



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**7 - 11 October**

## Overview of the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day and, as many students and staff said “Hello Yellow” and dressed appropriately, it is worth highlighting the work that goes on in school to ensure healthy minds. Working under the leadership of Mr Bruncker we have a Senior Mental Health Committee that provides student leadership to mental health initiatives. This is supported by our Mental Health Wellbeing Champions who are providing momentum across year groups and galvanising the work of our student councils. A large number of staff have had Mental First Aid training, and we promote strongly the concept of healthy body, healthy mind... encouraging our young people to be proactively involved in as many activities as possible, opening the door to interests and friendships that reinforce a healthy lifestyle. And, of course, we have removed mobile phones as a distraction around school!

With this in mind it was great to see so many competitive sports fixtures and cross country races going on this week in addition to our usual programme of clubs and activities. I dropped into Junior Choir on Wednesday to see the drama studio literally full of students keen to enjoy singing as the choir prepares for a number of performance opportunities through the year. Being busy in a range of available opportunities is hugely important for mental health, as well as being the lifeblood of any great school seeking to promote the best outcomes for students. Get involved, and reap the health benefits!

## House Totals

<b>11626</b>	<b>12118</b>	<b>9881</b>	<b>11503</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for this week.***

## Year 13 Progress Review Meetings (PRM): Thursday 7 November 2024

Mrs Hall

### **Booking system**

The SchoolCloud booking system will open on Friday 18 October at 20:00.

Parents will be given the opportunity to have a virtual Progress Review Meeting with subject teachers to discuss student progress.

You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will ensure that each video appointment will commence and end at the scheduled time so please ensure you have logged into the system in good time to commence your appointment.

Guidance and links on how to book and carry out a video call will follow shortly.

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via [prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

The booking system will close on Sunday 3 November at 23:55.

### **Sicily Trip**

Mrs. Greenfield, Ms. Lindley, Mr. Moxley & Mr. Murray.

#### *Monday 31st September – Giardini Naxos and Letojanni*

Around 2am, forty bleary-eyed students arrived at School, and boarded the coach for Luton Airport. We stepped down from the plane to be greeted by palm trees and the warmth of Catania, Sicily. First stop was the Ancient Greek archeological site at Giardini Naxos, before lunch and exploring the coastline of the village, then had an early night, after a long first day.

#### *Tuesday 1st October – Mount Etna, by Jack Cotuk*

On the second day, we went to a lava field at the bottom of Mount Etna where we collected some samples of the volcanic rocks and learnt about how the eruptions of Etna affect the number of small villages at the foot of the volcano.



We then went to the top of Mt Etna and learnt about the history of eruptions from the multiple craters on Mt Etna, with a fantastic view of most of Sicily. The weather was clear so we were able to see all the features of the volcano. We had lunch almost 2km up the mountain.

#### *Wednesday 2nd October – Vulcano Island, by Hamsini Raja*

The next day we had an early start to Vulcano Island, known for its volcanic activity. We were taken on a very unexpected long hike up Vulcano. It was an amazing experience to get to see the views of Stromboli from such a height and also witness geographical processes that we learnt out of the textbook. We saw sulphur gases being released and walked in many paths that lava had carved out during the eruptions. After the hike, we went on a boat ride around the whole of Vulcano Island, where we saw more of the Aeolian Islands. We saw many erosional processes and even a cave or two.



### *Thursday 3rd October – Taormina and the Alcantara Gorge, by Bronte Wyvill*

On Thursday morning, we made our way to the town of Taormina. The views were already stunning as we went up to the Graeco-Roman theatre. With its 10,000 seats and scenic backdrop (including Mount Etna itself) it was an incredible sight that we all felt very lucky to have visited. We then made our way down through the streets of the tourist town, visiting the many gift shops and cafes.



Many ice creams later, we set off for the Alcantara Gorge. Equipped with our aqua shoes we ventured through the very cold water, surrounded by unique rock formations, the result of ancient volcanic activity. After an incredible and memorable day, one that I'm sure was the favorite of many, we were given some free time on the beach back at the hotel, and many took the opportunity to participate in some volleyball.

### *Friday 4th October – return to Bourne*



We headed home, having experienced Physical Geography firsthand. We would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and keen interest in the geography of Sicily.

## **BGS Clubs and Societies Fair**

Sasha Milne



On Thursday 3 October, we hosted the first BGS Clubs and Societies Fair. It was a huge success, with over 22 club stalls present! We had a wide variety of things on display from robots being coded, film trailers on show, and boardgames being played too!

We want to thank all the students and teachers for their help in making the event run so smoothly; the atmosphere created was amazing. We hope that this has helped students see what they can get involved in within School and find new interests and skills.



## U13 and U15 Hockey Match vs Welland park Academy

Mrs Bradley

Both teams went to Market Harborough last Friday to play in the National Schools event.



The U13's were led by James Risebrow, our resident expert umpire and coach and he set the team up to start in a very attacking style which led to them scoring freely and dominating possession. The team was 3-0 up at half-time and we then moved the centre midfield player Sophie Alliston to the U15 pitch to allow the other players to practise in new positions. Romilly Sondh was outstanding with her maisy dribbling skills and Harriet Templeman was very strong across the midfield. Welland Park had a few run away attacks but Jess

Richardson and Jasmine Wilkinson dealt with these confidently. Superb play by all in the team led to a 5-0 win.

The U15's had to display some expert defence in the first half with Caiomhe Healey in goal producing a number of superb saves to keep the team in the game. Georgia Summerfield was ferocious in her tackling and frustrated Welland Park's best attacker and even found energy to keep making excellent passes to Ella Staff on the wing. Nicole Mancheva worked superbly hard as a central midfielder endlessly running up and down to support the team in all places. Frannie Jones positioning was excellent and we attacked down the right throughout the game thus making strong opportunities for the team in the D with Jessie Desborough proving an excellent striker.

In the second half the team added to the squad and started to pass the ball more fluently across the pitch thus causing more problems for their opponents who never seemed to be able to compete the same as in the first half. The final score was 3-0.

## U16 Badminton Doubles Tournament

Mrs Bradley

This event was held on Monday 7th October and 10 boys and 8 girls entered, many of whom have been trying to win the title best in key stage for many years.

The boys' event was very close and all games were played for a set period of time which resulted in high pressure points and some games being won in the dying seconds of a match. All pairs played each other so the best of the best had to overcome all opponents.



### Competitors:

Charles Bomford and Ed Amos

Zaid Thalangara and Ayo Karim

Akshith Pandian and Ali Abdullah

Basil Senny and Haad Azam

The final match was Charles and Ed vs Haad and Basil and it started with Charles dominating but Haad and Basil pulled it back and then took a narrow lead and just as Charles and Ed were coming back into the game the sands of time ran out! Basil and Haad walked out of the sports hall a little more proud and taller than when they came in. Well Done boys.



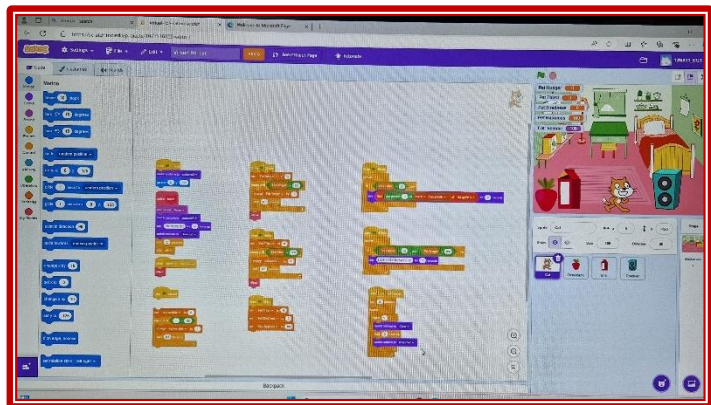
The girls event was equally as competitive as the previous winners of several years were all entered together. Zahra Ravji and Mary Pepper were facing Poppy McLearnon and Shiksha Kaur and Alice Barratt and Fay Scott were competing with Honor Moore and Kiki Timmins. All girls played each other and the games were tense and full of power smashes and fast net interfaces. Superb skills by all but the winners were the Racket queens Shiksha and Poppy.

## BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

Mia Allen (7A) has had an excellent first term at Bourne Grammar School and her hard work has been recognised by Mr Osborne, who has nominated Mia for her independent learning in Computer Science.

Mia was tasked with showing her parents what she had done in lessons on Scratch (her Virtual Pet project) and teaching them the code and explaining how it worked. Mia enjoyed the coding so much that she completed some independent research on the concept of functions, which she presented to her teacher in the lesson.



As Mr Osborne explains, 'Mia focused on the task of making a cup of tea and how the different steps of the process are simply called from the function by asking to 'make tea'. It showed excellent understanding of the work we are doing in class and will definitely have helped her to consolidate the learning. She is now planning to start to code using Scratch at home.'

Well done to Mia, who receives 10 House Points. A career working in Silicon Valley beckons...

## Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Eason Capper	7	Miss Mizen	Science
Maddie Surtees	7	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Harrison Bauldry	7	Miss Hodge	History
Eason Capper	7	Miss Hodge	History
Teddy Grassby	7	Mr Green	History
Emily Robinson	7	Mr Green	History
Elias Gyamfi	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Harshil Varin Kadire	8	Mrs Woolf	Science
Liam McAllister	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Rowan Rai	8	Mrs Allen	English
Viganth RG	8	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Jorgie Binns	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Anish Katha	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Raouf Rais	8	Miss Roberts	English
Alexander Allen	9	Mr Howard	EPR
Musfirah Bano	9	Miss Mizen	Registration
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	9	Miss Hodge	History
Yojit Bodduluri	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Ben Fletcher	9	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Ben Fletcher	9	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Tyler Gibson	9	Mrs Bolitho	English
Jessica Nicholson	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Riya Ramprasad	9	Miss Hodge	History
Riya Ramprasad	9	Mrs Bolitho	English
Doogie Shorrock	9	Dr Barmby	History
Josie Bonvini	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Otto Forkin	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Ellie Moore	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Carlota Verdu	9	Miss Roberts	English
Saul Annis	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Sawyer Campion-Clarke	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Grace Cullen	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Grace Cullen	10	Mrs Allen	English
Tom Ablewhite	10	Ms Currier	Spanish
Oran Summers	10	Ms Currier	Spanish
Rovyar Ameer	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Chloe Cox	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Miles Garrido	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Abby Guracha	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Shiksha Kaur	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Deon Mathew	11	Mr Perez	Biology
Jenson Moss	11	Mrs Williamson	English

Martha O'Connor	11	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Andreea Rila	11	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Ella Snart	11	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jack Wiles	11	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Amber Allison	12	Ms Bennett	English Language
Emily Cowlard	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Zoja Gajewska	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Kris Rushworth	12	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Poppy Bevan	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Billy Gallagher	12	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Eva Larter	13	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Bailey Scott	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Connie Bayliss	13	Mr Williamson- Ward	English Language