



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**24 - 28 March 2025**

## **A message from the Chair of Trustees – Our Next Headteacher**

Ian Mears

This week we embarked on the recruitment process for our next Headteacher to replace Mr Anderson who leaves us at the end of this academic year. This exercise was grueling in the extreme, with some ten individual tasks and panels set up to give the trustees an insight into the capabilities of the three very confident and able shortlisted candidates.

Late on Wednesday afternoon the Panel regrouped to deliberate the results and consider making an appointment. It was very clear at this point that we had our ideal fit for the post and as you will by now know, we have appointed Mr Mark Brunner to lead our School from September. Mr Brunner has been our Deputy Head Pastoral for a number of years and has already achieved great success in leading the Pastoral team at Bourne Grammar.





I know that Mr Brunner enjoys enormous popularity amongst the student body, but I was unprepared for the reaction of the staff. I had barely uttered the words confirming that he was to be the new head when the entire assembly applauded and cheered in a chorus which I was sure would raise the roof. This was a truly wonderful, humbling moment, and one which will forever linger on in my memory.

With the cheers still ringing in my ears, I am confident that Mr Brunner will lead our fantastic staff to even greater success, ensuring that our students continue to thrive and enjoy the BGS experience.

My sincere thanks go to all of the staff and students who participated in the process and without whom we simply could not have been as thorough and forensic in our search.

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mr Brunner and wish him every success for the future. Congratulations and well done, Mark, we are all proud of you!

### **House Totals**

			
<b>9162</b>	<b>8860</b>	<b>8350</b>	<b>9534</b>

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

## Duke of Edinburgh Success – Gold Award Achieved – Sammy Harriss Year 13

Mrs Brett

Congratulations to Sammy Harriss who has successfully completed his Gold DofE Award. Throughout Sammy's progression through all 3 Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold), Sammy has devoted much of his time to his love of hockey. He has volunteered to coach younger club members as well as developed his own skills and fitness abilities in the game.



For Sammy's Gold Volunteering section, he decided to volunteer at a local Care Home. He visited residents, keeping them company and enriching their day. This form of volunteering is hugely valuable to care home residents and Sammy was especially welcomed owing to his sense of humour and attentive nature.

Sammy is a talented pianist currently working towards Grade 7. He also plays the drums. Throughout the 3 years of participating on the DofE scheme, Sammy has developed these skills and is close to achieving Piano Grade 7.

The team Gold Expedition took place in the cold and wet Yorkshire Dales (Easter 2024) and hot and sunny (at times!) Lake District. Sammy's ability to raise spirits and keep the team morale was invaluable, and the team noted his ability to 'buckle down' and get on with the task at hand, adding a few jokes here and there to help lift the mood.

For his Residential camp, Sammy took part in a sailing expedition from Plymouth to Portsmouth aboard a 72" Challenger Yacht. He spent 5 days and 4 nights learning navigation and sailing skills to complete the voyage with a team of young people.

It has been a pleasure to support Sammy through his DofE journey and I hope he has a wonderful day at the Palace when it comes. Well done and best wishes from the DofE team!

### Oracy in Spanish

Annabelle B, 9F, and Tyler G, 9H

In our Spanish lessons, the class enjoys tasks that involve listening or working in pairs. Additionally, we engage in fun games, such as 'tic-tac-toe', which encourage everyone to actively participate. For instance, one game we play called 'Translate Grid' involves two teams who need to correctly translate a phrase to earn or lose points. Once all the phrases in the grid have been translated, the team with the most points wins. These games generate excitement and enthusiasm among the class.



Furthermore, almost every lesson in Spanish includes at least one pair activity or an opportunity for everyone to verbally contribute answers. The class are always eager to demonstrate their skills. In another game we play, called 'Fast Translation', a phrase appears on the board and the first person to raise their hand and translate it correctly earns a point. If they answer incorrectly, they're out of that round. Oracy games are especially enjoyed by the class because they are interactive and fun, providing a dynamic way to learn.

Our favourite part of studying Spanish is the engaging and diverse oracy tasks we have the opportunity to complete. We believe these tasks are incredibly beneficial to students as they help reinforce what we've learned during the lesson as well as ensuring we retain Spanish vocabulary effectively.

## **Singing Grade Exam Successes**

Mr Tomlinson

Congratulations to the following students who recently achieved the following grades in singing.

Daria Nachieva - Grade 2 - merit  
Erika Bryson - Grade 3 - distinction  
Mia Chiappini - Grade 4 - distinction  
Emily Lawson - Grade 5 - merit  
Olivia Dunicz - Grade 8 - merit  
Vivienne Chen - Grade 8 - distinction

## **Tae Kwon Do – Gold**

Congratulations to Oscar Bell, Y11, who competed in the English Tae Kwon Do championships at the weekend winning a gold medal for sparring. He is now looking forward to competing in the World Championships in July.

Fantastic achievement, well done!



## **England Camp**



Harper Graham (year 10) received her first call-up to represent England U15 in their recent international fixture camp at St George's Park. What was already an amazing opportunity and unforgettable experience, Harper marked her debut with a goal in England's commanding 5-1 victory over Scotland. The team also faced Spain later on the week but fell short with a 3-1 loss.

## BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

There are two BBL Champions this week, both of whom receive recognition for quite outstanding independent learning in mathematics. The Dr Frost platform, which is tailored to our own students' needs, is the perfect tool for students wishing to practice solving mathematical questions at home. Points are awarded as students complete questions and teachers are able to track learning at home.



Rishith Inukollu (7A) is leading the Dr Frost league table of points received in 2025 thus far. This wonderful young man was a pleasure to meet and when asked why he spends so long studying maths at home, his answer was both honest and simple; 'if I am learning how to find the area of a rectangle, then I naturally want to know how to find the area of a circle, and then of 3-D shapes too. I just want to learn more and more.'

Robin Gove (9H) has amassed an incredible 28594 points, more than any other student in the whole of Bourne Grammar School. Robin says he does 'a little bit of Dr Frost every night, rather than a lot in one go.' When I asked what career plans he had later in life, he replied that he would like to have his own business, or perhaps a job in banking.



These two very impressive students are fully embracing the concept of BBL and their understanding of mathematics will grow and grow. A huge well done to both and to the other students in the top 10 of both tables - keep up the sterling efforts!

RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY	TOTAL POINTS	RANK	STUDENT	TOTAL MASTERY
1	Rishith Inukollu (7A/Ma1)		38653	1	Robin Gove (9S/Ma3)	28594
2	Harry Cosford (7A/Ma1)		11149	2	Natalie James (9S/Ma3)	26436
3	Harshil Kadire (8eh/Ma1)		10914	3	Viganth RG (Beh/Ma1)	23721
4	Rikil Chanda (7H/Ma1)		9119	4	Madison Mylchreest (13C/Fm1)	23510
5	Arnav Jain (7D/Ma1)		7941	5	Hannah Simpson (11J/Sf1, 11S/Ma1)	21908
6	Ruwanthi Hasan (8ad/Ma1)		7872	6	Ruwanthi Hasan (Bad/Ma1)	21862
7	Robin Gove (9S/Ma3)		7569	7	Sasha Mackintosh (Bad/Ma1)	20941
8	Ryan Ogbonna (8eh/Ma4)		7552	8	Suraj Yadravi (Bad/Ma1)	20858
9	Divyana Patel (8ad/Ma2)		5743	9	Lamar Farahat (9G/Ma2)	20601
10	Basem Awadallah (7C/Ma1)		4623	10	Zahra Ravji (10S/Ma1)	19847

## 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 31.03.25	Tuesday 01.04.25	Wednesday 02.04.25	Thursday 03.04.25	Friday 04.04.25
<b>Subject</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Design Engineering</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Music (lunchtime)</b>
<b>Room</b>	H1- Mrs Bainbridge	DE2 – Mr Delpont	Students to attend their usual classroom.	E1- Ms Roberts	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Edward I – Government (Statutes and Parliament)	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	<b>Higher and Foundation Tiers:</b> Full Speaking exam practice	Approaching 7b Paper 2	Coursework Catch-up
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>EPR</b>	<b>Drama (lunchtime)</b>	
<b>Room</b>	G1 Miss Lindley	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	Studio – Mr Moxley	
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Exam technique for 6 and 8 mark questions	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Paper 1: The Shi'a Imams	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)</b>	<b>EPR</b>	
<b>Room</b>	CS2 – Mr Osborne	MFL3 - Mrs Cowell	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	EPR 2 – Ms Atkinson	
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Coding revision (exam questions)	Speaking: General Conversation	Finding the equation of the tangent to a circle	4&5 mark questions on Islam	
<b>Subject</b>		<b>German (lunchtime)</b>	<b>Maths Set 4-5 (Lunchtime)</b>		
<b>Room</b>		MFL7 - Ms Carrier	Maths 7 - Mr Andy		
<b>Revision Topic</b>		150 Word Essays	Revision Booklets		

## Students of the Week

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Will Edwards	7	Miss Patman	Registration
Hugo Geeson	7	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Amelia Cody	7	Miss Hodge	History
Elle-ena Kennard	8	Mrs Evans	Geography
Ivy Roberts	8	Mrs Edwards	English
Oliver Nicol	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Benjamin Norton	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Izzy Palmer	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Isaac Quince	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Benjamin Sayer	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Noah Skinner	9	Mrs Welling	Art
Freya Stewart	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Dylan Ware	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Zade Tizi	10	Ms Bowtell	PEGCSE
Harper Graham	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Anna Calvert	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Yuvi Ranaut	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Ella Snart	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Jasmine Brewer	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Callum Grant	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Aditi Kumar	12	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Dhanya Ravi	12	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Kashvi Woosa	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Zak Brown	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Scarlet Clifford	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Zara Johnson	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Zara Johnson	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Eliana Russo	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology

## SPORT

### East U14 Hockey Tournament

Miss Bowtell

Ten girls were selected from over 30 possible trialists for the honour of being in our Elite team competing in the regional and national state school tournaments.

