



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



3 – 7 March 2025

Reflection of the Week





Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week a hearty well done to all our Year 7 and 8 students for getting through their examination week so magnificently. At such a young age it is important to strike the balance between wanting to keep examination pressures as low as possible while still giving every individual the opportunity to become used to the exam hall and what it means to sit formal tests, and I felt that both year groups had an excellent week. As I repeat time after time, I hope the lessons learned from the process will significantly outweigh any importance attached to raw examination marks, and I strongly recommend that everyone in Year 7 and 8 has a relaxing weekend and forgets school work entirely for a couple of days!

And as we move into March, the Duke of Edinburgh outdoor season kicks in, and it is great to see both Silver and Gold cohorts conducting practice training tomorrow and on Sunday. The D of E scheme is a wonderful opportunity to be stretched, but also to put back into society, and I wish Mrs Brett, her team, and all students involved a top quality weekend in fine weather!

And finally, a shout out to the PE department for continuing to provide such a rich diet of sporting experiences above and beyond regular fixtures. This week we took our cross country runners to the National Schools Cross Country Finals at Leeds Grammar, our U16 girls to a rugby sevens competition at Oundle, and our U15 girls to the district netball tournament. Sporting opportunities at BGS are excellent but none would be possible without the hard work of the PE department. A big thank you Mr Ray and the dedicated team around him.

House Totals

			
4396	4178	3752	4246

Totals shown are House Points minus Behaviour Points awarded so far this term

Year 12 mock interview afternoon

Mrs Elliott

This week the School hosted the second of its two mock interview afternoons – the idea is to give our year 12 interview practice, useful for applying for apprenticeships, jobs, university and placement years. Students benefitted from a 20 minute interview with a local employer/volunteer with the opportunity for them to share valuable feedback. Whilst students had had the opportunity to prepare answers for some questions, they were also asked a number of other questions asking about their interests, strengths, and aspirations. Students left full of enthusiasm and for many new-found confidence. Employers likewise spoke of how impressed they were by the students and how they were a credit to the school.



Our thanks go to employers and volunteers who supported the event which included:



Valentine's Day Bake Off

House Leaders

Bourne Grammar Bakers showed off their skills on Valentine's Day, taking part in a Bake-Off house competition. Students were asked to enter bakes that were valentines or love themed, and students did not disappoint.

The Senior House Captains and the House Leaders were blown away by the creativity and technical skills of the entries, including heart shaped cakes and cookies, rocky roads and brownies. Across all the bakes, there was so much talent, imagination and skill shown, producing a diverse and impressive range.

1st Place

Oliver Hill, Callum Selby, James Houghton (Meitner)



2nd Place – Ella Barratt (Tinbergen)



3rd Place – Bella Hill (Tinbergen) and Eva Harris (Meitner)



Highly Commended bakes:

Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick (Meitner)



Dasha Nechaieva (Tinbergen)



Anoushka Bartram (Rorschach)



Nevaeh Agyemang (Behn)



After the judging, all the cakes were sold to students and staff to raise money for this year's school charity, Anna's Hope, and the students were queueing out of the door as soon as the lunch bell rang! A great atmosphere was created, with business throughout lunchtime and lots of students coming to support the event. Overall, £226.36 was raised.

House Points were awarded to the House with the most entries, with Meitner taking 1st place with a whopping 22 entries! Tinbergen came 2nd, Rorschach 3rd and Tinbergen 4th. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, either by entering bakes or coming to buy some cake!

ICO English Open Martial Arts Success

Astrid and Freya both made a good start to their martial arts competition season at the ICO English Open in Oxford before half-term.

Astrid earned a bronze medal in Points Fighting, only losing to the girl who won the category. Astrid went on to earn a silver medal in her Traditional Weapons category and then a gold medal with her sister Freya for Team Traditional Forms. So she managed to bring home the full set of gold, silver and bronze medals!



Freya started the day with a bronze medal in her Traditional Forms category. After an initial draw for third position which meant having to perform again, she chose to go with a different kata and this time secured the bronze in a tough category. Freya then went on to win a gold medal with her sister Astrid in Team Traditional Forms. She followed this with a second gold medal in her Creative Forms group, her first time entering this type of category. Finally, Freya earned herself a third gold medal in her Creative Weapons category, bringing home a total of three gold medals and a bronze medal!

Both girls really enjoy these competitions, not just taking part themselves, but supporting all the friends they've made.

Congratulations Astrid and Freya!



Reyes y Reinas de la ortografía

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 3 – we are very proud of you.

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!

YEAR 7

Pola Azikiewicz
Vibha Banda
Harry Cosford
Martina Llamas Amore
Teddy Grassby
Emily Robinson
Beth Stevenson
Nathan Willerton-Busby
Augusto Dascanio
Hugo Geeson
Amelia Nicholson
Owen Pryke
Ava Steward
Fraser Williamson
Simra Imran
Iris Thomas
Ben Cham
Isaac Donaldson
Olivia Woolard
Harvey Weston
Jack Watson

YEAR 8

Jack Andresen
Lavinia Bomford
Naomi Crowther
Sylvie Gregory-Smith
Mahdiyah Jaffer
Elle-ena Kennard
Peggy Larter
Amelia Lidgley
Divyana Patel
Sophie Shorrocks
Imaan Adil Zaka
Aarikha Arunkumar
Liam Forman
Lucas Huang
Muniba Muhammad
Maia Paige
Finley Bate
Emeli Butcher
Elena Cox
Amara Densham
Bede Drake
Jack Gois
Hemione Lumb
Imaan Manji
Ethan Renehan
Freya Ridgewell

Peyton Teague
Fatimah Walji
Fatima Abbas
Evelyn Bostock
Harry Chappell
Wilbur Crawford
Robin Daniels
Madeleine Hobson
Juliette King
Matilda Knowles
Zina Nwamarah
Ava Bembridge
Jorgie Binns
Riley Keith
Autumn Kieley
Grace Edgell
Luke Johnson
Harshil Varin Kadire
Advith Kallepally
Sukhveer Kaur
Demi Sanwo
Andrejs Zinkevics
Kamsy Anike
Sophia Aziz
Berri Baristo
Lillyana Darcy
Ali Mahdi Jaffer
Noah Mason
Sophie Perrin
Aarya Raghavan
Adsajan Sivakumar
Aarya Tirchunapalli
Samaira Bajaj
Isabelle Bradley
Erika Bryson
Fred Candy
William Duffy
Lewis Evans
Bethany Gledhill
Ruby Hefferon
Jasmine Hill
Jules Kelsey
Julianne Kettle
Olivia Laud
Lennon Smith
Kumayls Meghji
Jess Richardson
Maya Pascan

YEAR 9

Malika Bartram
Begum Kurtoglu
Ellie Moore
Zoe Roberts
Jack Townsend
Amelia Giblin
Jensen Homewood
Imogen Southwood
Caspar Baldock
Emilia Barrick
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya
Yogit Bodduluri
Zack Browne
Nandini Mamillapalle
Nylah Moore
Maisie Moulds
Sophie Robinson
Haleema Ali
Henry Hayes
Nicole Mancheva
Riya Ramprasad
Benjamin Sayer
Emily Simmons
Aleksander Wiza

YEAR 10

Chidera Anike
William Blades
Evie Bunford
Luca Christoudias
George Goode
Josh Goodwin
Leah Graham
Andreas Halford
Izzy Hughes
Eloise Hull
Daniel Komives
Jayden Luis
Honor Moore
Ellen Richardson
Emily Sewell
Weronika Skrzynecka
Miguel Valdez
Jessica Crowland
Daisy Willimer
Lois Cox
Catalina Diaz-Munoz
Jessica Hammond
Aayan Hanif

Jessie Jardine
Niketh Mambala
Zahra Ravji
Adeena Sajid
Luisella Pacitti

YEAR 11

Oscar Bell
Chloe Burgin
Jack Cotuk
Chloe Cox
Calem Healy
Oliver Hill
Emma Hodson
Emma Kettle
Amani Lawal
Karina Ying Yu Lok
Deon Mathew
Aurora Mitchell
Holly Moore
Faith Perkins
Hamsini Raja
Shreya Sajosh
Evie Sutton
Anna Calvert
William Brown
Harvey Milner
Melissa Peng
Alice Chauvaux
Shiksha Kaur
Marco Perna
Arjun Raghavan
Hannah Simpson
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick
Filip Wiza
Adrienne Moore

