



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**12 - 16 May 2025**

## Reflection on the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week has seen an explosion of wider activity, as exams purr along in the background and those not tied to a desk are able to enjoy alternative learning opportunities. Year 7 had a very successful bushcraft day on Monday and came home energised and enthusiastic about the outdoor games and campfire experiences they had taken part in. Year 8 had an Oracy Day with Talk the Talk, an organisation specialising in the use of workshops to enhance the understanding of the benefits of being able to communicate verbally. And both Year 9 and Year 10 had Go To Work days, overseen and organised by Mrs Elliot, our superb expert in all aspects of futures and career opportunities, while Year 12 Geographers have set off for Snowdonia in fair weather. At this time of year, it is so important for learning to be holistic, broad, and extend beyond the classroom, and we see the positive impacts of this in the actions, words and behaviours of our young people every day.

One example of the impact of holistic educational principles has been the evolution of the school magazine “Bourne Identity” and this week saw the publication of the latest edition. The content within is so impressive, all student generated and driven by senior students passionate about areas of investigation that they have undertaken. From a description of women in politics to the death of Martin Luther King; from a passionate appeal to “Save Our Oceans” to an analysis of the impact of social media on young people...the magazine is full of thought-provoking articles written with enormous expertise and aplomb. There are many artefacts that point to the culture of a school: the feel of the corridors between lessons, the language and dress evident around the site, the breadth of cultural and physical opportunities on offer and the take up of clubs and societies put on offer. Exam results are also obviously a key indicator. But there is perhaps nothing more important than the evidence of creativity, or young people choosing by themselves to put their views out there, to create something intellectually stimulating or visibly eye-catching, and having the courage to commit it to digital and physical print. The magazine is a triumph, and I am so pleased to see it go from strength to strength as the years progress. Very well done to all involved.

And so, we head into the final week before the next break. Bourne Grammar School continues to inspire us all in so many ways, and I look forward to seeing and hearing all the busy joyfulness that characterises the community in the week ahead.

### House Totals

<b>6630</b>	<b>7169</b>	<b>5192</b>	<b>6135</b>

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

## Year 7 Bushcraft Adventure – Boughton Woods

Mr Chamberlain

On Monday 12 May, all 227 Year 7 students took part in an exciting Bushcraft experience at Boughton Woods. The day was filled with outdoor challenges, teamwork and plenty of adventure.



Pupils built shelters using natural materials, toasted delicious s'mores, and tested their stealth in camouflage and concealment games. The day concluded with songs and stories around the campfire – a perfect end to a memorable experience that strengthened friendships and built resilience.

Well done, Year 7 – you were fantastic throughout!



## Reyes y Reinas de la ortografía

Mrs Baverstock

Every term the Spanish department celebrates the success of the best spellers in the target language. These are students who have consistently got full marks in their weekly spelling test. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have managed to reach this very high standard during Term 4 – we are very proud of you.

The list of all those students is at the end of this bulletin.

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!

## Year 8 Build Confidence Through Oracy with Talk The Talk

Mrs Allen

On Monday 12th May, our Year 8 students took part in Talk About Communication workshops, delivered by the oracy education charity Talk The Talk.



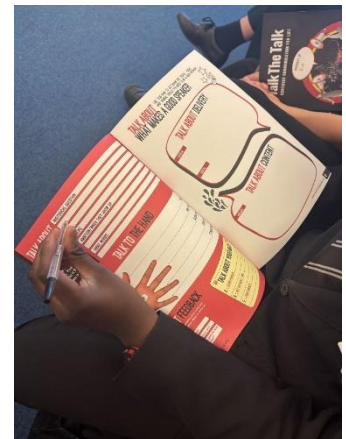
At Bourne Grammar School, we recognise that strong verbal communication skills (oracy) are essential for academic success, personal development and future employability. That's why we have partnered with Talk The Talk for the past three years to help our students feel equipped with the tools to become confident, articulate speakers.

Talk The Talk's mission is to develop young people's oracy skills and communication confidence, supporting positive life outcomes and stronger social connections. Since 2013, they have trained over 115,000 students across England and Wales to speak with clarity and conviction.

During these engaging workshops, every Year 8 student had three structured opportunities to speak in front of their peers. They explored a range of visual, verbal and non-verbal communication strategies; all essential tools for becoming effective communicators.

We are proud to continue placing oracy at the heart of our students' learning journey.

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by the Talk the Talk trainers for their excellent engagement and progress in oracy during the workshops:



- 8A- Kaleb Ellis, Anya Harley, Peggy Larter & Tobias Poberezniuk
- 8B- Hazel Cheng, Zachary Moore, Phoebe Stoodley & Raouf Rais
- 8C- Jace Gwiti & Peyton Teague
- 8D- Evelyn Bostock, Zina Nwamarah, Juliette King & Robin Daniels
- 8E- Jorgie Binns, Danny Davison, Jazmin Jafri & Willow Story-Hall
- 8F- Emily Barwell, Anna Da Silva, Luke Johnson, Grace Edgell & Oakley Saville
- 8H- Liv Laud, Erika Bryson, Fred Candy & Beth Gledhill
- 8G- Kamzi Anike & Lillyana Darcy

## Year 9 Go To Work Day

Doogie Shorrock, Year 9

As part of the BGS work experience programme, I was part of a group that was kindly invited to take a tour around Caterpillar and Perkins Engines in Peterborough. The staff had gone to a lot of effort in organising a day of workshops with many of the departments within the company. Our day started off with an introduction to the kinds of engineering that they use at Caterpillar. They also showed us an experiment with salt on a sound board to make interesting patterns showing

different resonant frequencies. The next workshop was a basic engine overview. Here they showed us some of the different types of engines they make and exactly how they worked.

We also got to use professional equipment to assemble parts of the engines. This was really insightful as we could see how things are manufactured quickly and on an industrial scale. At this point the company kindly provided a delicious lunch for us and we talked to some very interesting people who told us how they came to be in the roles they are in now.

After lunch we had a workshop on marketing and how Caterpillar uses its brands like Perkins to appeal to different groups of customers. After this we learned about finances and how the production line worked. The final workshop taught us about how IT is used inside the company. During this session we used Lego robots and programmed them to complete simple tasks (we all really enjoyed this one!). Finally, we had a tour of the factory. This was fascinating as we got to see the production line building all the engines for Caterpillar in the UK. They make a wide variety of engines from small to huge which run on a variety of fuels. Many parts of the factory are completely autonomous in how they operate.

Overall, we all had a fantastic day, it was really inspiring and we met some very interesting people. I was very grateful to Caterpillar and all the staff that contributed to this day. It was very clear that the company itself supports and encourages many pathways and educational routes into their varied career opportunities. This day has definitely encouraged me to pursue a career in engineering.

## **Outstanding Students – Hockey**

Miss Bowtell

The Hockey season has now closed but it would be remiss of me not to highlight two outstanding players who have had incredible seasons in their school, club and area representations. The top two players in the school at the moment are Honor Moore and Joshi Harriss. Both are superb players and have also given back to others in the school through coaching and inspiring all those around them in tournaments of their own age and younger years.



### **Honor Moore**

Honor has been playing club hockey for several years at Spalding hockey club and has made her way through the junior sections to the Ladies first team who have been playing in a Ladies Eastern region League Division 2. In this league she has scored 26 goals out of 22 games. This places her 11th out of 2839 Female players, a wonderful achievement and one I will bear in mind when I play against her team next year!



### **Joshi Harris**

Joshi has been playing from an even earlier point than Honor and has really made the most of the opportunities given to him this year; playing Division 2 East Mens Hockey, similar to Honour, and playing Talent Academy at Beeston Hockey Club. This is Regional level hockey. He has also been selected to play in a National State School team called Hockey Mentors. He was selected from several hundreds of U18 students and as a result has had some very exciting opportunities abroad in Barcelona and Ireland representing this national team.



## Census Data Presentation Program: Sexual Orientation

Courtney Pudney

For her project, Courtney decided upon some form of data visualisation software, opting to create a census dataset visualisation of sexual orientation within England and Wales. A difficult project that needed understanding of SQL, Pandas (a Python Data Analysis Library), Tkinter and application of sorting algorithms such as 'merge sort'.

