

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 27 May 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week we received confirmation of the excellent recent performances of our athletes at local qualification meets and happily our Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Intermediate Boys and Intermediate Girls teams have all qualified for the Regional Finals to be held at the Moorways Stadium, Derby on 16 June. This is great news and evidence of the ongoing high-quality Track and Field culture that we have in School. Congratulations to our athletes and a big thank you to the PE Department staff who have engineered this success.

I would also like to congratulate the 100 Year 10 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition at Grimsthorpe last weekend. To have 100 students complete this challenge is a significant achievement and I'm delighted to see a full report appear in this bulletin from the students themselves. I would like to thank Mr Brett, our Duke of Edinburgh Manager, for his hard work in ensuring the ongoing success of our Duke of Edinburgh programme and thank the substantial team of volunteers and staff who gave up their time last weekend to facilitate this excellent opportunity for so many students. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bourne Grammar is a key element in our wider educational offer and its popularity amongst students and parents speaks volumes for the quality of provision.

Finally, a shout out to Freya Dahlgard-Sigsworth in Year 8 who recently won a local cake making competition. I was on the gate on Wednesday morning welcoming students to school and Freya walked past me with a smile and a spring in her step, so much so that I felt I had to stop her and comment on how cheerful she was looking. She instantly started to talk about the competition, about the cake she had made and her friends joined in the chat commenting on just what a fine baker she is. She showed me a picture of the prize-winning cake, and this morning I have a piece of it sat on my desk ready for a taste later. There are moments when many teachers question why they chose to be teachers, wrestling with such a wide array of issues and problems on a daily basis, but moments such as this quickly remind me why teachers do what they do. Freya's award-winning cake was not baked in School, but the excitement and happiness at winning the competition (made all the sweeter I think because Freya's Mother had also entered the competition!) lit up her day, lit up the conversations she had with her friends on the way to School and will undoubtedly have fed into the atmosphere of the year group throughout the rest of that day. A little bit of success and the shared happiness it brings goes a long way and for many hard-working teachers, this is what makes the profession such a rewarding vocation."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION – Report by Ben Aldred and Emma Aldred

On Saturday 21 May, 100 Year 10 students set out on the Duke of Edinburgh bronze qualifying expedition around Clipsham, into Grimsthorpe for an overnight stay, ending up in Bourne woods.

Each group, comprised of approx. seven people, arriving at staggered times from 10:30 to begin their thrilling adventure. We were greeted by our assessors and friendly volunteers, who helped us fantastically throughout the weekend, ensuring we were equipped with the essentials: correctly fitting backpacks, maps, compasses, and food. Eager to get started and embark on our adventure, we began our 6-hour, 15k walk to where we were going to stay - Grimsthorpe Castle. Route B ventured through the meandering footpaths of Little Bytham, passing scenic sights of blooming flowers, prosperous crops, and the steady flow of the rippling river. Meanwhile, group A strolled through the surrounding villages of Creeton and Castle Bytham. During the journey everyone learnt such a lot, even if that meant accidentally getting lost, only to have to reconsider and look at our map more precisely to find key landmarks, which could pinpoint our location. Throughout the day, there were numerous stops which supplied plenty of water and allowed us to evaluate the aim of our trip, which varied for each group. For example, Group 2's aim was creating a collage of

pictures to represent their journey, showing them reaching checkpoints and some key highlights of their time.

By 7pm that evening most groups had finished their walk, arrived to camp, and were due a well-deserved rest! Situated just outside of Grimsthorpe Castle, the views were stunning, and the atmosphere was incredible with people in high spirits after accomplishing day 1 of the walk. Before heading to bed, all that was left to do was assemble our tents, make our beds, and cook some delicious dinner to refuel after hard days walk.

The sun rose early, and most people were up and awake by 5 am, ready to conquer the final stretch of the expedition. Despite the tiredness and aching muscles, all groups left the campsite between 7-8am, and either followed the A route which passed through Scottlethorpe, Edenham and Hanthorpe or route B, which took you out of the Grimsthorpe Castle site, through numerous fields, passing Edenham village, with both groups ending up at the familiar grounds of Bourne Woods. It was fantastic weather for the whole weekend, which made it more enjoyable for everyone. In total everyone walked approximately 30 km and showed great determination and team work throughout - supporting each other when the walk was difficult in navigating the direction of travel and helping each other when the dreaded blisters hurt and made walking difficult.

Thank you to all the volunteers and assessors who made the weekend possible; we had a great time!!



Day 1

The lake is beautiful
So old but so youthful
Rolling hills on each side
And sheep grazing with pride
This is the lake where the grandma died

Hills and bird houses
Wet hair and drenched trousers
This is the life of DofE
Let's take a little wild wee
Or the sweltering sun
But we are having fun

The golden brick castle
Stood there proud with no hassle
The exhausted student
Hoping they don't run into rodents

Laying down with my team
On the dew dropped grass
Looking up at the sky
Without the mass on our backs
Seeing glittering stars in the sky
Like an infinite field of fireflies

Day 2

Eating lots of snacks
With bags on our backs
Taking short and long breaks
What a difference it makes
We like the birds in the trees
And the buzzing of the bees
The hilly grassland
With a good route planned
But I can't be bothered to stand

Sitting eating our lunch
With our great bunch
Devouring our noodles
Whilst Sanjani does her doodles

Laying with exhausted legs
Craving a good old Greggs
We just want to go home
And be allowed on our phone
But let's not moan and groan
This was so fun
Who would have known

Head Students 2022–23 – *Mr Brooker, Assistant Headteacher*

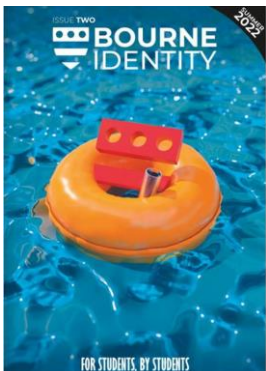
As mentioned in Mr Anderson’s briefing last week, this term has seen the conclusion of a rigorous selection process in order to arrive at Bourne Grammar School’s Head Student team for 2022–23. It’s always humbling and rewarding to see the calibre of our students when faced with such a range of interview tasks, and my congratulations go to all those who took part for demonstrating the poise, maturity and ambition that will serve them so well in the future.



Working with the Senior Prefects and Student Council the team will aim to drive the culture of the School, placing student voice at the heart of what we do.

Finally, our warmest thanks and sincerest best wishes to the outgoing team, who served with energy, ideas and an always willing smile (even on their 753rd tour of the School). You did yourselves and the School proud.

School Magazine – *Mrs Clark*



We are delighted to share with you the second edition of the students’ School magazine: “Bourne Identity”.

The digital edition is available to view [online](#), and printed copies will be available in School after half-term.

We would like to congratulate the many students who contributed to the summer issue, and we look forward to continuing to provide a creative outlet for as many students as possible in the next academic year.

SPORT – CURRICULUM AWARD NOMINATIONS – *Report by Mr Ray, Director of Physical Education & Sport*

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for their continued hard work, positive attitude and progress in Physical Education lessons since September. As one of our most prestigious awards, the winner of each category will be presented with their Curriculum Award at the Sports Presentation Evening on 4 July. Well done to all 40 students in reaching 'The Final Five' in each group.

Boys

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
2020-21 Nominations	Ben Alliston Eddie Amos Harry Cameron Henry Hodson Zaid Thalangara	JJ Bradshaw Jack Cotuk Ata Egeli Freddie Fisk Ned Gervis	Jonathan Blair Shay Buckley Oli Jordan Theo Saralis Paul Young	Dylan Bradshaw Joe D'Angelo Flynn Henderson Harrison Smith Caleb Yates

Girls

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
2020-21 Nominations	Ella Barratt Lois Cox Evie Heames Izzy Hughes Rose Munday	Georgia Herrick Emma Hodson Maisie Jeffs Melissa Peng Lois Watson	Flo Dexter Tula Harvey Erin Larter Georgie Mitchell Masha Morozova	Lorena Ismail Sasha Milne Courtney Pudney Isobel Rodway Eliana Russo

GOLF – *Report by Mr Graves, PE Teacher*

Aryan Makwana (Year 7) recently represented BGS in the Lincolnshire Schools Golf Association Championships (Cat. 2) at South Kyme Golf Club. Although Aryan didn't finish as high up the leader board as he hoped, he still played very well, on a tough course in unfavourable conditions.

Well done Aryan.



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sport

Aryan Makwana (Year 7) recently won the Bronze Division of the 'Shire Golf Junior Tour' (played at the Peterborough Milton Golf Club).



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ewelina Ernest	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Matthew Foster	7	Mrs Edwards	English
Louis Longden	7	Miss Pritchard	English
Akshith Pandian	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Katie Pawluk	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Adeena Sajid	7	Dr Hanson	Science
Freya Dahlggaard-Sigsworth	8	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Muhammad Ibraheem	8	Mr Van Uden	Registration
Sebastien Louzolo	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Evie Mabey	8	Mrs Edwards	English
Aleksi Silkstone	8	Mr Van Uden	History
Chloe Cox	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
George Abell	9	Mr Van Uden	History
Libby Bird	9	Ms Bowtell	PE
Lauren Collins-Few	9	Mr Williamson	English
Eloise Morgan	9	Mrs Edwards	English
Amy Watkinson	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Cameron Adam	10	Dr Barmby	History
Rachel Dudley	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Evie Lound	10	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Freya McLean	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Madison Mylchreest	10	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Caleb Yates	10	Mr Brown	Computing
Emma Cowell	12	Mr Ray	Sports Studies
Esme Thorley	12	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Verity Toulson	13	Miss Turton	Theatre Studies

