BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 24 November 2023

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Year 11 will head into the weekend with smiles and extra bounce in their step – at least I hope they will….because they deserve to. GCSE Mock Examinations are now over with the results soon to come, and we believe the process has been a great success. The positive start I referenced a fortnight ago was maintained throughout and our team of invigilators have reported that student attitude was superb. Congratulations to all and a public thank you to the staff who put in the requisite many hours of marking that goes hand in hand with an examination period.

I would also like to thank the School community for their enthusiastic support of *Children in Need*. The sale of badges and ears raised over £800 across the week, and it was great to see so many students on the final day purchase tickets for the Pudsey Raffle and fill the Main Hall at lunchtime. Another charitable success in a long line of projects that raise money for good causes throughout the School year.

Finally, our growing Chess Club took three teams to a competition in Nottingham with the 'A' team going unbeaten on the day. The 'A' and 'B' teams have both qualified for the next stage and I must thank Mr Farrow for his ongoing enthusiastic support and leadership of the club. Our Year 11 Girls also went to Nottingham for a regional Netball fixture on Monday. Ms Bradley reported they played some of the best netball she has seen from a BGS team in a while though they were pipped by 2 in the end. And I was delighted to see so many happy photos of our Climbing Trip for children of Service Families. Challenged by Mr Brooker and Mr Murray to "have fun, challenge yourself and support each other" the group had a wonderful time rope climbing, bouldering, caving and abseiling. High quality Learning Outside the Classroom in action!

BGS CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISER – *Report by Sumehra Rowza and Rhea Joshi, on behalf of the Equality and Diversity Committee, Year 13*

For our first major event as the Year 13 Equality and Diversity Committee, it is safe to say that the Children in Need fundraiser was an incredible success.

We began by researching the resources required for the fundraiser to take place, such as prizes, cake decorations, and of course the merchandise itself. Once our idea got approval from Ms Creedon, we set to work on filling out paperwork and determining appropriate pricing with the student body in mind. To do this, we developed a spreadsheet to project profit margins - using it to simulate possible sale prices for each item - and compiled it into one place for ease of access when making the orders. As a team, we made the decision to be ambitious with our projections and created an original profit goal of £300.

Next on our agenda was to ascertain the logistics of the week. The raffle turned out to be a surprisingly complex aspect since there is such a large student population. We detailed a raffle selling system to ensure that we, the organisers, would have a secure way of identifying each ticket to its holder with optimal speed. We also began to organise the bake sale and enlisted the help of some generous Year 13s: Nandhitha Guhan, Catie Dawson, Megan Smith - thank you for your wonderful bakes.

With only 2 weeks left, it was time to start our preparations. Promotional slides were put in Student Notices and posters were placed around School. By releasing the adverts a week in advance, we steadily generated excitement in anticipation for the event. Since our event was so large-scale, for it to be successful we required a big team of helpers. Luckily for us, our dedicated prefect community and Head Students were more than willing to take part.

Due to this, we were able to visit multiple forms during form time every day: selling raffle tickets, Pudsey ears and pins, and clarifying queries about the week.

Friday was the most pivotal day of our event - Children in Need Day. To begin the day, students completed a Children in Need themed Friday Quiz during form time. As it was the last day of form selling, we were so happy to see that we had completely sold out of all Pudsey Ears and pin badges.

In preparation for the bake sale, the E&D Committee carefully decorated each cupcake in time for lunch and arranged them in the Maths Foyer with the help of our trusty volunteers. As soon as the bell rang, the crowd was instant. Within 15 minutes we had completely sold out of all cupcakes and baked goods and then set to work on helping those on raffle duty instead. Yet within another 10 minutes we soon found ourselves selling the very last ticket of the backup raffle supply we kept on hand, marking a total of 1,800 sold tickets. Soon after, the raffle draw began and we invited a few lucky students wearing their Pudsey ears to draw the three winning names. We were delighted to see such a large turn out and great community spirit.

