



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 12 May 2023

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week has been the last week of formal lessons for our Year 11 and 13 students as they reach the end of their taught courses. The period since Mock Examinations has been both tough and pressurised but they have been a credit to themselves for their committed approach and for a sustained drive towards being in the best place they can be, on the eve of the main body of examinations. We had fabulous leavers' assemblies and hoodies for Year 11 arrived on time. What will be will be from this point onwards: stay strong, stay rested and stay focused for a little while longer!

Elsewhere we have had the completion of the Poetry Competition, the beginning of the House Chess Tournament and a focus on the First World War in History Society. The Year 7 Science Club was treated to a live dissection of some sheep lungs (which, from the looks on members' faces, did not seem to have a discernibly negative impact on their appetites) and the Car and Bike Club enjoyed a pasta lunch. The field is, once again, covered in a patchwork of jumpers serving as goalposts for multiple competitive "friendly" contests over the lunch break, one of the social highlights of the summer months.

Finally, well done to Mr Farrow and the Chess Team. They attended a regional repechage event in the hope of qualifying for the National Finals. They were unsuccessful, but it is early days for this young team and they will be back. Congratulations to William Pickston who won two of his three games on the day.

YEAR 12 – PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING: BOOKING SYSTEM

A reminder that the SchoolCloud booking system will open on Monday 15 May 20:00.

You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will ensure that each video appointment will commence and end at the scheduled time so please ensure you have logged into the system in good time to commence your appointment.

The online booking system can be accessed here:

<https://bournegrammar.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the Priority 1 parent and your child's preferred forename (as used in School), surname and date of birth as recorded on our database. Guidance on how to carry out a video call can be found here: [Click here](#)

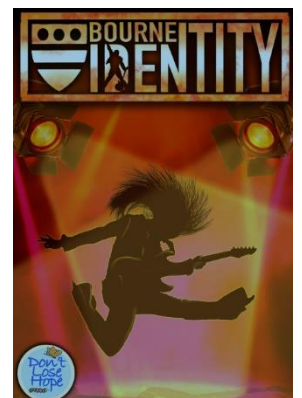
All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

The booking system will close on Sunday 21 May at 23:55.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE – BOURNE IDENTITY – By Mrs Clark and Ms Kemp

The latest edition of the school magazine is available to read [here](#).

Our spring edition coincides with a very busy term for exam students, so I am particularly impressed that they have managed to adhere to the deadline. Well done to the students who have contributed to this edition.



CORONATION CONCERT – Report by Ben Pennycook, Year 11

For the BYC club (Build Your Confidence) and website that I run, I was lucky to be nominated for a coronation champion award, which I was then chosen by the Royal Voluntary Service for! This was very exciting, but what made it even better was that it meant that I would be invited by the service to attend the King's coronation concert!

Here's the story:



First, we had a very smooth journey to the centre of Windsor by taxi, we made our way to Five Guys, which I was happy to find out was very close to where we got dropped off.

After eating a burger of the finest quality, we made our way to the gates of Windsor Castle, where the queues to enter had piled up. Soon, a two-hour wait would ensue, just to reach the security bag checks. By now my legs were aching, but we powered through and finally made it into the grounds, where we were confronted with the large, Union Jack shaped stage. So, we found our seats and made our way to a further field in the King's garden, to explore the food stalls.

After a quick search, it was decided that the Jamaican street food stall would be the victim of our hunger, and so we sat back down, equipped with a tray of BBQ jerk chicken and rice.

This lovely meal prepared us for the pre-show that had begun, which included a radio DJ playing some classics like Sweet Caroline, and a mix of Ibiza hits too.

However, soon 8pm came, the beginning of the real show, which was televised on the BBC, where we had the privilege of watching some brilliant acts first hand, such as the pianist Lang Lang, singers such as Katy Perry and Paloma Faith, along with legends like Take That and Lionel Richie.

Some of my highlights were:

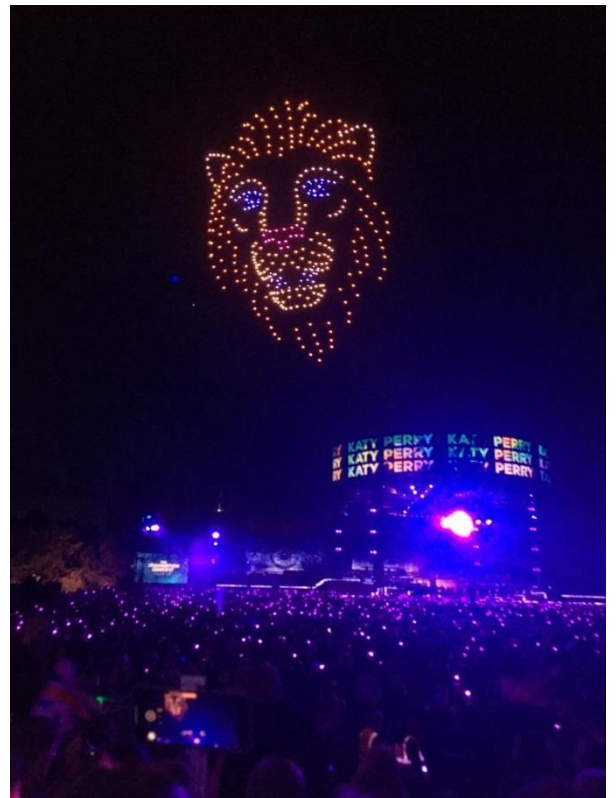
Seeing King Charles, Camilla, and Rishi Sunak all dancing to Take That and the incredible drone show that left everyone speechless. Also, watching the spirit of our nation shine as 20,000 harmoniously sung Firework by Katy Perry. Along with Lucy playing the piano, the ice cream that melted all down my suit, the outfits people wore, and the phenomenal atmosphere.

The concert in itself was an unbelievable experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Before long the concert was over, and the huge crowd raced to leave the castle grounds, which led to a major standstill at the exit gate, but after a second trip down the Long Walk of Windsor Castle, we left the grounds and were picked up.

What a day!

P.S. If you are thinking about doing any volunteer work, go for it. Helping people is the best feeling, and could open up spectacular opportunities just like this.





EXCEPTIONAL SEASON FINALLY DRAWS TO A CLOSE – Report by Mr Ray, PE

An unusually long cross country season finally concluded last week with the completion of the Fenland relays held at Hampton College in Peterborough. Delayed due to very bad weather mid-March, the 1.2k course is completed by a team of 4 in much the same way as the 4x400m athletics version. Despite the loss of power and closure of the School, many students remained determined to compete and it was with great frustration that we could only accommodate a skeleton squad of 4 teams of 4 (1 per age group) rather than the usual (and planned) 15 teams across the age groups.

The Junior Boys and Girls ran first with strong performances all round. Unfortunately, the Boys faced very strong opposition from Stamford School who literally ran away with the race and our boys finishing 4th overall, unable to add the Relay title to the League title won before the Easter break. For the Girls, the roles were reversed. An outstanding team performance saw the girls extend the lead throughout the race, winning comfortably to claim the Relay to the League title.

For the Intermediate teams (Yr 9 & 10), the Girls this time found themselves trailing and despite a truly valiant effort from Yvette Annis, the gap to close to Kings in first place was simply too much, so finishing in a creditable 2nd place, despite claiming the League title earlier in the year. For the boys, they were untouchable. The four exceptionally strong runners could not be matched over the four legs of the relay and finished some considerable distance ahead of their competitors, to add this to their League title too.

Teams:

Junior Girls:	Leah Graham (Capt.), Ella Barrett, Edith Kaberry, Flossie Swift
Junior Boys:	Ben Alliston (Capt.), Charlie Doud, Ollie Desborough, Louis Longden
Intermediate Girls:	Yvette Annis (Capt.), Charlotte Smith, Lois Watson, Cecilia Watson
Intermediate Boys:	Theo Saralis (Capt.), Bayley Graham, Owen Nazaruk-Wheeler, Noah Humphries

This has been an outstanding year of cross country for the school at all levels. In October, all eight South Lincolnshire titles were won. All four Fenland League titles were added in March, whilst two of the four Relays were added last week. A fantastic performance from the 80+ students who have competed over the season.

With the running club continuing with Mr Sheppard on Monday and Wednesday evenings that is open to all and Athletics on Tuesdays, there remains the opportunity to get involved and 'Be part of it!' and compete for enjoyment or look to represent the School and reach the National Finals in cross country or athletics. Well done to all!







THE ROAD TO WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

Two tournaments were held last week to discover who was the strongest Year 7-9 singles player to represent our School at the county stage of this national event.

