

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 12 February 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

A difficult half term has finished on a positive note in school, with a series of Awards Assemblies recognising the hard work and progress of students across all year groups in the last six weeks. To celebrate achievement is the heartbeat of education, and even in a period of extended lockdown this is core element of the Bourne Grammar ethos. Hearty congratulations to all award winners and my thanks to all departments and the pastoral team for coordinating the process. I was also delighted at the quality of the online Year 9 Options' Evening on Tuesday evening: the technology worked effectively, the schedule was well planned thanks to the hard work of Mrs Hall and Mrs Baker, and the subject talks were impressively put together. I was able to pop in to all subject talks myself and I hope students and parents found it a worthwhile evening of subject research.

Elsewhere the weather has added another layer of challenge this week, though a challenge etched with a smile. From a personal angle I love to see snow, and to see the sparkle and the brightness of lying snow reminds me of happy alpine holidays in the past and the joy of skiing in the sunshine. Travel has been rather tricky, and more than once I turned my car around early in the morning and elected to work from home rather than risk the slippery A15, but I hope students who share a love of snowmen, snowballs and maybe even just walks in the snow have felt rewarded and had their spirits lifted to some degree this week. We are all awaiting the update from the government on the date of school opening, and the scheduled broadcast to be given on 22nd February is inked into the calendar as a moment of substantial significance for all in education, but the distraction of the weather has perhaps been rather timely. Those who hate the cold will wonder what on earth I am talking about here! – but for young people snow is rarely anything other than fun and I am glad that some fun has been possible this week.

I hope everyone has a good holiday week and fingers crossed the light at the end of this lockdown tunnel is getting a bit nearer and a bit brighter as we move forward. My thanks to everyone who has made my first six weeks such a positive experience: it has been a very challenging time but without doubt this is a great school and I am looking forward to all that is to come.

AWARDS - Mr Brooker, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)

The end of this term marks the midway point in the academic year, and it is traditionally the moment at which the School takes an opportunity to formally celebrate the efforts of our students. In having navigated these last few months with stoicism on the one hand and so often a smile on the other, it is true that our student body - and our staff too - are deserving of a collective round of applause. The Awards Assemblies, run by Heads of Year earlier this week, have nonetheless sought to celebrate those students who have been selected by their teachers and tutors for special recognition. Below you will find links to the full range of academic and pastoral awards, while the families of all those students in receipt of an award will also be contacted directly.

Awards can be viewed via the following links: [Academic Awards](#) and [Pastoral Awards](#)



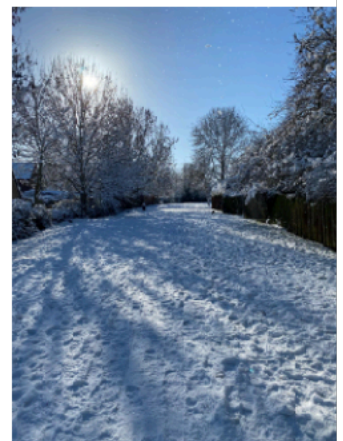
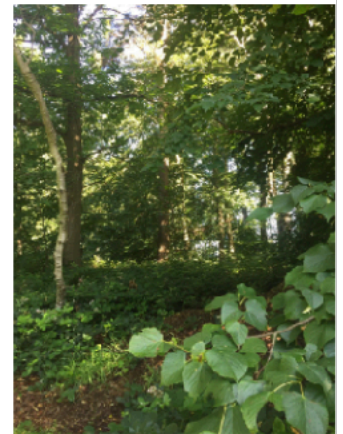
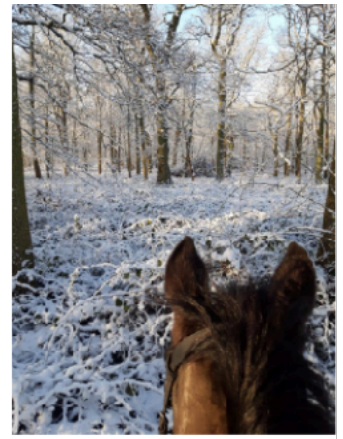
ROUTE TO CALAIS (AND BEYOND) - Miss Smith, PE

