



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



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Reflection of the Week





Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

The weather has changed! This week the field was opened for our students to relax and play in their free time at lunch. With the arrival of some sunshine and (hopefully) drier days, it is great to be able to encourage people outside onto the grass and I look forward conducting my usual count of concurrent football games being played. Always a lovely time of year.

While they did not qualify for the national stages of the competition, I would like to thank our Sixth Form debating team of Mayra Narang, Akshaya Tirchunapalli and Paa-Yaw Gyan (coached by Connie Bayliss and Rhys Evans in Year 13) for their efforts on Monday over at King’s Grantham when six regional schools vied for a single spot in those national stages. The team performed extremely well, receiving great feedback from the judges, and my thanks to Mr (Physics) Mitchell for his leadership and organisation of our flourishing Debating Society.

Finally, well done to our Cross Country athletes who competed in the National Finals in Leeds last weekend under Mr Ray’s guidance, and to our Rugby Sevens teams, Year 9 being crowned county champions and Year 8 county runners-up last week. Great to see school rugby in fine fettle under the guidance of Mr Bowers, well done to all players involved.

House Totals

			
7732	7103	6740	8009

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

Duke Of Edinburgh

Mrs Brett

Silver and Gold Planning Days

The DofE Silver and Gold groups have had a busy time last weekend prepping for their expeditions that will run over the Easter break. All groups attended school on Saturday 8th March to plan their expedition routes and undertook some additional training to ensure they are ready to take part.

Silver groups planned their 3-day expedition in the Rutland area which will start on Saturday 5th April. The Golds planned their 4-day expedition in the Yorkshire Dales, starting Wednesday 9th April, and decided whether or not to negotiate the local 3 Peaks – Ingleborough, Wharfedale and Pen-y-Ghent. Most are!



Additionally, the Gold teams took part in a full day of First Aid training last Sunday to ensure they can look after each other whilst walking in remote areas. They practised CPR, using a defibrillator, managing bleeding as well as other skills that may (though hopefully not!) be required whilst they are walking in the hills.

Well done teams, the positive energy over the weekend was fantastic and I hope you are all looking forward to your expeditions! Good Luck!



Gold Award Success- Amy Fletcher Year 13



Congratulations to Amy Fletcher who has completed her DofE Gold Award. During Amy's progression through all 3 levels of the DofE scheme, she has fostered her interest in the natural world, the environment, and animal welfare by volunteering at various charities; Penfield Nature Reserve, Pablo's Horse Sanctuary, and the Exotic Pet Refuge Centre. Amy's efforts to publicise the charities as well as look after the animals in her care has been much appreciated and has helped her to decide her future career.

Amy's passion for free running (Parkour) has also developed during her DofE journey, whilst learning to play the guitar was her chosen activity to fulfil the Skills requirement of the scheme.



Amy was part of a team of 6 individuals who took on the challenge of the Yorkshire Dales' wind, cold weather, peaks and moorland for their Easter Practice expedition. In July, the Gold teams undertook their Qualifying expedition in a hot and sunny Lake District which proved even more challenging. Amy was a strong navigator from the onset and often took the lead. The team came to rely on Amy for her ability to brief the team accurately whilst lifting spirits and boosting morale.

It has been a pleasure to support Amy through her DofE award levels and hope she has enjoyed the experience, recognises her accomplishments, and is very proud of what she has achieved. I hope she has a wonderful day at the Palace when the Celebration Day comes around. Well done and best wishes from the DofE Team.

ESU Schools' Mace Debating Competition - Regional Finals

Connie Bayliss, Year 13



On Monday, the Year 12 Debating Team attended the Regional Final of the ESU Schools' Mace Debating Competition hosted by King's School, Grantham. The event consisted of three debates featuring six schools from across the region with a range of topics, including the use of influencers in advertising, animal testing for scientific purposes, and fines for sports clubs if their fans commit violence. Our team was arguing against fines for

sports clubs, and we were up against Stamford School in an engaging debate that was thoroughly entertaining for both the participants and the audience.

Our speakers, Mayra, Akshaya and Paa-Yaw, did fantastically well, and, although they did not quite manage to be the one team selected to go through to the National Final, they received some highly positive feedback from the judges. We were extremely impressed with the effort and time they have devoted to the competition. This is only the second year that we have been a part of the ESU competition and to have made it this far is a testament to the dedication and skill of our team. Their Year 13 coaches, Rhys and Connie (me), as well as the debating society co-ordinator, Mr Mitchell (Physics), are so proud of them and have enjoyed watching their skills improve over the last few months.



Monday evening was an incredible event and provided our debaters with further debating experience, and we even got to see Isaac Newton's own signature that he had carved into the school's windowsill when he was a student there! If you would like to get involved with debating at school, please come along to the **Debating Society on Thursday lunchtimes in Lab 3** for engaging conversations, thrilling debates, and fun games to develop your skills.

