

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 19 September 2025
From Mark Bruncker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

This week I would like to shine a light on the outstanding extra-curricular opportunities within our Performing Arts Faculty. It is a joy to see so many students engaging with music, drama and art, and to witness the creativity and energy these activities bring to school life.

Our Junior Choir has already made an excellent start to the year, with very impressive numbers attending rehearsals. Alongside this, there is a full programme of concerts to look forward to, including Musical Expressions: An Evening of Choral & Orchestral Masterworks in March, and our Summer Soirée, which will feature *Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens* alongside a special Disney Art Exhibition. I am also very pleased to highlight the new Lunchtime Concert Series, which reflects the strong and growing partnership between our Music Department and Bourne Abbey. The Abbey has already provided a wonderful setting for some of our most memorable performances, and we are deeply grateful to Revd Fr Stephen Buckman, who has now extended his generous welcome to include this new series. Once a term our students will perform there at lunchtimes, and I am sure these concerts will attract a supportive audience and provide a wonderful new tradition for our musicians.



The talents of our artists and actors are equally evident. GCSE Art Club has already produced some impressive early work. Our Drama Department also has an exciting year ahead: rehearsals for the Sixth Form Play, *Top Girls*, are now underway, with performances scheduled for December. Beyond that, students will be preparing for our Dance, Drama & Art Showcase evenings in March, as well as for our involvement in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Key Theatre in Peterborough. These productions promise to provide rich opportunities for students to grow in confidence, develop their creativity and share their talents.

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents of students in Years 11 and 12 into school this week for our information evenings. These year groups represent key waypoints in a student's educational journey, and the evenings provided a valuable opportunity to share guidance, set expectations and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Finally, I would like to offer best wishes to all Year 6 students who will be sitting the 11+ non-verbal test this weekend. Having already completed the verbal paper last week, this marks the final step in the process, and I hope the experience goes smoothly for them.

PE Clubs Update – Mr A Graves



Girls Football

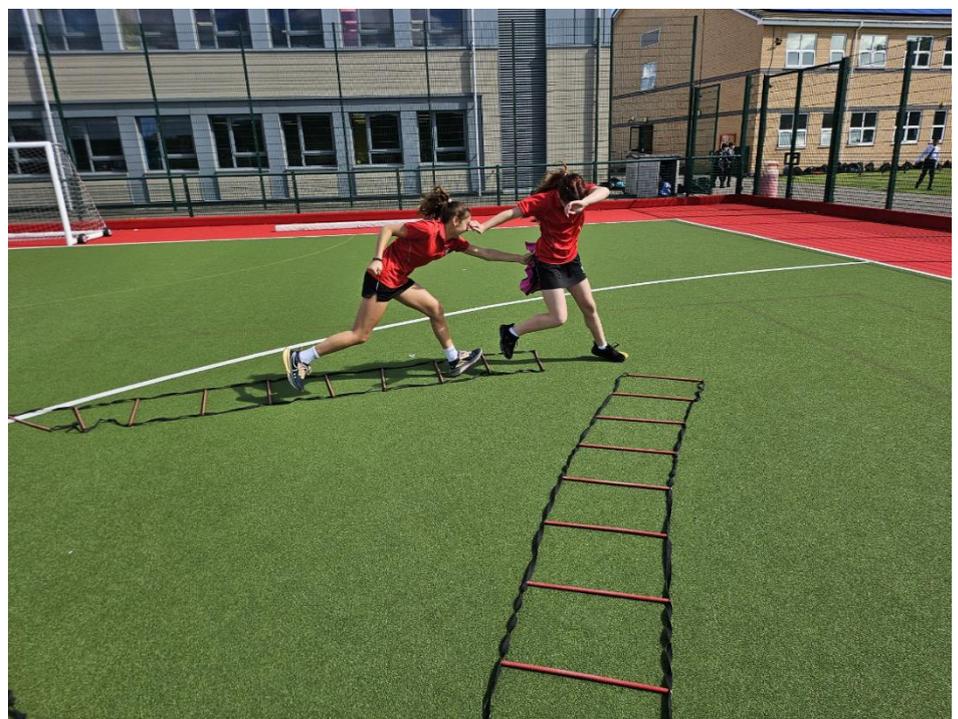
It was great to see so many new faces (along with the usual regulars) at the first girls football session last week.

The club is open to girls in all year groups and is on the astro turf on a Thursday lunchtime.

New Sports Club – SAQ Training

A new non sports specific club has been set up to improve Speed Agility and Quickness in athletes.

Anyone can join in. It is held on the astro every Friday lunchtime.



