



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 20 September 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

On Tuesday of this week, we were grateful to see the sunshine on our decision to conduct a whole school photograph, the first in many years. A mammoth operation to get over 1900 people into the right place at the right time went smoothly and we hope the final product will be a high-quality visible representation of the wonderful community that is Bourne Grammar. The photo will be made available to parents to purchase in due course.

A day later saw the announcement of our Performing Arts schedule for the year, with the key March centrepiece being a full school production of *Guys and Dolls*. BGS has a wonderful tradition of Performing Arts productions and this promises to be another excellent opportunity for our performers, under the skilled guidance of the Music and Drama departments. Discussions are also underway for a Christmas Concert with a difference, and the sharp eyed will also have spotted a junior West End Wonders in the school calendar for July. There will be a Sixth Form play at the end of Term 2 and also participation in the Shakespeare for Schools Festival. I look forward to seeing lots of students involving themselves in these opportunities and building further on our already excellent reputation in this area.

Finally, a congratulatory word for Mr Dougall who last weekend ran 68 miles along the Hereward Way in aid of Cancer Research. A quite astonishing feat for a very good cause.

Voice 21 Oracy School – Report by Mrs A Allen - Assistant Headteacher, Academic

We are excited to become a **Voice 21 Oracy School** this year. Voice 21 are a charity bringing together over 900 schools across the UK who are committed to delivering teaching and learning through talk. Voice 21's mission is 'to transform the learning and life chances of young people through talk so that all children can use their voice for success in school and in life.' This is a mission the staff at BGS wholeheartedly support! We are beginning our third year of our pledge to focus on Oracy development and this year will be working closely with Voice 21 to continue to build Oracy opportunities across the curriculum, provide high-quality Oracy training to our teaching staff and strengthen our school culture of Oracy to ensure that all BGS students learn how to use their voice.



Students in Year 8 have had their first assembly on Oracy with Mr Hewitt this week. The assembly focused on the different types of Oracy skills that students will develop this year and beyond, as well as students joining him to give one-minute presentations on a variety of topics. Mr Hewitt has asked students to pledge to actively get involved in answering questions verbally in their lessons this week and to use their voice to

show their engagement and enthusiasm for their learning.

Later in the academic year, 'Talk-to-Talk' will be delivering Oracy workshops to Year 8 on how to develop students' confidence in their spoken communication.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY - Report by House Leaders

Friday 13 September welcomed the first House event of the academic year, where students in Years 7 to 10 took part in the annual Inter-House Cross Country course around the school grounds. Overall winners for each year were decided based on the House with the 20 highest-placed finishers in both the boys' and girls' races. Results of the day will be announced in the first House assemblies this term, so watch this space!

We were blessed with a crisp sunny day for the race and all students showed great determination, resilience and team spirit. Lots of students surprised themselves with how they were able to keep going and achieve more than they had expected. It was also lovely to see some staff and Year 11 taking part and help encourage students along; a special mention to Noah Henderson in Year 11 who voluntarily ran the race to claim a clean sweep of 5 wins over 5 years.

Many thanks to the Staff and Sixth Form students who helped on the day and all the students for taking part so enthusiastically and trying their best. Congratulations to all individual winners and to the winning teams in each year.

Sashwat Thiagarajan Arun Prasath, Year 9: On Friday 13 September 2024, I took part in the House Cross Country event. It was a fun experience, and I helped my team surge ahead. I really enjoyed running; the sun was shining, and it was great to get out and do some exercise.



Alfie Barton, Will Sloss, Charlie Redhead and Tobias Pobereznniuk, Year 8:

This year we had a new course to tackle and the Sixth Formers helped us guide the way and gave us words of encouragement. Charlie came 27th and feels really proud of this achievement. It was very fun and everybody supported each other and supported their House. Tobias enjoyed cheering people along the last corner of the race. It was a great morning.

RUGBY UPDATE – Report by Mr Bowers, PE

Rugby season at BGS is up and running with a flurry! All year group training has started on their respective nights and it is fantastic to see some many numbers across the year groups. A massive thanks to Mr Gervis who is offering training provision for years 8 to 11 this year, alongside matchday coaching with the Year 11 team. His expertise is vital to the progress of rugby in the School and it would be a real challenge without him. With that expertise came the opportunity for a number of Year 11s to run the training this week in the absence of Mr Gervis and myself and under the watchful eye of Mr Graves, did so fantastically.

It was also fantastic to have the first Girls Rugby training session this week. Thank you to Emily Fosbeary (Year 13), who led the whole session for students from Years 8 to 11. I hope that this can be continued long into the year.



The competitive season also got underway this week, with the Year 9 team facing off against Spalding Grammar in the First Round of the School Sports Magazine National Cup. A competitive fixture with some moments of brilliance saw Bourne run out 38 -15 winners in an explosive second half. Tries from James Pitchford, Otto Wild (3) and Sam Santos on debut! The introduction of

conversions this season for the Year 9 team also saw Harry Armstrong make his way on to the team sheet, converting 4 out of 5 kicks.

Rugby is well and truly underway with a number of fixtures across the year groups booked in before October Half Term.

CREATING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES EVENT – Report by Aryan Nahata, Year 11

On Wednesday 11 September, as chair of the Peterborough Youth Council, I attended the Creating Connected Communities event with the help of Phoenix Sustainability Investments.

Firstly, Richard Astle (Chair of Athene Communications) spoke to us about how great it is to see a diverse range of people who can represent their communities.

Then Dr Nik Johnson (Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) answered the question of ‘Why connectivity matters’? My main takeaway from his presentation was his 3Cs: Compassion, which helps bring out Cooperation and allows the creation of connected Communities. Matt Stevens and Darran Kitchener from Milestone Transport Planning explained to us the "Future of Mobility & how it can be applied in a Rural Environment".



We then had a quick break for 10-15 minutes to grab some refreshments and network with various people there. This was great as I met some fantastic new people from multiple sectors who shared their views regarding the future of transportation and connectivity. After this break, Matthew Morgan (Quality of Life Foundation) explained how the organisation he works with helps builders assess the construction area and give suggestions on how to improve it for as many people as possible. For the final discussion, I was invited to talk alongside former Youth MP Eva Woods about overcoming intergenerational barriers and tackling the safety issue of our future modes of transport.

Overall, this was a fascinating experience as now I know that key decision-makers in the room could hear the views of young people.

House Totals

5091	5495	4667	5874

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2024 - 19/9/2024.***

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Hayden Pugh, Year 11 who has passed LAMDA Level 2 Award in Musical Theatre - Grade 4 with distinction.

On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, three Bourne Grammar students represented the East Midlands Region in the National IRC Triathlon Championships at Mallory Park Racing Circuit in Leicestershire.

This annual event brings together the best triathletes from all ten regions in England, plus Scotland and Wales, to compete in a weekend of racing. Ben Alliston, Year 10, Sophie Alliston, Year 8 and Edith Kaberry, Year 9 were selected to represent the East Midlands region in the 13-14years age category.

Edith has been selected for three consecutive years now, a great reflection of her consistent performance at this level, and once again she finished with some credible times. In the individual race, Ben finished in the Top 20 out of a field of 50 triathletes, demonstrating resilience and determination against some very strong competition. Sophie stood her ground competing against many older athletes, finishing in the Top 10, with huge potential to climb higher in the same age category next year.

Well done to all.



Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards:

Year 11 – Bronze Success

Chloe Seaton
Emily Seaton
Oscar Teillant

Year 12 – Silver Success

Olivia Mahoney
Isaac Malcolm

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic

Flavia Hoxha of 8E is the worthy winner of this week's BBL Champion and she makes it two weeks in a row that the champions have come from Year 8. Flavia is a wonderfully polite and motivated student, who by her own admission, always works and did so in Year 7. Her new English teacher has been delighted with the start Flavia has made to Year 8 and her independent work in her Supplementary Reading Booklet has been of an extremely high quality.

Mrs Williamson says: *'Flavia consistently works hard to complete her BBL to the highest of standards. She reflects on her learning in lessons and how she can apply this to the text she is studying in her Supplementary Reading book. This hard work really pays off as both Flavia's textual analysis and her own writing are excellent.'*

Well done to Flavia. Your superb efforts have not gone unnoticed – keep up the marvellous work!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Henry Blowers	7	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Henry Blowers	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Liam McAllister	8	Mrs Allen	English
Jack Andresen	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Kamsi Anike	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Kamsi Anike	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
William Didsbury	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Rishita Dutta	8	Mrs Woolf	Science
Ted Moccarme	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Riya Trivedi	8	Miss Hodge	History
Dennis Brierley	9	Ms Kemp	English
Elodie Collins	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Coby Dawkins	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Ayobami Karim	10	Ms Bowtell	Registration
Bella Pridgeon	10	Dr Barmby	History
Chidera Anike	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Charlie Bedford	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Akshith Pandian	10	Ms Jones	English
Ellen Richardson	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Diyaan Trivedi	10	Mrs Allen	English
Sophie Gombault	11	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Munachukwuso Anike	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Merryn Baldock	11	Mr Howard	EPR
Deon Mathew	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Ella Snart	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ayesha Shazad	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Grace Osborne	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Elia Cranwell	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Paa-Yaw Gyan	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Oliver Jordan	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Juanita Anson	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Raife Brownlow	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Elizabeth Byrne	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Gabriel Carver	13	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Lottie Crane	13	Mr Perez	Biology
Lizzie Edwards	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Arunima Vemulapalli	13	Mr Stainton	Biology
Kai Bhandari	13	Dr Barmby	History