



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 20 October 2023

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Yesterday the Department for Education published a national results update that confirmed progress scores for GCSEs in 2023. We are delighted to announce that the BGS progress score for 2023 was +0.6 which compares with a Lincolnshire average of +0.02 and a national average of -0.03. This has been achieved within an envelope that saw 89% of our students complete the English Baccalaureate, defined by the government as the combination of qualifications that preserves the best range of future options, and these are often the more difficult GCSEs to sit. Across Lincolnshire 41% of students on average achieved the Baccalaureate and this data overall places us in the top band of schools across the country in terms of progress made. Once again, I must congratulate our 2023 GCSE students for their exceptional hard work and also congratulate all BGS staff and the wider BGS community that played a vital role in enabling this level of progress. As we head towards the end of term I hope this announcement will do everyone's morale and self-belief the world of good!

This week has seen plenty going on with no let-up in the pace of school life. Students across all year groups have been competing in the House Volleyball competition, the History Department is away in North Wales on a study visit linked to their unit on Edward I and on Monday I walked the site at 4.15pm to see the usual mix of physical activities underway: netball, football and rugby matches with University Academy, Holbeach, the running club under the guidance of Mr Sheppard and Mr Sutherland going through their paces and a popular Badminton Club run by Miss Bowtell organising their own after school tournament. Yesterday, having already played multiple fixtures on Monday, a block of fixtures with Bourne Academy was completed. The clubs list, published in full on the website, provides details of all the great enrichment activity going on and the calendar is the go-to source for details of our extensive events programme. I could not be more proud of the way our students engage with the opportunities offered them, and I am once again extremely grateful to the staff that freely give their time to see enrichment flourish.

And so, we head into the holiday in a buoyant mood. I hope – despite a poor weather forecast – that the week away from school brings rest and relaxation and that the whole school community finds time to reconnect with family and friends. A week off has been well earned.

YEAR 13 – PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023

Booking system

The SchoolCloud booking system is now **open**. You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will ensure that each video appointment will commence and end at the scheduled time so please ensure you have logged into the system in good time to commence your appointment.

The online booking system can be accessed [here](#).

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the Priority 1 parent and your son/daughter's preferred forename (as used in School), surname and date of birth as recorded on our database. **Please ensure only one Priority 1 parent makes the bookings to avoid duplicated appointments.**

Guidance on how to carry out a video call can be found [here](#).

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

The booking system will close on Thursday 2 November at 23:55.

U14 DOUBLES BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

On Monday 16 October we ran our annual Badminton Doubles Tournament for boys and girls in Years 7-9. The club has been very popular this year and entries broke all records with over 40 students entering. This did cause Miss Bowtell's hair to go even greyer as she tried to work out a magic formula to keep everyone busy and involved for the duration of the tournament.



The system devised was for the large groups to be split into two sections, each pair played every other pair in their section with games being timed. The winner being the team who had the most points after a set time.

The timings had to be led by the students themselves, a concept which many schools wouldn't be able to operate. However, the evening went very smoothly with students co-operating with each other, taking it in turns to time then play, and sort out who they had played and who they needed to play next.

Miss Bowtell was very proud of everyone's focus and maturity during the evening.

The top two pairs played each other in the semi-finals and these were:

U14 Girls: Zahra Ravji and Mary Pepper vs Riya Ramprasad and Geerthana Elango, Ella Barratt and Evalina Ernest won all of their early round games and managed to even win a bye into the finals.



U14 Boys: Basil Senny and Seb Setchell vs Ai Abdallah and Akshith Pandian, Saihaan Damani and Ali Ravji vs Viganth RJ and Advith Kallepally

Both semi-finals were a very close affair but the more experienced players shone through when the pressure kicked in to make a final of Ella and Evalina against Zahra and Mary in the girls final and Ali and Saihaan against Ali and Akshith in the boys.

All players will represent the school in the upcoming inter school tournaments after half term but the winners were:

Boys U14 Doubles Champions 2023 - Saihaan Damani and Ali Ravji

Girls U14 Doubles Champions 2023- Zahra Ravji and Mary Pepper



A fantastic evening and well done to everyone.

U19 DISTRICT NETBALL CHAMPIONS – Report by Ms Bradley, PE

Congratulations to the U19 Netball team who were unbeaten in the District Tournament on Tuesday 17 October. They will now represent the District at the County Championships on Wednesday 15 November where they will hope to challenge for a spot at the Regionals. Good luck girls!



INDIVIDUAL ACHEIVEMENTS

Well done to Zoe Husbands in Year 13 who completed the Great Eastern Run (Peterborough Half Marathon) last weekend with a time of 1hr 59mins 33seconds.

DofE SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their DofE Award:

Silver Success, Year 12

Anica Andali
 Amy Fletcher
 Sai Kandikattu
 Freya McLean
 Anica Moodley
 Libby Moore
 Ben Pennycook
 Zara Wildsmith

House Totals

			
11339	10939	12482	11157

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
 It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 19/10/2023.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Madeleine Hobson	7	Mr Jones	Music
Zina Nwamarah	7	Mrs Allen	English
Peyton Teague	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Nancy Willoughby	7	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Suraj Yadravi	7	Mr Marsden	Science
Emilia Barrick	8	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Anoushka Bartram	8	Ms Creedon	PSHE
Mikayla Delpport	8	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Ben Fletcher	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Otto Forkin	8	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Jess Glenn-Sansum	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Zahra Majeed	8	Ms Bowtell	PE
Nandini Mamillapalle	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Jessica Nicholson	8	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Izzy Palmer	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Dylan Ware	8	Ms Bennett	English

Aryaman Andali	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Fin Ashwell	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Dylan Baldock	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Harry Cameron	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Lucy Edgar	9	Mr Lennox	Physics
Eloise Hull	9	Miss Raebel	German
Jessie Jardine	9	Dr Cooper	Mathematics
Aleena Malik	9	Mr Lennox	Physics
Srinitha Nandyalam	9	Mr Lennox	Physics
Max Neal	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Timothy Parsons	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Emily Sewell	9	Mr Lennox	Physics
Siya Siju	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Lucinda Waugh	9	Mr Lennox	Physics
Jason Banstola	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Ned Gervis	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Rosie Hasbury	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Aryan Nahata	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Arjun Raghavan	10	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Hannah Simpson	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Florence Dexter	11	Mr Ray	PEGCSE
Jacob Eley	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Poppy Fasulo	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ashleigh Goodall	11	Dr Hanson	Biology
Isla Gray	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Gurveer Kaur	11	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Jed Longden	11	Mrs Welling	Art
Matt Stafford	11	Mrs Allen	English
Reuben Taaffe	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Fletcher Wilkinson	11	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Oscar Durrant	12	Mr Perez	Biology
Abigail Heywood	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Bella Livingston	12	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Anya Mason	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Zakkai Pigott	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Benjamin Sacker	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Evan Griffin	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Freya Hawksworth	13	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Jane Tam	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology