



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 06 September 2024*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

What a wonderful start to the year! We welcomed our new students with big smiles on Wednesday and there was a palpable excitement across the school, the day, and for the rest of the week. I must commend everyone on how smart they look, comment on how pleased I am at the new uniform and the consistency it brings us and congratulate everyone for their attitude and their positivity on these first few days back. Our new approach to mobile phones was something we thought might take time to bed in, but the students have taken to it well, with only a small handful of transgressors. The students have been fantastic: they have understood the purpose behind the restrictions and in impressive fashion backed the approach without grumbling. The relationships we have across our school community are truly something for us to be proud of.

Looking back to August, I want to congratulate our public examination candidates for a year of great success. In addition to the statistics published over the holiday in our one-page bulletins, I want to highlight the fact that 94% of our GCSE candidates achieved at least a grade 5 in both English and Maths, and that nearly a third of all results were the highly sought after grade 8s or 9s. These are wonderful numbers to set alongside the excellent raw score of 53.5% of all GCSE grades sitting at 7 or above. We await national Progress8 data, but I am confident we are going to perform very well indeed in the national analysis of results. And for our departing Year 13 there was more considerable success. Again, raw data published in the summer was very good with 32% of all grades coming out at A\* or A grade, in real number terms that's 248 out of the 772 A Level examinations sat. And this has resulted in 83% of our Year 13 university applicants successfully securing a place at their first-choice university. The remaining 17% have a place at their reserve choice or are considering other options. University, therefore, remains the destination of choice for the majority of our students, though we support apprentice and work-related career choices with just as much vigour as that given to budding undergraduates. Well done to them all.

We are looking with great optimism to the year ahead. This is a great school, and my thanks to all the students and staff that continue to ensure this is the case.

## **Summer Activity Week for New Year 7 Students – Report by Summer Activity Week Staff**

The summer activity week for our new Year 7 students was a resounding success, filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of opportunities for our students to bond as they transition from primary to secondary school.

Held during the first week of the summer holidays, the event was designed to help our incoming students feel more comfortable and excited about starting their new journey at our school.

Throughout the week 194 students participated in a wide variety of activities, each designed to foster teamwork, creativity, and confidence. The water games were a particular highlight, with students cooling off in the summer sun while competing in fun challenges that brought out plenty of smiles and laughter.

The quiz sessions tested the students' knowledge while encouraging them to work together in teams, building friendships along the way. Tower building



proved to be both a test of engineering skills and a great way to encourage collaboration, as students worked in groups to construct the tallest and most stable structures they could manage.

Our budding golfers enjoyed a session of mini-golf, where they navigated tricky courses and celebrated every hole-in-one with enthusiasm. The crafts sessions allowed students to express their creativity, producing some fantastic artwork and decorations that now brighten up our school.

In addition to these activities, students participated in many other fun games and exercises that kept the energy high throughout the week. Whether it was solving puzzles, engaging in team sports, or simply enjoying the chance to make new friends, the atmosphere was one of excitement and inclusion.

The summer activity week was a great success in helping our new Year 7 students settle in and feel at home in their new school environment. We are incredibly proud of how they embraced the challenges and made the most of every opportunity. This week was not only fun but also invaluable in helping our students build the confidence and friendships that will support them throughout their time here.

We look forward to seeing our new Year 7 students continue to thrive and grow as they begin their secondary school journey.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Ivana Fuller from Year 10 who has passed Grade 5 Ballet exam with a High Merit.

A wonderful beginning to the new academic year with some DofE Congratulations! The following have recently been awarded their DofE Awards:

### Year 11 - Bronze Success

Marco Perna  
Jesire Richardson  
Andreea Rila

### Year 12 - Silver Success

Ellie Bannister  
Ben Bennett

Mae Cole  
Florence Dexter  
Tegan Haw  
Matilda Hulme  
Isibéal Knight  
Atte Maaranen  
Netra Ranjith  
Kris Rushworth  
Akshaya Tirchunapalli Naveen  
Oliver Trumble

## SUMMER ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Having secured his third consecutive English Schools Shot Put title on 12 July, Lawson Capes also claimed his sixth England Athletics National title in a row. It was a busy summer that saw him at Birmingham's Alexander Stadium for his fifth weekend in a row for title championships!

The National shot title was secured by Lawson with ease with a throw of 17.62m which was slightly down on his amazing performance the previous weekend in the Home Nations International in Wales. He also entered the discus and came away with a bronze with a huge personal best of 51.06m to take some major scalps in the highly competitive discus event which saw the top three in round four only 5cm apart, at one stage. That makes it a clean sweep of 100% of all title championships this season. Well done Lawson!



Please find below details of Sports Clubs for Term 1.



# SPORTS CLUBS



TERM 1 DAY	Lunchtime (12:45pm-1.15pm)	After School (4.45pm finish)
<b>MON</b>	PE Staff Meeting	Yr. 7 Rugby (MAB) Yr. 7 & 8 Netball (AS/CEB) Badminton Yr. 7-9 (CPB) Yr. 10 Football (CJR) Yr. 11 Football (SC) All Years Running Club (SS)
<b>TUES</b>	All Years Fitness Suite (JK) *limited numbers—You must have signed up with Ms Kemp <b>beforehand</b> *)*	Yr. 8 Football (ACG) Yr. 8 /9 Hockey (CPB) Yr. 8-11 Rugby (HG) Yr. 7-13 Girls Rugby (JB)
<b>WED</b>	Badminton matches All Years (CJR)	All Years Running Club (SS)
<b>THURS</b>	All Years Girls Football (ACG) (astro) Yr. 10/11 Badminton (CPB)	Yr. 7 Football (ACG) Yr. 9 Football (JB) Yr. 9-11 Netball (AS/CEB)
<b>FRI</b>		Yr. 10/11 Boys Hockey (CPB)

**Clubs will take place weekly.**

**Should there be the need to cancel any club as much notice will be given as possible.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club.**

**PE Dept. meetings will affect clubs occasionally.**