Well done to everyone that has continued to partake in the *Route to Calais* challenge. Out of an impressive 181 students who have taken part in the challenge so far, there are now 15 students who have made it to Calais (303km) and continued their virtual journey, visiting a choice of 12 additional landmarks across Europe. Students have also continued to share their journey with us by documenting scenic photos on TEAMS. Keep up the great work!

Top 30 in the lead across all year groups can be seen in the table below.

Updated achievements for Years 7 - 11 can be found [on our website](#).

Name	Total	Cycle	Jog/run	Walk
Olivia Ward	972.0	168	83	185
Faye Scott	725.6	2.60	27	214
Emily Seaton	725.4	-	6	235.80
Alice Jones	711.0	-	47	190
Maisie Jeffs	660.0	-	20	200
Millie Doud	657.0	186	75	82
Lauren Stuart	651.0	132	50	123
Isabel Turner	584.5	-	50.06	144.78
Aryan Nahata	524.4	3.50	51.27	122.36
Chloe Kirman	466.3	-	9.54	145.90
Evie Lound	460.6	71.50	-	129.69
Kris Rushworth	452.5	26.15	7.35	134.77
Sasha Milne	417.4	28.58	15.05	114.57
Hannah Simpson	399.9	-	11.60	121.70
Toby Staines	390.2	17	77.60	46.80
Isla Earth	370.1	275.90	3	28.40
Florence Dexter	361.9	-	17.80	102.86
Charlotte Smith	360.0	-	54	66
Joshua Kilgallen	356.8	14.20	60	54.20
Jasmine Ferrara	351.6	54.27	12.50	86.60
Harriet Cork	351.5	5	9.30	106.20
Elyza Howard	351.0	-	50	67
Aoife Glasswell	335.0	26	71	32
Euan Hirst	333.6	1.20	56.50	54.30
Evie Mabey	333.5	11	4	103.49
Millie Herrick	327.0	-	31.41	77.60
Andreea Rila	322.6	-	25	82.53
Sophie Quilter	312.7	-	7.80	96.42
Bella Burton	312.0	-	2	102
Tula Harvey	289.4	-	9	87.47



CLIMB TO THE TOP OF BIG BEN



The PE Department have set you a challenge over half-term.... to climb Big Ben!

The clock stands at 96m tall- your task is to see if you can reach the top. You must start from the bottom and work your way up (Can you climb it in a day?)

Each exercise is to be performed for...

- Year 7/8 – 30 seconds
- Year 9 – 45 seconds
- Years 10/11 (and parents!) – 1 min

Good Luck!

Top of Big Ben	YOU MADE IT!!
96 metres	Crunches
91-95 metres	Squat Thrusts
86-90 metres	Lunges
81-85 metres	High Kicks
76-80 metres	Side Plank
71-75 metres	Tuck Jumps
66-70 metres	Squats
61-65 metres	Step Ups
56-60 metres	Lunges
51-55 metres	Tricep Dips
46-50 metres	Spotty Dogs
41-45 metres	Burpees
36-40 metres	Press Ups
31-35 metres	Star Jumps
26-30 metres	Sit Ups
21-25 metres	Heel Flicks
16-20 metres	Wall Sit
11-15 metres	High Knees
6-10 metres	Plank
1-5 metres	Running on the Spot

DRAMA MONOLOGUES - Mr Moxley, Subject Leader: Drama

This term in Drama, Year 9 have been working on Drama activities related to the First Fleet's transportation of convicts to Sydney Cove (in what would become Australia) in 1787-8. One task was to write a monologue, from the perspective of a convict. This was Lizzie Edwards' piece - I was hugely impressed by her powerful sense of character, and the way that she captures the fear and trepidation as she finally arrives on dry land.

"The day has finally come. I am being sailed away, away from my home, away from my family. I don't know what to think. While my thoughts are gathering, my body is just taking me where I need to go. I am being forced onto a ship; down I go into the darkness. My mind is blank. What have I done? Where are we going? How long is it going to take to get there? I didn't grow up with an education so I don't understand what all words mean, and where we go sometimes, and what places are called. When I finally regain my thoughts, I am in a very dimly lit room with no windows and only one way out. A staircase, my only hope to breathe the fresh air again while on this ship.

A week has passed. I've only been allowed out my hold once, to move around a little. I'm glad we did because my muscles need to move. I haven't seen the sky since I was shoved down here. I think about what I did to deserve this, what I did to be stuck down here with other people like me.

My family is very poor; we didn't have food one day. So, I decided I would do something to help, that was a big mistake. I was walking down the street, pretending that it was just another normal day and there were no worries in my mind. Then I smell what I'm looking for. Bread. I follow the fresh scent and stop in front of the door. I take a deep breath and step in.

The person working at the counter is busy with another customer; I know that this is my chance. I swipe a loaf of bread as quickly as possible, but I am too late. The man sees me and shouts at me. Desperate to get away with my lunch, I run out the shop. And I just run. But obviously, luck isn't on my side today, as I run straight into a policeman. I know that I have been caught, there is no escape. The man explains how the teenage boy, me, has stolen a loaf of bread. I am taken away from civilization and locked away.

I think two months have passed, I'm not sure. Things are getting worse down here. I woke up one morning, and there was a terrible smell next to me. An older man had died in his sleep from typhus, I eventually work out. Since being on the ship, I have only been in the fresh air once. It already smells awful down here, no-one has washed and we are all getting quite hungry. We haven't had enough to eat. I'd say there was about four of us that had died so far. They all died from the diseases going around. I'm glad that I haven't been affected yet, but I'm beginning to think I will soon.

Sometimes, we make the occasional stop to pick up supplies. I'm always hoping this means we will have more to eat, but my beliefs are crushed because we still only get the same amount, as always. I think we must be at least halfway now. We have been going for 4 and a half months, I overheard two guards talking. What I'm puzzled at, is that the guards, although not being affected by the diseases, are looking thinner than when we first started off. I think it's just me and how my thinking has been severely affected.

A week later, I'm not feeling so well at the moment, the living conditions are getting worse and I think I may have caught something. My joints are all sore, my gums are bleeding, my skin has turned rough and I feel so weak. There is an old man next to me, as I don't understand what is happening to me, I ask him.

I do not like the news I hear at all, apparently, I have scurvy. He explains all the symptoms of the illness and it matched with all the problems I have. He tells me not to feel so disheartened as he has dysentery, which I think everyone believes is a lot worse, seeing as we only have buckets.

I think it's been another two months and a half now, so that means we are 7 months in, the guards tell us, to reassure us, that there should only be one month to go. We are all so relieved to hear this news, all we are hoping now is that we can all make it. I finally worked out why I thought the guards were so thin. One of them were sitting with us at a table eating his lunch once and I saw he had the same portions as us. The captain must have ordered this and I am quite surprised.

As I am asleep, there is a big thud and we are all jerked forwards. The captain appears himself at the staircase and comes down to greet us. This is the first time we are seeing him and I suppose we are grateful that he has gotten the majority of us here alive. He makes a speech of how it was a long voyage, and some other parts I don't understand. He also says the we only lost 29 people along the way; he makes it seem like that wasn't many people at all. But they could have been here for something so small, and may have died for nothing.

We step out onto the deck and I have to cover my eyes for a while as the sun is so bright to me, as is to everyone. I suppose it's exactly the same as it always is, but we haven't seen it in a while. They check us all to make sure we are all here and not too weak to walk. And then we are ordered off the ship. My feet hit the ground and I try to not stumble over, because my muscles are being put to use in a long, long time. We make it to the camp and I know this is where I will make my new life, as there is no going back. I have arrived."

