



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 19 January 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

It has been cold this week, but this has not put a dent in our busy school calendar. Our Cross-Country teams performed with their usual aplomb last weekend at the Lincolnshire Schools event, and it was great to hear of a Chemistry team visiting the University of Derby for an inter school “Top of the Bench” challenge over the same weekend. Our chemists did not win but Mr Mitchell reports that they had an excellent experience. Our runners were more successful and we hope to have representation at national level once again this season.

The rehearsal schedule for West End Wonders and High School Musical has also begun to accelerate and we plan to release tickets for both events very soon. I know our students are excited at the Performing Arts horizon in Term 4 and we wish them well as they commit substantial amounts of time and energy to their roles within each project.

Finally, a word about the importance of school governance. I will shortly be writing to all parents about the importance of our Board of Trustees and upcoming opportunities to stand for election. No school can function without skilled, proactive and supportive Trustees and we are fortunate to have an excellent group working with the school at present, providing supportive challenge and expert advice across a wide range of governance responsibilities. I would be happy to have a conversation with any parent contemplating standing for election, so if you are interested look out for my letter and then make contact with us. Our Governance Professional is Ms Nicola Smith and she will be at the forefront of the election process.

Have a great weekend.

LAWSON GAINS FIRST ENGLAND VEST – Report by Mr Ray, PE

Quite remarkably, 15-year-old Lawson Capes has been selected to represent the England Under 18 athletics team to compete in Sweden on 2-4 February.

He has been placed on the European and World Future Athlete Potential short list so this provides an ideal opportunity to gain valuable international experience. He will be meeting the England team at Heathrow on Friday 2 February.

He now becomes the fifth (and youngest) member of the family to achieve an International honour. His best performances to date are 18.45m with the 4k shot and 15.37m at a recent indoors meet with a 5k shot. This continues to rank him number 1 in the country. We wish him all the very best for the meeting.

Please click [here](#) for more.



JUNCTION DANCE SHOWCASE – Report by Mrs Pickup, Drama



On Tuesday 6 February at 7pm the Junction Dance Showcase returns for another night of spectacular dance talent. Students from Years 7-13 will perform their own dances in their chosen dance style on our stage in the Main Hall. Expect a variety of different dance styles – from classical ballet to contemporary and hip-hop. And you may even get a preview of the cast of *High School Musical* in action. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful night of dance.



Tickets are £5, click [here](#) to book your tickets or scan the QR code

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE – Mrs Holbrook, Safeguarding Officer

As the School's recently appointed Safeguarding Officer, I felt it important to introduce myself to the wider School community and share a little bit about my background.

Over the past 14 years since moving to Lincolnshire, I have worked for Cambridgeshire County Council and a number of schools, both primary and secondary, with a specific focus in recent times on safeguarding and supporting vulnerable young people.

I am hoping, via the School Bulletin, to send out information on a regular basis around a variety of different safeguarding-related topics that can affect our students and parents. A useful starting point is reminding everyone how to access mental health support both inside and outside of School.

If you have any safeguarding-related concerns or would like to discuss any issues about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via pastoral@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk. Whilst not an exhaustive list, you may also wish to access additional support through the charities below.

Anxiety

Feeling uneasy or worried is very common, but when it becomes overwhelming it is essential to seek support.

Anxiety [Anxiety UK website](#) or call 03444 4775 774.

Visit the [Healthy Minds](#) website.

Low Mood

A low mood can make you feel low in confidence, tired, angry, frustrated and worried.

Visit the [Mind](#) website or call 0300 123 3393.

Self-harm

If someone is finding it difficult to cope with the feelings they are having, or the overwhelming situations they are facing, and they need help related to self-harm then the below lines of support are recommended.

Visit the [Childline website](#)

The [Calm Harm](#) app is designed to help resist or manage the urge to self-harm.

Visit the [Young Minds](#) website or text 'YM' to 85258.

LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 – BURGHLEY PARK, SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024 – Report by Mr Ray, PE

The bright yet chilly morning provided perfect conditions for the 40 students selected to represent South Lincolnshire Schools at the County Championships and offer the chance to run for Lincolnshire at the Anglian Championships in 3 weeks on 3 February at the same venue.

The top 16 are expected to be selected for the County team whilst the prize for the top 6 would also mean automatic qualification to compete for Lincolnshire at the prestigious English Schools Cross Country Championships (Year 8 upwards), to be held on Saturday 16 March at Pontefract racecourse; this is the

pinnacle of Schools' cross country. The Anglian Championships will also offer the opportunity for 2 final spaces to be filled for the English Schools, completing a team of 8 for the prestigious 'Nationals'.

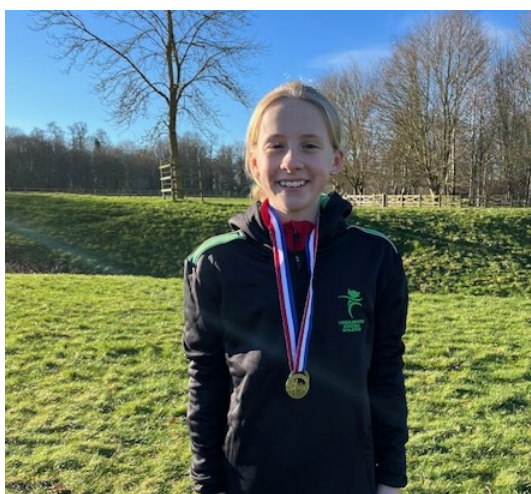
Congratulations to all who participated in the event but in particular to Sophie Alliston who won the Year 7 Girls' event and Thomas Preston (1st) and Seb Beedell (3rd) in the Senior Boys' race. It was also a delight to see Harry Hewitt (former BGS cross country stalwart) in attendance at the event offering his support. Results below provide details of those from the school who were in the top 20.

Year 7 Girls	1 st Sophie Alliston (AC)	8 th Martha Shackell (AC)	12 th Sofia Christoudias (AC)
Junior (8/9) Girls	6 th Leah Graham (AC)	13 th Edith Kaberry (AC)	
Junior (8/9) Boys	5 th Monty Bage (AC,ES)	11 th Ben Alliston (AC)	
Inter (10/11) Girls	5 th Yvette Annis (AC,ES)	8 th Charlotte Smith (AC)	19 th Cecilia Watson (Res)
Senior (12/13) Girls	5 th Erin Cox (AC,ES)	7 th Hannah Taylor (AC)	
Senior (12/13) Boys	1 st Thomas Preston (AC, ES)	3 rd Seb Beedell (AC,ES)	18 th Jack Knowles (Res)





*AC – Denotes selection for Anglian Championships
 ES - Denotes selection for English Schools Championships
 Res – Reserve for AC

The next cross country event on the calendar is for our selected Senior athletes on the 31 January in Coventry at the King Henry VIII relays, a special event for the strongest (6 male and 4 female) cross country runners at Bourne Grammar. Following this, the Fenland League cross country competitions will resume soon after February half-term, concluding in mid-March.

Mr Sheppard continues to offer his running club on both Mondays and Wednesdays after school for all interested, regardless of ability.



HOUSE TOTALS

			
27414	26661	30712	27730

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 18/1/2024*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Alessia Pacitti	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Sophie Perrin	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Viganth RG	7	Miss Hodge	History
Sophie Perrin	7	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Ruwanthi Hasan	7	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Zinedine Ali	8	Miss Dorosenko	Science
Elodie Collins	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Muhammad Farukh	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Jessica Nicholson	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Zoe Roberts	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Hattie Symondson	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Melissa Chen	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Kieran Ng	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Jake Northend	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Harry Maxey	9	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Niketh Nambala	9	Mrs Evans	Geography
Ffion Perkins	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Emily Sewell	9	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Aras Tugluer	9	Mrs Evans	Geography
Miguel Valdez	9	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Isabelle Hull	11	Mrs Allen	English
Chiara Pacitti	11	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Alex Stevenson	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Lizzie Edwards	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Humza Hussain	12	Dr Hanson	Biology
Sanjani Mamillapalle	12	Mr Tighe	Religious Studies
Lily Rundle	12	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Harry Shell	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Amelia Smythe	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature

Paul Rusalim	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Erin Geddes	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic

I have to declare an interest in this week’s winner of the BBL Champion accolade, as I teach this superb Year 8 student and have nominated him myself.

His name is Ben Fletcher and after each of our German lessons he does exactly what students at our school are taught to do in Year 7; consolidate their learning independently at home. Ben uses a website called Blooket to create an interactive quiz that he uses to test himself and his friends. Ben says, ‘this has been a useful learning strategy that has helped me to be prepared for my next German lesson. Each one only takes about half an hour to make and it’s well worth it. I especially like giving them to other people to use.’

This regular and repetitive checking of his own understanding at the end of the school day is exactly what BBL is about. Ben’s motivation and desire to do well is fantastic to see and he thoroughly deserves his 10 House Points.



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below the revision timetable for next week. Year 11 students can choose the session they’d find most useful and simply turn up. No booking is required.

Not all subjects are listed; some, such as Mathematics, are offering bespoke lunchtime revision sessions and details have been communicated to students directly. All revision sessions will finish at 16:30.

Spanish revision will focus on the speaking exam and will operate slightly differently from all other subjects, as each Spanish teacher will organise a bespoke small-group session. Every student will have the opportunity to sign up in advance with their Spanish teacher.

	Mon 22 January	Tue 23 January	Wed 24 January	Thu 25 January
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	English
Room	G1 (Miss Pollard)	Art 2 (Mrs Welling and Ms Wright)	EPR3 (Mr Tighe)	E1 (Mrs Williamson)
Revision Topic	A natural weather hazard: Typhoon Haiyan.	External Exam Unit 2 Preparation.	Christianity: Incarnation	Language: Transactional writing: tips for all genres of writing
Subject	Design Engineering	French	Computer Science	Music
Room	DE1 (Mr Dougall)	MFL3 (Mrs Cowell)	CS1 (Mr Brown)	Mu1 (Mr Tomlinson & Mr Jones)
Revision Topic	Coursework/NEA catch up	Listening skills: Key tasks & strategies 1	Computers – The CPU	Coursework catchup

	Mon 22 January	Tue 23 January	Wed 24 January	Thu 25 January
Subject	History	German		
Room	H1 (Mr Bainbridge)	MFL6 (Ms Raebel)		
Revision Topic	America – Change for women	Maximising 90 Word Essay		
Subject	Spanish	PE		
Room	MFL Classrooms	PE1 (Mr Bowers)		
Revision Topic	Speaking Practice	Paper 2 – Motivation, personality, arousal and aggression		
Subject		Drama (Lunchtime)		
Room		Drama Studio (Mr Moxley)		
Revision Topic		Component 3 – Scripted Practical		

VACANCY

SENCO

Role Specifics:

This is an exciting opportunity for the post holder to take responsibility for the day-to-day operation of provision made by the school for students with SEND. The SENCO will provide professional guidance and training for staff in the areas of SEND in order to secure high quality teaching and learning, whilst ensuring the effective use of resources to bring about improved standards of achievement for all students.

A copy of the job description and application form can be found in the Vacancies section on our website: www.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

Completed applications should be sent to Ms Hill via recruitment@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk by 09:00 on Friday 26 January.

We reserve the right to close applications early should a suitable candidate be identified prior to the closing date.

Bourne Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all who work here to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references.