



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 27 September 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

It never ceases to amaze me how many fabulous young people we have in our school, and this week it is right to acknowledge the excellent efforts of Aryan Nahata in Year 11 who is the current Chair of the Peterborough Youth Council. Aryan is passionate about local affairs and has spoken to me of his desire to continue contributing fully to the Youth Council despite the academic pressures of Year 11 study. Under his leadership the council have recently received national recognition for their attempts to tackle food inequality and instead create a fairer food system in the local area and have received additional praise for their efforts to tackle junk food adverts due to the adverse impact they can have on young people. Aryan has been at the centre of these developments, and information on the Bite Back campaign can be found [HERE](#) while the BBC article on junk food advertising published over the summer can be found [HERE](#). We are all proud of the hard work and commitment he has shown and look forward to witnessing more change being championed by the collective voice of young people in the area.

This week has also seen our wider educational programme swing into action, with auditions for *Guys and Dolls* underway and the Physics department trip to CERN in Switzerland depart on Tuesday. Trips to Sicily and Seville follow on consecutively over the next fortnight as we maintain our commitment to the benefits of education outside the classroom. And national cup netball has begun again, with our U14 team losing a tight contest away at Gresham's School yesterday while the regular programme of football, rugby, cross country and netball fixtures continued as usual.

Finally, this is the last edition of the school bulletin to be published by Karen Spriggs, such an important member of our support team who leaves us to take up a new challenge with the local authority next week. Karen has been integral to so much that has worked well at BGS within marketing and events as well as being the logistical mastermind behind the allocation of staff to cover lessons and activities when colleagues are absent. She will be hugely missed, and we wish her all the best in her next steps

BITE BACK – Report by Aryan Nahata, Year 11

My journey began with Bite Back, a youth-led movement for a fairer food system. We are bombarded with junk food advertising that typically entices young people with its low prices and bright colours. These advertisements heavily impact the options young people have when it comes to food. We are constantly exposed to unhealthier options that are pushed into the spotlight while the healthier options are hidden away. This unfairness drove us to passionately campaign to reduce unhealthy food advertisements so all young people can make decisions by themselves.

I spent time gathering evidence of these adverts— researching our city's advertising policies and gathering data on policies in other areas. In November 2022, we pitched our campaign to Bite Back, and we received funding for the project.

Then, we researched the existing policies in Peterborough City Council's contracts with advertising firms. This was made more accessible by using a Freedom of Information Request. Under this Act, everyone has the right to see all recorded information held by a public authority. This is an excellent way to find important information about your local council. The next step in our mission was to convince the council to stop the junk food ads on their advertising boards. We did not just want to make a policy change. We wanted to inspire others. So, we took our campaign to social media to engage young people. We created infographics, posters, and slides explaining our goals and inspirations, such as Transport for London, which has banned junk food ads on the tubes and buses in London. A video we made discussing the campaign reached over 600 young people!

I created a petition in May 2023 to 'End Junk Food Advertisements' in Peterborough. We received 68 signatures in 25 days, which resulted in us being invited to present it to an Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee meeting. This was a nerve-wracking experience, as it was my first time speaking to a group of councillors. I was asked about the potential financial repercussions of a healthy advertising policy. Upon hearing this, I was delighted, as this is one of the topics I had researched, and I knew my preparation was successful then. As a result of this meeting, it was decided that the public health team would work with the Youth Council to create a potential policy to be implemented for Peterborough.

This led us to research some of the other organisations that have a similar policy in place, such as TfL, and our eventual collaboration with Sustain. Sustain is a charity that works with councils to help them create healthy advertising policies, so they had a lot of experience that we could use when we were creating our own policy to ensure long-term success.

This led us to our final step, the cabinet meeting on Monday, 17 June 2024. This is a meeting of all the most senior members of the council, who ultimately decide whether or not new policies go ahead. To our surprise, after hearing our point of view, a vote was conducted, and we had unanimous support throughout the Cabinet. Upon hearing this great news, we were ecstatic as our two years of hard work finally provided us with some concrete success!

In August, the Peterborough City Council Comms team interviewed us. We shared our journey and what we hope happens in the future. To celebrate our success, we had coverage in Peterborough Matters, The Telegraph, and Sustain.

Reflecting on this journey, we now have seen that when we use our voices, we can advocate for change. With Bite Back's help, we have learned about food inequality and its effects. So, we hope that when young people walk through the city, we will be presented with more affordable and nutritious options. We want advertising companies to reflect and be mindful of their adverts and how they affect their audience's health. We hope we can empower other young people to be more conscious and curious about the policies in their cities.

THE COMMON ROOM – *Initiative from the Mental Health Committee*

Every Monday in E5 we are hosting a welcoming and casual club for all year groups. A calm place to relax, craft, make and spend time with friends old and new. Come along and spend some time with us, listen to some music, and enjoy a gentle lunch break.

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

At the first Full Trust Board meeting of the year, Chair Ian Mears welcomed three new Parent Trustees: Allison Long, Phil Reid and Nigel Stephens.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Trust Board, we will be looking to elect a further two Parent Trustees in October.

U15 HOCKEY VS LINCOLN MINSTER – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE & Honor Moore*

On 24 of September, the Bourne Grammar U15 team made their way to Lincoln to play against the outnumbering squad of Lincoln minster. The game started at a slow pace as we were unaware of how Lincoln were going to come out.

Sharp and accurate passing gave us majority possession in the first quarter and a few missed shots left it 0-0. Going into the second quarter, BGS were desperate to get a goal and a strong attack and passing sequence between Nicole Mancheva and Honor Moore lead Nicole to get the first goal by placing it carefully past the keeper. Another great attack led to BGS winning a short corner with an accurate push out from Eloise Hull to Honor, who took a straight strike to place it in the bottom corner. As the third quarter began, Lincoln came out stronger and were determined to get back into the game, a few attacks worried BGS, however goalkeeper Hannah Burke was able to clear a goal off the line and keep calm under pressure. Shortly after, a strong slap from Kiki Timmins across the defence allowed us to build up from the

back and a deflection off the Lincoln keeper allowed Eloise to perform a breathtaking volley into the top corner making it 3-0.

Going into the final quarter we were determined to keep our lead and Hannah to keep a clean sheet. We decided to keep possession and keep the ball in our half, however a long ball from Honor allowed Josie Thurston to get into the D and push the ball past the keeper to make it 4-0. We kept attacking and hassling Lincoln's defence but the game came to an end at 4-0. A brilliant win for our first game and hopefully more to come.

Superb play by both the Year 9 and 10 players.
Miss Bowtell/Honor Moore



BGS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES FAIR – Report by the Outreach and Activities Committee

Thursday 3 October will see the first-ever BGS Clubs and Societies Fair, organised by the Outreach and Activities Committee to promote and launch over 40 different clubs within School.

Whether you have never been involved with a club, or are a long-standing member, there are a variety of clubs in School, from sport, music, hobby driven clubs to social clubs too – there really is something for everyone! Joining a club is a great way to help you develop and learn new skills, make new friends, gain confidence and whilst having fun too. So please come along, have a chat with the current students involved at lunchtime on Thursday 3 October, and get yourself involved! More information about our clubs in School can be found on our website [here](#).

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Thursday 3rd October

Location 📍 : Main Hall

Time 🕒 : Lunch (12:40-13:25)

Worried you will forget 🧠!
Add the date to your pocket notebook 📖.

Come along to see what clubs and societies you can get involved in and have a chat to students who are already involved 👥.

INTRODUCING NEW STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2025





We're excited to announce that this year's Student Council representatives have been selected and are ready to step into their leadership roles. These students will work closely with their peers and School staff to ensure that student voice is heard and valued over the next academic year.

The Student Council is a crucial platform in School that encourages student engagement and leadership development. Each tutor group from Years 7 – 12 has a designated Student Council Representative and all meetings are minuted by the Year 13 Senior Prefects and Head Students who take on the role of Chair. Through the Council, students learn essential skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Most importantly, they become advocates, representing their fellow students' needs and ideas in everything from School events and activities, to policies and initiatives that affect the entire School community.

For students, this is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas. Whether it's improving School facilities, creating new clubs, or addressing issues that matter to you, your new representatives are here to listen and act on your behalf. The success of our Student Council relies on participation from everyone—so don't hesitate to reach out to your new reps and get involved.

Form	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	Rishith Inukollu	Thomas Burrows	Saihan Damani	Romaan Ameer	Emma Hodson	Abdullah Zahid and Grace Osborne
B	Charlotte Dimes	Imaan Adil Zaka	Ewan Atkins	Oliver Smith	Jesire Richardson	Matilda Hulme
C	Hamish Shorrocks	Amara Densham	Ben Sayer	Umaiza Gilani	Bea Ford	Olivia Dunicz
D	Hannah Duggins	Ruwanthi Husan	Daniel Mulgrew	Akshith Pandian	Max Lyons	Carmen Stones
E	Elliot Read	Willow Story-Hall	Nandini Mamillapalle	Michael Sarfo	Miles Garrido	Zoja Gajewska
F	Joel Omitiran	Jessie Desborough	Riya Ramprasad	Ayobami Karim	Amelia Templeman	Eden Nash-Kennell
G	Basem Awadallah	Aarya Tirchunapalli	Izzy Palmer	Srinitha Nandyalam	Amina Umar	Paul Custodio
H	Dasha Nechaieva	Samaira Bajaj	Oliver Nicol	Charlie Bedford	Merryn Baldock	Hasini Vijayasankar
						Akshaya Tirchunapalli
						Mayra Narang

House Totals

			
6588	6684	5900	7084

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2024 - 26/9/2024.***

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

DofE Success – Gold Award Achieved – Madison Mylchreest Year 13

Huge Congratulations to Madison who recently completed her DofE Gold Award. This amazing achievement has demanded commitment and determination over the last 12 months as Madison participated in new activities and developed old skills too.

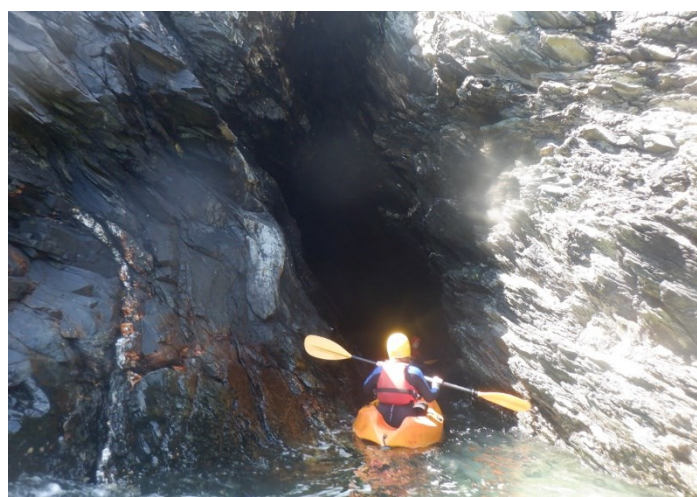
Madison has completed all 3 DofE Award levels. She has volunteered at Charity Shops and Cafés throughout the years and more recently helped out at the Don't Lose Hope Café, Bourne.

To fulfil her Physical section requirements, Madison has spent the last year developing her netball skills and improving her fitness to help her team enjoy success at school matches and tournaments. For her Skills section, Madison decided to learn to drive and was successful in passing her test in June.

The Gold Expeditions took place in the Yorkshire Dales (April) and the Lake District (July) where Madison excelled at leading her team across boggy moorland and craggy hill tops whilst enduring all weather conditions, from Easter rain and cold to summer heat.

For Madison's DofE Residential, she travelled to Snowdonia National Park to participate in an outdoor activities course that involved a variety of activities including; stand up paddleboarding, zip wire, mining, gorge walking and canyoning, sea level traversing and coasteering, sea kayaking, rock climbing, canoeing and abseiling.

Madison should be very proud of her DofE success, I certainly am! Well done and have a fabulous day at the Palace when it comes. Best wishes from the DofE Team!

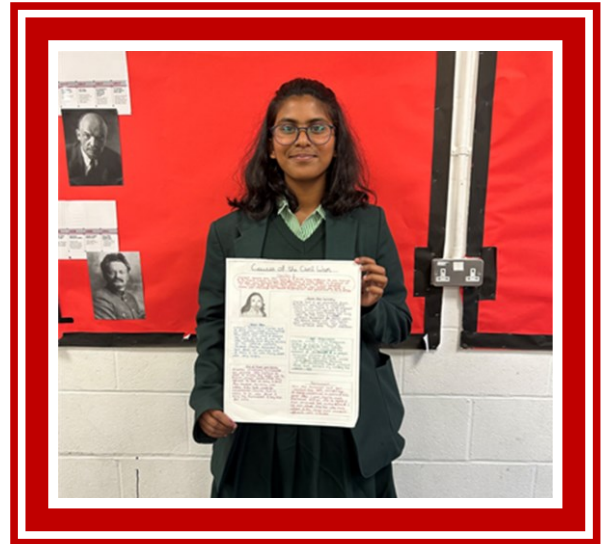


BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic

Year 8 have it again! For the third consecutive week the BBL Champion comes from Year 8 thanks to Rishita Dutta's (8F) excellent independent work in History. Her teacher, Miss Hodge, recalls how delighted she was *'after the student presented me with a beautiful poster (complete with a fairly accurate drawing of Charles I), detailing the causes of the English Civil War with lots of core knowledge and useful information. It will be really good for her revision and she has clearly spent a lot of time on it.'*

I teach Rishita myself and can testify from personal experience that her work ethic and hunger to learn is hugely impressive; these traits will take her very far.

Keep up the brilliant independent learning, Rishita!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Gethin Baker	7	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Henry Blowers	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Brandon Bull	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Isabelle Plant	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Hamish Shorrocks	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Rishita Dutta	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Lauren Hammond	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Kieran James	8	Miss Bradley	PE
Amberley Keith	8	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
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Matilda Knowles	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Zinachidi Nwamarah	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Jacob Quince	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Oakley Saville	8	Miss Hodge	History
Immie Turner	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Max Yu	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Ben Fletcher	9	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Vladimir Grigorov	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Thomas Hurley	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Jack Sanderson	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Hattie Symondson	9	Dr Cooper	Mathematics
Luca Christoudias	10	Mr Perez	Registration
Ayobami Karim	10	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Maths
Jack Pepper	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Zahra Ravji	10	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Maths
Ellen Richardson	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Ellen Richardson	10	Miss Hodge	History
Dexter Vipond	10	Mrs Allen	English
Munachukwuso Anike	11	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Maths
Amy Barrett	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Lawson Capes	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Finn Gillespie	11	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Maths
Macey Hemmings	11	Mr Bainbridge	History

Malikah Jaffer	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Evelyn Myers	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick	11	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Amber Allison	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Bella Burton	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Mae Cole	12	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Emily Fosbeary	12	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Paa-Yaw Gyan	12	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Tula Harvey	12	Miss Bradley	Netball
Emily Peck	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Orla Pike	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Keerthini Yoganathan	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Kai Bhandari	13	Dr Barmby	History
Joe D'Angelo	13	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Rachel Dudley	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Eleanor Hilliard	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Sam Lawrence	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Kate Rees	13	Mr Jones	Business Studies