



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 17 October 2025

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

Last night's Sixth Form Open Evening was one of those occasions that reminded me exactly what makes this school so exceptional. We were delighted to welcome record-breaking numbers of families through our doors, and the energy across the site was genuinely uplifting.

It was a real privilege to address those attending in person for the first time as part of the evening's talks, and to speak about everything that makes Bourne Grammar such a rewarding place to be part of. There was a positive atmosphere throughout the evening, and I couldn't have been prouder of the students and staff who made it all happen. It was also a pleasure to be joined by several of our trustees, who gave their time to support the event and to meet many of our guests.

It was lovely to hear such kind words and feedback about how friendly our students are, how approachable and knowledgeable the staff were, and how welcome everyone was made to feel. Many families commented that the sense of belonging came across immediately, which was heartening to hear.

Particularly striking was how many of our current Sixth Form students came along voluntarily to help, answering questions, sharing their experiences, and showing such genuine pride in their school. Their presence added something special; they are the best ambassadors we could ever hope for.



**Stars of the show**

It wasn't the only success story of the week. Gary Wyatt, one of our former peripatetic brass teachers, was part of the Desford Colliery Band, crowned National Champion Band of Great Britain at the Royal Albert Hall this week, with Gary himself playing principal cornet, the leading position within the band. His achievement is a reminder of the impressive talent, both past and present, that enriches our wider community.

That same spirit was evident again today in the first of this year's lunchtime concerts at Bourne Abbey, a perfect example of the creativity, collaboration and musical passion that continue to thrive here.

Our reach extends far beyond the school gates, and it's a joy to see so many current and former colleagues, students and friends continuing to achieve great things. If you, your children or former students have successes or achievements to celebrate, please do get in touch. It's always a pleasure to hear about the inspiring things happening beyond school.

## Badminton – Miss C Bowtell

### U14 Badminton Tournament

The annual junior Badminton Doubles tournament was held on Monday 13 October with our biggest ever entry of students. We had 26 boys and 14 girls all extremely excited to compete and of varying levels of experience. We only had 3 courts and so the students demonstrated great patience in waiting between games and reining in their extreme excitement to compete. I must express a huge thankyou to Honor Moore and Eloise Hull from Year 11 who supervised and ran the girls' event whilst I was busy organising four separate boys league all at once.

In the girls league every pair played each other for a period of 5 minutes and then the winner was the pair with the most points at that moment. The stars of the event were Aarikha Arunkumar and Proud Vichathum who put on an outstanding display, retaining their title from last year. However, I was also impressed by Fatimah Walji and Amara Densham who turned up and put on an excellent performance.

In the boys' section, all boys played against everyone in their league and then the winners of all four leagues played off in a semi-final event. These were:

- Krithik Mohan and Harshil Kadir vs Anish Katha and Samarth Aladakatti
- Srikar Puppala and Advith Kallepally vs Umar Thalangara and Mahdi Abdallah

The final was Krithik and Harshil vs Srikar and Advith, all four very experienced players. The winners were Krithik and Harshil who powered and smashed their way to victory over the deft and guile of Srikar and Advith



### U16 Girls Badminton Match vs Priory Ruskin

The team of Honor Moore, Mary Pepper, Kiki Timmins, Zahra Ravji, Proud Vichathum and Aarikha Arunkumar all played Doubles and singles matches throughout the evening.

The girls were magnificent winning all matches and playing some superb shots. We were so dominant that we had to play each other at one point to give the opposition a mental break.

### U16 Boys Badminton Match vs Priory Ruskin

Following the success of his brother, Ali Abdullah set out to emulate this and try to beat the mighty Priory Ruskin, County leaders in this sport.

He was joined by seven other players all chomping at the bit to have their first match this year. The boys battled hard against a superb team from Priory and the stars were Akshith Pandian and Aakash Ranjith who managed to get three wins between them in singles and doubles. We had many very close games which were lost 21-19 and it is testament to the boys' commitment to the sport as when they started playing against this team back in year 8 all players were barely scoring over 5 points per match so progress has been extensive.

We look forward to getting revenge at the county tournament after Christmas.

## Rugby Match Reports – Mr J Bowers

### Year 10 Rugby - Monday 13 October

The Year 10 Rugby Team took on Bourne Academy in a feisty encounter at Bourne Rugby Club. The first half saw some strong carries from BA resulting in a couple of hard-hitting tries being scored. A breakaway from Aydan Feetham looked to open things up slightly but BA consolidated and managed to go into half time with a lead.

The second half was a much better start for BGS, seeing a number of tries being scored as the BA defence was broken down allowing for holes galore to be run through. However, as the half drew towards its end, the bigger BA squad made a difference and the tiring legs of BGS saw a couple of tries conceded through nice play from BA through the backs, managing to get the ball out wide and score the final match winning try. The BGS team showed excellent character going into the second half and with aggression and control, brought it back to a close game but were pipped at the post, losing 29-24.

A massive thank you to Bourne Rugby Club for allowing us to use their venue and the hot dogs and drinks provided after the game!

### Sixth Form Team - Wednesday 15 October

After a few knocks against Stamford last week, the 6<sup>th</sup> form team saw a number of changes going into their fixture against Carres. A spritely start saw the forwards carry over 4 tries in the first half, going into half time 26-0 up. The first half was an excellent showing. Tackles were dominant, line breaks were exceptional and the speed into the ruck kept the ball alive.

Going into the second half, the boys were tasked with trying to get the ball through the backs slightly more to try and open up the pitch. But with Carres coming quickly out the gates and utilising the same tactics BGS were aiming for, managed to sneak in two tries out wide as the defence began to get a bit narrow. However, 3 more tries in the second half, again coming through the hard hitting forward pods proved too much for Carres, despite a late try to finish the game, the boys walked away winners, 40-19.

Next up, a well drilled and organised Spalding Grammar team. Wednesday 22 October at home, 14:45 kick off.



Sixth Form Rugby Team

## Hockey Report – Miss C Bowtell Year 7 & 8 Hockey Match vs Lincoln Minster

Both of these reports have been written by the team captains of each year group who have done a fantastic job in organising their teams in a warm-up and in this summary of their teams general play.

### Maddie Keith Year 7 Captain Marvel!

In our first match against Lincoln School the whole team got off to an awesome start keeping the ball in the attacking half. Beau Mathews and Izzy Lawrence assisted our first goal, scored by Maddie Keith, with some amazing passes. After half time we traded positions and Alexia Hoad in midfield defended well keeping the ball in our possession.

In the second match, Jemima Garland and Angelina Peng, played in defence doing great tackles and powerful shots all the way up field. Also, a special mention to Millie Hind who played great as goalie, stopping Lincoln's first shot at goal. In the final half we had many attempts at goal thanks to some of Lois Cunnington's shots up to the D and Maddie Keith's spacing. Plus a huge well done to Jemima Garland and Beau Mathews who were both awarded player of the match.

Lincoln School were fantastic competitors displaying great hockey skills and sportsmanship. In the end it was a very even tournament, in the first match 1-0 to Bourne and the second match 1-0 to Lincoln.



## England Athletics Youth Talent Programme

Lawson Capes, Year 12, has been selected for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme at Loughborough. He will be doing the DiSe programme, starting next week with a weekend camp .

Over 500 applicants were recorded and just over 100 made the selection.



### Tilly Garland Year 8 Captain Marvel!

Last Thursday, we played an amazing match again Lincoln Minster A and B team.

We had a diamond formation with Tilly Garland up front, Imogen Nightingale left mid, Amelia Cody centre, Lily Mann right mid and Kriti Subudhi and Emily Gray as our strong defense.

Tilly Garland scored in the first 10 minutes with an incredible shot at goal in a short corner, against the A's. Then our next match against the B's, Tilly scored again.

Lily Mann shot a brilliant goal against the goalie, making the goal 2-0.

Overall we won all of our games. Our players of the match were Imogen Nightingale and Amelia Cody (which was very well deserved).

We all had a great time and enjoyed ourselves. Well done girls!

The girls were rewarded by a stop at a famous eating establishment!



**Year 11 Geography trip to Sicily, 6-10 October**  
**Monday 6 October – Giardini Naxos and Letojanni**

Around 2.30am, forty bleary-eyed Year 11 students arrived at School, said their goodbyes to parents (who seemed happy to be waving their teenage children off for a week) and boarded the coach for Gatwick Airport.

