



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 8 July 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

The last seven days has seen a whirlwind of activity in School. The Speech Night celebration at Bourne Abbey Church was a lovely evening and an opportunity to congratulate students, both past and present, for their achievements in 2021. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event, well supported once again by a sprinkling of our most talented musicians. The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award expedition was another great success last weekend, and on Monday we applauded our sportsmen and sportswomen on their effort and progress across the year. As a School we set a standard on the sports' field which puts us at the head of the pack in the local area and our impact at regional and national level is significant. It was great to hear Sasha Corbin, England International netball player, speak of her journey to representative level as our guest speaker and help illustrate one potential pathway to sporting success. As Sasha was at pains to point out, hard work always brings its rewards.

It was also great to see so many trips head out this week, offering learning outside the classroom opportunities to students of varying ages and interests. The Drama Trip to the world of London Theatre is a wonderful experience, full of creative inspiration, while the Geography Trip to Snowdonia offers a different, more physical and outdoor, challenge. We also had EPR students go to Peterborough Cathedral and yesterday a group of students, supported by staff from the English Department, attended the 'Lit in Colour' Conference in London. All of this was occurring while Year 12 were busy on work experience and Year 9 and 10 students also had workplace experiences lined up, most often with supportive members of their own family. I will never tire of repeating that all good schools are busy schools.

Finally, a word of thanks to all those who have been involved in the examination season this year, now at an end. To the students who sat the papers, to the invigilators and exams' officers that ran the process; to the staff who set internal papers, marked them and reported on them to the site staff who worked so hard to set up various exam bases around the school while so much else was still going on: thank you. Thank you to our catering team who managed the breakfasts and to our pastoral staff who were so critical in providing support at various crunch points along the way. In a School as big as Bourne Grammar, the logistical challenges in running a successful examination season are significant and in the existing post-Covid context it has been an especially challenging time for the candidates themselves. However, the process has been an unqualified success and the number of difficult incidents that have had to be dealt with can be counted on fewer than the fingers on one hand. A real team effort, and a successful one. Congratulations to everyone involved.

ESAA TRACK AND FIELD CUP NATIONAL FINAL - SATURDAY 2 JULY, ABINGDON, OXFORDSHIRE – Report by Mr Ray, PE

The day started bright and early with the squad leaving Bourne at 6.40am. The boys were in good spirits and excited for the journey down to Abingdon, near Oxford. The team, made up of 15 Junior Boys (including a reserve) had qualified by winning their regional final in Derby a couple of weeks ago. After taking the scenic route through Silverstone (the road we needed was closed and the only option was to queue for half an hour with those who wanted to watch the racing) we arrived ready for the competition ahead.

The National Finals includes the best 13 teams from the length and breadth of the country with only the winners of each region qualifying - the standard therefore, would be very high. Harrison Ward completed the first event, the sprint hurdles, running an incredible race, a PB of 14.9s. That would easily have won an earlier round but here he was trailing a number of athletes in the race, evidence of the incredibly high standard. He was shortly followed by Noah Humphries who ran a strong hurdles race but with such high standards set, he too was in the latter positions in the race.



Then, it was the 1500m, with Noah Henderson and Toby Staines. Noah started very strong but seemed to suffer with the intensity of the race, easy to do when trying to start so quickly. Toby ran a more even race and both scored well, gaining a good number of points for the team (the times, distances and heights are converted to points, with the highest total winning as a team). After this, it was the 100m sprints with two exceptional performances: Anesu Fashitidu ran a strong heat, finishing third in a strong field. Next came Lawson Capes who won his heat with a time of 12.2s. This was the second fastest time in the Junior Boys and just 0.2s behind the fastest time of the day, well done Lawson!

Alex Watson performed superbly in the 200m, followed closely by Nathan Bisalla, adding more points for our total in two fast heats. The 300m were next, arguably one of the trickiest distances Artur Bubula and Jack Carruthers ran well against a very strong field. In the 800m, run by Ollie Desborough, a diminutive Year 7 against some much bigger Year 8s, whilst and Matthew He, a last-minute replacement for Riley Crown competed in one of his first 800metre races ever.



Following a short break for lunch and to refuel, the boys dispersed in pairs to their field events for the second half of the competition. Matthew He and Noah Humphries in the discus struggled initially in the wind but the conditions became even worse as rain increased in intensity.



That said, both had successful throws to add further points and a special mention has to go to Matthew who threw over 18 metres with Noah exceeding 20 metres.

Artur Bubua and Oliver Byrne worked well as a pair helping each other with their run-ups and technique in the triple jump. In the High jump, conditions were tricky with the bed being exposed to both wind and driving rain. Whilst Jack Carruthers continued valiantly despite an injured ankle, Alex Watson cleared 1.35m. Given the conditions this was fantastic!

Nathan Bisalla has improved in recent weeks in Shot Putt but found the level of competition here a step beyond his

expectations not least from his teammate, Lawson Capes, who threw 15.97m, setting a new Championship Best Performance, surpassing the previous record of just over 14m set back in 2014. His name and that of Bourne Grammar School will now be etched into the programme for some time to come, as he remains ranked number 1 in the country for the event.

The javelin and long jump had a slightly later start time than the other field events. For the javelin, Ollie Desborough threw well against a difficult field but made significant progress from the previous round, whilst Noah Henderson threw over 20metres again, both in tricky, wet conditions. The final field event, the long jump, saw good performances from was Anesu Fashitidu and Charles Bedford. Both performed well and whilst both were unable to set a pb, Anesu cleared 5.00m Charles was struggling with the conditions falling just before the 4-metre mark.

Finally, skies cleared a little for the final event of the day, the Junior Boys relay. A good start from Toby Staines, handed over to Charles Bomford, arguably running the strongest leg, before handing over to Oliver Byrne and finally, to Harrison Ward to end the day, as well starting it!

Overall, as the results were announced, the team score of 393 improved on their result in the regional final, placing the school team 12th nationally. Just to reach this level of competition is an exceptional achievement and the boys should be proud of themselves, and their performances. They were a credit to the school and performed valiantly against other regional champions. Let's hope next year another team can return for a fifteenth National final.

A full set of results can be found at www.esaa.net following the Track and Field Cup link.

We would like to wish all of our athletes the best of luck at the forthcoming English Schools Track and Field Championships this weekend in Manchester. They are:

Junior Boys - Lawson Capes Shot Putt

Intermediate Boys - Max Roe 100m sprint hurdles, Seb Beedell 1500m.

Senior Girls - Fran Fenwick High jump.



LIT IN COLOUR PIONEER CONFERENCE – *Report by Connie Bayliss, Year 10*

On Thursday 7 July, 10 students in year 10 had the opportunity to attend the Lit In Colour Pioneer Conference in London. The day consisted of an early train journey to Kings Cross and then a short walk to The Friends House, where we were warmly greeted and then seated in the lecture hall.

The conference was opened by a truly inspiring poet called Maureen Onwunali, who shared some of her incredible poems with us. We were then spoken to by James Aidoo, a multi-award-winning youth practitioner, about why diversity within literature is so exigent. Following this, we were read some more exhilarating poetry by Somi Yode, this was then followed by a workshop with TAG about transforming young lives through the power of communication, culture and storytelling.

Soon after lunch, we had a poetry slam which included some members of the audience and some guest speakers. However, the highlight of the day was the Q&A session with Tanika Gupta, who wrote *The Empress*. *The Empress* is currently one of the plays studied by some of the current year 10 students, and getting to hear more from Tanika was highly eye opening and provided us with some insight which would have been impossible to know from simply reading the text itself.

TAG then provided us with a secondary workshop and played a game with us, called Nothing Into Something, this was very entertaining and gave us a further insight on the incredible poets, who joined us today, and how quickly they were able to materialise poetry from a single word prompt. The final poetry performance was another from Maureen being just as inspiring as the first, if not more so. Unfortunately, after this, the conference was over and we all hastily received autographs from both Somi and Maureen. We then ended the day with yet another train journey back to Peterborough and said our farewells to one another.



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Sammy Harriss (Year 10) has passed Grade 6 Drums with Distinction.

Gailie Tsang (Year 9) has won the 1st place at the British Championship and is now the British Champion in Intermediate Novice of British Solo Ice Dance 2022.

Sport

Sammy Harriss (Year 10) has been selected for the Performance Centre Team for the Challenge Cup in Hockey. The Challenge Cup is a 3-day competition on the England Hockey Pathway which provides the opportunity for players to be considered for the England National Age Group U16 Boys Squad.

DofE

Year 10 - Bronze - Emma Aldred, Cynthia Anthony, Josh Barrett, Harry Brear, Elizabeth Burrows, Leo Christoudias, Alice Chubb, Shaan Damani, Freddie Finch, Amy Fletcher, Nuala Goodson, Lucy Harrison, Sammy Harriss, Sophie Hodges, Eva Larter, Imogen Leaton, Thomas Leonard, Jake Lester, Clara Lytle, Sanjani Mamillapalle, Miqdaad Mawani, Freya McLean, Harrie Metcalfe, Madison Mylchreest, Shreyan Pankhania, Thomas Preston, Isobel Rodway, Lily Rundle, Angel Rose Sebi, Toby Swann, Fay Swindell, Zach Wilmore.

Year 11 - Bronze - Lewis Collins, Immy Dawson, Lucy Evans, Aoife Glasswell, Frankie Handley, Libby Reid

Year 12 - Bronze - Chloe Adams, Davina Jaison, Ben Moore, Daniel Sanish, Holly Wilcockson

Year 13 - Silver Success - Sasha Clifford, Alessia Russo



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ben Alliston	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Chidera Anike	7	Mrs Edwards	Drama
Hannah Burke	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Macy Ellis	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Ewelina Ernest	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Jessie Jardine	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Ted Maycock	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Jake Northend	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Scarlett Parr	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Aaron Sadler	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Adeena Sajid	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Zaid Thalangara	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Charlie Bedford	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Freya Dahlgaard-Sigsworth	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Macey Hemmings	8	Mr Jones	Music
Tilli Moss	8	Mr Jones	Music
Keira Rayner	8	Miss Nichols	Mathematics
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Amelia Templeman	8	Mr Van Uden	History
Emily Fosbeary	9	Mrs Watson	English
Hania Imran	9	Mr Van Uden	History
Chiara Pacitti	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Bella Parker	9	Mrs Watson	English
Erin Richards	9	Ms Kemp	English
Stephen Richardson	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Riona Roy	9	Mrs Watson	English
Victoria Paine	9	Mr Graves	PE
Fin Bartrop	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Gabriel Carver	10	Mr Van Uden	History
Ruby Green	10	Mr Brown	Computing
Mathilda King	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Eva Larter	10	Mr Graves	PE
Libby Moore	10	Mr Bainbridge	History
Cole Murdoch	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Thomas Preston	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Ben Pennycook	10	Mr Graves	PE

