



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 07 June 2024
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

This week we celebrate the efforts of a very special BGS student, Marika Timmins. Marika spent her early life living in a leprosy hospital in Nepal, and inspired by what she experienced she now wishes to become a doctor when she completes her studies at school and beyond. Recently she returned to the hospital having raised enough money to cure 100 children of the condition, and whilst there witnessed reconstructive surgery to help parents restore movement to hands and feet. She is an inspiration to us all, and we wish her all the best of luck as she plots her chosen career path from here.

Elsewhere the first cohort of Year 8 students successfully experienced a week in Cantabria, 10 of our athletes were crowned county champions at the Lincolnshire Schools Athletics Championships, and our GCSE geographers have been hard at work completing field studies at Hunstanton. We have started as we mean to go on – keeping our students busy and our educational offering broad! Good luck also to Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditioners who are out this weekend.

LAWSON CAPES BEST THROW AT INTERNATIONAL

Last week Lawson Capes, Year 10 competed at the at the Pickering Memorial International at Loughborough taking best shot performance of the day. Teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy and Portugal were present. Lawson had a great battle from Theo Hanlon from Ireland who threw 17.40m but Lawson pulled out a 17.70m and 17.44m to take the best throws of the day. England coach and father Lewis Capes said, “Great effort by our squad today as had some strong performances. Lawson was a little sore from last week’s international but came through to fight for the win.”



PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM AWARDS – WINNERS

Congratulations to the 40 students named below to have been nominated for the PE Curriculum Awards. Well done in particular to those highlighted who have been selected by the PE Department as this year's worthy winners of the Curriculum Award. They will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony on Tuesday 2 July to receive their award.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
2023-24 Nominations	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
2023-24 Nominations	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	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	

VIRTUAL PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS – YEARS 7,8,9 & 10

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

The booking system will **close** on **Sunday 9 June (23:55)**.

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. (Maximum of 8 appointments per student).

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

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY TRIP TO LISBON

Monday 13 May by Clara Lytle

2.30am was our arrival time for school on Monday. Upon arrival, we were informed that our flight was delayed by 7 hours. Regardless, we got on the bus and made our way to Luton airport. Once we arrived, we tried checking in our luggage. Unfortunately, due to easyJet's delay, this was not possible and we had to wait 6 hours before being able to check in our luggage and go through security. We had the choice of making ourselves comfortable in either Burger King, Café Nero or WHSmith's. Many of us played card games, read books, watched Netflix or even did some Biology revision. At 10.00am we were ready for attempt 2 at checking in our luggage to only be misinformed by the staff that the plane had already left (which it clearly had not!). Mr Marsden had a few stern words with the staff and eventually we were



able to proceed. At 2.00pm we got onto our flight and arrived safely in Lisbon: 10 hours later than anticipated! 30 tired students (and 3 staff) checked into our accommodation and we were given some free time to roam around Lisbon, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Tuesday 14 May by Imogen Leaton and Anica Andali

On the morning of day 2 we went to the Champalimaud Foundation and we were surprised to be greeted by Dr Hobbiss' sister – another Dr Hobbis. The Champalimaud Foundation primarily focuses on advanced biomedical research (predominantly neuroscience and cancer research) and providing translational, interdisciplinary clinical care.

We were given a talk about the work they do, treating cancer and research that is undertaken all in the same building. This provides the doctors and researchers the opportunity to collaborate together. We were given a tour around some of the labs including the lab where they prepare *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruit flies) for their research. They separate them into separate vials based on their gender and particular phenotypes. A PhD student also showed us some of her research where she showed us how she observed the phenomenon of freezing in the fruit flies when they are exposed to a threat – a rapidly expanding dot on a monitor that they perceive as being threatening. She discovered how a particular channel in motor neurones was responsible for the movement in muscles she had observed.

Finally, we had the opportunity to discover for ourselves the plasticity of neurones in our brain which we all enjoyed, especially Mr Perez (see photo)!



Following a brisk trek from the metro station to the aquarium, accompanied by the occasional yell from Mr Perez demanding us to “Close the gap!”, while walking as a group, it was safe to say we were all ecstatic to encounter some aquatic creatures!

From puffins and sharks to sea otters and penguins, along with a casual quiz from Mr Perez on our Biology knowledge, it was an entrancing experience, to be surrounded with beautiful sea life. The sheer magnitude of the tanks was remarkable, as the animals gracefully swam through their home. We even saw some amphibians, such as frogs and other reptiles, each embellished with detailed patterns on their back for camouflage and to deter predators. We were even able to apply our biology knowledge to the sights, such as how sea otters are keystone species.

Dr Hanson's fondness for sharks could not be mistaken as we made our way to the gift shop, where many purchased key rings, postcards and pins to commemorate our visit.

One thing is for definite, it would be difficult to walk out of there without a greater appreciation for not only the ocean, but for the world too.





After the aquarium and a rapid metro ride back to the hostel, we were allocated some free time to explore Lisbon; some went shopping, while some went to eat. One group even went to a ramen restaurant across from the hostel, named 'Buga Ramen', where they ate authentic ramen while being served by a robot!

Wednesday 14 May by Abira Sujaraj

The morning of day three started off with us hiking along many steep and hilly paths to the Museum of Health where we were each given a device that seemed to be a crossover between a remote control and old-fashioned telephone.

We walked around the museum listening to detailed

information about each of the displayed artefacts through the remote. There was a variety of different things to look at in the museum - from paintings to surgical instruments, to old medicine bottles - and it was fascinating to see how far back the study of health and disease dated.



It really put into perspective the large extent to which medicine and technology has developed over time.

Connected to the Museum of Health's building was the Museum of Dermatology (a field of medicine dealing with diseases related to skin, hair, and nails). This museum held a collection of over 200 highly detailed, gory, and creepy-looking wax casts taken from different injuries and lesions caused by diseases and accidents, the majority of being caused a result of syphilis.

Seeing the graphic wax models disgusted us all, but a greater appreciation for modern medicine was also sparked as the severity of the injuries shown emphasised that we have much better treatments for dermatological diseases now than we did in the past.



A forty-minute coach ride (mainly consisting of sightseeing and taking pictures of the views outside) from there led us to my personal favourite location: Cascais. Cascais is a beautiful market town with many food stalls and restaurants, a sandy beach, the famous Cascais Citadel, and the scenic cliff formation, 'Boca de Inferno'.

We were given four hours to explore the area and each one flew by unbelievably fast. We wandered around the sunny streets of Cascais, visiting the shops and buying little trinkets and souvenirs (the obligatory Portugal fridge magnet being one of them), and we relaxed on the soft sand at the beach, admiring the variety of greenery and unique buildings. After our exploring time was up, we returned to the coach to head back to our accommodation after the long yet enjoyable day, eager for the next adventure.

Thursday 15 May by Clara Lytle and Imogen Leaton

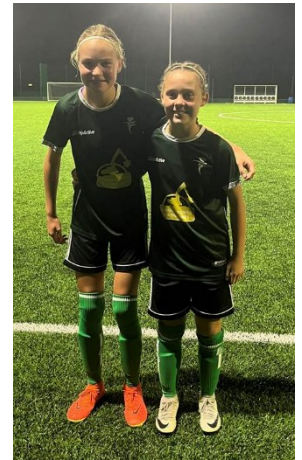


On the morning on the final day we visited the National Museum of Natural History and Science which had one of the original 19th century Chemistry laboratories and amphitheatre (and some original chemicals too). Other exhibitions included the disciple of Darwin, dinosaur fossils and lots of taxidermy.

