

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 5 March 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week has been all about Covid testing. I don't think schools have ever been used as mass testing centres, at least not in my lifetime, but Bourne Grammar has certainly grasped the nettle this week. It has been a huge logistical effort to put in place an operation that can test our community in time for a return to School for all students on Monday, but thanks to the exceptional efforts of a very long list of people we have done it. This is an achievement we can, and should, be very proud of and I am hugely grateful to all staff and particularly to our fantastic team of volunteers – testers, trainers, recorders, cleaners, programmers, schedulers, supervisors, administrators, parents as drivers and all others who have offered important help at key moments through the week. Well done to you all!



Now we can return to face to face learning. Covid measures remain in place on-site of course, and we will stick to these as long as the guidance makes clear we must, but it is time to focus on the benefits of classroom learning. The Prime Minister has been clear that the best place for young people to learn is in the classroom and, whatever our political persuasion, on this subject he is right. We have learned much about the power of technology in the last twelve months, and discovered ways of conducting live lessons online and assessing students and their progress from a distance. However, we have also learned much about the isolation that lockdown brings and the potential loss of energy and motivation that weeks in front of screens can produce. Perhaps most of all we now know that socially our young people have been held back, and they desperately need live social interaction with their peers. Never was it more important to concentrate on the social and mental wellbeing of our young people than now, and we must find ways to help them reconnect with their lives.

In this spirit I have therefore emphasised to staff that the next few weeks, and on into the spring, are all about supplying the context for that reconnection: with friends as much as with work. We will ensure we use formative methods to find out where gaps in knowledge, skills and understanding have appeared and work to fill these. We are mindful too that there are still gaps to address from lockdown this time last year. But we will also ensure we are not applying excessive and unnecessary pressure to our students as they go through this period of reconnection and do everything we can to provide the support each individual will need to find their feet once again. We have worked hard to provide a positive message of “uplift” opportunity to those in Years 11 and 13 who are sitting exam assessments in the coming weeks, and I would remind all those students that we have provided a win/win scenario and that these are not assessments to fear. There is work to be done on designing our teaching and assessment plans for the summer term and together with providing the best learning context possible given the context of lockdown impacts; these are the absolute priorities, but for now we want students to reconnect. Tutors, teachers, friends, family – all have a role to play here and as has been the case throughout this difficult period we remain a single community, pulling and working for each other. So....I hope after last week's Bulletin everything required for Monday has had the dust brushed off it, and everyone is ready for exciting times ahead! We have four weeks together until the Easter break. Make the most of it, and let's together begin the journey back to normality.

YEAR 9 GCSE OPTION CHOICES - Mr Ransom, Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

Please remember that the deadline for submitting option preferences is 09:00 on Wednesday 17 March. Before students can select and submit option preferences, access to the options system must be activated. The unique access code that is required to activate the options system was sent to the School email account of each Year 9 student on 10 February. Please note that this is a one-time-only-use code; once used it will not be needed again and cannot be used again. Once activated the options system can be accessed by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk and logging in with the email account and password set up at the time of activation.

Once option preferences have been successfully submitted no further action is required. Please note that your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you save your option selections. The parental consent box does not need to be ticked. If you have any queries or concerns then please contact us at gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

ROUTE TO CALAIS (AND BEYOND)

Report by Miss Smith, PE

The success of the Route to Calais challenge has continued! Over the course of the past few months, we have seen a total of 186 students take part in the challenge and navigate their way virtually to Calais.

Across Key Stages 3 and 4, there has been an outstanding 52 students who have completed 303km (if not further) by walking, running and cycling. A huge well done is deserved to each and every student who has taken part in the challenge since the start of January.

An updated list of Top 30 for students across Years 7-11 can be found opposite. Updated final result spreadsheets can be found on [our website](#).

