



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 10 October 2025

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

This week has been every bit as busy and dynamic as we've come to expect at BGS, and it's little wonder the days have flown by with so much going on.

Something that really stood out this week was dropping into a brilliant study skills session delivered by the team from Elevate Education. Teaching effective study habits is nothing new, of course, but this year we've made a significant investment in this area. With 98% of Year 12 students saying they would recommend the session to others, its impact is already clear, and we look forward to welcoming them back soon. This focus on developing strong learning habits is central to Sixth Form life, and it feels particularly timely as we prepare to welcome both our current Year 11 students and those joining us from other schools to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16 October. For the first time at this event, visitors will hear directly from me as Headteacher, as well as from Mrs Tomlinson (Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form), and two of our Head Students. They will also have the opportunity to see each department in action, meet our subject specialists and talk with current Sixth Form students, gaining a genuine insight into what it means to be part of our vibrant and ambitious Sixth Form community.

Today we mark World Mental Health Day and join thousands of schools across the country in supporting the Hello Yellow campaign, led by Young Minds. The initiative aims to raise awareness, challenge stigma and remind young people that they are never alone with their mental health. Earlier this week, our Bake Sale in aid of Young Minds was a tremendous success. We raised almost £300, thanks to the generosity and talents of everyone who baked, and the cakes were every bit as impressive as the cause!



Cake donations ready to feed the crowds

LUNCHTIME MUSIC AT THE ABBEY

**Fridays at 1:00pm**  
**Bourne Abbey Church**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

RECITAL SERIES 2025-2026

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating our first Lunchtime Music Recital at 1pm in Bourne Abbey on Friday 17 October. This exciting new addition to our already thriving musical programme reflects the creativity, dedication and ambition that define our Music Department. The recital provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their talents beyond the school walls and for the local community to experience the joy of live performance in such a beautiful setting. Our performers would be delighted to share their music with parents, friends and members of the local community.

And finally, it was fantastic to see our U15 Girls' Football Team continue their strong run in the English Schools' FA Cup with an impressive 5 - 1 win against Arthur Mellows Village College. The rise of girls' football nationally is inspiring, and it's great to see that reflected here at BGS, where opportunities in the sport continue to grow. Huge thanks to Mr Graves for his leadership and commitment to developing girls' football. This was one of many sporting fixtures taking place this week, and it was a real pleasure to be there to see them in action. The team's skill, determination and togetherness were wonderful to see.

## ESAA Cross Country Cup – Mr C Ray

Crowland - Tuesday, 7th October

Following on from strong performances at the first round of the Fenland Cross Country League, four teams from the school again visited Crowland, but this time for the first round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup. The 24 students, 6 in each team, proved to be strong in all age groups. In the Junior Girls race, Isla Tate finished in an impressive 6th position, closely followed in 8th by Mable Swift. Avocet Williams in 12th and Liliana Winn in 15th completed the team scoring with Imogen Nightingale and Martha Shackel completing the team performance. This would see the team finish in 2nd place overall and qualify for the Regional Finals on the 8th of November in Leeds.

The second race, the Junior Boys had a team consisting of two Year 8 and four Year 7 boys all, of which all performed very well. Sam Griffin was first home in 2nd place with Ciaran McKay close behind in 5th. Impressive performances from Emmett Saker, Lennon Teague and Rowan Sekhar in 9th, 10th and 11th respectively, completed the team scoring with George Calvert in 16th place. Another impressive team performance seeing the boys qualify in first position overall.



In the intermediate Girls competition, one of our stronger teams, further exceptional performances were evident. Sophie Alliston finished in 2nd, Amberly Keith 8th and Sophia Christoudias and Madeleine Hobson in 10th and 11th respectively. Samaira Bajaj finished in 13th and Martha Shackle 15th, completing another impressive team performance and finishing strongly in second place as a team.

The final race to end the day was the Intermediate Boys. This would see a very close competition with Bourne Grammar qualifying in 2nd place just in front of Stamford School and behind William Farr from Lincoln. As individuals Cayden MacKay in 6th position was first home for the school, Freddie Neil an impressive 8th, Eli Saralis 9th and Zack Browne 12th with Harry Armstrong in 15th position. Despite illness, Noah Skinner worked hard to finish in 29th position but remained determined to finish the race.

It was a delight to see four strong team performances and to be the only school that would have four teams qualify for the Regional Finals. Well done to all. A reminder that the running club continues ever Monday and Wednesday after school and is open to any student who wishes to improve their general fitness through running. The next Cross Country event is the second round of the Fenland League at Hampton College on Monday 13 October, with the races starting at 4.15pm.

## Hockey Match Reports – Miss C Bowtell



### Year 9 vs Oakham

A match was arranged against Oakham's B and C teams to test the waters of our abilities. The girls firstly attended a training session led by head coach, Neil Evans, and then went to battle. The A team were a bit rusty and, despite their fantastic skill level, were forgetting to pass the ball around the team and got stuck several times on one side of the pitch. However, after a brief reminder, the passes started to follow and opportunities galore came for Harriet "The Hitman" Templeman with her powerful strikes and Romilly the wriggler weaving through their defence. We were steady in defence with Jess "You shall not pass" Richardson and Maddy Fowler holding the fort there. Any minor errors were simply swept away by Jasmine "Wilko" Wilkinson with great ease. The girls peppered the goal and came away victorious. Next time we play their A team!