House University Challenge

House Leaders



This term saw the return of the ever-popular House University Challenge competition. Over four days, teams of students from years 7&8, 9&10, 11&12, and year 13, plus staff, battled it out to see who would win the hotly contested event. Students who had volunteered to take part were grilled with a selection of brain-teasing questions covering a range of topics; some familiar to University Challenge such as literature and science, to the more niche such as local history and the history of Bourne.

Each of the four House teams played a qualifying game, with the winners then taking part in a final. Thursday lunchtime saw the event come to a close with the Year 13 student teams taking on staff teams. Despite this final being hotly contested, with incredible knowledge and competitive spirit shown on both sides, the Year 13 students snaffled victory from the teachers.



Thank you to all the students who took part, be it volunteering to compete in a team for their House, or in the equally important role of moral support in the audience! And of course, a massive thank you to Mr Mitchell and Mr Brooker for being the question masters.

Here are the results and the winners for each category:

Category	Round 1	Round 2	Final	WINNERS
Year 7 & 8	Meitner v Rorschach	Tinbergen v Behn	Rorschach v Tinbergen	1 st – Rorschach 2 nd Tinbergen
Year 9 & 10	Meitner v Rorschach	Tinbergen v Behn	Meitner v Behn	1 st Meitner 2 nd Behn
Year 11 & 12	Meitner v Rorschach	Tinbergen v Behn	Meitner v Behn	1 st Behn 2 nd Meitner
Year 13 / Staff	Year 13 A v Staff A	Year 13 B v Staff B	Year 13 A v Staff B	1 st Year 13 A 2 nd Staff B

New Head of Sixth Form from September

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Tomlinson will be taking over as Head of Sixth Form in September. It was a strong field and Mrs Tomlinson did tremendously well to come out on top. Congratulations!

We will give a proper farewell later in the year to Mrs Shales who will sadly be stepping down for a thoroughly well-earned retirement after many years with us.

Year 9 GCSE Option Choices

Mrs Hall

Before students can select and submit option preferences, access to the options system must be activated. The unique access code that is required to activate the options system was sent to the **school email account** of each Year 9 student on Friday 28 February. Your child will need to use their Microsoft M365 username in the email field, for example: John Smith: 10JS11@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

Once activated, the options system can be accessed by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk and logging in with the email account and password set up at the time of activation.

Once option preferences have been successfully submitted no further action is required. Your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you **'Save'** your option selections. The parental consent box does **not** need to be ticked.

Please note the deadline for submitting option preferences is **09:00 next Friday, 28 March**. Please direct any queries or concerns to Mrs Hall: gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



In her Geography lessons, Rishita Dutta (8F) has been learning how a planet of over 8 billion people can support such a large population. Rishita enjoyed the topic of Food Insecurity so much that she spent time at home independently researching the issue and this wonderful poster is the eye-catching result of her efforts.

Her work highlighted many key issues that were not covered in class, such as that global phosphorous reserves are in such stark decline. Rishita's regular BBL work, independent of set homework, saw her achieve a fantastic test score at the end of the topic. The link between her hard work and her academic outcomes is obvious.

Well done, Rishita! 10 Achievement Points are awarded to you! Keep up the fantastic efforts!

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 24.03.25	Tuesday 25.03.25	Wednesday 26.03.25	Thursday 27.03.25	Friday 28.03.25
Subject	History	Design Engineering	Spanish	English	Music (lunchtime)
Room	H1 - Dr Barmby	DE2 – Mr Delport	Students to attend their usual classroom.	E1- Ms Bennett	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic	Edward I – Wales and Scotland	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Higher Tier: General Conversation practice Foundation Tier: General Conversation practice	Approaching 7b Paper 2	Coursework Catch-up
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	Drama (lunchtime)	Maths set 4-5 (lunchtime)
Room	G1 Miss Pollard	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	Studio – Mr Moxley	Maths 7 - Mr Andy
Revision Topic	Hunstanton Fieldwork	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Paper 2: The Design Argument	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	Revision Booklets
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: Photo Cards	Finding the equation of the tangent to a circle	(Paper 2 – Yr 1 work) Technology, Engagement Patterns and PEDs	
Subject		German (lunchtime)		EPR	
Room		MFL7 - Ms Currier		EPR 2 – Ms Atkinson	
Revision Topic		150 Word Essays		4&5 mark questions on Thematic Studies	

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Henry Blowers	7	Dr Barmby	History
Finley Canavan	7	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Fraser Daniels	7	Mr Green	Registration
Esme Fallows	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Sayyaf Khan	7	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Amelia Nicholson	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Hannah Ralston	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Beth Stevenson	7	Miss Pollard	Geography
Kriti Subudhi	7	Mr Green	Registration
Megan Younger	7	Mrs Baverstock	Registration
Eloisa Brown	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Esme Fallows	7	Mrs Evans	Geography
Patricija Krulko	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Imaan Manji	8	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Aarya Raghavan	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Harry Baker	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	9	Miss Hodge	History
Caleb Omitiran	9	Miss Hodge	History
Keiran Selby	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Amelia Stephens	9	Miss Hodge	History
Annabelle Bull	9	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Tyler Gibson	9	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Benjamin Norton	9	Ms Bennett	English
Saffi-Starr Bairsto	10	Miss Roberts	English
Charlie Doud	10	Miss Roberts	English
Ellis Lester	10	Miss Roberts	English
Lewis Ulyatt	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Monty Wild	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Alex Zinkevics	10	Miss Hodge	History
Eden Lockwood	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Luis Nelson	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Carolyn Archer	13	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Ellen Nixon	13	Mrs Everist	Pastoral

