



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 26 September 2025
From Mark Bruncker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

With our School Council in full swing this week and meetings taking place across all year groups, I am looking forward to sitting down with the Head Students to hear the latest feedback and ideas. Having such a comprehensive Council system running right through the school is invaluable, as it gives every student a genuine opportunity to share their views and help shape school life. I am very grateful to all those who give their time, thought and energy to making it so effective.

The Leadership Team had the real privilege of completing Learning Walks this week – short lesson drop-ins across a wide range of subjects and year groups. What we saw was genuinely uplifting: lessons full of energy and interaction, students challenged to think hard, and teachers drawing out understanding with great skill. On more than one occasion I was enjoying the lesson so much that I nearly forgot my ten minutes were up. It really was a joy to see such expertise in action, and a reminder of how fortunate our students are to experience teaching of this calibre every day.

And speaking of brilliance, a slightly unusual example came on the school field recently. A GPS line-marking robot had been programmed to paint out the white rugby and football lines. The timing wasn't ideal. It was the middle of lunch, with the field full of students. I half-expected chaos, or maybe the robot calmly painting its way across a student's blazer (Students reading this: that's not intended as inspiration for next time...). But no, not at BGS. The robot carried on, utterly undisturbed. Instead of interfering, the excitement turned into fascination, with groups of students gathering around to discuss the technology behind it. It felt like their own impromptu lesson, sparked by curiosity about the software and sustained by the kind of thoughtful questioning seen in classrooms all week. Clearly, they've been learning from the very best.



Careers Fair in full flow

That same spirit of curiosity will be just as valuable at our upcoming Careers Fair next Wednesday evening, a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to explore future pathways, discover possibilities, and ask questions of the many universities, colleges and employers who will be joining us. Further details are included later in this Bulletin, and I would strongly encourage all students in Years 10–13, along with their parents, to attend.

Finally, it was brought to our attention that a system glitch had meant some parents have not been receiving the weekly Bulletin. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we believe this has now been resolved, but also just a reminder that the Bulletin is also available on the School website.



Employers and HE Providers manning the stands

Year 13 CERN Trip



Geneva Fountain

“As a group, I think one of our favourite parts of the trip was the day we spent in Bern. We were able to experience the city through a fabulous, guided tour before visiting Einstein's house and the Bern Historical Museum. There was always something for everyone to do and we also enjoyed having our own time to explore the beautiful city of Bern.”

- Erin French



Group photo at the UN headquarters

“On Thursday, we did the “Physics” segment of the trip. We visited the Swiss Plasma research centre, where we learned about nuclear fusion and discovered that Swiss plasma does not have holes in it, and the CERN Science Gateway, where we were amazed by the hands-on exhibits.

After this, we took a cable car to the top of Mont Salève (which is actually in France), where we enjoyed the gorgeous views over the city and Lake Geneva spread out below us.

The Most Important Part, however, was the evening meal of both cheese and beef fondue with a side of unlimited chips (and we ate loads!)

Great atmosphere, great physics, great trip!”

- Mayra Narang and Olivia Dunicz



Group photo at CERN

On Wednesday we were up bright and early ready for our train ride to Bern. During the journey we enjoyed the picturesque views of Lake Geneva and the surrounding countryside visible from the train, and eventually arrived at the capital. From there we began our guided tour of the city, stopping at the iconic Zytglogge clock tower and Swiss Parliament before we were treated to views of the Aare, the iconic emerald river which traverses the city. This was followed by a visit to Einstein’s house within which he first began developing his theory of special relativity leading to the famous equation $E = mc^2$. The day was rounded off with dinner in a restaurant overlooking the river, but not before we had the chance to spot the several bears which call the city home in their riverbank enclosure.

- Thomas Wright-Lakin

House Totals

			
10005	8730	9915	9330

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 25/09/2025.*

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Emilia Bates	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Jessica Bedford	7	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Tim Candy	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Miles Cranston	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Aeon Turner	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Matthew Bullen	7	Learner of the Week	Ms Jacometti	Art
Patrick Hines	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Nancy Jones	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Nancy Jones	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Pastoral
Austin Pitman	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Edie Smith	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Cowell	Pastoral
Romeo Angel	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Basem Awadallah	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Charly Berry	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Harper Bridges	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amalie Keegan	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Krishna Koirala	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Hamish Shorrock	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Andrés Valdez	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Peiro Hernandez	Pastoral
Odetta Cukanova	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Pastoral
Grace Pearce-Higginson	8	Person of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Pastoral
Ananya Sahoo	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Toby Scholes	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Ronan Summers	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Prashitha Yelkoti	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Jorgie Binns	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Anna Da Silva	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Zach Beeken	9	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
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Lavinia Bomford	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Rishita Dutta	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Finn Huddart	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Dye	English
Yusuf Kebbeh	9	Person of the Week	Mr Brooker	Pastoral

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Abigail Lakin	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Finn Lemon	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Imaan Manji	9	Person of the Week	Mr Farrow	Pastoral
George Neave	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Oakley Saville	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Carys Collingridge	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Freddie Neal	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Kasper Pryke	10	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Toby Bell	10	Person of the Week	Mr Bowers	Pastoral
Louis McGruer	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Izzy Palmer	10	Person of the Week	Ms Jones	Pastoral
Charlie Bedford	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Luca Christoudias	11	Person of the Week	Mr Ray	Pastoral
Charlie Doud	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Atkinson	EPR
Aryan Makwana	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Miller	Physics
Peter Skinner	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Kiki Timmins	11	Person of the Week	Mrs McAuley	Pastoral
Diyaan Trivedi	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Luca Christoudias	11	Person of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Pastoral
Beau Clifford	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Alex Homza	11	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Danasha Kumari	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Aryan Makwana	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Aleena Malik	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Charlotte Mason	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Zara Ormanova	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Adeena Sajid	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Matilda Shreeve	11	Person of the Week	Mr Lennox	Pastoral
Dexter Vipond	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Oliver Webb	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jones	English
Elisa Wright	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Zeke Young	11	Person of the Week	Mr Lennox	Pastoral
Emma Hodson	12	Person of the Week	Mr Tighe	Pastoral
Alice Jones	12	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	Sports Studies
Oliver Walker	12	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English Literature
Martha Yates	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Ewan Dragota	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Hartley	Economics
Balinda Iyiegbu	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Maisie Jeffs	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Samyutha Puppala	12	Person of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Pastoral
Bronte Wyvill	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Gabriella Clarke	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English Language
Matilda Isitt	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Pollard	Geography
Maihvan Kalaiselvan	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Masha Morozova	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Lillie Hipwell	13	Person of the Week	Mr Hartley	Pastoral
Isabelle Riley	13	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Ayesha Shazad	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies

Progress Review Meetings

Progress Review Meetings (PRMs) offer an opportunity for a one-to-one discussion with your child's teachers to explore their progress in more detail and ask any questions you might have.

PRM appointments take place online, using either a smartphone or computer. Information and guidance about PRM, including your login details and how to book appointments online will be sent nearer the date by email to Priority 1 parents (as recorded on our database).

Students will be set work to complete at home on the PRM day in June (per subject lesson timetabled on that day) and are strongly encouraged to attend their meeting virtually along with parent(s)/carer(s).

Year 13 Progress Review Evening - Thursday 6 November 2025 (17:00-20:30)

Year 11 Progress Review Evening - Thursday 15 January 2026 (17:00-20:30)

Year 12 Progress Review Evening - Thursday 14 May 2026 (17:00-20:30)

PRM day for KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) and **Year 10** on Friday 26 June 2026 (08:30-18:30),

PRM evenings for KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) and **Year 10** on:

Thursday 2 July 2026 (17:00-20:30), and

Wednesday 8 July 2026 evenings (17:00-20:30).

Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 26 February 2026

Year 9 students, in discussion with their parents, will be asked to choose the GCSE subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11. The Options Evening is an opportunity for Year 9 students and their parents to find out more about the Key Stage 4 (GCSE) curriculum, and to speak with subjects teachers to learn more about the choices available.

Bourne Grammar School Careers and Higher Education Fair

The Bourne Grammar School biennial Careers Fair will be taking place on Wednesday 1 October 6pm-8.30pm.

All students and parents in years 10-13 are invited to attend.

It promises to be a fabulous evening with more than 60 universities, colleges and employers attending. Just a few of those confirmed are below.



Weekly Winners' Competition

Another excellent week in Year 9, as students continue to impress with their dedication, resilience, and effort. We are proud to recognise the efforts of Week 3's winners, who gained the most House Points in their group over Week 3 of term. Some students you may recognise as winners from Week 1 and 2 – a fantastic achievement to be listed here again, and showing their continued commitment. A huge congratulations to all the students listed – keep up the fantastic work.

Congratulations to all our Weekly Winners!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	3	Rishita Dutta	18
2	3	Aarikha Arunkumar	17
3	3	Jace Gwiti	20
4	3	Alessia Pacitti	30
5	3	Amberley Keith	23
6	3	Viganth RG	28
7	3	Jorgie Binns	31
8	3	Sofia Christoudias	31
9	3	Roisin Baker	19
10	3	Alisha Chakamanga	17
11	3	Anna Da Silva	31
12	3	Freddie Gibson, Joey Dickins	18
13	3	Lavinia Bomford	27
14	3	Caoimhe Healy	17
15	3	Suraj Yadravi	17
16	3	Isabelle Bradley, Rilan Haria	15
17	3	Dylan Kennard	14
18	3	Sienna Thomas	18
19	3	Wonu Oluwasanmi	16
20	3	Kamsi Anike	21
21	3	Ted Moccarme	25
22	3	Daniel France	28

Pokémon Club

Mrs R Evans, Head of Year 8



Pokémon Club off to a great start

On Friday lunchtimes a new student-led Pokémon Club is running in Geography 4.

This week was the first gathering and there was lots of excitement and enthusiasm as students played games and shared their cards.

Enthusiasts from Years 7,8 & 9 were present and the atmosphere was lovely.

Well done to Jonathan in Year 8 who is leading the club.

We hope to see more students joining in next week.

Achievement Points Competition

Mrs R Evans, Head of Year, and Mr A Graves, Deputy Head of Year

Congratulations to 8F who were the winners of our Achievement Points competition last week. Very worthy winners, with a very impressive total of achievements points!

8F were rewarded with a lovely sunny kick-about on the Astro during Monday's form time; a treat thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded their Bronze or Silver DofE Certificates this week:

Year 11 – Bronze Success

Henry Hodson
Abolaji Oluwasanmi
Kayla Reihill
Michael Sarfo

Year 12 – Silver Success

Merryn Baldock
Alice Barratt
Evan Bates
Jacob Didsbury
Miles Garrido
Oliver Hill
James Houghton
Oscar Huang
Shiksha Kaur
Charles Kavati
Paula Kriauciunaite
Hannah Lessiter
Hamsini Rajaalagappan
Jesire Richardson
Emily Seaton
Filip Wiza



Introducing New Student Council Representatives 2025-2026

We are excited to announce that this year's Student Council representatives have been selected and are ready to step into their leadership roles. These students will work closely with their peers and School staff to ensure that student voice is heard and valued over the next academic year.

The Student Council is a crucial platform in School that encourages student engagement and leadership development. Each tutor group from Years 7 – 12 has a designated Student Council Representative and all meetings are minuted by the Year 13 Senior Prefects and Head Students who take on the role of Chair.

Through the Council, students learn essential skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Most importantly, they become advocates, representing their fellow students' needs and ideas in everything, from School events and activities, to policies and initiatives that affect the entire School community.

For students, this is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas. Whether it's improving School facilities, creating new clubs, or addressing issues that matter to you, your new representatives are here to listen and act on your behalf. The success of our Student Council relies on participation from everyone—so don't hesitate to reach out to your new reps and get involved.

Form Representatives 2025 - 2026						
Form	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	Henry Steele	Rishith Inukollu	Edie Austin	Henry Hayes	Brooke Olivares- Alvarez	Eleanor Winn
B	Mia Pignatiello	Henry Mitchell	George Payton	Ewan Atkins	Oliver Smith	Merynn Baldock
C	Fliss Marshall	Hamish Shorrock	Ethan Renehan	Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	Umaiza Gilani	Bronte Wywill
D	Emily Greenfield	Fraser Daniels	Ruwanthi Hasan	Dylan Moverly	Akshith Pandian	Samyutha Puppala
E	Musab Asad	Elliot Read	Flavia Hoxha	Begum Kurtoglu	Maddie knot	Hannah Lester
F	William Hennessy	Sam Griffin	Riya Hiral	Aarav Poshala	Ayobami Karim	Emma Hodson
G	Joanne A.Akinsalire	Harriet Roberts	Amberley Keith	Doogie Shorrock	Monty Wild	Macey Hemmings
H	Mohammed Moin	Krish Pesal	Anish Katha	Sashwat Thiagarajan Arun Prasath	Ellis Lester	Amelia Javaid
I						Eva Harris
						Paula Kriauciunaite

Individual Success

Lois Cox (Year 11) was presented with the County U15 Girls Bowling Award for 2025 by her coaches at Cricket East (Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire) in a ceremony on 21 September.

In the same weekend, Lois, who bowls leg-spin, was also given the 2025 U15 (Combined Boys and Girls) Bowling Award by her club team, Nassington.

Her personal best figures of 6 wickets for 2 runs came in a U15 Hunts Youth League match in June.

Congratulations, Lois!