The B team were also superb in their performances and dominated the opposition who were only saved by the amazing heroics of their goalkeeper. Jessie Desborough was superb throughout down the right and caused them so many problems, and Samaira Baja proved that she isn't just excellent at one sport. There were many more fine displays throughout and it was a wonderful day all round.



### Year 8 vs Kings Peterborough

We put two teams in against the local rivals Kings last week in what proved to be a very enjoyable and entertaining match. Both reports have been written by the players themselves representing their views of the game.

### A Team Report – Tilly Garland

We had an amazing match against King's School in Peterborough on Monday 29th September, for the A team. We had a diamond formation in place with Kriti Subudhi and Emily Gray in defence, doing a great job and hitting the ball upwards with speed and accuracy. Then we had our three midfielders, Charlotte Jackson on the left, Lily Mann on the right and Imogen Nightingale in the centre. All three of them did a fantastic job at dribbling the ball upwards and chasing it down when it went in the other direction. Upfront was Tilly Garland and in goal was Esme Fallows who did a fabulous job at defending many shots.



Overall, the A team won 2 -1 to King's who also played excellently. Our first goal was shot in by Charlotte Jackson in the first half of the match and our second goal was scored by Lily Mann in the last 90 seconds of the game. Everyone played amazingly, well done everyone!!

Training Session Photos

## B Team Report - Edith Thompson

The B team put in a determined performance against Kings, even though the final score finished 3–0 in their favour. It was a learning day for us, but full of positives to build on.

Up front, Liliana Winn played her first game and grew in confidence as the match went on, bravely stepping into tackles and working hard for the team. In midfield, Edith Thompson covered the left side well, while Matilda Walker which was also her first game shone in the centre mid, taking position with some amazing tackles from the Kings players and driving the ball forward with great power. On the right, Millie-Rose Wilson who was looking up to find space and making some very good and tactical passes.

At the back, the defenders Ananya Sahoo, Daisy Watkins, and Krisha Koirala worked very hard trying to get the ball out the D, despite their efforts, Kings were able to score three goals.

Although the result didn't go our way, we now can work on and be ready for our next match and hopefully bring back a win.



One area hampering our defending was our lack of a Goalkeeper so if you wish to have a go at training please see Miss Bowtell.

Sadly, our match against Bourne Academy was postponed to November last week, but we have Year 7 and more of Year 8 squads to update everyone with next week.

The future of Hockey is bright with the talent we have here at Bourne!

## Hello Yellow Week – Mrs M Bainbridge



Forming an orderly queue!

Friday 10th November is World Mental Health Day, and to mark the occasion, the Year 13 Mental Health Committee is hosting several events as part of Young Minds' *Hello Yellow Week*.

On Wednesday, they held a bake sale to raise funds for Young Minds, a charity that aims to raise awareness of mental health issues, provide support, and reduce stigma. From 8:15am, my office was inundated with cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and biscuits. Thankfully, I managed to resist temptation, and they all made it through to lunchtime! As soon as the bell for lunch sounded, students descended on the New Block Foyer to buy the array of bakes. Queues continued throughout lunchtime, and there were so many cakes donated that some were still left over by the end.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to bake and donate cakes — this would not have been possible without you. Look out for your House Points over the coming days! A special shoutout to our fantastic Mental Health Committee — Freya Andrew, Mayra Narang, Harriet Cork, Rowan Holland, Gabriella Clarke, and Zoja Gajewska — for their hard work in organising and running this event. Thank you also to Pippa Holtzshausen, Maihvan Kalaiselvan, and Mrs Tomlinson, who gave up their lunchtime to help supervise the sale.

Our Hello Yellow events continued today, with students invited to wear yellow accessories as part of their uniform to show solidarity with young people affected by mental ill health. On Monday 13th October, the Mental Health Committee will host a mindful colouring event in H3. Students are invited to bring their lunch and felt tips and take some time to relax.

## House Totals

			
<b>18126</b>	<b>16792</b>	<b>17522</b>	<b>17611</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 09/10/2025.***

## Students of the Week

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Adejola Akinsulire	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Muadh Asad	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Felix Hudson	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Dexter McIlhagga	7	Learner of the Week	Ms Jones	English
Luca Mezzatesta	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Luciano Santaniello	7	Person of the Week	Ms Jones	Pastoral
Alexia Hoad	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Laura Kay	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Muadh Asad	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Effie May	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Williamson	Pastoral
Ivy Quirke	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Greg Blanthorne	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Esme Fallows	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Millie Hind	8	Person of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Pastoral
Sophie Howard	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Barney Rogers	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Ava Stewart	8	Person of the Week	Mr Walklin	Pastoral
Ronan Summers	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Iris Thomas	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Avocet Williams	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Spanish
Ananya Sahoo	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Roisin Baker	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Jorgie Binns	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Atkinson	EPR
Thomas Burrows	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Eloise Clarke	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Eloise Clarke	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Rilan Haria	9	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Peiro Hernandez	Spanish
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR
Bethany Gledhill	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Ruwanthi Hasan	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Fatima Abbas	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Amberley Keith	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Leo Massey	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Finn Huddart	9	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral

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Ivy Roberts	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Joshua Ward	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Caspar Baldock	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Toby Bell	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Begum Kurtoglu	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Everist	Pastoral
Yenara Madanayaka	10	Person of the Week	Mr Brooker	Pastoral
Fred Reid	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Saffron Steen	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Kasia Sulwinska	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Harry Baker	10	Person of the Week	Miss Patman	Pastoral
Charlie Hempstead	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Riley Kurys-Brown	10	Person of the Week	Mr Bowers	Pastoral
Daniel Mulgrew	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Fred Reid	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Emily Wright-Lakin	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Casper Yu	10	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
Toby Bell	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Saihaan Damani	10	Person of the Week	Ms Bennett	Pastoral
Alix Smith	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Poppy Drake	11	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Jack Meckin	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Niketh Nambala	11	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Zahra Ravji	11	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Ellen Richardson	11	Person of the Week	Mr Roche	Pastoral
Bhavya Woosa	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Hannah Fernandez	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Eloise Hull	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Daniel Komives	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jones	English
Fatima-Zahra Nadeem	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Max Neal	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Bella Pridgeon	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Adeena Sajid	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Weronika Skrzynecka	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Coby Dawkins	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Poppy Drake	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Pastoral
Aryan Makwana	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Matilda Bilton	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Connie Rigby	12	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Emily Seaton	12	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
Lucy Shaw	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Evie Sutton	12	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Oliver Walker	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Hannah Lessiter	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Emmanuel Kouassi	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
William Lau	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Tommy Waddingham	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Minal Junaid	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Isabella Marriott	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Isaac Reid	13	Person of the Week	Dr Barmby	Pastoral

## Year 13 – Progress Review Meetings (PRM): Thursday 6 November 2025

### Booking system

The SchoolCloud booking system will open on Friday 17 October at 20:00.

Parents will be given the opportunity to have a virtual Progress Review Meeting with subject teachers to discuss student progress.

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.

Guidance and links on how to book and carry out a video call will follow shortly.

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via [prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)  
The booking system will close on **Sunday 2 November** at 23:55.

### European Day of Languages – Ms M Hernandez

Congratulations to the winning team of the European Day of Languages Treasure Hunt!

A big thank you to everyone who took part and made the event such a success.

Many students shared their enthusiasm, saying *“The treasure hunt was really fun and a challenge that made our lunchtime more enjoyable,”* and *“It helped us to navigate around the school.”* Others described it as *“a great opportunity!!”*

We’re so glad you enjoyed it and look forward to even more language adventures!



### Sponsorship for Go-kart Project

Mr G Miller, Physics

What’s better than Science lessons? Not much, admittedly, but building and racing a go-kart must surely be a top candidate. To this end, the School is investigating the feasibility of running the ‘STEM on Track’ programme, delivered by Espire Education. This gets students racing other schools in their own kart, built from a kit supplied by Espire. Students also learn the theory behind the design and operation of the go-kart, as well as being involved in the design of the livery and engaging with sponsors.

There is a significant upfront cost to join the programme, and so we are looking for local businesses to help with funding, and potentially mentoring of students involved in the programme. In return, these businesses would be building links within our community, supporting local students, and helping to nurture future STEM talent.



We would also include the sponsor’s branding on the kart’s graphics and in promotional material. We would appreciate if you, or someone you know, would be able to help with this. For more details, or to register your interest, please contact Greg Miller via [greg.miller@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:greg.miller@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

### Weekly Winners' Competition – Ms Atkinson

Year 9 continue to impress with their attitude and effort. I am delighted to share the winners of Week 5 of the Weekly Winner competition. Jorgie, Viganth, Wonu, and Ted are still unbeaten in their groups, but many new names feature too. I hope that Year 9 continue their efforts as we enter the final 3 weeks of term. Maintaining focus, effort, and concentration can be difficult, but the rewards are plentiful, and these positive habits will help them to achieve great things both in their education and beyond.

#### Congratulations to all our Weekly Winners!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	5	Samaira Bajaj	25
2	5	Aarikha Arunkumar, Madeleine Hobson	21
3	5	Tillie Phillips	30
4	5	Danny Davison	33
5	5	Harry Chappell, Juliette King	23
6	5	Viganth RG	32
7	5	Jorgie Binns	27
8	5	Sofia Christoudias	34
9	5	David Akinsulire	26
10	5	Will Sloss	35
11	5	Sasha Mackintosh	21
12	5	Ethan Renehan, George Payton	18
13	5	Thamilini Yoganathan	36
14	5	Caoimhe Healy	22
15	5	Finley Bate	20
16	5	Immy Joyner	31
17	5	Joshua Ramsey, Zachary Shorter	16
18	5	Sophie Perrin	26
19	5	Wonu Oluwasanmi	25
20	5	Sharlet Mary Abraham	27
21	5	Ted Moocarme	22
22	5	Thomas Burrows	20