



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 07 July 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

As we approach the end of the school year we have enjoyed a series of celebration events, rewarding our students for their hard work across the year and giving them a final opportunity to display their talents. The Night of Music from the Stage and Screen on Monday was yet another wonderful opportunity for performers of all ages to entertain a large audience and the numbers involved formed an impressive part of the event. Our orchestra, our choirs, our ensembles: they are all filled by our own students without the need to hunt for external support from professional or semi professional players and the music that is performed is often arranged by the department, in particular Mr Jones. Well done to the hundred or so students involved and to both Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones for masterminding and leading the evening.

We also had Sports Presentation Evening on Tuesday with Olympic Gold Medallist Susannah Townsend invited to be our inspirational special guest speaker. It was also a wonderful event for all concerned, celebrating achievement and, in particular, commitment to a sporting programme that is both broad in opportunity and deep in challenge. We continue to have students performing at National Level through the year including the Senior Boys Cross Country Team who were 4<sup>th</sup> nationally and Lawson Capes who, once again, became age group National Champion in the Shot Put last week. Many thanks to Mr Ray and the PE Department for the success of the evening and thanks also to Mrs Spriggs who does so much vital preparatory work for all school events.

I would also like to congratulate those who completed their qualifying Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend. Weary but cheerful students got off the coach on Monday at almost exactly the same time as other students were walking onto the stage to perform their musical items from Stage and Screen. There was something rather apt in the short period of car park chaos that ensued, testimony to the amount of positive participation at all levels in our very good school. Many thanks to Mrs Brett and her team for the success of the expedition, and the profile and high levels of participation that are maintained throughout the scheme.

This week has also seen the completion of an excellent phase of work experience for our Year 12 students. Around 200 were found high quality placements (including one who managed an international placement in Greece!) and a further 45 were provided with an in-house programme of talks and experiences directed specifically at futures beyond school. I would like to thank everyone in the Sixth Form Team for their work in organising and supporting our students through the week and particularly congratulate Mrs Elliot, our Careers and UCAS Coordinator, for her successful leadership of the work experience programme.

Finally, there have been one or two questions asked recently about uniform. I can confirm with absolute clarity that there are no uniform changes arriving for September 2023. All uniform is as before and can be purchased as before. There are changes on the way for Year 7 students that will join us in September 2024 and details will be published in good time for this new cohort

## **YEAR 7 BBL – INDEPENDENT LEARNING – *Report by Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic***

It was a real pleasure this week to present students in Year 7 with prizes to recognise their amazing independent learning. So many students have embraced this cornerstone of how we learn at BGS, and have consistently, day in and day out, gone above and beyond by reading around the subject or revisiting their notes from the day's lessons to create mind-maps, flashcards and the like.

Prizes included boxes of chocolates, Amazon vouchers and tickets to the Escape Rooms in Peterborough, so well done to all of the winners. Remember though students that you must continue to work

independently next year too and to continue with the habits, which you have so successfully embedded this year.

One Prize Winner, Freddie Neal, was recognised for his wonderful independent learning in English and I was taken aback by a piece of poetry that he wrote voluntarily and completely independently: it is called Blue Daisy. I share it with you below:

**Blue daisy**

Each with a head,  
Each short and cream,  
Each in the sun;  
Each petal a gleam.  
Each with a stem;  
And each with a leaf,  
Each held by roots,  
That flourish beneath.

And each look exactly;  
Exactly,  
The same.  
Each one a daisy,  
With all, one name.  
One body;  
One look.  
All with one mind.  
Set in columns and rows,  
Each flower aligned.

But near to the edge,  
Where order does fade,  
Lies the blue daisy.  
In cool summer shade.  
No leaf.  
No straight upright stem,  
No colourless bloom,  
Just unlike them.  
Unlike the snow,  
That blooms during spring.  
Unlike the buds,  
That boast everything.

