



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



6-10 January 2025

Reflection of the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

We returned on Monday to find flooding across Lincolnshire and areas to the north and west of Bourne...and all over the news too. While primary school pupils were being rescued in Edenham over a quarter of our students and staff were unable to get to Bourne, and I must thank everyone for their hard work and patience in getting through the day and making the best of a difficult situation. The school stayed fully open, and our staff were extremely helpful in working to help cover for those forced to stay at home. It was a challenge on the first day back, but we got through it!

Students in Year 10 and 13 have returned to examinations, in the case of Year 13 students a set of very important A Level mocks. I wish all our final year students the very best as they work towards their final ever set of school-based examinations. I urge them all to make the most of this opportunity to test themselves and learn the lessons that are certain to emerge from the process.

Finally, a word of congratulations to our EPQ wizard Mr Mitchell and the excellent team around him of Miss McAleese, Mrs Shales, Mrs Revell, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Everist, all of whom contribute directly to the EPQ programme in the Sixth Form. This year 92% of students who took the EPQ received an A* or A grade, with seven out of the twelve candidates achieving an A*. This is a fabulous set of results once again, and huge congratulations to both students and staff for all their hard work. A great way to begin 2025.

House Totals

1849	2202	2251	2401

House Points earned minus Behaviour Points, from all students in each house for term 3 so far

Year 11: Progress Review Meetings (PRM)

Thursday 16 January 2025

The SchoolCloud booking system is open.

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](#) and is open until Sunday 12 January at 23:55.

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.

All online booking queries should be directed Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

Law Department Updates – Meet the Solicitor and Mock Trials

Mr Mitchell (Subject Leader) and Miss Davis-Williams

It was an incredibly busy run-up to Christmas for Law students as they engaged in a “meet the solicitors” session, kindly arranged by Mrs Elliot and attended by local legal practitioners, and took roles in mock Crown Court trials, building on the experience provided for them by an earlier visit by CPS barrister, Qamar Iqbal.

The “meet the solicitors” event



The Year 12 Law students, across all three groups, were very fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and chat with solicitors from local law firms in an informal carousel arrangement during each session. This ensured that students were able to find out about a wide range of legal specialisms and engage in informal conversations, prompted by a series of questions about the education, training and day-to-day work of solicitors.

It was an incredibly positive, successful and inspiring session for all concerned – and it was great to see students animated with questions and points of view, which might not have happened had the panel of solicitors merely addressed them at the front of the classroom. The Law department is very grateful to Mrs Elliot for organising this fantastic event and to the following solicitors from local law firms who gave their time and expertise for the benefit of BGS students:

- Chris Brown (Hegarty Solicitors): Partner and Head of Family Law.
- Amy Knowles (Buckles Solicitors): Family Law (and a former BGS student).
- Talat Mahmood (Roythornes Solicitors): Senior Associate Property.
- Oscar Scotney (Roythornes Solicitors): Private Clients (and a former BGS student).
- Amy Forman (Roythornes Solicitors): Family Law.

Mock trials



Each group also held a mock Crown Court trial, in which students took the roles of barristers, witnesses, court clerks, jurors, and so on, with the Law teachers acting in a judicial capacity! Every student was involved in the trial process in some way, and it led to three very memorable double lessons, with some gasps from each room as the Jury Foreperson delivered a verdict on the defendant. Students clearly enjoyed the

process and there were some excellent speeches to the jury, brilliant acting from witnesses and compelling exchanges in cross-examination. Whether it was the dressing up (with wigs and gowns provided), the preparation, the delivery of the roles or the spectacle of the court in session, there was something for everybody and we hope it proves an inspiring experience for thinking about future careers.

One of the roles allocated to students was that of court reporter/journalist, and **Ella Dunnett (12T Law)** provided the following account of a trial in her classroom:

Before Christmas, we were given the opportunity to take part in a mock trial in our law lesson, following the case of Sam Kennedy (defendant) and his alleged infliction of assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Terry Woolf (the victim). The experience allowed us to step into the role of legal professionals, such as the prosecution and defence Barristers, the Court Clerk, the usher, witnesses and the jury.



At the start of the trial, the usher officially called the court to order and ensured all participants were ready. The prosecution and defence Barristers then delivered their opening speeches, outlining the key argumentative features of their case, which was critical in giving the jury a clear, concise overview of the facts.

Following this, each witness in turn was called upon, with the court clerk having them take an oath to, "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Both the prosecution and the defence had the opportunity to examine and cross-examine each witness, asking questions to either strengthen and solidify their own argument or challenge the credibility of the opposition's argument.

Once the examination of witnesses concluded, the prosecution and the defence both gave their closing speeches, which aimed to summarise their arguments, undermine the opposition's justifications and further persuade the jury in their favour. The judge then summed up the legal issues of the case, before the Jury Bailiff took the jury to a private room, so that they could deliberate in secret.





The jury discussed the evidence and the arguments presented by both the prosecution and the defence Barristers, before they reached a verdict. This was announced by the jury foreperson in the courtroom, with Sam Kennedy (the defendant) found 'guilty' by a majority verdict.

The judge subsequently brought the trial to a close, summarizing the proceedings and addressing the final outcome.

Overall, the mock trial was an invaluable experience, that not only helped us to understand court proceedings, but also helped to develop essential skills such as teamwork and public speaking. It was beneficial to us, as it consolidated everything we had previously learnt in lessons, giving us a first-hand experience into a real trial, which was incredibly fun and enjoyable.

Photograph credits: Mrs Elliot; Ella Dunnett (12T Law); Lauren Brawn (12S Law).

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

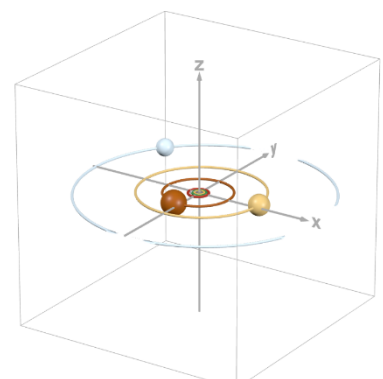
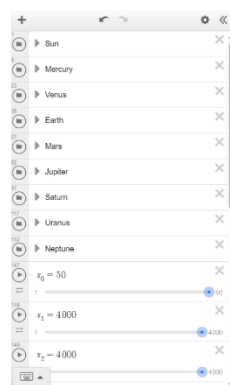


This week's BBL Champion is Ben Fletcher (9B). Ben has independently created a moving replica of the Solar System, a model that he has coded and created by hand using online software Desmos (which is more commonly seen being used by A-Level students).

His teacher, Mr Miller, was incredibly impressed and says how Ben 'researched the equations to describe the elliptical orbit of the planets, and correctly scaled the sizes of the planets and their orbital distances. Ben also included the Moon in orbit around the Earth, and all planets orbit at their correct speeds. This is some very impressive and advanced work.'

I know Ben, having taught him at a younger age, he possesses an intellectual curiosity that is truly remarkable. I include a picture of his incredible piece of BBL work in an attempt to convey the complexity of what he has created.

Ben has the rare mixture of excellent work ethic and natural academic ability.



Reyes y Reinas de la ortografía

Mrs Baverstock

Every term the Spanish department celebrates the success of the best spellers in the target language. These are students who have consistently got full marks in their weekly spelling test. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have managed to reach this very high standard during Term 2 – we are very proud of you.

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!

YEAR 7	YEAR 8		YEAR 9
Sivathmika Nantha Kumar	William Didsbury	Aarya Tirchunapalli	Malika Bartram
Oscar Newman	Sylvie Gregory-Smith	Mckenzie Watt	Begum Kurtoglu
Isla Ankerson	Aarikha Arunkumar	Erika Bryson	Ellie Moore
Teddy Grassby	Martha Shackell	William Duffy	Dylan Moverley
Lily Mann	Finley Bate	Ruby Hefferon	Jensen Homewood
Henry Mitchell	Elena Cox	Olivia Laud	Gabriela Korbylo
Emily Robinson	Bede Drake	Kumayls Meghji	Musfirah Bano
Augusto Dascanio	Jack Gois	Viganth RG	Sian Beeken
Amelia Nicholson	Hemione Lumb	Jess Richardson	Grace Rayner
Ava Steward	Peyton Teague		Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya
Matilda Walker	Evelyn Bostock		Alfie Lovell
Fraser Williamson	Matilda Knowles		Alexander Allen
Sammy Hullock	Zina Nwamarah		Geerthana Elango
Simra Imran	Jorgie Binns		Charlie Hempstead
Tirth Patel	Jazmin Jafri		Johnny Hullock
Romeo Angel	Aqsa Nazam		Chanelle Kye-Nyarko
Tilda-Rose Houghton	Advith Kallepally		Nicole Mancheva
Basem Awadallah	James Willson		Riya Ramprasad
Cerys Knight	Berri Baristo		Darcie Trawford
Hayden Thomas	Noah Mason		

YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
William Blades	Anna Calvert	Jyoti Bista	Poppy Bevan
Ellen Richardson	Isabel Friel	Matilda Eagle-Brown	Alexanne Bradley
Weronika Skrzynecka	Zach Bonjang-Brett	Madeline Keightley	Vivienne Chen
Michael Sarfo	Evaline Cotton	Atte Maaranen	Chloe Kirman
Evie Ingham	Alie Jones	Amy Watkinson	Eva Larter
Zahra Ravji	Shiksha Kaur		Courtney Pudney
Adeena Sajid	Tanish Patel		
	Sophie Quilter		
	Arjun Raghavan		
	Hannah Simpson		
	Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick		
	Filip Wiza		
	Adrienne Moore		
	Amina Umar		
	Henry Northend		

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

As per the letter sent to parents of Year 11 students, please see the timetable for the GCSE revision sessions beginning w/c Monday 13th January.

A small number of students will be required to attend, and these students will be contacted directly. For the vast majority, however, the sessions are not compulsory but are offered as support to anyone wishing to recap prior learning, address any gaps in knowledge or catch-up with coursework. Students need only turn up at the correct time to the venue stated.

As always, a huge word of gratitude must go to the teaching staff who give up their free time, from January until May, to offer this extra support to students. I hope that students fully take advantage of the extra help available.

	Monday 13.1.25	Tuesday 14.1.25	Wednesday 15.1.25	Thursday 16.1.25	Friday 17.1.25
Subject	History	Design Engineering	Spanish	English	Computer Science
Room	H1 - Dr Barmby	DE2 – Mr Delport	Each student's usual Spanish classroom	E1- Ms Bennett	CS2 – Mr Osborne
Revision Topic	America – Change for African Americans (including the Civil Rights Movement)	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Preparation for the Speaking and Writing exams	'How do I approach the extract-based question for Macbeth?'	Theory Revision
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	PE	(Week 2) Maths Set 4 / 5 (Lunchtime)
Room	G3 Mrs Greenfield	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	PE1 - Mr Bowers	Maths 7 - Mr Andy
Revision Topic	A tectonic event - Nepal Earthquake 2015	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Christian Beliefs: Salvation	Skill Classification, Goal Setting, Information Processing Model, Guidance and Feedback	Revision Booklets
Subject		French	(Week 1) Maths Set 4 / 5 (Lunchtime)	Drama (Lunchtime) 12:45 – 13:15	
Room		MFL3 - Mrs Cowell	Maths 7 - Mr Andy	Studio – Mr Moxley	
Revision Topic		Reading Skills: Key tasks & strategies	Revision Booklets	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	
Subject		German (Lunchtime) 12:45 - 13.15	Maths Set 1 – 3 (Lunchtime)		
Room		MFL7 - Ms Currier	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie		
Revision Topic		150 Word Essays	Revision Booklets		

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Will Davies	7	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Oscar Newman	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Martha Saralis	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Toby Scholes	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Eloise Clarke	8	Mrs Woolf	Science
Amara Densham	8	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Patricija Krulko	8	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Aarya Tirchunapalli	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Riya Trivedi	8	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Angelia Wu	9	Miss Hodge	History
Grace Cullen	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Andreas Halford	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Charlie Lumb	10	Dr Hanson	Biology
Evie Metcalfe	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Scarlett Parr	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Michael Sarfo	10	Mrs Stohar	Spanish
Elisa Wright	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Thomas Graham	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Taryn Lee	11	Mrs Bolitho	Registration
Evie Mabey	11	Dr Barmby	History
Atiksh Agnihotri	13	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Poppy Bevan	13	Dr Hanson	Biology
Joely Fordham	13	Mr Tighe	Politics
Sasha Milne	13	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language