SPORT

ESAA. Cross Country Championships - National Final

Mr Ray



Six students from Bourne Grammar school travelled the 150 miles to the south of London to run in the most prestigious cross country competition of the school calendar. To reach this stage students had qualified from the South Lincolnshire Schools Championships and the County Championships, ultimately being one of eight selected in each of the six age categories.

The course itself proved to be extremely challenging and with 47 counties competing and eight students in each, there were over 300 students in each of the six races. After a wide start for the students, the course narrowed dramatically as it turned into the first bend and downhill on very uneven ground; the need to get a good start was essential. The relatively tight twisting course made it ideal for spectators to see much of the course from the same place and see the race unfold.



For those finishing in the top 12 places, England selection would be on the cards for an international in Scotland the following week and so to simply reach this stage is an outstanding achievement. Bourne Grammar representatives were:



Junior Boys (8&9)	Cayden Mackay - 303rd
Junior Girls (8&9)	Sophie Alliston - 80th
	Edith Kaberry – 245th
Inter Girls (10&11)	Leah Graham – 239th
Senior Girls (12&13)	Yvette Annis – 223rd
Senior Boys (12&13)	Thomas Preston – 16th

Well done to all 6 of these athletes and those who have represented the school during this season. It has been an outstanding year, with the 4 teams at the Fenland Relays last week claiming all four titles at Hampton. These four were added to the two league titles from the Fenland league for the Junior Girls and Intermediate Boys. This is added to the success at the South Lincolnshire Championships where we claimed 7 of the 8 titles available.



Very soon, the emphasis will move to athletics after Easter and the opportunity to represent the school in a number of events including the South Lincolnshire Athletics Championships and the ESAA Track and Field Cup.



I would like to thank Mr Sheppard for his commitment to the running club on Monday and Wednesday after school throughout this year.

Year 7 Hockey

Miss Bowtell

Match vs Welland Park School, Market Harbourough

We played a great game against Welland Park Academy on Thursday 6th March from 15:00-17:30. We had 11 players, each swapping on and off each game. We played four quarters and had a diamond formation. Our goalkeeper was Esme Fallows supported by our fantastic defenders; Ananya Sahoo, Daisy Watkins, Kriti Subhudi and Charlotte Jackson. We then had our amazing mid-fielders; Amelia Cody, Edith Thompson, Lily Mann and Krisha Koiraba who aided our up-fronts; Millie-Rose Wilson and Tilly Garland. We won 3-1 and our star players were Esme Fallows, our goalkeeper, and Amelia Cody, one of our mid-fielders.

Superzone Tournament

We had the South Lincolnshire U12 Super Zone tournament at Bourne Academy on Thursday 13th March with our Year 7 girls. We played teams such as Kings Peterborough School and Bourne Academy, whose A and B teams competed against ours. Our A team consisted of Esme Fallows as our fantastic goalkeeper and our defenders Daisy Watkins and Charlotte Jackson.





Our astonishing mid-fielders were Lily Man and Amelia Cody and our fabulous up-front was Tilly Garland. Each of our teams played 4 games, each lasting 7 minutes. Overall, our A team won with 16 points earning them certificates and gold medals. Our B team drew with Kings' teams with 12 points.

A superb ending for a wonderful team!

Badminton U16 Tournament

Miss Bowtell

Last Friday saw the end of the Badminton internal championships with the girls U16 players fiercely competing for the coveted title of Best Overall Player in the Upper school. Some old favourites couldn't play, leaving the door wide open for newcomers to steal it away. Year 11 stalwart Poppy McLearnon was ferociously battling to obtain a title, but Year 10 favourites Mary Pepper and Zahra Ravji were not going to make this easy. The unexpected star was Bhavya Woosa who really pushed quite a few players to the brink of failure. Honor Moore, Kiki Timmins, Hannah Fernandez, and Lani Clark made up the other competitors. The girls played superbly and were very competitive throughout, but there was a wonderful sense of sportsmanship going on as well as a lot of laughter.



Semi-finalists after an initial round robin were Mary, Poppy, Zahra and Honor, but the grand final was played between Zahra and Poppy where Poppy's extra year of experience paid dividends. Poppy is now the undisputed Queen of the Rackets at Bourne having won the Tennis and Badminton Singles Championships during her time here.

(Photo: Poppy and Zahra)