Forename	Surname	Total	Cycle	Jog/run	Walk
Aryan	Nahata	1496.8	6.0	79.8	417.2
Isabel	Turner	1486.6	-	87.9	407.7
Faye	Scott	1329.0	33.3	39.6	392.3
Alice	Jones	1307.0	23.0	97.0	331.0
Emily	Seaton	1279.6	10.3	6.0	417.1
Toby	Staines	1185.3	46.5	237.6	142.0
Millie	Doud	1055.0	206.0	133.0	150.0
Chloe	Seaton	1023.0	-	2.0	339.0
Joshua	Kilgallen	1002.0	49.7	153.7	163.8
Lauren	Stuart	995.0	191.0	60.0	208.0
Olivia	Ward	972.0	168.0	83.0	185.0
Hannah	Simpson	855.0	-	11.6	273.4
Euan	Hirst	844.8	1.2	133.6	147.6
Maisie	Jeffer	806.0	2.0	23.0	245.0
Aoife	Glasswell	770.0	26.0	165.0	83.0
Kris	Rushworth	708.0	46.5	8.8	211.8
Chloe	Kirman	703.5	-	15.6	218.9
Harriet	Cork	695.0	5.0	30.0	200.0
Sasha	Milne	692.3	55.9	35.3	176.8
Florence	Dexter	638.0	-	33.3	179.4
Evie	Lound	636.8	81.1	-	185.2
Isla	Earth	624.4	448.0	5.0	53.8
Sophie	Quilter	606.3	-	12.4	189.7
Alice	Barratt	590.2	15.0	9.7	182.0
Lily	Rundle	559.9	23.8	37.3	141.4
Millie	Herrick	542.7	8.5	56.8	121.3
Miles	Garrido	541.9	119.2	55.2	85.7
Bayley	Graham	526.6	173.0	54.9	63.0
Charlotte	Smith	505.5	22.5	71.0	90.0
Madison	Mylchreest	495.3	32.0	10.0	144.4

CATCH-UP SESSIONS

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

Academic catch-up sessions are continuing to take place remotely via TEAMS next week.

Students may attend any session(s) of their choosing as published opposite by joining the relevant TEAMS meeting at 17:00 each day.

	YEAR 10	YEAR 13
Monday 8 March	HISTORY	CHEMISTRY
	Opposition to the New Deal Miss Capper TEAMS	Unified Chemistry Exam Skills Mr Marsden TEAMS
Tuesday 9 March	MATHEMATICS	GEOGRAPHY
	Histograms and Handling Data Mr Sheppard TEAMS	Changing Spaces Miss Pollard TEAMS
Wednesday 10 March	SPANISH	BUSINESS
	Speaking skills- describing the photocard Mrs Worrall TEAMS	Theme 3.1 Mr Lawrence TEAMS
Thursday 11 March	BIOLOGY	HISTORY
	Plant Disease Miss Dorosenko TEAMS	Church and Government: Rebellions Dr Barmby TEAMS

CUBIST PORTRAITURE - Mrs Welling, Subject Leader: Art

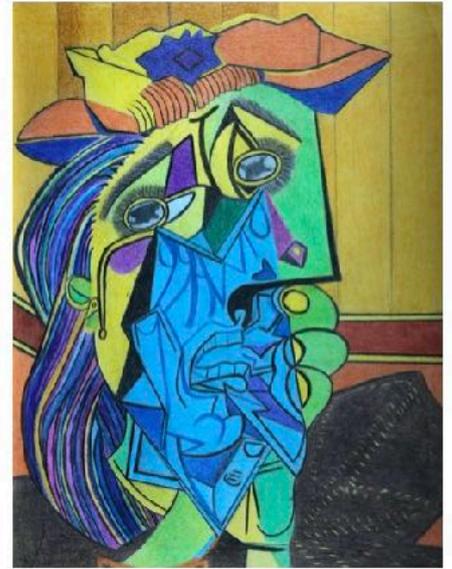
Year 8 students have been exploring the work of Pablo Picasso, investigating *The Weeping Woman* and developing their own Cubist portrait. There have been so many colourful and individual interpretations of Picasso's painting. Well done to all students on their work over the last few weeks.



Khushi Odedra



Eshaal Ithisham-Akhtar



Grace Osborne



Lucie Lund



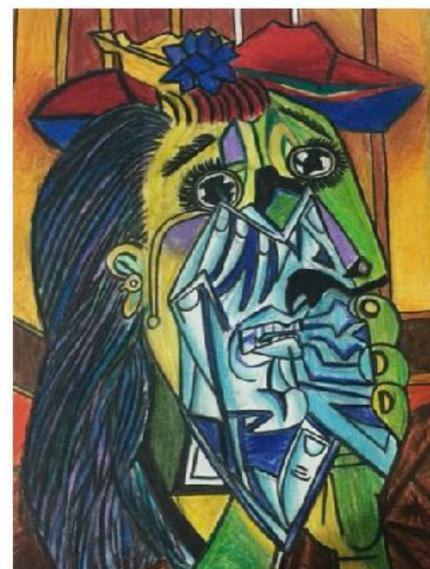
Georbin Biloy



Niamh Sweeney



Aditi Kumar



Mayra Narang



Emily Nurse

YEAR 9 ART EXHIBITION - Miss Bradley, Head of Year 9

Year 9 finished last term with a fantastic Art exhibition along the theme of 'Freedom'.

The students suggested the theme and have really enjoyed getting creative and sharing their pieces with the rest of the year group. It is a great way for everyone to still feel connected whilst at home. As always, we are blown away by their talent and creativity.



Qais Raja



Grace Goodchild



Sanjani Mamillapalle



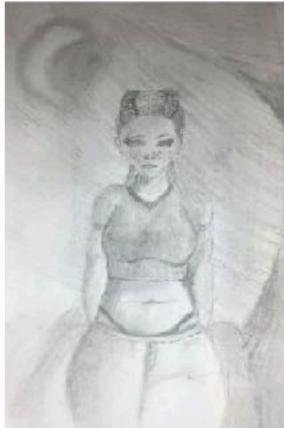
Lucy Harrison



Emma Smith



Lizzie Edwards



Molly Ringrose



Anonymous



Theo Bryson



Flynn Henderson

HOUSE POINT TOTALS - House Leaders

1,685	1,527	1,616	1,777

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 22/02/2021 and 04/03/2021.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Grace Nickson	7	Miss Patman	Registration
Georbin Biloy	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Holly Burnside	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Jessica Burton	8	Mr Perez	Computing
Emma Dennis	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Reuben Taaffe	8	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Connie Bayliss	9	Mr Mitchell	Business Studies
Megan Drake	9	Mr Miller	Physics
Rhys Evans	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Imogen Leaton	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Clara Lytle	9	Miss Watson	English
Harrie Metcalfe	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Sasha Milne	9	Mr Mitchell	Business Studies
Qais Raja	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Raj Sisodia	9	Mr Tighe	EPR
Emma Smith	9	Mr Stainton	Biology
Syed Ali	10	Ms Kemp	English
Kunjai Bhandari	10	Miss Watson	English
Harry Child	10	Miss Smithson	English
Harry Child	10	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Immy Dawson	10	Ms Kemp	English
Archie Falla	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
James Holland	10	Ms McVicker	English
Katie Jakeman	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Danielle Leku	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Grace Lester	10	Mr Adamson	Mathematics
Samantha Thomas	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Hafsah Asad	11	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Reece Bairsto	11	Mrs Williamson	English
William Craft	11	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Daniel Greenfield	11	Ms McVicker	English
Archit Kumar	11	Miss Watson	English
Tilly Manning	11	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Oscar Potts	11	Miss Turton	Drama
Jack Griffin	11	Miss Bennett	English
Millie Armstrong	12	Miss Watson	English Language
Arvindar Bhatti	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Isabel Loader	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Madison Loades	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Luke Purdy	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
James Shepherd	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Xanthia Stanton	12	Mrs Pignatiello	Theatre Studies
Isobel Thompson	12	Miss Watson	English Language
Michael Mandy	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Joe Philby	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Fabio Valerio	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral