



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 26 April 2024
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Despite the colder weather over the last week, and the large numbers of coats that still abound in school as a result, there has been plenty of optimism and positivity on show as we wait for the sun to shine. In their penultimate meeting of the School Council, our Year 13 committee leaders were full of ideas on potential fun activities for future younger year groups, the nuts and bolts of toilet access across the site, and how we might resolve issues around some classrooms becoming too hot in the summer. The last of these is a contextual problem that will become more significant in years to come. How long will it be before we have a school day in June or July when temperatures hit 35 degrees or more? We have put solar reflective film on our sunniest windows, checked our insulation situation and are investigating a more comprehensive suite of fans to be deployed in the event of a heat wave – and it is great to have such interest shown from senior students who, despite having exams looming on their nearest horizon, still have such personal and collective investment in the life of the school. It has been a genuine pleasure to work with our Head Students and Prefects this year.

Elsewhere, lots of looking forward. Our athletes are preparing for a sequence of meets where BGS traditionally excels. This begins in Boston next week and, for some, hopefully ends at the National Championships in July at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium. We wish all our competitors the best of luck over the coming weeks. Likewise, preparations for a host of events, from the major overseas trip to Spain for students in Year 8 to the vast undertaking of coordinating work experience for 270 students in Year 12, is well underway.

For the here and now, focus is well and truly on examinations. Year 7 and 8 are finished; Year 9 is in process, and Year 10 comes next. Year 12 students and their parents received live online feedback in individual subject review meetings last night, and our Year 11 and 13 students are working hard, particularly in Art and Drama where GCSE assessments took place over the last few days, with just the Art A Level to go next week. We have said it before and we will say it again – good luck to you all and keep going! Remember: it's not the size of dog in the fight, it's the size of fight in the dog that counts.

CULTURE WEEK 25 MARCH TO 28 MARCH – Report by Hafsa Saghir and Sumehra Rowza, on behalf of the Equality and Diversity Committee, Year 13

For our last major event of the year, the Year 13 Equality and Diversity Committee were committed to expanding last year's 'Culture Day' into 'Culture Week'. We aspired to make Culture Week a way to celebrate different cultures and people by cultivating curiosity in a relaxed and open environment.



In order to do this, we began our preparations months in advance to ensure that we had enough time to explore various avenues for the events of the week. A new challenge for us was organising a performance showcase, in which we had to conduct auditions, coordinate performance rehearsals, and of course, host the performance. More on this later!

Behind the scenes, the process consisted of a lot of sign-up sheets and surveys, poster designing, countless meetings, and sourcing of food. We also informed everyone about the happenings of the week via physical posters around the school, digital notices, as well as a letter sent to parents the week prior.

To make our Culture Week unique, we remodelled the Culture Week logo to be specific to our event and advertised it on all projects. Moreover, we sold Culture Week 2024 badges throughout the week so people could have a special memento of the week.

On Monday, there was a PSHE presentation full of activities and information completed during form. During lunch, we carried out a badge making workshop where people were able to draw and colour flags on templates and make it into a custom badge. This was very popular, and we had many people come along - by the middle of lunch, the whole room was filled! We found this was a great way to interact with everyone personally while boosting morale and excitement about Culture Week.



Thank you for letting us use your room Mr Bainbridge.



Our next activity took place on Tuesday, during lunch in the Main Hall. We showcased many cultural performances!

The acts consisted of dancing, singing, beatboxing and musical pieces. There were many rehearsals carried out in preparation for this and an audition process for those who signed up. The energy given by the audience was superb.

We would like to thank Lucas Brown, James Pembery, Aman Lok Chun Tam, Miles Cade-Stewart, Hamsini Raja, Sanjani Mamillapalle, Vivienne Chen, Tristan Ng, Anica Andali and Samyutha Puppala for their amazing performances.

We would also like to give a special congratulations to Hamsini and Samyutha who won the voting poll!



Our final activities took place on Thursday in the Main Hall. This was our main event: The Culture Fair and Fashion Show!

We put up bunting of different flags around some areas of the school as decoration and made a custom balloon arch by hand the day before, which was definitely a lot more difficult than anticipated! By Thursday morning, everything was prepped and ready for the day.



Lots of students volunteered to take part in the Culture Fair. We had an array of food: Jahl Muri, Jollof rice, Gulab Jamuns, Samosas, Shortbread, Tablet, Plantain, Cantuccini, Jewish Pastries, Pani Puri/Gol Gappe, Baklava, Mochi, Mojitos and Mango Lassi (all of which also had information sheets about the cultures it came from). Along with stalls of these foods, we also had a Carrom board game set up, a fun quiz stall about the culture of China, a photo opportunity stall and a badge making station.



Both staff and students enjoyed exploring the variety of foods and information; the hall was bustling with energy and excitement as we moved onto our final event, the Fashion Show.



And now for our Thank Yous...

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped out and volunteered at the Culture Fair, especially the site team, it would not have been possible or as smooth as it would have been without all the support.

And finally, we would like to give a huge thank you to Ms Creedon for helping us organise and set everything up. We truly would not have been able to pull this off without you.



We hope you all had as much fun as we had planning all this! Thank you to everyone for your involvement and participation throughout the week. It was so lovely to see the school community enjoying themselves and sharing a great experience altogether. And we are proud to say we raised £527.91 and 100% of the profits will be going to the charity **BAME HUB-UK NETWORK C.I.C.**

ANTHONY NOLAN TRUST – Report by Mrs Lattimer, Head of Year 12

Year 12 follow a varied and interesting programme of weekly lectures. Last term, a volunteer from The Anthony Nolan Trust spoke to students about his experience of donating his stem cells, several years after opting to join the Stem Cell Register when he was only 17.



Anthony Nolan saves and improves the lives of people with blood cancer and blood disorders in three main ways. They make lifesaving connections between patients and incredible strangers who are ready to donate their stem cells. They also fund ground-breaking research as well as aiming to provide the best experience for every patient before, during and after transplant.

Sadly, every 14 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with a blood cancer. A stem cell transplant from a stranger can be their only hope.

Many students were inspired and were eager to have the opportunity to “Help Save a Life”. This week, all Sixth Formers and younger members of staff had the opportunity in school to sign up to the Stem Cell register. We are pleased that 88 students swabbed their cheeks in the Sixth Form Centre on Wednesday afternoon in order to join the national database. They will remain on the register for life.

DOFE GOLD EXPEDITION, YORKSHIRE DALES – FRIDAY 29 MARCH – TUESDAY 2 APRIL – Report by Mrs Brett, DofE Manager

The Year 12 Gold DofE students journeyed to the Yorkshire Dales to complete their DofE Gold Practice Expedition over Easter weekend. Whilst battling winds and wet weather, boggy marshland and craggy peaks, the teams did exceptionally well and all completed with smiles on their faces.

Well done to Fiat 500 – (Huw Ballard, George Bell, Harry Brear, Norah Brill, Sammy Harriss, Thomas Houghton and Libby Moore); Spice Girls (Sophie Hodges, Freya McLean, Madison Mylchreest, Lily Rundle and Zara Wildsmith); and Se7en – (Aarnav Bajaj, Amy Fletcher, Sai Kandikattu, Ben Pennycook, Kornelia Sikora, Arunima Vemulapalli and Krishnithaa Suresh Babu).



The students have a few months to continue with their volunteering, physical, and skills sections before heading to the Lake District in July for their Gold Qualifying Expedition.



DOFE SILVER PRACTICE EXPEDITION – RUTLAND – FRIDAY 5 APRIL TO SUNDAY 7 APRIL

The 7 DofE Silver teams participated in the Silver Practice Expedition during the Easter break and all successfully completed the challenge. The route required them to navigate from South Witham to Shacklewell Scout Hut where they set up camp, then on to Kings Cliffe on Day 3. All participants did well and completed with smiles on their faces despite a few sore feet. The teams are now looking forward to their Silver Qualifying Expedition in the Peak District in June.



