



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 03 May 2024*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

This week saw the conclusion of our pilot Sixth Form mentoring programme with Bourne Westfield, and the Year 5 pupils who we have been supporting came to visit their mentors here at BGS. It was a lovely way to bring things to a close, including a personal tour of the site, some squash/biscuits, a personalised postcard from mentor to pupil, and a small pack of school items as a gift. I would like to thank all our Year 12 mentors, ably supported by the Sixth Form Team, for their hard work, relationship building, and promotion of a strong cross community link. The pilot has been a great success, and with a few tweaks we will run it again next year with the aim of an even broader reach to include more than one primary school.

The weather looks to have turned more favourable just in time for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training weekend that starts tomorrow. Good luck to the many students involved in this great scheme and a big thank you to the large group of volunteers who work so hard to make these expeditions such a success. The better weather has also allowed us to open the field at break and lunchtime, a moment of enormous excitement after months of wet weather that forces it to remain closed. Games of football and other activities are back in full flow and it takes pressure off classrooms and corridors across the site during break times. To our students – get out there and enjoy the fresh air and open space! The outdoors is wonderful soul-food.

Finally, a small plug for the “Ofsted Big Listen” that has 4 more weeks to run. There has been a lot in the press about school inspections recently, discussing in particular the impact of single word judgements issued by Ofsted. The Big Listen is an online nationwide consultation process that is available to all, and if you are interested in education and have views, as parents or students, about what an inspection should include and how it should be run, please let your voice be heard by completing the [survey on the gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/big-listen).

## **U13 GIRLS COUNTY FUTSAL FINALS - Report by Jessie Desborough and Caoimhe Healy, Year 7**

After winning the South Lincs Superzone futsal tournament just before Christmas the Under 13 girls were off to Thomas Middlecott School in Boston to represent Bourne Grammar School in the County Cup Finals for Futsal against the other qualifying schools on Friday 26 April.

As we got on the mini-bus, we were filled with excitement ready to see if we could win. As we pulled into the school our excitement got replaced with nerves as we did not know what was going to happen. When we entered the building, we went straight to warm up to get ready for this tournament. The host briefly explained the rules and then we were off.

Our first game was against Thomas Middlecott. We were slow to start, and the first half was difficult against a very good team. We were losing 1-0 at half time... We had to up our game and pull it together or it could be over before it got started.

With some inspirational advice and tactics from Mr. Graves our first goal was scored by Flossie Swift, then came a second from Bri O’Boyle and then we did not want to scrape a win so Caoimhe Healy scored a third!! What a brilliant start from Bourne Grammar! We knew we had a chance after this game.

Following the first game a quick team talk was held as we watched our competition play versus one another. Blood pumping through our veins, we knew we knew it would be very hard, but we believed that if we played to our potential, we could possibly pull off the reason we came for. To win.

Soon the second game came around against Spalding High. We have played them before, and they are a really strong team so we knew we would have to be at our best to stand a chance of winning. We got ready and we were off. An explosive start from BGS saw us race into an early 2-0 lead with two goals from Flossie. After working our socks off and scoring another three goals (including a brilliant dribble and finish from Jasmine Wilkinson) we knew the whistle had to go soon, and boom! At last, the final whistle. A 5-0 win for BGS!

We knew a win in our last game would make us County Champions. But it would be tough against Priory Ruskin Academy, who had also beaten Spalding High.

Shortly after some great words of advice and a fast drinks break we were straight back on court and it was time to finish the job if we really wanted to be named champions. It was a really tight game, and the score was 1-1 at half time with some great saves from Jessie Desborough keeping us in the game.

This is where we needed Mr Graves most and we needed some tactics. We were told that we needed to be more direct, and we must get our shots off and go for goal more often. We knew we needed to really work for this and do our absolute best to have the biggest chance possible to win.

And yes, our perseverance and determination sure did pay off and Bri scored a great goal in the dying seconds, and we got the win. 2-1 to BGS. We had accomplished what we came out to achieve. BGS were undefeated County Champions (Played 3, Won 3, Scored 10, conceded 2).

Finally, our medals were given, and we were so proud of ourselves. It was a really tough tournament, but the hard work was definitely worth it, and we enjoyed celebrating singing songs in the bus on the journey home!

The team was Caoimhe Healy, Jessie Desborough, Jasmine Wilkinson (Year 7), Flossie Swift and Bri O'Boyle (Year 8). Cass Thornton and Sukhveer Kaur played in the Superzone games but were unavailable for the County Finals.



## **SOUTH Lincs ATHLETICS TRIALS – Report by Mr Bowers, PE**

On Wednesday we took over 65 students to the first major athletics competition of the year. Students competed for the opportunity to present the South Lincs District at the County Championships in early June.

A sea of red could be seen across the track and field events, and it was fantastic to see some new faces competing against some of the best athletes from the local area.

The level that our students competed to was extremely high and in a number of events saw BGS v BGS (and in some cases 2 others from BGS!) as is the calibre of athletes across the school. I could name students from every event that performed well but some standouts from the day were Leah Graham in the 300m and 1500m, Jayden Bembridge competing for the first time flew home to win the Inter Boys 100m, Noah Humphries in the Inter Boys hurdles, Monty Wild across his 3 events as a late replacement performed incredibly well and impressed. Jack Caffrey jumped a new PB in the Junior Boys High Jump and outclassed his opposition in the 200m and Jack Caruthers cleared a staggering 1.80m in the Inter

Boys High Jump. The list of winners and strong performances could be continued throughout the bulletin, but I hope the sunshine and the start of the athletics season resulted in the athletics bug being caught for the upcoming Summer Terms.

The next major event is the Track and Field Cup first round on Tuesday 14 May at Boston. This is the route to National Finals as a School Team. An event that has previous resulted in huge success for the School.

I hope students can continue to make training and push to represent the School Team. It certainly is becoming a very competitive environment, and the level of competition is impressive. Those who can make it to Monday evening training after school will continue to develop further, I am sure and really push for a spot in the National Finals this year.

A great start to the Athletics season, well done everyone.



## Physical Education Curriculum Awards – Mr Ray, PE

The following students have been nominated for their continued hard work, positive attitude and progress shown since September.

The winner of each category will be presented with the Curriculum Award at the Sports Presentation evening in July. Well done to all who have been nominated.

### Boys Nominations

|                            | Year 7        | Year 8          | Year 9          | Year 10            |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>2023-24 Nominations</b> | Alfie Barton  | Charlie Biggs   | Ben Alliston    | Munachukwuso Anike |
|                            | Jasper Hudson | Zack Browne     | Charlie Bedford | Zach Bojang-Brett  |
|                            | Dylan Kennard | Xander Miley    | Harry Cameron   | Miles Garrido      |
|                            | Ethan Renehan | James Pitchford | Alf Larter      | Noah Richardson    |
|                            | Lennon Smith  | Keiran Selby    | Seb McLean      | Peter Wrigley      |

### Girls Nominations

|                            | Year 7             | Year 8         | Year 9                  | Year 10             |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2023-24 Nominations</b> | Sophie Alliston    | Sian Beeken    | Leah Graham             | Alice Barratt       |
|                            | Samaira Bajaj      | Amelia Giblin  | Aleena Malik            | Paula Kriauciunaite |
|                            | Sofia Christoudias | Jess Nicholson | Honor Moore             | Melissa Peng        |
|                            | Madeleine Hobson   | Riya Ramprasad | Brooke Olivares-Alvarez | Andreea Rila        |
|                            | Jess Richardson    | Megan Weeks    | Zahra Ravji             | Amelia Templeman    |

## YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE – Report by Connie Bayliss, Year 12

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of visiting the Houses of Parliament with Lord Beith, a peer in the House of Lords; the day began with a brief tour of the House of Lords and tea in one of the Peers' Lounges, where Lord Beith and I had a conversation about his daily life as a Peer and from his times as the MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed. He then took me to the House of Commons where I was able to watch the Oral questions of the day, this was very fascinating and full of current affairs concerning the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

After lunch, we had a further tour of the Houses of Parliament and went to Westminster Hall before he had to sit in for the Lords' Oral Questions of the day which I was also allowed to watch for a period of time before Lord Beith had to prepare for an event he had that evening. Overall, it was a wonderful day out and gave me the opportunity to see what I have learnt in my A-Level Politics course in practice.

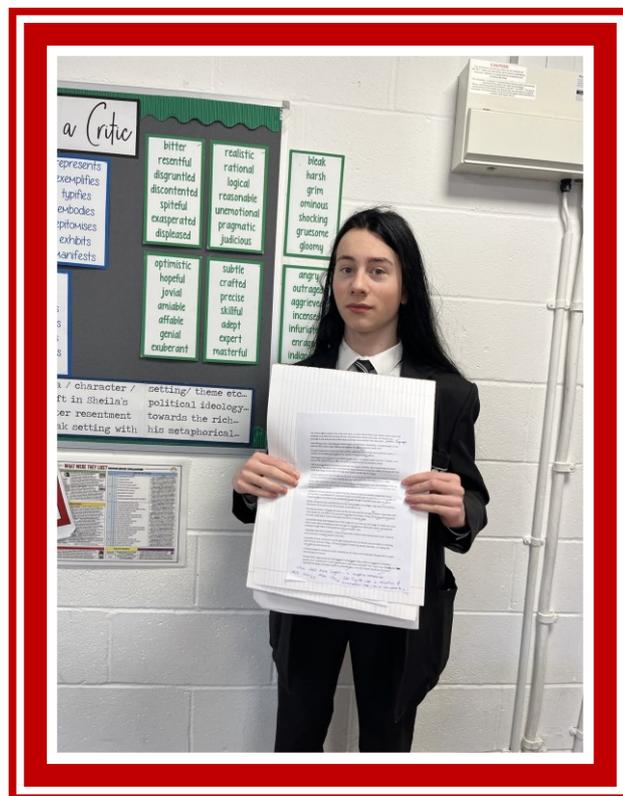


**BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic**

Logan Coltman-Bell of form 11B is this week’s BBL Champion for his excellent efforts in English. His teacher, Mrs Williamson, explains below:

*‘This piece of Imaginative Writing by Logan, was written in response to a prompt asking students to write about a time (real or imagined) when they experienced a sense of excitement. In this depiction of a young boy joining the army and going to fight in the war, Logan has incorporated beautiful language features and imagery; structured the narrative such that it includes deliberate foreshadowing; and drawn inspiration from poetry he has studied with us here at BGS. We are so proud of him.’*

We send our best wishes to Logan, and the whole of Year 11, as they approach their final week before public examinations begin.



**HOUSE TOTALS**

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| <p><b>45971</b></p> | <p><b>45465</b></p> | <p><b>46940</b></p> | <p><b>44511</b></p> |

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 2/5/2024.***

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Year</b> | <b>Staff</b>       | <b>Subject</b>     |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fatima Abbas      | 7           | Mrs Allen          | English            |
| Erika Bryson      | 7           | Miss Hurl          | English            |
| Jace Gwiti        | 7           | Mr Khumalo         | Science            |
| Danny Harvey      | 7           | Mr Khumalo         | Science            |
| Danny Harvey      | 7           | Mr Clark           | Computer Science   |
| Ruby Hefferon     | 7           | Miss Hurl          | English            |
| Riley Keith       | 7           | Mr Roche           | Mathematics        |
| Matilda Knowles   | 7           | Mrs Allen          | English            |
| Nancy Willoughby  | 7           | Miss Patman        | Spanish            |
| Alicja Odrobinska | 7           | Miss Pollard       | Geography          |
| Evelyn Bostock    | 7           | Mr Flight          | Mathematics        |
| Erika Bryson      | 7           | Miss Hurl          | English            |
| Ruby Hefferon     | 7           | Miss Hurl          | English            |
| Ben Fletcher      | 8           | Mr Moxley          | Drama              |
| Tyler Gibson      | 8           | Mr Dougall         | Design Engineering |
| Finley Harrison   | 8           | Mrs Baverstock     | French             |
| Ellie Moore       | 8           | Mr Andy            | Mathematics        |
| Hannah Fernandez  | 9           | Miss Mizen         | Biology            |
| Joshi Harriss     | 9           | Miss Mizen         | Biology            |
| Georgia Herrick   | 10          | Miss Hodge         | Registration       |
| Hayley Poa        | 10          | Mrs Evans          | Geography          |
| Aayan Saqib       | 10          | Miss Hodge         | Registration       |
| Cecilia Watson    | 10          | Miss Segarra Ginés | Spanish            |
| Aisha Sayed       | 11          | Mr Lennox          | Physics            |
| Matt Stafford     | 11          | Mrs Allen          | English            |
| Bella Burton      | 11          | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Efe Eta           | 11          | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Emily Peck        | 11          | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Lucy Cole         | 12          | Mr Williamson      | Media Studies      |
| Courtney Dzingeni | 13          | Mr Williamson      | Media Studies      |
| Owen James        | 13          | Mrs Clark          | Spanish            |
| Poppy Johnson     | 13          | Mr Moxley          | Theatre Studies    |
| Finn Macaulay     | 13          | Miss McAleese      | Psychology         |