



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 28 June 2024
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

After our fabulous Open Evening last week, we have been revelling in some good weather and starting to celebrate the end of the school year with a series of trips, events and visits. Year 10 had a great day at Drayton Manor on Monday and reports coming back from those on that trip pointed to excellent attitude and a wonderful time had by all. Year 11 then had their Prom on Wednesday and, again, a wonderful time was had by all, and our students' attitude and behaviour was exemplary. Year 8 went to the Forest Outdoor Facility for some challenge-based fun yesterday and just as the weather turns a bit cooler (thankfully for them!) our Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition departs today. Meanwhile the Art Department has been back in London for a gallery tour designed to benefit GCSE Artists, and our Athletes won 7 out of 8 possible team events at the South Lincs Championships on Tuesday. Another tremendous sporting effort.

While trips have been a focus, we have also had Year 12 students taking end of year examinations designed to provide them, and their teachers, with important data relating to UCAS considerations and applications in the autumn. The Sixth Form Team put on a very impressive induction day on Monday for prospective A Level students in September that saw over 300 current Year 11 students from BGS and other local schools attend. My thanks to the team and to all staff who taught lessons as part of the programme for their hard work in making all students feel so welcome and informed.

Finally, I wish all our Year 13 leavers the best for their Prom in Peterborough on Saturday. A Rite of Passage moment for all as school days are left behind, but one last opportunity to gather and enjoy time together in a formal, celebratory setting. I am sure it will be a fabulous event with many smiles and hopefully not too many tears. Enjoy!

THIRD ANNUAL BGS PRIDE – FROM THE LGBTQ+ GROUP AND TEACHER TEAM



Last Friday saw the event of our school's third year of Pride Month celebrations, the LGBTQ+ group hosted the Pride Fest fundraiser for all students and staff. The event was a smooth run this year, organised by our student and staff leaders, including our Sixth Form team, who set up all of the organisation and planning for the day alongside our many helpers.

The event was run during lunchtime, containing various stalls such as a bake sale, tombola, Pride related accessories like handmade keyrings and bracelets, carnival style games such as the popular sponge throwing, as well as an information stand with all the details on relevant terminology, our chosen charity and as always, we hand out free Pride stickers.

The Pride fest was extremely well attended by both students and staff. All got involved in the stalls on offer: the bake sale stand run by our students and Mrs Greenfield was very popular, along with the tombola with Mr Somerville and crafts with Ms Sanders. We saw Pride stickers everywhere as our students and staff went around wearing them proudly. The carnival games were a hit yet again; the can toss was run by our students and Mrs Worrall, and our ever-dedicated teachers got involved as the targets of wet sponges, much to the delight of the students.

The crowd was heaving for this particular stall and there was many laughs and cheers to be heard. The teachers involved were happy to have a reprieve from the heat, although there were a number of 'head shots' throughout the event.

Since its introduction last year, the sponge throwing was a firm favourite and we plan to repeat this again next year. The group thanks Mr Bowhill, Mr Graves, Mr Brooker, Mr Brown and Mr Green, and Miss Bowtell, Miss Hodge, Miss Smith and Miss Lindley for their bravery and welcomes them to come back next year! Perhaps Mr Hewitt can sit on our sponging chairs next year instead of joining us behind a fence and going for the sneak attack when he appeared mid-event - we all look forward to this!



As previously mentioned, the purpose of these events was to raise whole school awareness of the message and importance of Pride Month and to fundraise for a worthy cause. Our group chose the UK based LGBTQ+ charity Galop. In total we raised £272 across our events on Friday. Thank you to all those who came out to support the LGBTQ+ group and getting involved in Pride Month at BGS, and if you would like to help an LGBTQ+ cause this month, please consider supporting victims and survivors of abuse and violence by donating to Galop.

TENNIS UPDATES – Reports by Miss Bowtell, PE

ROAD TO WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT

I wrote an article about this event a few weeks ago and our tournament winner Samaira Bajaj in the U14 singles competition. Well, I am thrilled to inform you that at that time she also entered the doubles with a partner from her local club and won the initial club competition and then won the area competition and will now be representing the region at Wimbledon in August.

Samaira has outlined how the event went in her own words below and I hope you can read the excitement through her words and what this means to her as she has worked very hard to reach this level of play in both her physical and mental state.

PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON' DOUBLES AREA FINALS – Report by Saima Bajaj, Year 7

'On Saturday, my partner and I competed in the second stage of our Play Your Way to Wimbledon event. This took place in Nottingham, and we played a Round Robin format consisting of 4 pairs and 3 matches each. In the first match, we went 3-1 down and managed to come back and win the first set 4-3 with a tiebreak score of 7-3. We then went on to win the second set 4-1. In the second match, we won 4-1 4-1 against two much older girls, moving on to the finals match.

Our last match was against two girls I train with in Grantham. After going down 2-0, we managed to refocus and take the lead to 3-2 and then to the tiebreak, which we then won 7-2.

We managed to win the next set 4-0, sending us to the national finals which will take place at The All England Lawn Tennis Club 'Wimbledon' in August'.

Miss Bowtell writes *"Samaira is a very special young lady as although she competes in these high-level events she is also willing to compete in our events for the school and is full of positive energy towards all of her peers who are starting on their Tennis journey. I am so very proud of her and will send her all my luck for August"*.



U15 GIRLS SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The U15 girls' squad is a very strong one this year with the girls unbeaten so far showing such an incredible team spirit and sense of resilience, they have gone from strength to strength as in Year 7 when they started, they never won a single match or a school competition.

Tuesday was their day when they put their friendships aside and competed for the glory of the singles award. Poppy McLearn had held the title for the last three years and had been dominant in her victories, but all of the squad had really been playing well this year. The matches did not fail to disappoint with Hannah Simpson producing some of her best Tennis strokes and Hamsini Raja really pushing Poppy to attack the net repeatedly as playing from the baseline wasn't winning her enough points. Poppy was playing her usual attacking and powerful style of Tennis and was being very successful in this. I was thrilled to see Kiki Timmins playing yet another tournament and really solidifying her understanding of the game and Mary Pepper put on a thrilling display in her match against Shiksha Kuar, with Shiksha only defeating her through sheer bravery at the net.

The stage was set for yet another Shiksha and Poppy final with all girls staying to watch and support both of their teammates. The match was full of Poppy's powerful serves echoed by Shiksha superb deep baseline returns keeping Poppy away from the net. Shiksha grew in confidence as the game progressed and started to believe she could win and began to be more ambitious in her choice of shots leading to some sublime drives down the line. End result was a victory to Shiksha and she was so very thrilled.



U13 BOYS SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The U13 boys' singles did not disappoint again. Following the epic previous matches between Rohan Lesiw, Johnny Hullock, and Ted Mylchreest which I have written about earlier this term I knew we were in for a thrilling evening. We had 10 students compete in the competition and the boys were split into three groups with each boy playing everyone in their league once and the winners of the most matches reaching the semi-finals.

Semi-finals were between Ted and Rohan and Johnny and Dylan Ware. Each was a superb match but the victors were Rohan and Johnny. This final was played in sweltering heat with the boys slugging out long rallies per point with some outrageous shots being played by both. The game ebbed and flowed and it was impossible to see clearly a winner but, in the end, Johnny managed to string together two points in a row to win the deciding game 4-3.



Results:

1st - Johnny Hullock

2nd - Rohan Lesiw

Semi Finalists -Ted Mylchreest and Dylan Ware

Joint 5th - Tyler Bates and Alfie Lovell

6th – Freddie Gibson

7th – Srikar Puppola

8th – Adam Hickey

9th – Denis Brierley

U13 GIRLS TEAM VS SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

The U13 girls' team are again undefeated this year and went to Spalding High school, traditionally a strong Tennis school. The girls played superbly in both their singles and doubles matches leading to a whitewash 6-0 win with Jess Daniels maintaining her 100% record this year and even had time to help explain some of the rules of the game to the unexpectedly inexperienced Spalding girls. They go into a county tournament on Wednesday 26 June with supreme confidence.

Next week I will report on the highlight of the Tennis year, the Super zone Tournament at Boston which is a local competition against all the local schools. We will be defending three out of four titles this year but will be without some of our best Tennis players as they are engaged in other school adventures.

ATHLETICS ANGLIAN COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS – CHELMSFORD ATHLETICS CENTRE – *Report by Mr Ray, PE*

On Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June, six athletes from Bourne Grammar School travelled to Chelmsford Athletic Centre to participate in the 36th Anglian Combined Events Championships. Competing in the Junior Boys competition were Monty Wilde and Jack Caffrey from Year 9. The competition requires students to compete in five events through the day, beginning with the 80m hurdles followed by shotput, then long jump, high jump and finishing with the 800m.



Monty began with a strong hurdles race initially placing him in 6th, ultimately by the end of the competition finishing in ninth position with 1849 points. Jack was just 26 points behind Monty in a tightly fought competition between the pair finishing in 10th position.

In the Junior Girls competition, the same events were followed through the course of Sunday with Isla Gray Year 8, Ella Barrett and Izzy Hughes from Year 9 competing. In a hotly contested competition, the three Bourne Grammar students fared very well indeed and points-wise were extremely close. Isla Cummings finished with 1629 points, Ella Barratt with 1682 and Izzy Hughes with 1723, all representing Lincolnshire superbly.

The final athlete competing was Charlotte Smith from Year 10 in the Intermediate Girls Heptathlon. Competing on the Saturday and Sunday the same five events were undertaken with the addition of the 200m and Javelin. Charlotte performed strongly in all events. Throughout the two days she bounced between 6th, 7th and 8th positions ultimately finishing in 7th with 3460 points, less than 160 points behind the top five that were selected to go to the National Finals in September. Charlotte will have another opportunity in the same age group next year as a Year 11. Well done to all six who competed at this prestigious event.

YEAR 7 READING CHALLENGE AWARDS...AND A MESSAGE FROM AUTHOR ANTHONY HOROWITZ – *Report by Mrs Clark*

We were delighted to present 73 students in Year 7 with a Reading Challenge award this week during two assemblies. The Reading Challenge has been running for several years and aims to help our students sustain a love of reading beyond the curriculum. It was a fantastic to see a record number of students receiving the coveted gold award for reading more than 25 books this year.



The students also heard a short message from acclaimed author of over 50 books, Anthony Horowitz, who passed on his congratulations to Year 7 and highlighted that reading should be a pleasurable activity and not a chore! Students are reminded that they have access to the E-library over the summer holidays, as well as a selection of high-quality books which can be borrowed from MFL5

BGS SUMMER ART EXHIBITION – Report by Mrs Welling, Art

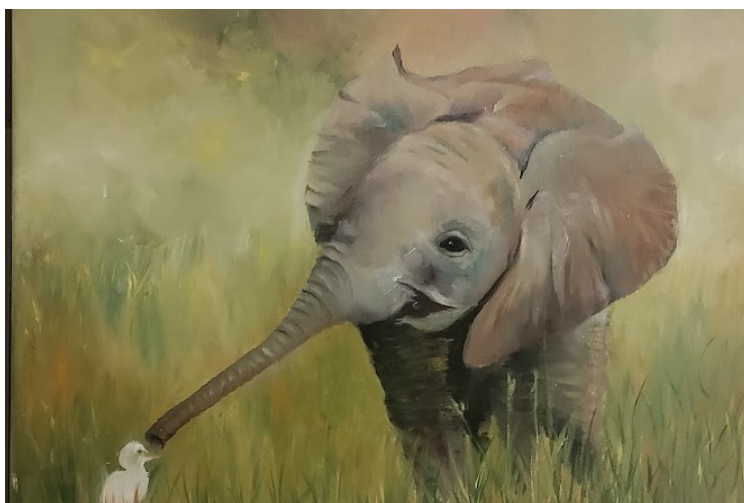
This year over 120 students entered work into our Summer Exhibition, producing paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and digital images linked to the theme of Still Life, Portraiture and Landscape. Inspired by the Royal Academy Summer Show, students were encouraged to produce pieces that showed a variety of subject matter. All abilities were encouraged to enter, and the work produced demonstrated just how hard all students had worked to create original and imaginative works of Art. Selecting the winning entries was a difficult task due to the amount and quality of work submitted, but below we are pleased to announce our prize-winning students from Key Stage 3, 4 and 5. Thank you to all students involved this year.



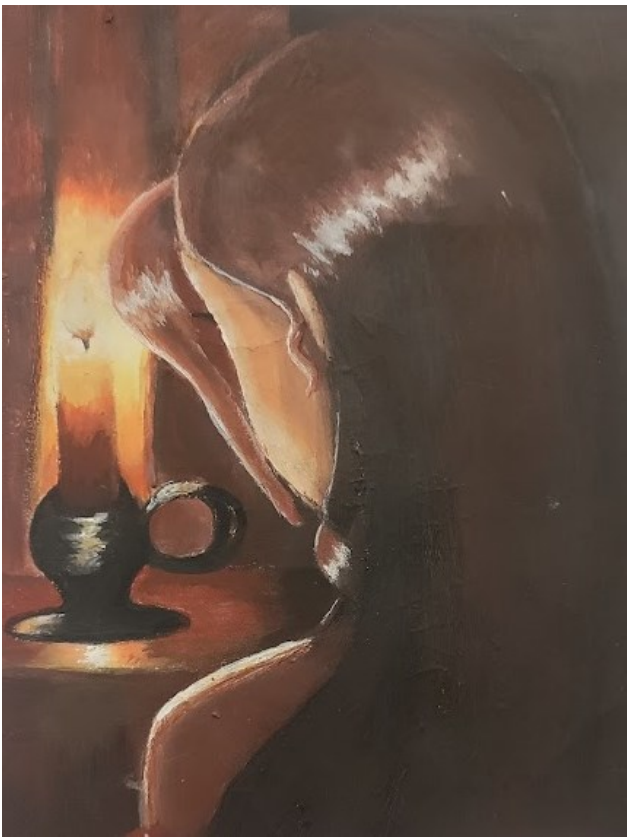
Isabella Perna Year 12
Joint 2nd Prize KS4/5



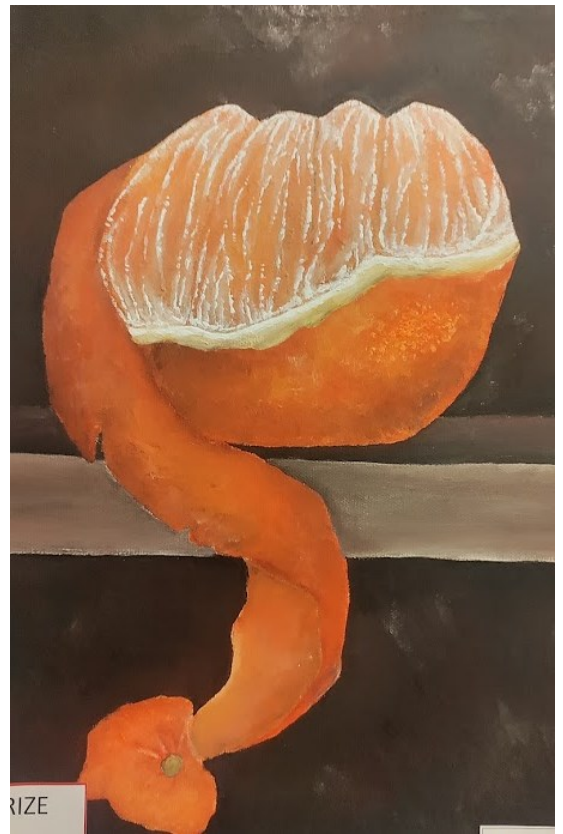
Marco Perna Year 12
1st Prize KS4/5



Hamsini Raja Year 10
Joint 2nd Prize KS4/5



Danesha Kumari Year 9
1st Prize KS3



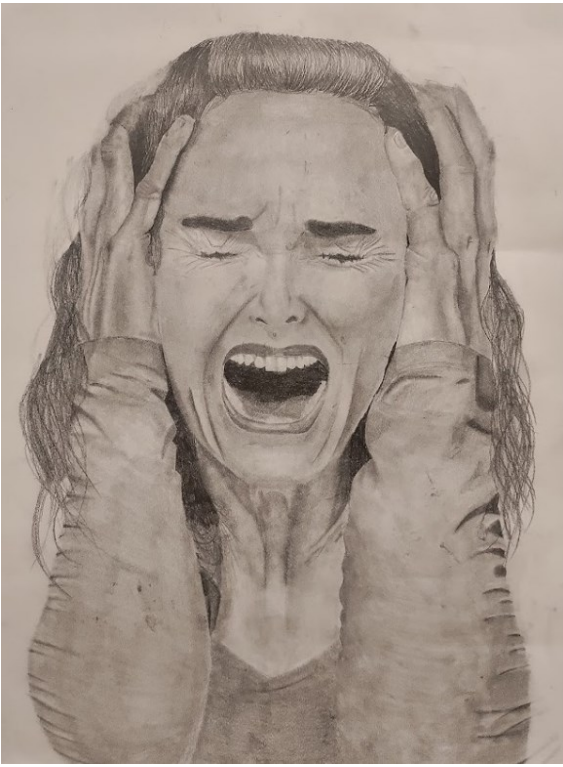
Sienna Thomas Year 7
2nd Prize KS3



Ethan Lam Year 7
Joint 3rd Prize KS3



Poppy Drake Year 9
Joint 3rd KS3



HIGHLY COMMENDED

YEAR 7 – Sophie Alliston, Anya Copestake, Juliette King, Maia Paige, Holly Thornhill, Viganth RG.

YEAR 8 – Emilie Barrick, Kaleb Nicol-Mace, Daniel Mulgrew.

YEAR 9 – Samhita Thiagarajan Arun Prasath, Joseph Knowles, Scarlett Parr.

YEAR 10 – Andreea Rila

COMMENDED

Rosie Allen, James Clifford, Noah Glenhill, Pippa Harrison, Ruby Hefferson, Finn Lemon, Patricja Krulko, Weronika Skrzynecka

Isabel Friel Year 10
Judges Prize



Congratulations to all our prize winners!

WILLOUGHBY SCIENCE DAY

Here are some pictures from the Willoughby Science Day on Wednesday 19 June, the full report was featured in last weeks bulletin.



BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic

Lennon Smith in 7H is the BBL Champion this week for outstanding independent work for Geography.

His Geography teacher explains why: 'Recently the Year 7 Geographers at BGS were set an exciting BBL project to represent a distinctive British landscape of their choice within a takeaway box. This linked closely to our most recent topic 'Geographies of Britain' where students explored a number of different aspects of the British Isles including settlement types, employment patterns, migration and distinctive landscapes. There were a wide range of varied landscapes presented, from the Blackpool Tower to the White Cliffs of Dover, all of which had seen a large amount of effort applied.

Despite this, Lennon Smith's recreation of Bourne Wood really stood out, with an enormous amount of creativity, time and hard work applied, producing a brilliant 'landscape in a box' project, well done Lennon!' This piece of work looks superb and there has clearly been considerable time and effort invested into making it look so detailed. Lennon is a very worthy winner this week.







YEAR 8 SUMMER LEAGUES - Year 8 Summer League – Week 7

Some good work in EPR secured a number of our students the Weekly Winners title this week, congratulations! Only three weeks to go until the final results are announced in our Achievement Assembly, can you get yourself on the podium?

3	League	Week 7
4	League 20	Delpport Hazel
5	League 19	Pitchford James
6	League 18	Ware Dylan
7	League 17	Delpport Mikayla
8	League 16	Kurys-Brown Riley
9	League 15	Moulds Maisie
10	League 14	Baker Harry
11	League 13	Harrison Finley
12	League 12	Brown Evalyn
13	League 11	Bullen Travis
14	League 10	Chopra Shivam
15	League 9	Reid Fred



HOUSE TOTALS

			
57452	56834	59264	55132

**These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 27/6/2024.**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Hetty Bell	7	Miss Roberts	English
Pippa Harrison	7	Mr Harris	Science
Pippa Harrison	7	Miss Roberts	English
Maia Paige	7	Miss Roberts	English
Celina Peng	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Idara Samson	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Bella Trumble	7	Miss Roberts	English
Hermione Lumb	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Musfirah Bano	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Zac Farrington	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Vlad Harlap-Valters	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Finley Harrison	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Jessica Nicholson	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Sophie Robinson	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Hattie Symondson	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Will Wrigley	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Amelia Comben	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Ellen Richardson	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Anna Calvert	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Noah Henderson	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Erin Nicolson	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Alex O'Rawe	10	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Henry Hill	10	Mr Bainbridge	History
Harry Allen	12	Miss Sanders	Registration
Zak Brown	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Joshua Bryan	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Kate Rees	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Mikella Sarfo	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Harrison Smith	12	Dr Barmby	History
Adam Wheel	12	Dr Barmby	History
Zara Wildsmith	12	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Lizzie Edwards	12	Dr Barmby	History