BOURNE IDENTITY ISSUE 5 IS OUT NOW! Report by **Vivienne Chen, Qais Raja, Isabella Perna, Atiksh Agnihotri, Year 12**

Bourne Identity Issue 5 is out now! Physical copies can be accessed in form rooms and Sixth Form Centre 1 and the digital version is available [here](#). Twenty-four students in years 10-13 were involved this year, dedicating hours to create what we hope is our best edition yet.



Any creative project starts with ideas, and this one was no different. Firstly, Mrs Clark got us together to brainstorm items we could include, such as articles, recipes and even a comic strip. It was evident from the beginning that students are passionate about this magazine. After the initial couple of meetings, we got to work on our individual pieces over the next few weeks.

Once the drafts had been polished and revised, we formatted the items on Canva to make it into an actual magazine. The editorial team proofread the writing, standardised the formatting and produced additional pages, such as the contents page, to tie everything together. Attention to detail was key: from the order of the articles to the line spacing, every choice has been carefully thought out.

What have we learnt from the experience? We had to follow deadlines, maintain effective communication and above all, devote ourselves to creating something to be proud of. These skills will no doubt come in handy in the future. Students who have not been able to contribute this time should keep an eye out next year to get involved in Issue 6.

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved their DofE Bronze or Silver awards:

Year 12 – Silver Success

Huw Ballard & George Bell

Year 11 – Bronze Success

Flynn Gallagher

Well done to Filip Wiza, Year 10 passed Tae Kwon Do black belt grading obtaining his 1st Dan black belt grade.

HOUSE TOTALS

45332	45104	46833	44161

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 25/4/2024

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
David Akinsulire	7	Miss Hurl	English
Samaira Bajaj	7	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Finn Clarkson	7	Miss Hurl	English
Anish Katha	7	Miss Hurl	English
Patricija Krulko	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Lucie Large	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Sasha Mackintosh	7	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Joshua Ward	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Caspar Baldock	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Daniel Mulgrew	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Delilah White	8	Mr Bowhill	Geography
Thomas Hurley	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Luca Christoudias	9	Mr Perez	Registration
Beau Clifford	9	Mr Perez	Registration
Isaac Dales	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Tia Ely	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Michael Sarfo	9	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Jiya Sivakumar	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Kiki Timmins	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Rovyar Ameer	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Ewan Dragota	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Kai Morris-Nevins	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Keira Rayner	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Ned Gervis	10	Miss Hodge	Registration
Tula Harvey	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Hania Imran	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Aleena John	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Emily Peck	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Tia Moger	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Grace Tarrant	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Norah Brill	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Lucas Brown	13	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Gaja Gajewska	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Emelia Hall	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Rhea Joshi	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Sumehra Rowza	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Hafsa Saghir	13	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Poppy Johnson	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic

The BBL Champion this week is Evelyn Bostock in 7D. Her English Teacher writes below:

In my English lesson, students were put into small groups to analyse a section of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Students were asked to prepare the extract to present to the rest of the class, looking at how each of the two characters in the scene were feeling in a particularly difficult moment of the play.

Not only did Evelyn drive the group work element, ensuring the extract was prepared, encouraged others' oral contributions to the discussion and organised which student was going to present which section of their findings, the quality of the analysis she shared and the oracy presentation skills and the confidence she showcased today highlighted that she may well have a future career in teaching! Well done Evelyn (you can take over my lessons any time)!



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

This is the final week of Year 11 Revision sessions for this academic year. All revision sessions will finish at 16:30.

	Monday 29 April	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR
Room	G3 (Mrs Greenfield)	Art 2 (Mrs Welling and Ms Wright)	EPR3 (Mr Tighe)
Revision Topic	Open Session	Open Session	Christianity: Reconciliation
Subject	Design Engineering		
Room	DE1 (Mr Dougall)		
Revision Topic	Coursework/NEA catch up		
Subject	History		
Room	H1 (Mr Green)		
Revision Topic	Edward I – The Church and Education		

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