En route back to our accommodation we had an hour's free time in Bairro Alto to buy any last-minute souvenirs or to enjoy one last Pastel de nata (portuguese custard tart). Our arrival back to Luton airport and ultimately back to BGS was a lot smoother than our departure and without any delays!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Flossie Swift, Year 8 and Harper Graham, Year 9. Both girls were chosen to be part of the county football team travelling the length and breadth of the country and coming up against teams around the UK. The league has now finished with Lincolnshire coming joint top with reigning champions West Midlands. Not only is this a fantastic result but sees the highest table finish for a Lincolnshire U14 county team in over a decade



BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic



The BBL Champion Award this week recognises the special efforts of Freddie Neal in Year 8. Freddie has impressed his English teacher with his love of poetry and his appetite to work independently – completely separate from his English lessons – to write his own poetry. Mrs Williams writes that: *'Freddie is a prolific (and talented) writer of poetry. He has published a poetry blog on which he publishes a weekly poem and then follows it with his own analysis and description of his thought process.'*

Readers can access his work by following this link: <https://fredspoetryjournal.wordpress.com/>

Well done Freddie – you have an incredible talent that will surely continue to grow and grow.

YEAR 8 SUMMER LEAGUES

Year 8 Summer League – Week 4

We are halfway through the competition and we have been so impressed with many of the students attitude and engagement throughout their school day. Particular congratulations must go to Ethan Stubbs who earned the most House Points in Week 4 with a whopping 47 – that is almost one every lesson!

Well done to our Weekly Winners:





League	Week 4
League 20	Fletcher Ben
League 19	Bundock Macy
League 18	Weeks Megan
League 17	Robinson Sophie
League 16	Townsend Jack
League 15	Wood Hamish
League 14	Meakin Millie
League 13	Hayes Henry
League 12	Staff Ella
League 11	Holmes Zac
League 10	Kimani Johan
League 9	Stubbs Ethan

And our podium positions halfway through the competition are below – as you can see, the competition is very close!

Sort	1st		2nd		3rd	
League	Name	Points	Name	Points	Name	Points
League 20	Bartram Anoushka	88	Bhattacharyya Aanjishnu	68	Copstake Anya	66
League 19	Bundock Macy	62	Verdu Carlota	46	Hullock Johnny	44
League 18	Roberts Zoe	52	Mear Esther	43	Van Der Westhuizen	41
League 17	Yu Casper	47	Mavani Jabir	43	Steel Millie	40
League 16	Ward Lucy	57	Townsend Jack	52	Suyaraj Ashwidaen	45
League 15	Wood Hamish	61	Farahat Lamar	47	Dinesh Aman	42
League 14	Majeed Zahra	46	Wu Angelia	36	Meakin Millie	34
League 13	Ranjith Aakhash	57	Hayes Henry	40	Harrison Finley	37
League 12	Hempstead Charlie	40	Stephens Amelia	31	Staff Ella	27
League 11	Sayer Benjamin	35	Rusalim Iustin	33	Holmes Zac	31
League 10	McGruer Louis	37	Kimani Johan	33	Godber Tom	28
League 9	Stubbs Ethan	54	Grigorov Vladimir	46	Farrington Zac	30



House Totals

			
52975	52049	54680	50935

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 6/6/2024.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Danny Harvey	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Jules Kelsey	7	Miss Hodge	History
Sasha Mackintosh	7	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Evalyn Brown	8	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Annabelle Bull	8	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Lamar Farahat	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Zac Holmes	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Johnny Hullock	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Thomas Hurley	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Oliver Sweeney	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Anoushka Bartram	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Annabelle Bull	9	Mrs Allen	English
Alfred Kendon	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Aleena Malik	9	Ms Kemp	English
Jack Pepper	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Catalina Diaz-Munoz	9	Mr Stainton	Biology
Zach Bojang-Brett	10	Mr Ray	PE
Anna Calvert	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Rosie Hasbury	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Julius Priedis	10	Mr Khumalo	Registration
Emma Hodson	10	Mr Howard	EPR
Oliver Walker	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Taha Dad Azam	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Tom McLay	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Oli Hughes	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Oliver Rzeminski	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Grace Tarrant	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Ollie Bardwell	12	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics