



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



28 October – 1 November

Overview of the Week

Sixth Form Open Evening

Stephen Brown, Deputy Headteacher



On Wednesday, we held our biggest-ever Sixth Form Open Evening. We welcomed a record-breaking 392 students and their families as they toured our 26 A-Level subjects and learnt about our wider offer including high-quality careers advice and our popular Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.

My special thanks go to our current Sixth Form students – 51% of whom turned out to support the event in a myriad of roles from parking attendants and tour guides to supporting their teachers within departments.







Students truly are our finest ambassadors, and I took great pride in the exemplary manner in which they supported the School throughout the evening, helping contribute to the wonderful atmosphere.

Any student, either currently at BGS or at another school, who is interested in joining our Sixth Form is encouraged to contact sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk to learn more.



House Totals

			
17149	18071	15023	17681

*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

Thursday 7 November 2024

Mrs Hall

Booking system

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

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.

The online booking system can be accessed here:

<https://bournegrammar.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the Priority 1 parent and your son/daughter's preferred forename (as used in School), surname and date of birth as recorded on our database. Please ensure only one Priority 1 parent makes the bookings to avoid duplicated appointments.

Guidance on how to carry out a video call can be found here:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via prm@bournegrammar.lincs.sch.uk

Oracy: Debating in Form

Ruwanthi Hasan, 8D

This year, as part of the school's focus on developing Oracy skills, debate has been included in the tutor time programme. Debating serves as a significant tool for subjective growth and effective communication. It also promotes problem solving, innovative thinking and helps students build links between words and ideas that make concepts more meaningful. If students learn how to effectively communicate to each other through debate, it enables them to unite with others and share ideas while also helping them develop their knowledge base. In my opinion, debating in form is a fantastic way to learn how to negotiate and support different



opinions. When we debate a variety of different topics in form, we get to know more about the other side's opinion which forms our ideas to oppose them. You may not always be given the side of the argument you would prefer to debate therefore you must make opinions based on knowledge rather than your own bias. I enjoy debating in form and feel it will lead to the ability of communicating confidently, thinking critically and working together as a team.

Chamber Choir Perform for the Len Pick Trust

Kasia Sulwinska, 9E

The Junior Choir has really been thriving this year, with over 80 students attending each week. As well as singing together, students have also enjoyed being part of smaller Chamber Choirs for particular events. One Chamber Choir member, Kasia Sulwinska writes:

On Friday 18th October, thirteen Year 8 and 9 students from Junior Choir were given the amazing opportunity to sing at the Len Pick Memorial evening at the Corn Exchange in Bourne. We were so happy that we got invited to this special event and it was a joy for us to sing there. We performed 5 songs from the well known 'You Raise Me Up' to a new piece for all of us, John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You.'



Obviously, none of this could have been done without help from Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson, and two 8.30am rehearsals in the mornings each week! Thank you to both of you for the effort that you have put into preparing us to sing here.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the experience as much as we did. Thank you again to the Len Pick Trust for inviting us to come to sing at this special event.

Sisters Bring Home Gold and Silver in the World Championships

Freya, 12G and Astrid, 7E Fairhead-Abrahams



Before the half term break, Freya (Yr 12) and Astrid (Yr 7) Fairhead-Abrahams competed for Team England in the International Combat Organisation World Championships in Frankfurt, Germany. After a long journey through France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, the girls started early on day one. Astrid was first up, competing in Traditional Open-hand Katas, earning herself a silver medal. Astrid and Freya then competed in the same Traditional Weapons category, each with a bo staff, with Freya earning a gold medal and Astrid a bronze medal. This makes Freya an ICO World Champion, and the National Anthem was played as she received her medal on the podium. Freya competed in her Traditional Open-hand Kata category, coming just outside a medal position in fourth place.

The next morning Astrid was in one of the first fights of the day, in her Light Continuous sparring category. Unfortunately, she lost this match, but no shame in losing to the girl who won this category and came second in the tournament overall. Later in the day, Astrid competed in her Points fighting category, winning her first match against a Welsh fighter, losing her second fight by a one-point margin to a fierce Irish opponent and coming back strong against another Welsh fighter to win the bronze medal with a 10-point shutdown (11-0 score). The day finished with Freya competing in her Freestyle Weapons category, winning a silver medal this time.

Finally, on the last day, the girls competed against adult competitors (17+) in their Team Open-hand Kata category where they came in fourth place and finished with a confident performance in their Team Weapons category to earn another silver medal. Overall, a gold medal (and a World Champion title) and two silver medals for Freya, and two silver medals and two bronze medals for Astrid.

In between competing, the girls spent time with their Team England teammates, plus friends from other countries. They also spent a lot of time with the team from South Africa, who were interested to learn about the girls' style of weapons and regulations around their use in performance versus their own very traditional Okinawan style weapons and strict set of rules. What a fantastic experience and achievement for them both!



U14 Badminton Doubles Tournament

Miss Bradley



On Monday 28th October 30 students all lined up to challenge for the title of Best Badminton pairing in Bourne Grammar. We had fourteen girls which is a record entry at Bourne and led to a fabulously exciting and close tournament. What was especially lovely was when several players really surprised themselves by the way they played. Aarya Raghavan played exceptionally well and has made great progress since last year. The group was divided into two leagues with each pairing playing each other leading to a semifinal

of the top two pairings from each league. The semifinalists were Aarikha Arunkumar and Proud Vichathum vs Aarya and Amberley Keith.



The other semifinalists were Maddy Hobson and Abigail Larkin. Against Riya Ramprasad and Geerthana Elango, Aarhika and Proud's extra experience paid off leading to them making the

final against an equally experienced Maddy and Abby. It was a great final but Proud and Aarikha's extra power in their smashes proved the decisive factor.

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Carlota Verdu, 9A, is the deserved winner of this week's BBL Champion Award. The efforts of this impressive Year 9 student have been recognised by her English teacher, Miss Roberts, who writes: 'Carlota always gives 110% to her BBL work, completing her booklet with such intricate detail that I am always amazed to read what she has managed to infer from the texts. We have been studying poems from the Romantic period and the links Carlota draws between our core poems and the supplementary texts are mature and sophisticated. The independent work that Carlota is completing at home is having such a positive impact.'

Well done to Carlota for her sustained hard work, and also to all of our wonderful students for the start they have made to Term 2. Keep up the great independent learning and remember that there will be SENECA prizes awarded to students later this time.

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Esme Fallows	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Tirth Patel	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Emi Wood	7	Miss Bradley	PE
Basem Awadallah	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Bethan Drewett	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Eliza Stubbs	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Jorgie Binns	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Evelyn Bostock	8	Mr Jones	Music
Sylvie Gregory-Smith	8	Mr Green	History
Harshil Varin Kadire	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Advith Kallepally	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Amelia Lidgley	8	Mr Green	History
Zac Moore	8	Mrs Allen	English
Muniba Muhammad	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Eva Neal	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Charlie Redhead	8	Mrs Allen	English
Levi Seaton	8	Mr Edwards	Drama
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	9	Mr Brooker	English
Macy Bundock	9	Mr Green	History
Edward Ciopec	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Leo Hornan	9	Miss Hodge	History

Natalie James	9	Miss Dye	English
Christopher Louzolo	9	Mr Green	History
Ellie Moore	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Bri O'Boyle	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Olivia Sloan	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Alix Smith	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Amelia Stephens	9	Miss Mizen	Biology
Radha Madhurima Thotakura	9	Mrs Welling	Art
Carlota Verdu	9	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Carlota Verdu	9	Mr Green	History
Emilia Wargacka	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Orla Bailey	9	Ms Bowtell	PE
Ben Alliston	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Amelia Comben	10	Mr Miller	Physics
Sonia Oleksiewicz	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Jack Rodway	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Jake Stubbs	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Aras Tugluer	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Connor Wilson	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Emily Lawson	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Maddie Knott	10	Mrs Allen	English
Jack Lewis	10	Mrs Allen	English
Katie Pawluk	10	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Rosie Allen	11	Miss Mizen	Biology
Chloe Cox	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Isabel Friel	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Archie Gaunt	11	Mr Perez	Biology
Eva Harris	11	Mr Perez	Biology
Karthik Kalaraj	11	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Amjad Kebbeh	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Hannah Lessiter	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Milo Moocarme	11	Miss Hodge	History
Aleksi Silkstone	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Eleanor Winn	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Charlie Bloodworth	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Noah Henderson	11	Mr Lennox	Physics
Milhaan Maqsood	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Faye Scott	11	Mr Lennox	Physics
Jonathan Blair	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Isibéal Knight	12	Mrs Welling	Art
Jed Longden	12	Mrs Welling	Art
Holly Potts	12	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Ada Henson	13	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Finn Hewlett	13	Miss Patman	Spanish