



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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*From* Jonathan Maddox, *Headteacher*

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## **THIS WEEK**

Under the leadership of our new Director of Music, Mr Tomlinson, we have already enjoyed music-making of exceptional quality, including at this year's production of *Fame*. More and more students are flocking to the Music Department, by opting to study the subject at GCSE and at A-Level (in both cases the numbers are up sharply) and due to much-increased involvement in our many musical ensembles. I am thrilled to report that our forthcoming concert, *A Night of Music from the Stage and Screen*, is now completely sold out. With a very large number of students performing and a full house, the event should be a vintage Bourne Grammar evening. A reception is planned for afterwards which, if the weather allows, should allow an opportunity for us all to enjoy refreshments with the young musicians outside in the quadrangle.

I have been sent some very impressive examples of extended creative writing - two substantial stories - written by Year 7 student Maria Wright. From time to time a student reveals him or herself to have an astonishing literary talent, able to demonstrate fluency well beyond their years. I am grateful to Maria's English Teacher, Miss Bennett, for bringing this outstanding work to my attention.

The Geography Department has now completed its *five* fieldwork trips to Holt. An enormous undertaking, this week the weather was rather kinder on the students and staff and useful and important work was done. The Spanish Department's second (of *four*) trips to southern Spain is abroad as you read this, and all is reported to be going well. A write-up from Spain is given below.

On Wednesday, Mrs Gray and I donned our 'George Osborne' jackets and hard hats and ventured for the second time into the new Science Block. The progress since my last report really is astonishing. The sixteen laboratories (fifteen to be used in September 2017 and the sixteenth - a spare - most likely to be needed in 2018) and ancillary spaces are now all established. The dimensions of the staircases, corridors and lobbies are strikingly impressive. Windows are beginning to be fitted, as are the electrics, plumbing, air-conditioning and networking. The School will be transformed by the new building and I am now even more reassured that we can be confident that the project will be open in time for the start of the new School year.

I must take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 29 June and, as is our usual practice, the School will close for all students at 12:40 on that day, i.e. at the end of morning lessons. Lunch will not be provided. The practical details have been set out for you in a separate letter.



## YEAR 8 SPANISH TRIP TO MURCIA

*Mrs Worrall (Subject Leader: Spanish)*

In the early hours of Monday 5 June, 31 Year 8 students and four members of staff (Mr Moxley, Mr Binns, Mrs Hector and Mrs Worrall) boarded the flight to Alicante to spend a week in *Arbolar*, a Spanish immersion Centre located in Los Urrutia, near Cartagena (Murcia).

The Centre had organised a fun-packed schedule of activities, aiming to develop our students' linguistic skills. It was a real pleasure to observe our students immersed in the Spanish culture and I was very proud to see and hear their high level of Spanish. Throughout the trip, they communicated in Spanish with the Centre's staff and with the locals, and it was evident how quickly each of the 31 students was making progress, with the wide range of activities keeping everyone engaged. Our students participated in events such as water-sports, golf and salsa-dancing in addition to the daily Spanish lessons and cultural visits to places such as Cartagena, with its imposing Roman Theatre and Las Salinas de San Pedro with its 'must visit' mud-baths. As always, the feedback from the Centre's instructors and members of the public showed what a lovely group of children we teach at Bourne Grammar. The students' politeness, friendliness and willingness to become better linguists were much in evidence all through the week.



*Jess Briggs (Year 8)*

We set off from BGS at 2 am on Monday and arrived in Murcia by lunchtime. After settling into our rooms we had a fun afternoon playing sport on the beach and dodging the jellyfish in the sea. Every morning we were up early for Spanish lessons with the fabulous *monitors* - we were soon picking up lots of new vocabulary and it was interesting to hear different Spanish accents. We had plenty of opportunities to try out our Spanish on our trips to a shopping centre, a Roman theatre, ordering ice-creams and speaking to locals.



With four meals a day, there was plenty of opportunity to interpret what we were going to be eating; luckily, the food was fairly similar to our normal food. We could get used to the afternoon siesta too!

This trip was very beneficial as we learnt lots whilst having so much fun.

## ESAA TRACK AND FIELD CUP - REGIONAL B FINAL - *Report by Mr Ray, Director of PE*

Fantastic sunshine greeted the athletes for the Regional B Final of the ESAA Track and Field Cup on Wednesday 14 June in Grantham, following qualification of the Inter Boys' team from Round 1 in mid-May.

The day started well, with good performances in the Hammer from Tom Cameron (Year 9) and Jared Miller (Year 10), whilst both Jonathan Pitts (Year 10) and Will Hawkins (Year 9) successfully negotiated the 80m hurdles with strong performances and a steadily-improving technique.





Shortly after, the main programme of track events began with Ben Beedell (Year 10) leading the field for much of the race and finishing in a time of 4 mins 49.6 secs. The 300m, always a challenging sprint race, handed George Warrington (Year 10) a difficult outside lane draw; George completed the race in a time of 44.2 secs in the fastest of the two heats. Tom Cameron had a slightly more favourable draw, claiming 3rd place in a time of 40.6 secs. The 200 metres saw strong performances for both Harry Lesiw (Year 9) and Iain Bisalla (Year 10), adding more points to the team score. In the 100m sprint, Tim Worgan and Sam Sacker (both Year 10) also performed well against strong opposition, finishing 2nd and 4th respectively. The final event for the boys on the track allowed Samuel Staines (Year 9) the opportunity to record another personal best. Despite the conditions, he ran a well-paced race, finishing in 2 mins 16.8 secs, taking an incredible 4 secs off his personal best. Jake Jungmann (Year 9) also worked hard in the race, finishing in a very creditable time of 2 mins 25.2 secs.

At the half-way stage of the competition, Bourne Grammar were in 1st position, just 18 points ahead of 2nd place Corpus Christi Catholic College, West Yorkshire.

A summary of the field events is below:

Triple Jump - Harry Lesiw and Will Hawkins (both Year 9) jumped well in a relatively new event to them.

High Jump - Josh Dilley (Year 10) cleared 1.40m in the 7-jump competition.

Long Jump - Jonathan Pitts (Year 10), a regular at the event, was just short of his personal best with 4.89m.

Shot-Put - Sam Sacker and Iain Bisalla (both Year 10) had several successful throws with 11.11m for Sam and Iain attaining 9.07m.

Discus - George Warrington (Year 10), who will represent the county this weekend, threw well with 32.33m and Jake Jungmann (Year 9) threw 20.29m.



Javelin - Tim Schoutsen (Year 9) and Joshua Landico (Year 10), both strong throwers, attained 38.89m and 35.72m respectively.

In the 4x100m relay, the final race of the day, it was a matter of getting the baton round successfully; a good team performance meant that we achieved 3rd place.

Final results from an excellent day of athletics saw us placed 1st overall, but by the narrowest of margins. Final positions of schools that competed can be seen below.

1st	374pts	Bourne Grammar School
2nd	372pts	Chapel-en-le-Frith High School, Derbyshire
3rd	366pts	North Kesteven School, Grantham
4th	349pts	The Priory Ruskin Academy, Lincoln
5th	336pts	Corpus Christi Catholic College, West Yorkshire
6th	289pts	St Georges Academy, Sleaford



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tickets for our *Night of Music from the Stage and Screen* have now sold out, but another opportunity to see students perform will be at our annual MADD Evening, where a variety of Music, Dance and Drama pieces will be performed. The evening will take place on Wednesday 12 July at 7pm; tickets can be purchased from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/ELMMKM>.

The Summer Art Exhibition, hosted by the Art Department, will be taking place on Friday 23 June; parents, students and friends are invited to view the showcase of work produced by GCSE and A-Level students from the 2016/17 academic year. Tickets are available free of charge from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/372579>. Those who have purchased tickets for the Music Concert that evening can, if they wish to, view the artwork during the interval.



## ROOT4RYLEY

A charity football match, with all proceeds going to #root4ryley, will be taking place in Baston on Saturday 24 June at 2pm. Three teams will be competing, including a team made up of Year 10 students from BGS. There will also be a few stalls and a raffle taking place. Ryley will be the guest of honour at the event, presenting the trophy to the winning team - please support this event if you can.

## ARTWORK

The paintings featured this week are by Year 11 students, responding to the theme 'Beginning and/or End'.



*Bethan Hurford*



*Phoebe Leadbeater*

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Elyza Howard-Chalmers	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Tilly Manning	7	Mr Innocent	Science
Alexander McFarland	7	Mrs Cowell	Spanish
Alexander McFarland	7	Miss Walters	English
Grace Swindell	7	Mr Bainton	English
Harry Hinkins	8	Mrs Addison	English
Abigail McCullough	8	Miss Allcock	Spanish
Jay Stainton	8	Miss Hempstead	PE
Lea Strakova	8	Mrs Elliker	English
Katie Chitty	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
William Hawkins	9	Miss Bennett	English
Dona Mathew	9	Miss Cousins	History
Fabio Valerio	9	Mr Topham	History
Holly Barber	10	Miss Pollard	Geography
Isabella Thistlewood	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Music** Christopher Dobbs (Year 8) recently passed his Grade 5 Trumpet exam with Merit.

**Drama** Sandra Sajosh (Year 8) recently received the *Victrix Ludorum Award Edna Walker Cup* for overall excellence in a variety of disciplines and the highest score among the winners of the Inter-School Peterborough Drama Festival competition.

