



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



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Reflection of the Week





Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week has been Careers Week, and each department has fed career ideas into their curriculum delivery when appropriate in lessons. Years 7 – 9 have also each had a full day off timetable focusing on careers options. We are very fortunate to have such a proactive careers lead in Mrs Elliot and the quality of careers and futures advice across all year groups has improved significantly in recent years. A big thank you to Mrs Elliot and those who helped facilitate the programme, including all teachers and tutors who were also involved in the process.

This was also House University Challenge week, won by Behn and Meitner in joint first, followed by Rorschach and Tinbergen. After the main competition the Sixth Form took on the staff. The result saw youth triumph over experience in both contests, demonstrating that perhaps teachers aren't the fountains of all knowledge after all!

And finally, we are two weeks away from our production of the musical *Guys and Dolls*. A huge amount of work has been happening quietly (and sometimes not so quietly!) behind the scenes as the cast, ably led by the Drama and Music departments, have worked on singing, instrumental playing, choreography, and stage direction. I know the final fortnight before a production run can be a time of great excitement and I know everyone is pulling together as we enter the final phase of preparations and rehearsal. Work starts on the tech setup on Sunday and soon the main hall will be transformed. We can't wait to see the final product and I wish all staff and students involved the very best of luck as they crescendo towards the opening night.

House Totals

			
6316	5769	5326	5967

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

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. Please note that the parental consent box does not need to be ticked.

Please remember that the deadline for submitting option preferences is 09:00 Friday 28 March. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs B Hall at gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

'The Cedars' Residents Celebrate Poetry Success at BGS

Mrs Tomlinson, Head of English

Bourne Grammar School recently welcomed special guests from The Cedars care home, who visited to present awards to two talented Year 8 students following their success in the 'Book an Adventure' young writers poetry competition.

The competition encouraged students from schools in Bourne to craft imaginative poems inspired by adventure and storytelling. Amara Densham (8C) secured second place, while Suraj Yadravi (8B) achieved third, both impressing the judges with their creative and evocative writing.

The Cedars residents, who played a key role in judging the competition, were delighted to visit the school and personally award the students with book tokens in recognition of their achievement. After the presentation, the residents and students spent time together over tea and biscuits, discussing the inspirations behind the winning poems and sharing a love of literature across generations.



The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for meaningful conversation and connection, reinforcing the power of poetry to bring people together. Congratulations to Amara and Suraj on their well-deserved success!

World Book Day

Mr Williamson-Ward

This year's World Book Day theme is 'Read Your Way'. Students and staff have been proudly showing off the ways in which they read as these fantastic entries in our 'Read Your Way Photo Competition'.

Well done to the following students for taking part. They've each won Amazon vouchers and will be presented with these next week.

Esme Fallows (7G)



Josh Ramsey (8D)



Ananya Sahoo (7G)



As well as the competition, we ran a book swap in E6, and students had the opportunity to swap preloved books for something new. It was lovely to see and hear the conversations students were having as they dropped off books for others to enjoy and perused the selection available from others.

Staff too have been involved by sharing what they're reading and how they read. Posters have been appearing on classroom doors all over the school and it has been lovely to see students taking the time to stop and read (and hopefully be inspired by) staff recommendations.

Whilst World Book Day is one day of the year where we celebrate the power of reading, we recognise that a commitment to reading is a lifelong commitment. We hope students have enjoyed the activities and debates in tutor time centred around the way they read.



Finally, one final competition:

Can you guess the name of this member of staff reading 'their way' whilst looking to find more fairways?

Duke Of Edinburgh

Mrs Brett

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their DofE Bronze or Silver Award:

Year 11 – Bronze Success

James Risebrow

Year 12 – Silver Success

Eda Dawson

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Imaan Manji (8C) has seen her independent learning recognised by her Spanish teacher, Señora Charters:

“Imaan’s recent revision included the making of this fabulous poster which recaps in excellent detail work covered in the classroom. Her efforts not just with this piece of independent study, but for her positive attitude towards Spanish overall, have prompted her teacher to request this award.”

Well done to Imaan, who receives a deserved 10 Achievement Points for her brilliant BBL work.

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 17.03.25	Tuesday 18.03.25	Wednesday 19.03.25	Thursday 20.03.25	Friday 21.03.25
Subject	History	Design Engineering	Geography (Lunchtime)	English	Music (lunchtime)
Room	H1 - Dr Barmby	DE2 – Mr Delpont	G3-Mrs Greenfield	E1- Ms Bennett	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic	WW1 – Key Battles	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Cambridge Fieldwork	Paper 2 Question 3	Coursework Catch-up
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	Drama (lunchtime)	
Room	G4 Mrs Greenfield	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	Studio – Mr Moxley	
Revision Topic	Cambridge Fieldwork	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Paper 2: The Design Argument	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	
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: Role Plays	Completing the Square	(Paper 2 – Yr 1 work) Technology, Engagement Patterns and PEDs	
Subject		German (lunchtime)	Maths Set 4-5 (lunchtime)		
Room		MFL7 - Ms Currier	Maths 7 - Mr Andy		
Revision Topic		150 Word Essays	Functions (Inverse functions)		

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ivy Roberts	8	Mrs Edwards	English
Riya Trivedi	8	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Alisha Chakamanga	8	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Imaan Manji	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Caspar Baldock	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Eloise Boyce	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Brogan Dragota	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Amelia Giblin	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Archie Gilbert	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Toby Haylock-Cox	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Isaac McLaren	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Nylah Moore	9	Miss Hodge	History
Dylan Moverley	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Jessica Nicholson	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Oliver Nicol	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Sophie Robinson	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Iustin Rusalim	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Olivia Sloan	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Oliver Sweeney	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Lucy Ward	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Rory Connell	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Amelia Giblin	9	Miss Lindley	Registration
Nevaeh Agyemang	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Amelia Comben	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Connor Wilson	10	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Jessie Jardine	10	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Anna Calvert	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Miles Garrido	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Archie Gaunt	11	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
James Houghton	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Sebastien Louzolo	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Emily Seaton	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Lois Watson	11	Mr Bainbridge	History
Monty Wood	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Adelina Zagorodniuc	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick	11	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Summer Starbuck	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Florence Dexter	12	Mrs Evans	Geography
Mayra Narang	12	Mrs Tomlinson	English Mentoring
Hermione King	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Jake Lester	13	Mr Marsden	Chemistry

SPORT

Hockey – Senior team’s final game

Miss Bowtell

The senior team played their last game of the season on Monday 3 March at Kings Peterborough. The team was short of a few of their regulars but had a new youth look about it with new additions Elodie Collins plus Jasmine Wilkinson and Caiomh Healey. The team played some fantastic free flowing Hockey throughout moving the ball all around the pitch with ease and the defence including Caiomh was magnificent in its strength in holding out a very talented Kings team. We finally broke through their midfield with a wonderful whole team move put away magnificently by Elodie. We were in a winning position for most of the game but sadly from a short corner Kings managed to squeeze a ball into the corners leading to a final score of 1-1. Afterwards the team joined in the fun and frivolity of Mcdonalds which was a fantastic ending to a great evening.



The opposite end of the school played on Thursday afternoon with the Year 7 team playing their last full match of this season against Welland Park Academy. The team has worked hard on really improving their positioning and passing and this really showed in the match where we managed to create 3 excellent goals, two by Charlotte Jackson and one by Tilly Garand. However, the newly discovered star of the game was Esme Fallows who played in goal for the first time and was a real natural, keeping the team in the match with several incredible saves. At the end of games, the opposite team voted for their player of the match and one team voted for Charlotte and the other voted for Tilly. However, their vote could have gone to so many people; the



defence of Kriti Subudhi and Daisy Watkins was rock solid, backed up by Ananya Sahoo as they withstood the opponents attackers running at them repeatedly. The endless running of Amelia Cody was very impressive alongside Edith Thompson and Emily Gray’s beautiful, linked passes. Millie Rose Wilson was superb in hounding down the defence and creating chances for others in her team. Lily Mann was one of the more experienced players and used her calmness to set up several goal opportunities. A great afternoon of play and I was very proud of them all.

Photos from last week's National Cross Country Finals



Rugby

Y11's final match

Mr Gervis

On Monday, March 10, the Y 11 Rugby team played their final game against Casterton School. It was a fantastic way to conclude the season and our 4 years as a team. Many of the players knew each other through school, while others had met through the club Rugby system. This made it a truly special moment for both teams.

The game was an absolute delight, with the boys showcasing their incredible skills and teamwork. They executed some breathtaking moves, including a no-look pass behind the back by Ned Gervis to Noah Henderson ending with a try. The fun was seen in getting Zach to kick the conversion! However, it was the overall performance of the entire team that truly encapsulated the spirit of this remarkable group.



What has made this team so special is the camaraderie and mutual support among the players. They played with smiles on their faces, enjoying each other's company and celebrating their achievements. It was a testament to the positive impact that Rugby has had on their lives, fostering a sense of belonging and friendship that transcends the sport itself.



For me, it was a bittersweet moment as my final match as the coach of this team. However, the most satisfying aspect for me was witnessing the remarkable transformation of this group of young men, they have embodied the core values of rugby.

When we first started three and a half or four years ago, we had a diverse group of boys with varying levels of rugby knowledge. Some had absolutely no experience but athletic ability, while others had played together at a club level. We also had a mix of physical characteristics, ranging from highly athletic to less athletic, and varying sizes, from big boys to not so big boys.

Over the years, these differences have come together to form a strong sense of team in its best form. They have developed a willingness to fight for each other, laugh together, and get up and cover mud, cold, wet, and sometimes demoralised when things aren't going their way. They have learned to look around at each other and say, "We'll go again."

As a coach, I have witnessed the emergence of natural leaders within the team, which is incredibly rewarding for everyone involved. It's also been an interesting challenge because you have guys who genuinely want to play and fitting everyone into a 15-player team when you have 18 or even 20 can be difficult. However, the boys have always taken their chances when they've come, been willing to play in unfamiliar positions, and even do things that may not be physically or skill-suited to their abilities. But the most important thing is their desire to give it a go.

Taking off my coach's hat and putting on my employer's hat, I believe it's crucial to acknowledge the significant contributions of BGS in providing an opportunity for these boys to participate in rugby. This allows them to step outside their comfort zones, both academically and through their rugby experience, which is essential for learning and personal growth.



BGS has not only facilitated this opportunity but also fostered a team spirit that is highly valued by employers. Personally, I always look at CV's to see if the applicant has played team sports

(particularly rugby, but I am biased). Recognising the strength of a team is crucial; while individual speed may be impressive, collective progress is far more remarkable. This teamwork ethos is not only valuable in rugby but also in life, and it must be recognised and appreciated. So PLEASE BGS; keep supporting the rugby teams!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Bowers for his exceptional support for these boys and myself as the coach. His contributions include setting up fixtures, transporting the teams to games, ensuring the availability of facilities and equipment, and managing changes in fixtures and adverse weather conditions. These aspects often go unnoticed, but Mr. Bowers deserves a special thank you.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible team captain, Noah Humphries, and every single member of this exceptional team. Finally, thank you all the players who participated in the game on Monday and who have played in the past 4 years but maybe could not play on Monday. Thank you to each and every one of you for making my coaching experience with BGS so easy.



Squad

Fin Gray,
James Houghton,
Henry Tate,
Jasper Steels, Thomas
Graham, Freddie Fisk,
Noah Henderson,
Noah Humphries, Jay-
Jay Bradshaw, Ned
Gervis, Harrison
Ward, Monty Wood,
Monty Wild,
Alex Watson,
Jack Wiles,
Riley Crown,
Sam Whitmore,
Jenson Moss, Yuvi
Ranaut, Peter Wrigley,
Zach Bojang-Brett,
Nathan Bisalla,
Alex O'Rawe.

Rugby County 7s

Mr Bowers

On Thursday the Year 8 and 9 Rugby 7s team travelled to Market Rasen for the County 7s event.

A cold start was met with dominating performances in the first group stages of the mornings from the Year 9 team, winning their group comfortably.

The Year 8 team also topped their group, in a slightly more unconventional method of a win and a draw.



Moving into the afternoon session, the Year 8s had a tough draw and put up a solid showing in 3 of their 4 league games but unfortunately came undone against a strong Carres team who went on to win the competition. However, wins in their 3 other games saw them finish second in the Cup and named runners up in the County.

The Year 9 team started the Cup competition with a strong win against QEGS Alford, who were the first team of the day to put up a bit of a fight, but the boys found a way to stop the strong carries in defence and weave in and out in attack. The second game of the Cup competition proved their strongest challenge of the day. With a slow start, the boys found themselves down by 12 points, but a second half of grit and determination saw a more organised defence and the ball being shifted side to side to create opportunities finishing 2 points up on Carres with one win now needed to be crowned Champions. And what a win it was that came in the last game, beating St George's handsomely to finish off the day unbeaten.



An excellent day and fantastic to see so much success from both teams. Well done all.

Squads



Year 8

Zack Beeken, Noah Mason, Adam Hickey, Danny Davison, George Wilson, Yusuf Kebbeh, Jasper Hudson, Fred Candy

Year 9

James Pitchford, Otto Wild, Aydan Feetham, Dylan Ware, Xander Miley, Leo Hornan, Harry Armstrong, Henry Hayes