Differences are not wanted,  
Amongst all the rest.  
To be all alike,  
Seems to be best,  
The blue daisy's not alike,  
To others maybe strange,  
But it cannot differ.  
Or vary;  
Or change.

It cannot be,  
Anything other;  
Can't alter itself,  
To be like another.  
So away from all else,

Excluded, possibly.  
But one of a kind,  
The only;  
Blue daisy.

### **FOOD TASTING – Report by Akshaya Tirchunapalli, Year 10**

On Thursday 29 June, members of the Year 9, 10 and 12 Student Councils and some lucky teachers were kindly offered the opportunity to try a selection of new treats made by Miss Ansell (Head Chef from the Chill) and the Innovate team.



Miss Ansell was keen for students to give their feedback on some of the new breakfast items and we were tasked (!) with tasting the delicious flavours of their new ideas, which exceeded all our initial expectations. There were a range of options including ham and cheese croissants, sausage, cheese and hash brown muffins, breakfast wraps and pots, pain au chocolat/raisin, porridge, brownies and other baked goods. I was highly impressed by the range of options for both vegetarian and non-vegetarian diets, both tasting just as amazing!

However, my personal favourite had to be the pain au chocolat - the flakiness of the pastry and the oozing chocolate was unmatched in my opinion. From the savoury options, we found both the BBQ chicken and halloumi wraps equally mouth-watering; a healthy and light meal that was very enjoyable. Nevertheless, all the food we tasted was great and I would highly recommend it.



### **REYES Y REINAS DE LA ORTOGRAFÍA – Report by Mrs Baverstock, Spanish**

Every term the Spanish department celebrates the success of the best spellers in the target language by displaying the names of all students who have consistently got full marks in their weekly spelling tests on our *Reyes y Reinas* (Kings and Queens) display in the MFL corridor.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have managed to reach this very high standard – we are very proud of you. In addition, all of our *Reyes y Reinas* are put into a termly prize draw for the opportunity to win an Amazon gift voucher.

This year the lucky winners have been:

- Term 1 - Sam Gupta Year 11
- Term 2 – Aditi Kumar Year 10
- Term 3 – Josh Goodwin Year 8
- Term 4 – Harris Maran Year 8
- Terms 5 & 6 – Isaac McLaren Year 7

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!



**DOFE SILVER AWARD EXPEDITION – PEAK DISTRICT, SATURDAY 1 JULY – MONDAY 3 JULY –  
Report by Mrs R Brett, DofE Manager**

The Silver DofE Award participants undertook their Expedition last weekend in a wet and windy Peak District. They started in Winster and walked approximately 15km each day over 3 days, camping at Mandale and Birchover before reaching their final destination, Matlock.

All students worked exceptionally well in their teams, navigating their way through the countryside, setting up their own camps and cooking their own meals as well as working on their projects for the final assessment.

Aside from the steep climbs and descents, the weather also proved challenging, but the students showed great tenacity and dealt with it all whilst smiling – mostly!

Congratulations to all DofE Silver students, you should be very proud of your achievements. Next stop, Gold!

A huge thank you to all volunteers who gave up their time to make this possible.







## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Edward Ciopec	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Saihaan Damani	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Ben Fletcher	7	Mr Farrow	Design Engineering
Vlad Harlap-Valters	7	Miss Roberts	EPR
Millie Meakin	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Esther Mear	7	Mr Farrow	Design Engineering
Freddie Neal	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Fred Reid	7	Miss Mizen	Science
Ben Alliston	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Ben Potter	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Lewis Ulyatt	8	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Lucinda Waugh	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Bhavya Woosa	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Hamsini Raja	9	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Noah Richardson	9	Ms Jones	English
Callum Selby	9	Mr Ray	PE
Peter Wrigley	9	Ms Bennett	English
Max Carruthers	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Jacob Elsey	10	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Mayra Narang	10	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Bella Burton	10	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Tobias Merricks	10	Dr Hanson	Biology