CATCH-UP SESSIONS - Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

Academic catch-up sessions are continuing to take place remotely via *TEAMS* after half term. Students may attend any session(s) of their choosing as published below by joining the relevant *TEAMS* meeting at 17:00 each day.

	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13	
Monday 22 February	BIOLOGY	ART	LAW	
	Animal Transport 2 Miss Mizen TEAMS	Coursework Catch-up Miss Mafusire TEAMS	Sources of Law Mr Mitchell TEAMS	
Tuesday 23 February	CHEMISTRY	BIOLOGY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	
	Chemistry of the Atmosphere 2 Mr Marsden TEAMS	Ecosystems 2 Mr Vaughan TEAMS	Child Language Miss Kemp TEAMS	
Wednesday 24 February	COMPUTER SCIENCE	CHEMISTRY	BUSINESS	
	Exam Theory Mr Walker TEAMS	Dynamic Equilibrium Mr Marsden TEAMS	Production and Capacity (2.4.1/2) Mr Lawrence TEAMS	
Thursday 25 February	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	ENGLISH LITERATURE	PHYSICS
	Paper 1 Overview Miss Bennett TEAMS	Theory & Exams James Brown TEAMS	Up the Line Miss Watson TEAMS	Thermal Physics Mr Mitchell TEAMS

REMOTE LEARNING: MOBILE DATA - Mr Brown, Deputy Headteacher (Digital Strategy)

The DfE are running a pilot programme to temporarily provide families with extra mobile data, to allow disadvantaged children to access remote education while their face-to-face education is disrupted if they do not have access to broadband at home. To be eligible for the programme, the following three criteria must apply:

- There is no fixed broadband at home,
- Parents/carers cannot afford additional data for their devices and
- Students are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

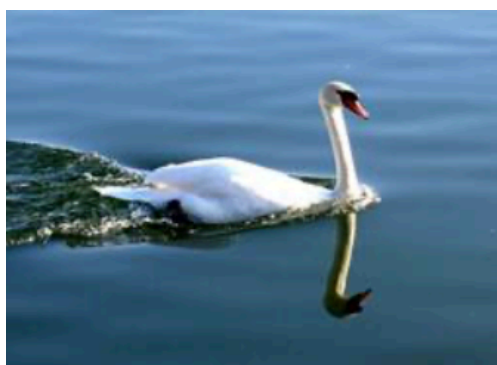
This pilot is currently available to users of these mobile networks: BT Mobile, EE, Lycamobile, O2, Sky Mobile, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile and Vodafone.

You can read more about the pilot [here](#). Parents/Carers wishing to apply for additional mobile data should contact Mrs Ford by [email](#) or by calling 01778 422288 during school hours.

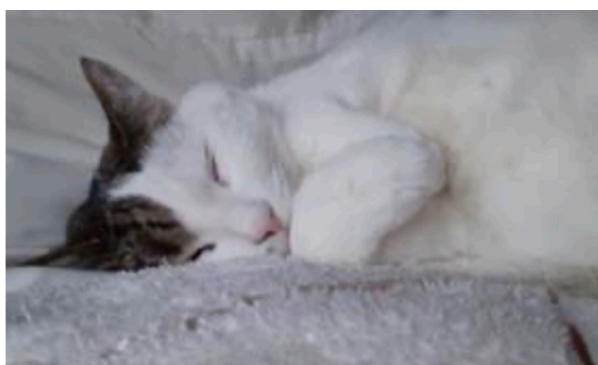
YEAR 10 CHALLENGE - Report by Chantelle Kelly (Year 13)

This week the Year 10 students were set a challenge to mix up their days and try to photograph things that make them happy in lockdown. For many it was the snow, their pets and the sights on their daily walks.

The Year 10 Prefect Team decided on a winner and, although it was very close, Sam's stunning close-up of a swan impressed us all, granting him first place, with Nandhitha and Katie coming a close second. All the entries were superb and showed just how talented the year group is!



1st Place
Sam Newcombe

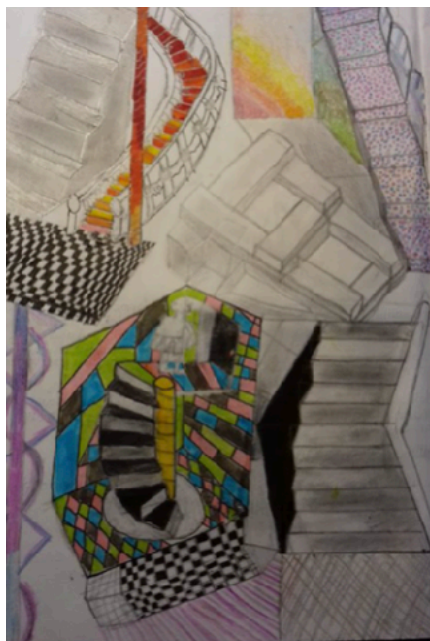


2nd Place
Katie Jackman & Nandhitha Guhan

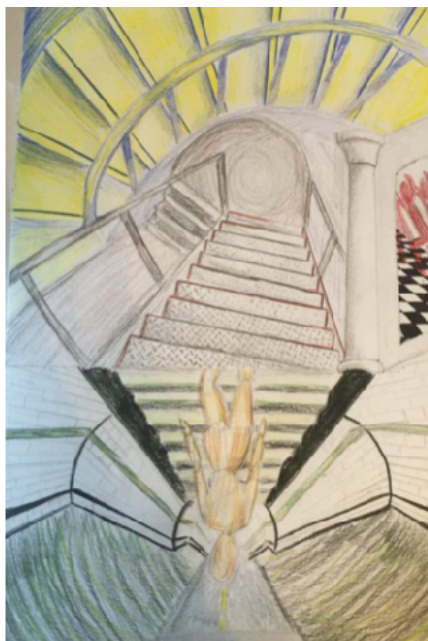


YEAR 9 ABSTRACT ART PIECES CONTINUED - *Miss Mafusire, Teacher of Art*

Year 9 have been working hard on completing a final piece in response to the abstract art they have been studying since the beginning of the year. Here is a selection of their work showcasing their ability to work imaginatively and creatively with a variety of different techniques and materials. Well done to all students in Year 9 on their work.