Speed Agility and Quickness Training

Music – Mr M Jones

Following the tremendous success of West End Wonders JR in the Summer, the first Junior Choir rehearsals of the new term have been eagerly anticipated. With attendance in the 80s at both rehearsals so far, including a pleasing number of Year 7 students, preparations are already underway for our summer performance: Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens. Other performance opportunities for our younger students will include the Christmas Concert in Bourne Abbey and an exciting new Chamber Choir project. Students in Years 7 to 9 are always welcome to join us at our weekly rehearsals, which take place on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Drama Studio.



House Totals

			
7505	6796	7397	7115

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 11/09/2025.*

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Matthew Bullen	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Tristan Bullen	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Sutherland	Science
Tim Candy	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Ethan Croft	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Registration
Felix Edgar	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Registration
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Henry Steele	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Tim Candy	7	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Kitty Hall	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Lilly Barnard-Coulson	7	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Jessica Bedford	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Rosie Hammond	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Aeon Turner	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Henry Blowers	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Hugo Geeson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Ronan Summers	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Gethin Baker	8	Person of the Week	Miss Speakman	Pastoral
Henry Blowers	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Registration
Odetta Cukanova	8	Person of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Pastoral
Will Edwards	8	Person of the Week	Mr Dougall	Pastoral
Eason Capper	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Bronte Dave	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Emily Gray	8	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Sam Griffin	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Sam Griffin	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Henry Mitchell	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Ethan Rippin	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Jasper Hudson	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Pastoral
Dylan Kennard	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ted Mocarne	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ali Ravji	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History

Jess Richardson	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Pastoral
Kai Adcock	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Roisin Baker	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Hermione Lumb	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Elliott O'Connor	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Imaan Adil Zaka	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Lavinia Bomford	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Sylvie Gregory-Smith	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Jasper Hudson	9	Person of the Week	Ms Jacometti	Pastoral
Ted Moocarme	9	Person of the Week	Mr Brooker	Pastoral
Aarya Raghavan	9	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Raouf Rais	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Ethan Renehan	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Elliott Edwards	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Nicole Mancheva	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Marcus Spencer-Kidd	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Darcie Trawford	10	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Louis McGruer	10	Person of the Week	Ms Bennett	Pastoral
Marcus Spencer-Kidd	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Otto Wild	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Max Addy	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Mia Chiappini	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Henry Hayes	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Christopher Louzolo	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Isaac McLaren	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Mayowa Olufeyisan	10	Person of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Pastoral
Amelia Comben	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Jack Pepper	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Adeena Sajid	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Zaid Thalagara	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpport	Design Engineering
Peter Skinner	11	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Olin Steen	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Ollie Wainwright	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Bella Ward	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Chidera Anike	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Charlie Doud	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Aryan Makwana	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Zahra Ravji	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Weronika Skrzynecka	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Monty Wild	11	Person of the Week	Mr Farrow	Pastoral
Luca Wright	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Zach Bojang-Brett	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Hayden Pugh	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Isobel Smith	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Evie Sutton	12	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Sean O'Donnell	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Kamsi Onugha	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry

Lauren Brawn	13	Person of the Week	Mr Tighe	Pastoral
Eve Blackler	13	Person of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Pastoral
Elliott Coop	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Brown	Design Engineering
Ella Dunnett	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Archisha Roy	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Will Simpson	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Arun Singh	13	Person of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Pastoral
Sophie Taylor	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature

Computer Science at BGS – Sir Isaac Newton Lecture on Cybersecurity Mr Osborne, Subject Leader for Computer Science

On the 12 September 2025, we took our Year 13 Computer Science students to the annual Sir Isaac Newton lecture. The topic for this year was Cybersecurity.

The lecture, held at The University of Lincoln, in the Sir Isaac Newton building featured a keynote address by Simon Kirk, Director Consulting Expert in Cyber Security at CGI. His address detailed how cybersecurity affects our everyday life, the pitfalls, the concerns, the problems, what is being done, the way forward, how we can solve this problem, who is needed, what skills are required and the careers that are available.

The students were also given a number of TED style talks on related topics:

- **Dr Aisha Makkar** (Uni. of Derby) - Defending Tomorrow: How AI Supports Cyber Security
- **Simon Nicholson** (AI Mind Bicycle) - Using AI to aid learning universally
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- **Richie Blakemore** (London Stock Exchange) - Human risk management, focusing on how cyber criminals exploit human behaviours to manipulate their victims.
- **Flick O'Mahony** (Siemens) - Cybersecurity for Industry | No 2 days the same

There were also a number of information stands provided by Siemens, STEM, Inzpire, London Stock Exchange, University of Lincoln, Mind Bicycle, Custodia, RAF Space UK Command, CGI which allowed the students to engage directly with professionals from leading cybersecurity companies.

The students had an excellent time, asked lots of questions, enjoyed the different style of delivery in the lecture theatre and came away full of ideas.



Weekly Winners' Competition

At the beginning of the school year, our Year 9 students were given an exciting challenge known as the 'Weekly Winners' competition. Students were placed into one of 22 groups, carefully arranged based on their conduct during the previous academic year. Each week, they compete to earn the highest number of achievement points while keeping behaviour points to a minimum.

The top-performing student from each group is crowned that week's winner, and we are delighted to share the results from Weeks 1 and 2 of this term. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a strong reflection of the positive, focused attitude our students have brought into the new school year.

Congratulations to all our Weekly Winners!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	1 & 2	Sophie Alliston	20
2	1 & 2	Aarikha Arunkumar	23
3	1 & 2	Bede Drake	23
4	1 & 2	Abigail Lakin, Danny Davison	16
5	1 & 2	Amberley Keith	38
6	1 & 2	Viganth RG	36
7	1 & 2	Jorgie Binns	24
8	1 & 2	Imaan Manji	27
9	1 & 2	Jacob Quince	23
10	1 & 2	Ryan Ogbonna	29
11	1 & 2	Oakley Saville	37
12	1 & 2	Ethan Renehan	27
13	1 & 2	Lavinia Bomford	27
14	1 & 2	Lennon Smith	25
15	1 & 2	Finley Bate, Idara Samson	20
16	1 & 2	Immy Joyner	20
17	1 & 2	Willow Story-Hall	22
18	1 & 2	Sophie Perrin	24
19	1 & 2	Wonu Oluwasanmi	19
20	1 & 2	Kamsi Anike	36
21	1 & 2	Ted Moccarme	41
22	1 & 2	Thomas Burrows	23

GCSE Art Club

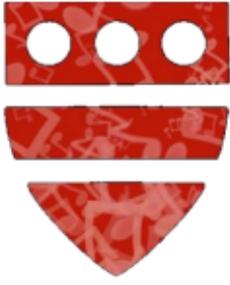
GCSE Art Club has begun for Years 10 and 11 every lunchtime and also on a Tuesday after school for Year 11.



Seascape, Matthew Cox



Stamford Street Scene, Oliwia Zajac



Music Department Rehearsals

2025-26

Weekly rehearsals for ensembles will take place as follows:

Day	Time	Rehearsal
Monday	1.00-1.25pm	Senior Choir (Year 9+)
Tuesday	8.45-9.10am	String Ensemble
	1.00-1.25pm	Orchestra (Grade 3+)
Wednesday	1.00-1.25pm	Junior Choir (Years 7-9)
Thursday	1.00-1.25pm	Junior Ensemble (up to Grade 3)
Friday	1.00-1.25pm	Rock Ensemble (Grade 2+)

Additional rehearsals for soloists and/or smaller ensembles take place during registration and/or lunchtime slots each day.

Details of these are published on a weekly basis.

There are some fantastic performing opportunities available to you this year!
Come along to the next rehearsal and find out more!

Please see Mr Tomlinson or Mr Jones for more information



Creative Arts Events 2025/26



Grantham Music Festival Concert - St. John's Church, Grantham

Sunday 12th October 2025

Lunchtime Music Concert Series - Bourne Abbey Church

Friday 17th October 2025

Friday 12th December 2025

Friday 6th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Christmas Carol Concert - Bourne Abbey Church

Thursday 11th December 2025

Community Carol Service - Bourne Abbey Church

Saturday 13th December 2025

6th Form Play: *Top Girls* – BGS Drama Studio

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th December 2025

Dance, Drama & Art Showcase Evenings – BGS Main Hall

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th March 2026

Shakespeare Schools Festival - Key Theatre, Peterborough

Wednesday 18th March 2026

***Musical Expressions: An Evening of Choral & Orchestral Masterworks* - Bourne Abbey Church**

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Summer Art Exhibition – BGS Art Department Rooms

Monday 29th June – Friday 10th July 2026

Summer Soiree, featuring *Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens* - BGS Main Hall

including a Disney Art Exhibition

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July 2026

LUNCHTIME MUSIC AT THE ABBEY



Fridays at 1:00pm
Bourne Abbey Church

17th October 2025

12th December 2025

6th February 2026

27th March 2026

15th May 2026

10th July 2026

RECITAL SERIES 2025-2026



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