

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 9 March 2018*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## **SKI TRIP TO PASSO TONALE, ITALY - Report by students from Years 8 - 13** *9 & 10 February - Sophia Stanton, Louise Human, Liv Thompson and Hattie Walton*

On Friday 9 February, students from Years 8 to 13 from Bourne Grammar and Spalding High School joined together on a very long coach journey to *Passo Tonale*, located in Italy, for a week full of skiing and snowboarding. The coach journey was 26 hours long but we filled the time with plenty of sweets, films and the occasional nap, but luckily no travel sickness.

When we arrived, we loaded our bags into a room downstairs whilst we were waiting for our rooms to be ready and went out to have our ski-fit, where we all tried on our boots and got skis, poles and snowboards. We were surprised by how heavy everything was and a lot of us struggled to carry it back to the hotel - Miss McDonnell came to the rescue and helped us haul it over to the locker room. Sophia actually fell into a pile of soft snow after putting her ski gear in her locker, Hattie borrowed a bright yellow helmet so she could always be seen, and Miss McDonnell had to go back to the ski-fit as she lost her phone!



Once we got back to the hotel, we had some time to settle in and to get to know our peers - some also took advantage of finally being able to stretch out after being cooped up on the coach for so long. We finally unpacked some of our stuff in our rooms and then headed towards the Main Hall, where Mr Ray gave us some basic information and we received our ski passes, EHIC cards, details and information cards, as well as receiving a health and safety talk.

At 19:30, we headed down to dinner where we had a pasta night - we all tried new delicious delicacies and experienced true Italian style. One student decided it would be a good idea to try to make some freshly-squeezed orange juice from the huge oranges that were on the buffet table, but ended up getting juice all over the teachers in the process!

### *11 February - Abi McCullough*

It was the first day of skiing and snowboarding today - a lot of people were nervous, but also really excited, as it was the first time a lot of people had ever tried it.

We had breakfast early and then met outside at 08:00 to grab our gear from the locker. There were a lot of people struggling to get all their kit on - Mrs Elliker was particularly proud that she put her boots on all by herself as she had never skied before. We headed over to the slopes with our mountains of gear and waddled over to meet our instructors.



While the skiing group took ages to get sorted into groups, the snowboarders got off to a steady start with a sombre feeling in the air as it was the first time for everyone boarding. That mood soon lifted though, as our instructor thought we were all pros, so after teaching us how to put the board on, they sent us up to the chair lift onto a slope! It was really difficult for all of us, but Miss McDonnell struggled the most, mainly with her inability to stand up on her board. We had a few runs going down the slopes and were starting to feel a bit more confident - even Miss McDonnell was improving until she fell over and got stuck in the snow!

After 2 hours on the slopes, we all went back to the hotel for lunch - we had lasagne today - and then rushed back for 3 more hours of skiing and snowboarding. The snowboarders got a new instructor who was a bit more strict - she took us on the chairlift up to the top of the slope where almost everyone fell over, so she wasn't very impressed with our ability! She taught us the basics of boarding and started to impress the skiers with our skills, even if it was only momentarily before we disastrously cascaded down the slopes.

One of the funniest moments of the day was when Charlie Hill (Year 8) got the buckle of his ski boot caught in some netting as he queued for the button lift. I attempted to undo it but it didn't work. In the end, one of the ski instructors helped to free him from the net, but it was only 30 seconds later that he got his leg stuck in between two poles as he got tangled up with everyone and everything in his path!

### *12 February - Harry Ingram and Callum Marshall*

Today, the advanced skiing group had a new instructor called Christian. We found a particular black slope which was very steep so we had to be more cautious than usual - we had to change to a wider ski stance to help my balance which was difficult, but we would have fallen over more if we didn't change. The funniest part of the day was at the end, when our instructor forgot about the teachers that were skiing with us - we just kept on skiing even though we couldn't see them, which meant they got really lost...apparently they were only ten minutes behind us!

Unfortunately the weather was too cloudy for us to go down one of the slopes that we had planned to go on, but by the far the most unexpected thing was that the army were training on the same slopes as us!

We went to a really great pizza place for tea - we had been looking forward to it all day but it was funny when some people hadn't got their pizza but others had already finished. After the pizzas, we had ice cream and then sang happy birthday to Fiona, Hattie and Tom, which meant we ate lots of cake. There were then awards for 'Ski Whizz' and 'Ski Wallies' for each group - Harry got 'Ski Whizz' for his group which he was incredibly proud of. It was very cold walking back to the hotel after tea, and whilst some people went to sleep early, others were a bit hyper after the ice cream and pizza!



### *13 February - Ridley Braid*

Today, the advanced skiing group started the day with some exercises to try and perfect our technique a little more - we had been focusing on pushing our weight down the mountain whilst we ski, to gain more control. It was, however, so cold that we had to bomb a few slopes to get warm before we could carry on.

Later in the afternoon, we were privileged enough to have a go at the giant slalom course and meet the coach for the Italian national slalom team. He gave us lots of interesting and helpful advice on how to improve our times and how to apply some of the skills we have been taught.

We then went over to the next village, where there were some lovely black runs, but there was one in particular where pretty much everyone slipped on the ice, fell over and slid straight into the barrier. Miss Bradley managed to skid down on her side for a couple of metres before somehow managing to stand up again and carry on skiing down the slope! There was also a bit of competition between the teachers, but Mr Ray lost out to Miss Bradley.



After a fantastic day on the slopes, we went out for hot chocolate at a local restaurant, which was essentially melted chocolate topped with whipped cream - I had three! We then had a great time bum-boarding on some of the gentle slopes nearby but got freezing cold walking back to the hotel.

### *14 February - Elise Butler and Keera Adamson*

Today in the intermediate skiing group, we were told that we were going to be experiencing a black run in the afternoon. The majority of us had never attempted one before so we were quite nervous. During the morning, we did some challenging red runs which took

us into the mountains and prepared us for the black run later that day. We hadn't had any falls all morning and everyone was feeling pretty confident.

During the afternoon, however, as the group came to a halt, one of the members of our group decided that it would be a good idea to carry on...straight into a car park, which took out another member of the group! After that, the nerves began to build as we made our way up the gondola, towards the black run. The black run had us all on edge, however we managed to all make it safely down to the bottom without a single fall. After the amazing, although quite terrifying, experience, we did some slightly easier red runs to finish off the day.

After skiing and once we had all freshened up and had dinner, we went out for karaoke and had a lot of fun - we watched the male staff sing 'Wannabe' by the Spice Girls, while Mr Sheppard and Miss McDonnell sang 'The Power of Love'. We were very impressed by some of the student performances though.

### *15 February - Fiona Jennings and Sophie Jordan*

Today in the beginner group, we went down a couple of familiar blue runs to get us warmed up, although some of us still fell over. Then we went down two new red runs which took us by surprise as we didn't know they were coming. They were a bit steeper than what we were used to, so we needed to do some really wide turns to try to control our speed - surprisingly, I think we all did better on the reds than the easy blues.

In the afternoon, we were told we would go on the black run down from the glacier, but when we got to the top there was a heavy snow blizzard so we had to ski back down on a very fun but slow

blue run. We tried out a new, quite challenging red run instead in which Seth (our Ski Wally of the day) managed to first lose one of his skis and then, after he went down a quite steep part of the slope on which many people fell, he managed to ski off the edge of the slope.



We had our presentation evening before dinner this night, where all of our ski instructors came to the hotel to give us a booklet explaining which skills we had learnt and a badge to say well done. Each group had brought their ski instructor a present to say thank you and we had photos with them as well. We then had some time to start packing our bags ready to check out the next day, before eating even more pasta for tea.

After tea, we watched *Mamma Mia* in our room, until Daisy decided to pack but ended up hurting her knee! She had to use an improvised ice-pack (a block of ice from outside wrapped in a T-shirt) to make sure that she was still able to ski tomorrow. We all can't believe how quickly this week has gone.

#### *16 February - Maia Seymour*

After being stuck in the lift going up and down several times, we managed to finally drop off our bags in the hotel and got our skis on with time to spare. Our intermediate group - the lower one of the two - started the day in the ski-park, but first we had to get onto one chair-lift to ski across to where the chair-lift for the ski-park was. We stood in the queue to get on the chair-lift for over ten minutes, but in the end we managed to get on it and up the slope quickly enough to forget how long we had been waiting for.

Once we finally got to the ski-park, we went down the smaller jumps, going straight over the first time - the instructor kept asking us if we enjoyed it and we all shouted 'YES!', so we went down the same jumps a couple more times before the instructor decided that we were ready to go over the actual jumps.

We got off the chair-lift once more and stopped just inside of the entrance of the jumps. One by one, we went over a blue strip, over the smaller jumps and eventually we went on the slalom course, which was really good fun and everyone was laughing when they got off. Our instructor kept asking whether we wanted to go on the glacier despite us saying many times that we didn't want to, as we were all a little too scared.



After a good long two hours, the morning session had finished. All the groups met together at the benches outside of the restaurants at the bottom of the slopes and went to have ice cream or a drink, before relaxing a little before lunch.

In the afternoon, we went up the valley and travelled on several chair-lifts before meeting up with the other intermediate group and skiing down one of the red runs together. We did a thing where we'd get into the speed position, ski up the sides of the slope, curve a little and then ski back down - it was

surprisingly difficult! We did the same slope and the same exercise two more times until I asked to go off-piste and it was great fun! We did little jumps and went really fast - these things make me remember why I love skiing so much.

On our way back to the meeting point, we met up with the advanced group and the instructors decided it would be a great idea to merge the groups and ski the last five minutes together. At first I was terrified of the idea, but as I was skiing I realised how fun it actually was before we had never really skied that fast before. Much to our dismay, the afternoon session had finished and that meant we had to say goodbye to our instructor; we high-fived, shook hands, took photos and hugged goodbye before we all went down to the ski-shop to drop off our skis, poles and boots.

The last part of the day was the slowest as we had a strict shower timetable to follow as we no longer had our rooms. There was lots of waiting around but once everyone had showered, we went upstairs to have a quick meal before getting on the coach to go back home. We then had a 26 hour journey ahead of us...

As much as I am sad that the ski trip has ended, I am looking forward to being back home, having a hot shower, and eating some nice British food (anything other than pasta for a while....).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Spring Recital Showcase - Thursday 26 April**

*Spring Recital Showcase* is a new musical event that gives some of the School's brightest and talented musicians the opportunity to perform as a soloist in a formal concert setting. It promises to be an evening of the highest quality, with music from composers such as Mozart, Chopin, Brahms and Debussy being performed by students across all year groups.

Tickets are available now via the School website or at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/462222](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/462222) - tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for concessions.



### **Grease - Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 March**

All performances of *Grease* are now sold out - those who would like to go on the waiting list for any available returns should email [boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk), stating their name, telephone contact details, number of tickets required and the preferred performance.

Those who wish to return a ticket(s) should email [boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) stating their name, the number of tickets to be returned and the performance date. A full refund will be given if we can sell the ticket(s) to someone on the waiting list.

## ENGLAND INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Report by Mrs Mohan, PE

Will Kong (Year 9) recently competed with distinction at the England age group Championships, held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Will went into the competition ranked second in the U15 60m and reached the final after placing second in his heat and semi-final. In a very competitive final, he finished in an excellent time of 7.43s and won the silver medal.

The final of the 300m was only 20 minutes after the 60m, so full recovery was tough - Will went straight to the start from his medal ceremony. He was disappointed to not break 38 seconds, but he finished third in a time of 38.13s. His indoor performances will provide a good platform for the outdoor season over 100m, 200m and 300m. Cody Roe (Year 9) also gained valuable



experience competing at this level by taking part in the 60m.

### **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK - Mrs Hawkins, Manager of UCAS and Careers**

As this week has been National Apprenticeship Week 2018, there has been a lot of talk in the media regarding the value of 'Earn As You Learn' opportunities for young people.

The hyperlinks below will take you to Infographics, which explain all about the different types of apprenticeships and how to find out more about applying for them.

[Apprenticeships Overview](#)

[Higher Apprenticeships](#)

[Degree Apprenticeships](#)

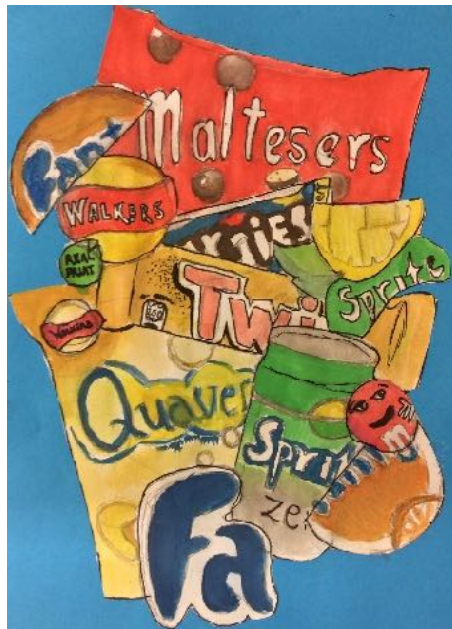
Should you or your son/daughter have any questions about apprenticeships, please contact me.

### **ARTWORK**

In Art, Year 7 students are coming to the end of their project on Pop Art and have produced some outstanding final outcomes based on their favourite popular foods. A few examples can be seen below.



*Emily Clipson-Cox*



*Alice Nickson*



*Alinta John*

### **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Bowling** Sam Rawson (Year 10) recently competed in the Lincolnshire County Ten Pin Bowling Championships and was runner-up in the Under 15s category.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Maddy Gamble	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
George Groom	7	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Callum Horder	7	Miss Bennett	English
Charlie Knight	7	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Jonathan Komives	7	Miss Dorosenko	Science
Raphael Threlfall	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Oliver Henson	8	Mr Bowers	PE
Charlotte Parker	8	Mr Bainbridge	Science
James Williams	8	Mr Turton	Mathematics
James Watling	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Sophie Bannister	10	Mr Topham	History
Holly Cheek	10	Mr Tighe	EPR
Ryan Collin	10	Mrs Rawnsley	Mathematics
Sam Dix	10	Dr Hesslewood	Geography
Sanjana Dukkupati	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Dona Mathew	10	Miss Pepper	Geography
Ben Beedell	11	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Grace Ferguson	11	Miss Pollard	Geography
Tom Ford	11	Mr Stainton	Biology
Jude Gilbert	11	Mr Murray	Geography
Hollie Gillis	11	Mrs Elliker	English
Ellie Seymour	11	Miss Walters	English
Jenna Taylor	11	Mr Sheppard	Statistics
Matthew Holmes	12	Mr Perez	Biology