Henry Wickham



Olivia Richardson



Leila Silkstone



Maddy Partridge



Cait Smith



Isla Baker



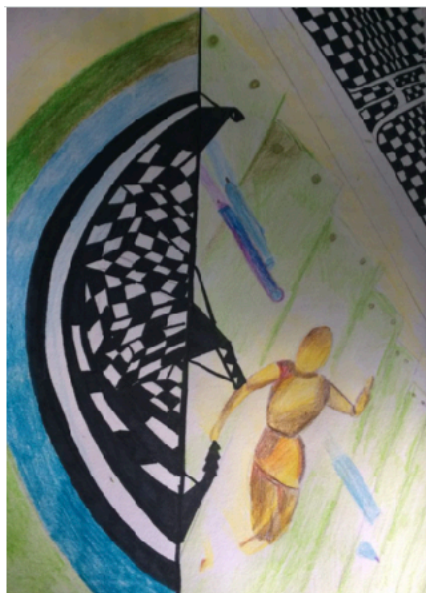
Madison Mylchreest



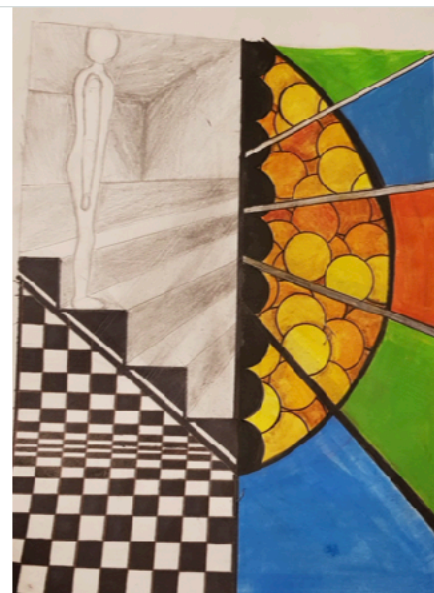
Darcy Owen



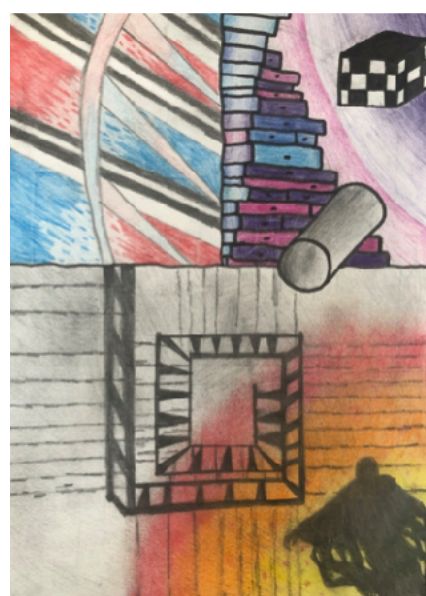
Manasa Gigi



Alex Sadler



Frances Henson



Kaitlyn Goddard



Sasha Milne

HOUSE POINT TOTALS - House Leaders

5,296	5,525	5,551	5,452

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 12/02/2021.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Sanjana Padmanabhan (Year 8) has passed her Grade 1 Piano exam.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Merryn Baldock	7	Mrs Welling	Art
Calem Healy	7	Mr Williamson	English
Taryn Lee	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Ellie Bannister	8	Ms Kemp	English
Owen Nazaruk-Wheeler	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Chiara Pacitti	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Theo Saralis	8	Miss Bennett	English
Vikita Shah	8	Dr Hanson	Science
Elliot Southwood	8	Mr Brown	Computing
Oliver Trumble	8	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Hasini Vijayasankar	8	Ms Kemp	English
Luis Nelson	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Alexanne Bradley	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Archie Crane	9	Mr Tighe	EPR
Lizzie Edwards	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Ishna Hamid	9	Mr Williamson	English
Oliver Harrison	9	Mr Mitchell	Business Studies
Delicia Johnson	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Hermione King	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Jack Knowles	9	Mr Green	History
Evie Lound	9	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Sasha Milne	9	Mr Mitchell	Business Studies
Madison Mylchreest	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Ellen Nixon	9	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Lily Rundle	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Abira Suyaraj	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Adam Wheel	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
David Hyam	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Esme Jones	10	Mr Bainbridge	History
Evan Mulligan	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Raphael Threlfall	10	Miss Bennett	English
Joseph Amos	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Jimi Brackenbury	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Zara Chambers	11	Miss Watson	English
Sarah Draper	11	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Morgan Harris	11	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Korben Hughes	11	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Adam Kirk	11	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Thomas Payne	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Louis Rhodes	11	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Arujan Sivakumar	11	Miss Watson	English
John Elliott	12	Mr Adamson	Further Maths
Bethany Goold	12	Ms Bowtell	Sports Studies
Amy Jones	12	Dr Barnby	History
Louise Jones	12	Dr Barnby	History
Sophie Palmer	12	Mr Stainton	Biology
Luke Purdy	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
James Shepherd	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Lucy Hayes	13	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Chantelle Kelly	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Archie Marren-Cooper	13	Mr Mitchell	Law
Amber Moore	13	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Bryn Tierney	13	Mr Hewitt	Politics
Olivia Wood	13	Miss Watson	English Literature
Tom Cameron	13	Miss Capper	History