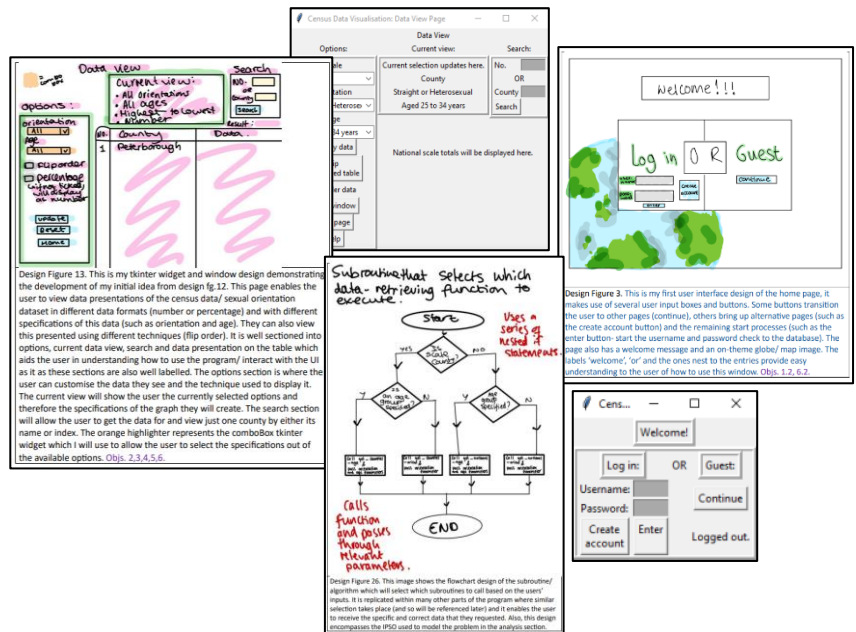


Figure 3: Census Data Presentation Program: Sexual Orientation - Courtney Pudney

I wish the entire group the very best of luck for their exams and sincerely hope that many of these students continue studying some form of Computer Science as they progress in their careers.

## BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Two impressive Year 7 students are this week's joint-BBL Champions and they earn their class, 7H, a combined 20 House Points due to their outstanding independent work in Geography.

Arthur Patton (left) and John Marvin (right) have been learning about China and their teacher, Mr Anderson, was delighted with the additional research that they both completed without being told to do so.

Arthur wanted to know what languages were spoken in China, which led him to produce a second piece of work on the different regions of the country.

John researched physical geographical aspects of the country, which he described on one side of his work and human geographical features on the other.

When I asked what prompted them to spend this extra time doing BBL work, Arthur cited his interest in the country of China and Marvin said how much he enjoys Geography. A big well done to both students for their fantastic efforts.

## Exam Breakfasts -FREE



### **Free exam breakfasts from the Chill for Year 11 and 13.**

Students in Year 11 and 13 will all be able to take a free exam breakfast from The Chill before their morning exam. There will be a varied choice of healthy options available, and I would encourage all students to take advantage of grabbing some last-minute energy.

## *Coming up in June...*

### **Open Evening Volunteers: Thursday 19 June**

Open Evening is an important event in the School's calendar and is a wonderful opportunity for Year 4 and 5 Primary School children and their parents to experience Bourne Grammar School. The success of the event each year is due to the help and support given by our students from across all year groups. We would like as many students as possible to be involved this year, either as a tour guide or helping out in a specific academic department and hope that you will encourage your son or daughter to become involved.

At our annual Open Evening, visitors consistently tell us that our student helpers are our best ambassadors and help make this evening special. Last summer, well over 400 students volunteered to help support this important evening. If your child wishes to participate, we have recently sent out a short ParentMail form which you can complete online to sign up.

School will end slightly earlier than usual at 12:55pm on Thursday 19 June to give our staff time to prepare the School for Open Evening – more detail about this was sent out to parents/carers last month.

### **Whole School (exc. Y12) Off-Timetable Day: Friday 27 June**

Mrs Hall

The school will be closed (except for Year 12 students sitting FUPG exams) for Y7-10 Progress Review Meetings on **Friday 27 June**.

Progress Review Meetings include an off-timetable day and two evenings, each of which will provide parents/carers with an opportunity to meet virtually with Subject Teachers to discuss their child's progress.

#### **PRM Whole Day (Off-timetable):**

Friday 27 June 2025

Work will be set to complete at home (Years 7,8,9 &10)

#### **PRM Evening 1:**

Thursday 12 June 2025

#### **PRM Evening 2:**

Thursday 3 July 2025

For practical reasons there will be a limit on the number of appointments that can be made in respect of each student. Further details to follow.

## Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Fraser Daniels	7	Ms Bennett	English
Lily France	7	Ms Bowtell	PE
William Duffy	8	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Finn Huddart	8	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Eva Neal	8	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Samarth Aladakatti	8	Miss Hodge	History
Harry Baker	9	Ms Bennett	English
Tamsin Bates	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Isla Cummins	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Rosie Evans	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Vlad Harlap-Valters	9	Dr Cooper	Mathematics
Cayden Mackay	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Dylan Moverley	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Bri O'Boyle	9	Miss Mizen	Registration
Aum Tanna	9	Ms Bennett	English
Ben Fletcher	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Jake Stubbs	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Kiki Timmins	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
James Clifford	10	Ms Bennett	English
Edward Duffy	10	Mr Lennox	Pastoral
Timothy Parsons	10	Mr Lennox	Physics
Elizabeth Burrows	13	Dr Cooper	Mathematics
Thomas Preston	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Grey Watson	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics



## NO PENS DAY WEDNESDAY



21st May – Year 8 Only!

- No writing all day – put your pens away!**
- Focus on oracy – discussion, debate, speaking & listening**
- Learn through drama, role-play, and collaboration!**
- Express ideas, build confidence, and think aloud**
- Discover how powerful learning can happen without writing**



**Get ready to SPEAK UP, STAND OUT  
and LEARN OUT LOUD!**



## Reyes y Reinas de la ortografía - students

### YEAR 7

Harry Cosford  
Rishith Inukollu  
Sivathmika Nantha  
Kumar  
Grace Pearce-Higginson  
Shreya Yadravi  
Teddy Grassby  
Lily Mann  
Henry Mitchell  
Ruben Pattinson  
Iduna Richardson-  
Fernandez  
Emily Robinson  
Greg Blanthorne  
Dev Chopra  
Augusto Dascanio  
Caspian Grew  
Amelia Nicholson  
Owen Pryke  
Ava Steward  
Matilda Waker  
Sammy Hullock  
Simra Imran  
Tirth Patel  
Iris Thomas  
Romeo Angel  
Isaac Donaldson  
Zayan Mcdonald  
Joel Omitiran  
Matthew Pitchford  
Toby Scholes  
Olivia Woolard  
Archie Goddard  
Hayden Thomas

### YEAR 8

Jack Andresen  
Lavinia Bomford  
Naomi Crowther  
Sylvie Gregory-Smith  
Sasha Mackintosh  
Imaan Adil Zaka  
Aarikha Arunkumar  
Maia Paige  
Finley Bate  
Alisha Chakamanga  
Elena Cox  
Amara Densham  
Bede Drake  
Jack Gois  
Jace Gwiti  
Danny Harvey  
Hemione Lumb  
Imaan Manji  
Ethan Renehan  
Fatimah Walji  
Evelyn Bostock  
Robin Daniels  
Madeleine Hobson  
Zina Nwamarah  
Jorgie Binns  
Jazmin Jafri  
Olivia King  
Alexander Klatka  
Anis Ng  
Eloise Clarke  
Rishita Dutta  
Archie Howard  
Jayzen Jafri  
Harshil Varin Kadire  
Harriet Templeman  
Andrejs Zinkevics  
Sophia Aziz  
Lillyana Darcy  
Adsajan Sivakumar  
Aarya Tirchunapalli  
Sohie Alliston  
Samaira Bajaj  
William Duffy  
Lewis Evans  
Bethany Gledhill  
Anish Reddykatha  
Jules Kelsey  
Jerome Koshy  
Olivia Laud  
Kumayls Meghji  
Ryan Ogbonna

Maya Pascan  
Jess Richardson  
Lennon Smith

### YEAR 9

Malika Bartram  
Anya Copestake  
Begum Kurtogulu  
Cayden Mackay  
Ellie Moore  
Zoe Roberts  
Toby Garrido  
Vladimir Grigorov  
Francesca Jones  
Jensen Homewood  
Gabriela Korbylo  
Imogen Southwood  
Rowanne Gray  
Adina Hamid  
Caspar Baldock  
Reuben Baptista  
Emilia Barrick  
Toby Bell  
Aanjishnu  
Bhattacharyya  
Rebecca Board  
Yogit Bodduluri  
Zack Browne  
Henry Geeson  
Nandini Mamillapalle  
Maisie Moulds  
Daniel Mulgrew  
Edward Mylchreest  
Jessica Nicholson  
Caleb Omitiran  
Avani Sunish  
Muhammed Waseem  
Megan Weeks  
Zac Farrington  
Zac Holmes  
Travis Bullen  
Ria Gupa  
Charlie Hempstead  
Emily Bridges  
Annabelle Bull  
Lauren Burgin  
Tyler Gibson  
Henry Hayes  
Leo Hornan  
Natalie James  
Nicole Mancheva  
Riya Ramprasad  
Benjamin Sayer  
Darcie Trawford  
Aleksander Wiza  
Florence Wrigley

**YEAR 10**

Chidera Anike  
 William Blades  
 Evie Bunford  
 Luca Christoudias  
 Ewelina Ernest  
 George Goode  
 Josh Goodwin  
 Leah Graham  
 Andreas Halford  
 Izzy Hughes  
 Eloise Hull  
 Joseph Knowles  
 Daniel Komives  
 Jayden Luis  
 Honor Moore  
 Ellen Richardson  
 Michael Sarfo  
 Emily Sewell  
 Weronika Skrzynecka  
 Samhita Thiagarajan  
 Arun Prasath  
 Miguel Valdez  
 Oliwia Zajac  
 Declan Brewer  
 Lois Cox  
 George Dennis  
 Aayan Hanif  
 Sara Haque  
 Evie Ingham  
 Jessie Jardine  
 William Moor-Radford  
 Niketh Mambala  
 Zahra Ravji  
 Jack Rodway  
 Adeena Sajid  
 Ben Allliston  
 Felix Caney  
 Luisella Pacitti  
 Mary Pepper

**YEAR 11**

Merry Baldock  
 Livvy Bodmer  
 Chloe Burgin  
 Jack Cotuk  
 Chloe Cox  
 Ned Dangerfield  
 Calem Healy  
 Emma Hodson  
 Gabriel Jaffer  
 Charles Kavati  
 Emma Kettle  
 Amani Lawal  
 Taryn Lee  
 Karina Ying Yu Lok  
 Milhaan Maqsoon  
 Deon Mathew  
 Maithem Mavani  
 Stella McDermott  
 Aurora Mitchell  
 Milo Moocarme  
 Holly Moore  
 Faith Perkins  
 Hamsini Raja  
 Shreya Sajosh  
 Evie Sutton  
 Anna Calvert  
 Martha O'Connor  
 William Brown  
 Lawson Capes  
 Melissa Peng  
 Toby Staines  
 Abi Buzzel  
 Noah Henderson  
 Nehan Hussain  
 Malikah Jaffer  
 Alex Long  
 Liam Main  
 Archie Andrew  
 Zach Bojang-Brett  
 Evaline Cotton  
 Taha Dad Azam  
 Finn Gilllespie  
 Eva Hirst  
 Shiksha Kaur  
 Evie Mabey  
 Aryan Nahata  
 Tanish Patel  
 Marco Perna  
 Arjun Raghavan  
 Hannah Simpson  
 Petra Szoboszlai-  
 Kendrick  
 Filip Wiza  
 Amina Umar

**YEAR 12**

Jyoti Bista  
 Matilda Eagle-Brown  
 Madeline Keightley  
 Atte Maaranen  
 Amy Watkinson

**YEAR 13**

Poppy Bevan  
 Alexanne Bradley  
 Vivienne Chen  
 Chloe Kirman  
 Eva Larter  
 Courtney Pudney