The first of these was last Friday at Hertford and Essex Sports Centre where the team competed against four teams from across the region.

We competed against Chelmsford High School, Harleston Academy, Hitchingbrooke School and Essex and Herts school.

The girls faced some very experienced and talented young girls and did so with 3 year 9 talented students and 9 year 8 girls. As soon as we started it became apparent that we had the best goalkeepers in Caoimh Healey and Jasmine Wilkinson and they were put to the test straight away against Harleston. The girls were forced to defend and jumped straight into action with Georgia Summerfield and Ella Staff battling away and strong in their tackles. Having faced a wave of attacks the girls fought back with an excellent flowing move down the right where the ball was then placed beautifully to Romilly Sondh to slot home. Textbook goal, leaving Miss Bowtell jumping for joy. The game continued with a strong ebb and flow with us marking tightly and Harleston being determined and pressing strongly. This eventually led to a late goal. Final score 1-1.



The next game was even harder against the eventual finalists who had national representatives in their squad. However we decided to tactically place our most disciplined and fittest player Sophie Alliston in the middle with the unenviable task of marking her out of the game. Well what an amazing job she did and so did the rest of the team. We did lose 2-0 but that was from two set pieces where this girl managed to score from two straight strikes. Other teams had been heavily beaten by this team and you know you have played well when

other coaches tell you how impressed they are with your girls. I think that game had tired the girls out and the next and perhaps easiest game was in fact our worst and the girls left the field very disappointed having known they could have and should have won that one. However we finished on a high by drawing once more with Herts and Essex High school who had again been playing some incredible Hocky.

The girls played so solidly together and as a real unit, and actually created some really good attacking chances, something we never thought possible at the start of the day watching them play. Harriet Templeman and Amberley Keith gained so much experience in these matches that

their tactical awareness developed so much that I look forward to seeing their development next Friday. In particular Amberley was exceptional in man-marking her player who was one of the strongest in the team.

Elodie Collins, our midfield maestro was our most experienced player and the Captain for the day and inspired all around her to keep working hard down the wings. Josie Thurston is the final member who used her speed to chase down the opponents' defenders and was a thorn in the side of all teams as she never ever gave up in harassing her opponents.



To top the fabulous day was a welcome team stop at a favourite restaurant of the school teams!!

End result : 1 Loss and 4 draws which is a great start for a first full tournament for this squad. Bring on next Friday at the National event.

Player of the match-

Game 1 Caoimhe Healey

Game 2 Sophie Alliston

Game 3 Ella Staff

Game 4 Amberley Keith

Game 5 Josie Thurston

What makes this tournament special is that the Year 10 team players Kiki Timmins, Honor Moore and Eloise Hull all managed the team. They were the coaches, first aid administrators and warm up coaches who did a marvellous job. Also supporting the squad is our resident elite Hockey umpire James Risebrow who kindly came with us. With this dream team how could we fail....



## Rugby – End of Season Report

Mr Bowers

The rugby season came to a successful end yesterday with the year 9s beating Priory LSST 57-5.

Rugby this year at BGS has taken a step forward, with wins aplenty and performances from teams and individuals that have shown some real class and commitment. I could mention tens of students that have played major roles in teams this year, but two standouts have been Noah Humphries and Fin Gray, both Year 11 and playing two years up have been key parts of a 6th form team that have won 6 out of their 7 games this year, the most successful 1st XV seasons we have had in the last decade. Captained by Harry Evison-Williams, the 6th form team have shown genuine progress as the year moved on, starting of a little shakily but getting into their groove quickly and having a real understanding of individual roles in the team, which saw them beat a Stamford U18 leavers team, an excellent result.

The Year 9 team made it through to the second round of the National Cup earlier in the year, and whilst this seems like a minor step, similar to the 6th form, this is the first time in a decade that a team has made it through to the second round before coming up against Stamford, a tough draw. But as the year has progressed, they have developed their skills in attack and their discipline in defense to become a solid side. It has been fantastic to see buy-in from the year group, of whom only a handful play rugby outside of School, but have been supported by students who just want to get stuck in, have a go, and become part of a successful team. Wins against Spalding Grammar and Carres Grammar were particularly standout performances, alongside the County 7s triumph not long ago, and a dominant display last night topped their successful season off perfectly.



We also had success with the Year 11 team, a report a couple of weeks ago summed up their attitude and commitment to rugby at BGS by Mr Gervis, who I would like to take this moment to thank publicly for his support to rugby at BGS and without this, the struggle of weekly training for a number of year groups, and his commitment to fixtures would have made it extremely difficult to have such a successful year.