On Thursday ten girls bravely entered the event with a variety of experiences. Some girls had been playing for several years and have joined local clubs as a result and for others it was their first competitive Tennis match ever. The boys matched the girls for numbers and experience levels and equally put on an excellent performance of quality play and superb sportsmanship.



Both boys and girls were divided into two leagues of five players with each player competing in a short match against everyone in their league. The top two players from each league then played in a semi final.

The first girls semi final was Alice Barratt vs Mary Pepper and this turned out to be an epic battle with the match ebbing from one sides advantage to the other but Mary narrowly won the match after a series of deuce games. The second girls match was a rerun of last year's singles final between Shiksha Kaur and Poppy McLearnen, a real battle between two School team players. Poppy played extremely well and despite all of Shiksha's best attempts and hardest drives simply played more consistently and made her way to her second final in two years. She was the reigning champion and wasn't going to let go of her title easily and this proved to be the case with endless rallies happening. One rally was over 30 shots in length and all at tremendous speed and requiring each girl to dash across the court. Poppy eventually wore her younger opponent down and once again was declared the Champion.

The boys' event was a story of the young pretender to the title Edward Mylchreest and the more experienced and calmer Saul Annis. Edward came through the first round of matches beating much older and more experienced opponents to the surprise of everyone, not least himself. He played a calm and sensible game and was relentless in his returns of other players shots. Edward didn't crack under the pressure at Deuces but simply kept on serving in a relaxed and calm manner and played the percentages game. Saul on the other hand played consistently well and demonstrated his greater experience around the court but also played with superb sportsmanship and was a fantastic role model to the new entrees to the event.

Despite beating Edward 2-1 in the early rounds they eventually met each other again in the finals. The other league was full of newcomers to the event and it was fantastic to see so many new faces to the event. Alf Larter was the "man mountain" whom others had to try to find a way around in this league and showed his experience from last year in reaching the semi-finals. However, he had to compete with Saul and Saul's extra power in his service made the difference in their match.

The other semi final was a fantastic surprise of Alex Allen against Edward Mylchreest which turned out to be a fantastic match. Just like the girls semi final of Alice vs Mary this turned out to be an epic match in the passion both boys displayed in wanting to get to their first final and playing shots they were both proud of and amazed at in equal numbers.

The final was between Edward and Saul and both boys were desperate to win and so the quality wasn't as good as in earlier rounds but this was to be expected with the title at stake. Both boys gave all of their best efforts and Edward narrowly outplayed Saul to become the first Year 7 to win this event.







The U13 boys first match is in 2 weeks time and we will be looking to select the team of five players based upon attendance at this tournament and at the Tennis clubs.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Jude Roberts, 7B has achieved his black belt in karate, showing huge dedication and commitment. Well done Jude.



House Totals

			
38823	36903	36774	33916

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house up to 11/5/2023.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Rebecca Board	7	Miss Dorosenko	Science
Rosie Evans	7	Mr Farrow	Design Engineering
Jabir Mavani	7	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Olivia Sloan	7	Mrs Allen	English
Lucy Edgar	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Diyaan Trivedi	8	Mr Sheppard	Registration
Toby Staines	9	Mrs Allen	English
Max Heames	10	Mrs Allen	English
Oliver Jordan	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Louis Taylor	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Owen Higgins	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Poppy Bevan	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Archie Bointon	11	Miss Raebel	German
Sam Gupta	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Chloe Kirman	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Angel Rose Sebi	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Momina Iqbal	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Ciaran Healy	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Elliott Plant	13	Mr Brown	Computer Science

Human Resources (HR) and Office Manager

Bourne Grammar School is looking for an HR and Office Manager to provide expertise in this crucial area of school operations.

BGS is a large selective school of 1700 students and has a total staff of approximately 150. Staff turnover is generally low though there are always ongoing workplace issues that need addressing and support required for a range of issues. The HR and Office manager will work with the Headteacher to ensure high quality operational support and strategic input into workforce planning.

Applicants from a range of backgrounds will be considered, but experience in the world of HR will be a definite advantage and those without formal HR training must be able to show an ambition to acquire relevant, high level qualifications. Working in education requires flexibility as no two days are the same and the successful applicant will be a team player with an eternally positive outlook.

This role is term time only plus 3 weeks.

Applications will close at 1400 on Friday 19 May. All applicants must complete the school application form.

For any further information, and a copy of the Job Description, please contact Ms Fiona Hill on recruitment@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk