



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 5 May 2017

From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC AND SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

GCSE, AS and A-Level written exams start on Monday 15 May and run until Thursday 29 June. The majority of exams will take place in the Sports Hall and Main Hall, with morning exams generally starting at 09:15 and afternoon exams at 13:30. Students must be on time for their exams as Exam Boards have the right to disqualify students who are late for an exam; other important information regarding exam protocol can be seen on the next page. Any queries relating to exams should be directed to Mrs Gray at exams@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

This year, students in Years 11 to 13 have the opportunity to collect a free exam breakfast from *The Chill* if they have a morning exam; all options include foods that contain slow-release carbohydrates, which can help students to feel at their best during long examinations.

Tips for revision planning:

- work out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks - hour-long sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- if possible, buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting
- parents can sometimes help students to revise by going through notes with them or listening while they revise a topic
- parents can help by serving as time-keepers when students work at timed practice papers.

Providing all-round support:

The best way to support your son/daughter during the stress of revision and exams is to make home life as calm and pleasant as possible. It helps if other family members are aware that your son/daughter may be under pressure as some do find exam time stressful. If your son/daughter is given study leave in the run-up to exams, try to be at home as much as you can so that you can share a break and a chat together.

Make sure there are plenty of healthy snacks in the fridge and try to provide good, nutritious food at regular intervals. Encourage your students facing examinations to join family meals, even if they are busy with revision - it is important for them to have a change of scene and get away from their work for a while. Also encourage your son/daughter to take regular exercise; a brisk walk around the block can help to clear the mind before the next revision session. Try not to nag or make too many demands on your son/daughter during exam time. It is important for them to get a good night's sleep before an exam, so discourage students from staying up late to cram.

All schools are required to ensure that all candidates for public examinations see and understand the following notice:

AQA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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Information for candidates
For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2016

This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions.
If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules	
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	You must not take into the exam room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes; • potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device. <p>Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through.</p> <p>Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.</p>
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
6	Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
7	You must not write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
B Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need	
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams.
2	Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
3	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
4	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
5	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
6	You must write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may only be used for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.
C Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; • clear anything stored in it; • remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas; • do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
D Instructions during the exam	
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper; • the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
3	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
4	Fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet before you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
5	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
6	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
E Advice and assistance	
1	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the exam if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do; • you do not feel well; • you need more paper.
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
F At the end of the exam	
1	If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order. Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
2	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.

Important Dates regarding Exam Results

Thursday 17 August 2017

- *AS results* available to collect from School between 06:00 - 08:00
- *A-Level results* available to collect from School between 08:00 - 10:00

Thursday 24 August 2017

- *Year 11 GCSE results* available to collect from School between 06:00 - 08:00
- *Sixth Form registrations* accepted from 06:00 - 15:00 (deadline)

Friday 25 August 2017

- *Confirmation of Sixth Form places* posted to internal and external applicants

PUBLISHED POETRY FOR ZACH - *Mr Bainton, EPR*

Many congratulations to Zach Bentley (Year 7), whose poem has been shortlisted in a national competition, *Busta Rhyme*, organised by Young Writers. It's easy to see why: his theme is mature, and the language expressive and varied. Zach's poem, which can be read below, will be published in the anthology, with the final winner chosen in early August.

Time – can change the way we live our lives,
Changing your perspective with a click of the fingers,
How must it feel; to live a life in complete control,
Having the power to change the future,
How I wish I could be in control: to reduce global strives.
But yet how must it feel,
To have expectation – lingering at your shoulder,
To have no choice but to look back at the past,
Having the option of running,
How it feels for all you loved ones to kneel.
You tell yourself 'it's for the greater good',
Knowing that the right decision is also wrong,
Knowing everything you have done
Affects what you're going to do,
Knowing you can't hide under the hood,
You can't simply rely on luck,
Ask for the people's understanding,
Having to work with what you've got,
Adapting to all changes made,
Clearing the people's muck.
We've come so far,
With your guiding nudge,
Your wisdom has brought life,
And helped us create our own knowledge,
What has happened so far only half fills the jar,
Every decision you have made,
Puts the world on the line,
To make the present,
You have to think of the future – and past,
Even when no options are laid.

ARTWORK

The clay Gargoyle and Green Man, pictured below, were made in 20 minutes by a Year 7 student in his first clay lesson.



Oscar Potts



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Saanchi Chetal	7	Miss Hempstead	PE
Jessica Mahoney	7	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Oscar Potts	7	Miss Ellis	Art
Joe Fahidy	8	Mrs Woolf	Science
Abigail Hennis	8	Miss Allcock	Spanish
Michael Mandy	8	Mrs Somerville	Art
Nina Ortiz-Jimenez	8	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Holly Cheek	9	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Cora Downing	9	Mr Smith	History
Jess Farmer	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Harrison Gray	9	Mr Perez	Physics
Kashif Mustafa	9	Mr Tighe	EPR
Alex Wall	9	Miss Bennett	English
Keri Barker	10	Mrs Chopra	Mathematics
Eleanor Leadbeater	10	Miss Hempstead	PE
Annabel Reynard	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Frankie Gardner	12	Mr Brooker	English Literature
Anjali Popat	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Laura Walcott	13	Mrs Faux	Biology

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Gymnastics Nicole Rollinson (Year 7) has qualified for the National Age Group Competition 2017 in Rhythmic Gymnastics, which will be held in Stoke in June 2017.



Table Tennis Joseph Cox (Year 8) and his team recently received the Ketco Cup after beating Stamford Free Church nine games to nil in the Stamford and Rutland adults Table Tennis League Finals.

High Dive Christian Rollinson (Year 7) has qualified for the National Age Group High Diving Competition in Sheffield in July 2017.