Due to the generosity of the student body and staff here at BGS, we collectively managed to raise £835.16!

Everyone's contributions have been impactful and beyond our expectations – resulting in well over twice our initial projections. All of the profits will be going to charity. Additionally, we chose to source the majority of our resources from the official BBC Children in Need store to ensure that those funds too could be donated towards the cause.

Big congratulations to Matilda Knowles (7D), Saihaan Damani (8A) and Jack Morrison (13H) on winning the raffle. Lastly, a huge thank you to all of those who contributed their time and energy to supporting us in our fundraising. Thank you to Ms Creedon who helped us enormously every step of the way. Thank you to all the senior prefects and Head Students who helped us during form times, and a special thank you to Catie Dawson and Charlie Knight who readily helped us throughout lunchtimes too.

Business Studies Q&A – *Report by Mr Jones, Business Studies*

There is an eight-hour time difference between Bourne and sunny California, whilst most students at Bourne Grammar School are settling in for their first lesson of the day, Americans are deep in their night sleep…except one.

On Wednesday 22 November, Gregg Patterson; retired General Manager of 'The Beach Club', California and General Manager of 'The Bel Air Country Club' arose at 01:30 AM (PST) in order to run a live Q&A with Year 13 Business Studies students.

At the start of the Q&A Gregg put pressure on the students by informing them that they will be judged by the questions they ask in life…before opening the floor to questions! Bourne Grammar Students did themselves proud though, and thought-provoking questions on: corporate culture, career advice, and what managers look for when employing young entrepreneurs all arose – which Gregg met with enthusiasm, wit, and genuine insights.

Students were even put on the spot by the manager himself, as he asked various students questions about their own hopes, plans and their business knowledge! Gregg's infectious American managerial style of questioning kept students on their toes and galvanized as to what the future may hold. Some students even managed to (as Gregg puts it...) widen their professional network by exchanging emails with the retired club manager!

It was a fascinating and motivating experience for the Year 13s to talk to someone with experience in both management and life, and many feel upbeat as to how their own journeys will now play out.

The former Club Manager's parting words were words to remember, "luck is just preparation meeting opportunity". Leaving Year 13s with food for thought and new-found motivation as they prepare for their A-Levels, and what life holds post BGS.

HOCKEY SUCCESS – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

Joshi Harriss is to be congratulated for his outstanding achievement of being accepted into the Hockey Mentors squad. This is a specialised elite group of young people selected from all state school applicants nationally.

Joshi actually stumbled upon the scheme by accident after the squads had been selected and merely turned up to have a taster session of the high-level coaching at Cambridge, to see if he would fit in next year. The organisers were so impressed that they widened the squad numbers to place him in. He has now played two matches for the squad and has been a starting player each time gaining more and more confidence in each game.

In his last match against Surbiton (a specialist Hockey club) the Hockey mentors won 7-0 with Joshi scoring 4 of the goals and was voted Man of the Match. He has now been invited to play for their much smaller squad in an indoor competition at the Copper Box at the Olympic Stadium in London.

Joshi lives, sleeps and breathes Hockey and is an excellent role model to all Hockey players at school and I look forward to seeing him develop even further this year.

U16 SISTERS 'N' SPORT NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2 VS NOTTINGHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL – ***Report by Ms Bradley, PE***

On Monday, the U16 Netball team travelled the 1.5 hours to Nottingham to play in the 2nd round of the national Sisters 'n' Sport competition. We arrived to some fantastic facilities, and after a very quick warm-up the match began, and what a match it was!

The first quarter was a tight affair and started very well for us, as we turned over their first centre to go 2-0 up. Our defensive play was phenomenal, forcing four held balls in this period with Emma Dennis and Tula Harvey doing a fantastic job of making the GA and GS work to get in the D. We were playing 15 minute quarters (which is unusual at school level) and so tiredness crept in for the last 90 seconds which allowed NHS to open up a four goal lead on us at 10-6.

After a quick pep talk, the girls were back out with Bella Burton, Lucy Taylor and Annie Hayes coming on as fresh legs. Our aim was to get in front of our players more and avoid rushing on the turn overs. The team responded to this brilliantly however, the opposition's GA (who has recently been spotted by Loughborough Lightening) was having an incredible game scoring shots wherever she took them in the D. This meant we went into half-time 18-13 down but we still very much in it as we created a number of chances that just didn't quite sink.

We came out fighting in the third quarter, Poppy Fasulo securing an early intercept to turn over one of their centres. Annie Hayes was moved to GA to give Evie Griffin a rest after a phenomenal first half against their best player and captain GD. Annie hasn't taken a netball shot for a few months but kept her cool to score on her first attempt. Our defence continued to be impressive with Millie Herrick being outstanding – I have never seen a player keep another Centre so out of the game and she was also instrumental in our attacking play (and was deservedly voted Player of the Match by the opposition at the end). We won the third quarter 6-5 and were really starting to build our momentum.

The fourth and final quarter was a tense affair. Our defence had worked so hard throughout the game and continued to dominate with Emma, Tula and Lucy making a few important intercepts which allowed us to close the gap. Flo Dexter's movement down the court was brilliant and she sent in some great passes to our shooters. Evie and Annie worked tirelessly to get into some excellent shooting positions to receive these. Evie was able to keep her cool on a number of occasions to score, closing the gap to 2 with 2 minutes to go. NHS were scrambling and we were the better team, even scoring one for it to be rescinded on a tight call, which meant we just ran out of time to earn the victory losing 28-26 after winning the final quarter 9-7.

It is one of the best school netball matches I have ever seen, and the girls should feel so proud of themselves. We now head into the Plate competition where hopefully we can continue with this positive performance.

YEAR 7 GIRLS HOCKEY – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

The Year 7 girls had their first Hockey match for school against The King's School on Wednesday 15 November and put up a fine performance. The A team narrowly lost 3-2 in the dying seconds, despite some outstanding performances from Sophie Alliston and Romilly Sondh who actually dived to score a goal at one point.

The B team were also very excited about their match and threw themselves into their tackling and dribbling skills producing some superb moments in the game and, despite having no goalkeeper, managed to keep the score at 0-0, narrowly missing the goal on several occasions.

Miss Bowtell's player of the day for the B team was Jorgie Binns and for the B team was Harriet Templeman who was dazzling down the right hand side of the pitch.

Even better was the superb Christmas singing led by Olivia Laud and Samaira Bajaj on the journey back home.

BADMINTON JUNIOR SUPERZONE – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

16 students represented the school in the annual schools' competition held at Long Sutton. The students were very excited and had qualified for this event by playing very well in an earlier intra school doubles competition a few weeks ago. The team of eight boys and eight girls was divided into two teams of four, an A and a B team and each player had two doubles matches to play and at least one singles match.

The teams started strongly with all our A teams winning all of their opening matches against University Academy Holbeach and Long Sutton. The B teams also started strongly in their first round games but struggled to overcome Boston in a few matches due to their superior smashing ability but at the half way point, had only lost two matches.

The Girls A team were dominating the opposition and were brimming with confidence at the half way point as this was the Doubles event which is their favourite format. However, as we moved to the singles they had to dig deep to lift their game to overcome more experienced players.

Miss Bowtell's favourite moments in the girls' event was when Priyanka Sutrave won her first match and was so shocked that

she had achieved this, and when Ewelina Ernest realised that she had won all of her matches. In the Boys event Ali Ravji and Saihaan Damani obliterated all opposition, no matter how tall they were or how much older they were, leading to opponents saying as they entered the court “oh no not you pair”. The boys are special because they play with passion and a huge amount of skill, with a calm modesty and respect for the opposition, even when provoked.

It was a superb afternoon with all of A team coming away with first place medals. No pressure Senior team! They are in action on Thursday 23 November.

Winning players were:

Saihaan Damani/Ali Ravji	Mary Pepper/Zara Ravji
Basil Senny/Seb Setchell	Ella Barratt/Evelina Ernest

HOUSE TOTALS

18735	**17774**	**19981**	**18319**

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 23/11/2023.

Bourne Grammar School Sixth Form Play 2023

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th December at 7pm

The historical drama

Our Country's Good

By Timberlake Wertenbaker

A performance in two acts, with interval, staged in the Drama Studio

Performed by: Jenny Baker, Emilia Beacham, Kacey Chen, Catie Dawson, Liz Edwards, Elijah Ford, Ella Gynn, Maria Klatkiewicz, Jack Knowles, Grace Lavender, Mikey Mimms, Jack Morrison, Daisy Nickerson, Cloda O'Boyle, Oliver Speakman, Lauren Spellar, Samantha Thomas, Adam Wheel

13th May, 1787. The First Fleet sailed for Botany Bay. They sailed over fifteen thousand miles, arriving two hundred and fifty days later, on the other side of the world. On the fleet of eleven ships were seven hundred and fifty-four convicts. Eager for promotion, Second Lieutenant Ralph Clark decided to stage a play, to please his superior, Captain Arthur Phillip, the Governor of New South Wales. The convicts would act in the play. Despite early misgivings, the brutal punishment of his convict cast members and the opposition of most of the other officers, the play was finally performed; the first recorded piece of theatre in what would become Australia.

Tickets £5 – Click here to book or scan the QR code

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Isabelle Bradley	7	Miss Pritchard	English
Erika Bryson	7	Miss Pritchard	English
Harry Chappell	7	Mrs Allen	English
Ali Mahdi Jaffer	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Aarya Tirchunapalli	7	Ms Bennett	English
Max Yu	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Max Yu	7	Mr Somerville	Computer Science
Harrison Grief	7	Mr Ray	PE
Muhammad Farukh	8	Ms Bennett	English
Benjamin Sayer	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Hattie Symondson	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Mikayla Delport	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Luca Christoudias	9	Mr Perez	Registration
Maryam Muhammad	9	Mr Stainton	Biology
Ellen Richardson	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Miguel Valdez	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Eddie Amos	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Charlotte Mason	9	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Zach Bojang-Brett	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Matthew He	10	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Malikah Jaffer	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Max Lyon	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Milo Moocarme	10	Miss Bradley	PE
Jenson Moss	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Jenson Moss	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Marco Perna	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Yuvi Ranaut	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Khushi Upreti	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Oliver Walker	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Alex Watson	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Sam Whitmore	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Archie Gaunt	10	Mr Walklin	Statistics
George Bell	12	Mr Green	History
Elizabeth Byrne	12	Dr Hanson	Biology
Jack Carson	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Eva Corrigan	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Lizzie Edwards	12	Mr Green	History
Tia Mizen	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Alfie Lee	12	Miss Bradley	Sports Studies
Jamie Lambert	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Jess Knights	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Clara Town	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Theodore Hoorntje-Fisher	13	Mr Perez	Biology
Harry Foster	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

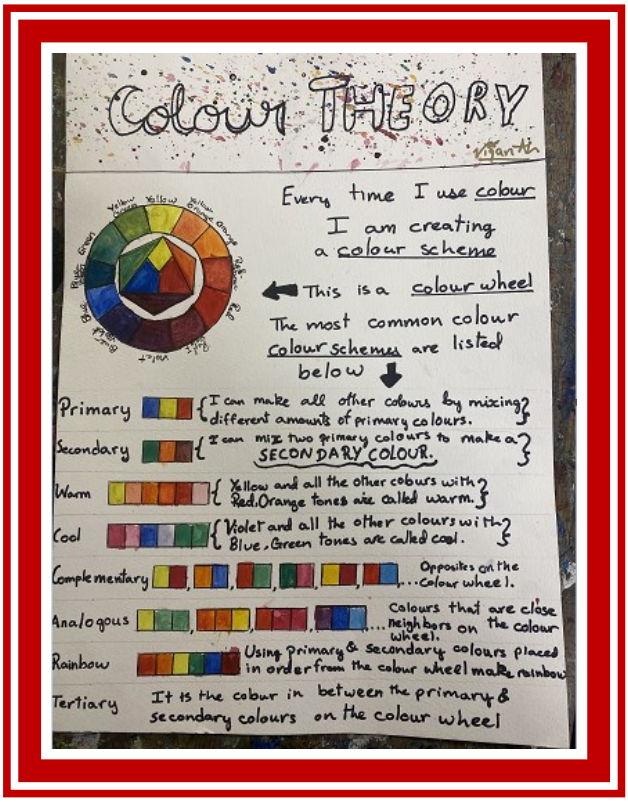
Well done to Harriet Cork, Year 11 who has been selected to play in the England U26 Women's Bridge team in the Channel Trophy in Utrecht, Netherlands from 15th-17th December. The Channel Trophy is an annual competition between Belgium, England, France, and the Netherlands. Good luck Harriet from everyone at BGS!

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – *Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic*

As part of the Year 7 Art curriculum, students learn about Colour Theory. One student recently completed some independent research on the topic as part of their BBL work; Viganth Ramasamy Ganesh produced a spectacular poster to explain the different types of colours and the effect when mixing them together. Viganth produced this poster at home and said it was *'interesting to learn which colours contrast and also to explore the harmonious nature of cool and warm colours'*.

Viganth uses his colour wheel as an aid when working in the Art rooms, to help him to develop his ideas when using paint or coloured pencils. Viganth would like to thank his mother for her inspiration in producing this piece of work and dedicates this week's BBL Champion Award to her.

Well done, Viganth!



LAST FEW SPACES REMAINING!

Bourne Grammar PTA
Wreath Making Workshop

Come join us and get creative at our festive wreath making workshop. Kindly hosted by Donna at Riverside Beads in Market Deeping.

Tuesday 28th November
12-2pm or
Wednesday 29th November
7-9pm

£35 p/p - refreshments included
We require a £15 non-refundable deposit to secure a place,
to book or for more information please contact the PTA
bournegrammarpta@gmail.com

BGS Shoebox Donations

Deadline: Wednesday 6th December

Drop off point: MFL7

Fill a shoe box with a selection of the following:

- -Tinned foods
- -Bath and Shower products
- -Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- -A treat that will make someone smile (could be edible or non-edible)
- -A homemade gift
- -A personal card/message wishing someone a 'Merry Christmas'

Please do not put any medicine (e.g., paracetamol) or alcohol in your box.

There is no individual limit – you could fill more than one box!

IMPORTANT! Do not seal/tape your box closed. Make sure it can be opened – an elastic band to keep it shut is perfect

-Once you have filled your box you could decorate it to make it look festive

-State if it is for a man/woman/unisex

-Grab a BGS sticker from MFL 7 to go on the top

Donate to Bourne foodbank

Collection: Friday 8th December
Drop off point: Main student entrance gate

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Baked Beans
Tinned Soup
Tinned Fish
UHT Milk
Tinned fruit
Tinned ham
Tinned pies
Tinned custard
Jam and marmalade
Fruit juice or squash
Tinned vegetables
Shampoo
washing up liquid
laundry washing liquid or powder
soap or liquid handwash

- **Specific items requested:**
  - **UHT milk**
  - **Coffee**
  - **Jams/Marmalades/Spreads (sweet and savoury)**
  - **Tinned Vegetables**
  - **Tinned Meat**
  - **Toiletries – deodorant, washing up liquid, men's shaving gel, washing detergent, shower gel**
  - **Christmas foods – mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas biscuits, selection boxes, chocolate and sweets, cakes**