YEAR 12

Jyoti Bista
Matilda Eagle-Brown
Madeline Keightley
Atte Maaranen
Amy Watkinson

YEAR 13

Poppy Bevan
Vivienne Chen
Chloe Kirman
Eva Larter
Courtney Pudney

DNA Club

Dylan Moverley



We always knew that building this DNA model would be a challenging task and take a lot of time, although we thought it would take longer than it did. During this time, we got to know each other better, especially after we had just been set into new classes, so before the year, for example, I didn't know anything about the other members of this club before the start of the year.

As with every big task there will be setbacks, such as before Christmas when one member tried putting a piece on, and ended up knocking it over. However, because of this, we worked harder to fix it, which carried on the motivation to finish it, so sometimes, setbacks can be good.

One of the best memories from building it was on Chinese new year, where some members bought fortune cookies, and we found out what the paper in it said, apart from one member who ate his bit of paper along with the cookie. But the best memory was the satisfaction of putting the final piece on the model, this showed us how much we had accomplished.

It is still hard to believe that we started out midway through term 2 with a bunch of plastic pieces and a piece of A4 paper, and we have turned it into a fantastic DNA model within 2 terms. The person we are most grateful to is Dr Hanson, who gave up her time every Wednesday lunchtime, and provided the model, to allow us to achieve this.

A brilliant achievement for everyone in the club: Dylan Moverley, Isaac McLaren, Justin Rusalim, Oliver Nicol, Toby Haylock-Cox, and Brogan Dragota,

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Jessica Nicholson (9E) is a model student, winning this week's BBL Champion accolade (and 10 Achievement Points) for her outstanding independent work in English. Her teacher describes the reasoning behind the award:

'For every English BBL task completed this year, Jess has approached all questions with rigour and thoroughness. Each week she has produced a response which encompasses extra research into the current text and her own thoughtful personal observations. She has led the whole class in becoming more determined to work hard on independent BBL work and shown how essential the supplementary texts are in forming a wider understanding of the main text. Jess, we are very proud of you.'

Currently the class is studying George Orwell's allegorical text, *Animal Farm*, and Jessica says, "the historical links to context we make in class are useful in other subjects as well as expanding our general knowledge. The social problems discussed in the books we read can help us to understand those in the world around us today."

Well done, Jessica. Keep up the great work – your attitude is impressing all those around you.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

All students are encouraged to fully take advantage of the extra help available, aimed at helping you recap prior learning, address gaps in knowledge or catch-up with coursework. While some will be required to attend, the sessions are voluntary and there is no need to book -just turn up. As always, a huge word of gratitude to the teaching staff who give up their free time from January until May to offer this extra support.

	Monday 10.03.25	Tuesday 11.03.25	Wednesday 12.03.25	Thursday 13.03.25	Friday 14.03.25
Subject	History	Design Engineering	Geography (Lunchtime)	English	Maths Set 4 -5 (Lunchtime)
Room	H1 - Dr Barmby	DE2 – Mr Delpont	G3-Mrs Greenfield	E1- Ms Bennett	Maths 7 - Mr Andy
Revision Topic	WW1 – Causes of the Stalemate	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	An LIDC city, Lagos	Q4 – Paper 1- Language	Revision Booklets
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	Drama (lunchtime)	Music (lunchtime)
Room	G4 Mrs Evans, G2 Miss Lindley	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	Studio – Mr Moxley	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic	An LIDC (development strategies) DRC	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Paper 1: Holy Communion	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	Coursework Catch-up
Subject	Computer Science (Lunchtime)	French	Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)	PE	
Room	CS2 – Mr Osborne	MFL3 - Mrs Cowell	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	PE1 Mr Bowers	
Revision Topic	Coding revision (exam questions)	Speaking: General Conversation	Completing the Square	(Paper 2 – Yr 11 work) Technology, Engagement Patterns and PEDs	
Subject		German (lunchtime)		Geography (Lunchtime)	
Room		MFL7 - Ms Currier		G3 Mrs Greenfield	
Revision Topic		150 Word Essays		An LIDC DRC	

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Simra Imran	7	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Amalie Keegan	7	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Kieran James	8	Mr Perez	Science
Zac Moore	8	Mrs Allen	English
Aarya Raghavan	8	Mr Khumalo	Science
Rowan Rai	8	Mrs Allen	English
Joshua Ramsey	8	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Peyton Teague	8	Mr Perez	Science
Lily-Anna Teillant	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Yat Long Issac Chan	8	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Hayden Thongphay	9	Ms Bennett	English
Ellis Trimmer	9	Ms Bennett	English
Fin Ashwell	10	Dr Barmby	History
Danesha Kumari	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Aarya Vijayasankar	10	Mrs Evans	Geography
Elisa Wright	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Ava Hodge	10	Mrs Hall	Option Evening
Aryan Makwana	10	Mrs Hall	Option Evening
Ffion Perkins	10	Mrs Hall	Option Evening
Michael Sarfo	10	Mrs Hall	Option Evening
Rosie Hasbury	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Shiksha Kaur	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Sebastien Louzolo	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Poppy McLearnon	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Sophie Gombault	11	Mr Harris	Chemistry
William Burton	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Eva Harris	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Charles Kavati	11	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Annabel Sutton	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Bronte Wyvill	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Amelia Borowiak	12	Mrs Welling	Art
Poppy Bevan	13	Miss Patman	Spanish
Isobel Rodway	13	Mrs Worrall	Spanish

SPORT

National Schools Cross-Country Cup Final

Mr Sheppard

On Saturday 1 March, we attended the National Schools Cross-Country Cup Final at The Grammar School at Leeds. The course is an excellent one for spectators, providing a clear view of the runners throughout. We had two teams competing: an intermediate girls' team and an intermediate boys' team, both of whom qualified from the regional final at the end of 2024. The national final represents the pinnacle of school running competitions, offering athletes the opportunity to see how they rank on a national level.

First up were the intermediate girls. Edith Kaberry and Leah Graham started strong, running the first lap together and pushing each other along. In the second half, Edith surged ahead, gaining several positions in the final lap. She finished in an impressive 42nd place nationally and was our strongest runner of the day, followed by Leah in 75th. Next came Lucy Preston, who has become the team's consistent third runner over the past few years, along with Bri O'Boyle, both of whom finished in quick succession. A special mention goes to Lois Cox and Ellen Richardson, who were unable to run due to injury and illness. A big thank you to Ellen for making the trip just to support her team!

The intermediate boys' competition was fierce from the start. Leading our pack of runners was Cayden Mackay (88th), who ran a fantastic race, starting strong and gaining momentum throughout. He was followed closely by Monty Bage and Ben Alliston, who ran an excellent race together, frequently exchanging positions and overtaking several competitors along the way. Next came Zack Brown, who set off at a blistering pace and gave his all from start to finish. Following Zack were Noah Skinner and Freddie Neal, both of whom ran positively. Notably, in the closing stages of the race, Noah fought hard to secure several positions.

Congratulations to both teams for qualifying from the regional final—it was fantastic to see them competing in their national finals kit. A huge thank you to the two anonymous donors who generously provided funding for the kit. We also extend our gratitude to all the parents who came out to support the students.

Finally, a reminder: if anyone is interested in improving their running ability or simply building fitness, please join Mr. Sheppard on Mondays and Wednesdays after school!

Year 11 Rugby

Mr Gervis

On Tuesday 4 March, we played a great game against a very well drilled Lincoln LSST team. It was a hard fought with BGS coming out on top in the first half. However, the very well trained and tactically aware opposition had extremely quick rucking speed and general speed of ball, with some very big ball carriers throughout, which made the difference, and we lost by a couple of tries. All you can hope in these circumstances is a competitive match and it certainly was that.

An outstanding performance was put in by our captain Noah Humphries, who carried and tackled like a demon the whole way through. A notable mention to Noah Henderson who

managed to convert a close to 50 metre penalty. Some excellent big tackling from Sam Whitmore and Monty Wood, made against some very big fast players, and, in the context of the game, these were highly important. An explosive debut from the bench was seen at the end of the game by Zach Bojang. All in all, a great performance for our penultimate match as a Year 11 team. Looking forward to next week playing Casterton, where we hope for a big crowd to cheer the team on for a winning end of the season.