills in this sport this term.

The teams have been in action again before the holidays with the U15 Boys and Girls teams having convincing wins against both Kings School and the Priory School Grantham with some superb play from Libby Moore and Rachael Dudley in both the doubles and singles matches. Ada Henson was as consistent in her general play as ever and polished off her player very quickly with a 6-2 win. The new recruit Freya Mclean complimented the veteran Bella Atkin superbly and they are developing a lovely partnership there.

With the boy's game the stars this week were William Cole and Aamav Bajaj who were exceptional in the pace and speed of their strokes but all round it was an excellent result and one more win will lead them through to the county finals.

In the junior teams it is very much about developing a squad with experience for the future with the U13 girls showing great promise throughout and narrowly losing 4-2 but the match all hinged on the last singles

game where we had chances to win the match. The star here was Poppy Mclearnon whose experience and composure really shone through, as she dominated her singles opponent.

The boys competed well but lost to a more experienced set of club players. The star here was Donald McGeorge who won his singles game convincingly but again the match all hinged on the last singles game and so the future is bright here.

The photos below display how keen the junior boys are as they will take any opportunity to play and practice, even when only a shelter is available and also pictured girls U15 squad.



## **MATCH VS KGGS TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

This week the girl's teams have been in action in a match against KGGS, Grantham who were an exceptionally talented group of players and about whom Andrew Pepper remarked "I have never seen such a strong group of female players before". Andrew was indeed correct but the U15s have been learning so much from their previous games that despite the power plays from the Grantham girls our pairings managed to take the match to a very close 5-3, losing several matches by close margins.

The U13 squad was even tighter in their matches. There were three pairs playing: Poppy Mclearnon and Shiksha Kaur, Hamsini Raja and Alice Barrett and Hannah Simpson (debuting) and Stella McDermott. Each pair played the oppositions pairings. After two rounds of matches the scores were 3-3 and so to the final round. The first game was won by us, the second lost and the third match was poised at 2-2 with one game left but unfortunately we lost it on deuce. What a game and again so much knowledge gained which can be taken into our final matches next Tuesday.

Another superb display of Tennis!





# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Joe Barnes	7	Mr Van Uden	History
William Blades	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Hannah Fernandez	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Will Kemp	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Zeke Young	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Umaiza Gilani	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Taha Dad Azam	8	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Grace Nickson	8	Mr Perez	Science
Annabel Sutton	8	Miss Smithson	English
Amelia Templeman	8	Mr Van Uden	History
Charlotte Smith	8	Mr Ray	PE
Martha Caney	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Solomon Johnson	9	Mr Van Uden	History
Rakshya Khadka	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Gabriella Udeaaja	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Jared Knight	9	Mr Ray	PE
Huw Ballard	10	Miss Capper	History
Joe D'Angelo	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Rhys Evans	10	Mr Van Uden	History
Nuala Goodson	10	Mr Vaughan	Biology
Sam Jakeman	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Maisy Jones	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Evie Lound	10	Miss Turton	Drama
Sasha Milne	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Arogya Silwal	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Arogya Silwal	10	Mr Van Uden	History
Emma Smith	10	Mr Brooker	English
Lily Troth	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Sophie Dunleavy	10	Mr Van Uden	History
Joshua Stark	12	Miss Watson	English Language
Esme Thorley	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Sasha Clifford	13	Mr Green	History

## **NON-TEACHING STAFF VACANCY**

We currently have the following non-teaching vacancy:

**Design Engineering Technician - Grade 4 (Points 9 – 12 FTE £20,043 - £21,269)**  
**Pro-Rata £17,943 - £19,040)**

To provide technical support throughout the Design Engineering department.

37 hours per week, term-time only (38 weeks per year), plus 15 additional days per year as required by Line Manager (*e.g. for training, preparing materials during school holidays, etc.*)  
Monday – Thursday 08:30-16:30 Friday 08:30-16:00