After a particularly bumpy landing (at the second attempt!), we stepped down from the plane to be greeted by palm trees and the warmth of Catania, Sicily.

First stop was the Ancient Greek archeological site at Giardini Naxos, the first Greek settlement on Sicily, before lunch and transit to the hotel in Letojanni. After unpacking, we explored the coastline of the village then had an early night, after a long first day.



**Tuesday 7 October – Mount Etna, by Ben Alliston and Grace Cullen**

On the second day of our trip, we visited a large lava field at the bottom of Mount Etna, where we learnt about how eruptions affected small villages surrounding the volcano and about the volcanic rock. Then we returned back to the coach which took us on a scenic journey to main bottom of Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, where we the got on the cable cars that took us halfway up the volcano. Once we arrived at this point the temperature began to drop, and the clothing layers started. While enjoying the views from this point and waiting for the other groups to get to us, we noticed how easily it went from being clear and able to see the sea and the Silvestri crater to cloudy and low visibility.

Once all the groups had joined us, we hopped in 4x4 trucks which took us to the next part of the mountain and the final part a vehicle could get up. We started our walk being led by our tour guides finding out at this point we were over 3000m up, with frequent stops to discuss the geology and take in the views around us. The winds were increasing with volcanic ash being blown everywhere and at us, we started our descent back.

We then returned by the 4x4s and cable-cars, had lunch, and visited the gift shops. Finally, we travelled back to the hotel and had some free time where we could visit the shop, or go to the beach.

### **Wednesday 8 October – Vulcano Island, by Lucy Edgar**

We left the hotel bright and early at 6:20 in the morning taking an hour and a half coach to Milazzo harbour in order to catch the hydrofoil to the Aeolian Islands. The hydrofoil journey took about an hour to get there where some of us caught up on missed sleep. On arrival to the island, we set off almost straight away to start our ascent up to the crater of Vulcano. The views were amazing from the start to the end of the walk, and the clear blue skies meant we were easily able to see the other islands from the top. Thankfully during the climb on that day, it was very much warmer than Mount Etna. Towards the top, we began to see the sulphur field and definitely could smell it. The higher we walked the windier and cooler it became. Once most of us reached the summit, lots of photos were taken and some of us saw another volcano erupt from a distance. After a good period of time at the summit we began our descent which was much quicker than our ascent. At the bottom, we walked to a Black Sands Beach and had the opportunity to swim and get lunch before boarding the hydrofoil again to return to the hotel.



### **Thursday 9 October – Taormina and the Alcantara Gorge, by Heidi Paddock**

On Thursday 9 October we visited the Graeco-Roman theatre (Teatro Antico de Taormina, in Italian) in Taormina, which has been in constant use for 2500 years.

With the capacity to hold an audience of 10,000, it would regularly stage comedies and tragedies but now hosts many music concerts and the annual Taormina film festival. We then explored the theatre which provided breathtaking views of the sea and historic town on both sides of the stage with Mount Etna visible from the audience's perspective.



Afterwards, we went sightseeing in the picturesque town of Taormina which was once the largest Roman city in Eastern Sicily, now containing many shops for souvenirs and authentic Italian restaurants for lunch. With its charming streets, lined with character, the town is a popular location for tourism, with the theatre attracting 245,000 visitors each year.

We then visited the Alcantara Gorge which over thousands of years and the rapid cooling of lava has sculpted unique, ancient walls made of igneous rock. These nature-carved walls tower over the shaded, icy stream which flows in-between them containing small waterfalls. Students waded up through the magnificent gorge, with some even daring to fully enter the freezing cold water before ending a day of unforgettable sights and spectacular scenery.

### **Friday 10 October – return to Bourne**

The day was spent travelling home. Our flight headed north, passing straight over the Aeolian Islands that we had visited on the Wednesday.

Leaving 25-degree heat, we arrived to grey skies and a mildly respectable 13 degrees in Luton!

The group was back at school by 7.30, met by refreshed-looking parents.

We headed home, having experienced Physical Geography firsthand. We would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and keen interest in the geography of Sicily.

## House Totals

			
<b>20586</b>	<b>19337</b>	<b>19777</b>	<b>19972</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 16/10/2025.***

## Students of the Week

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Oliver Barker	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Harris Cootes	7	Person of the Week	Miss Mears	Pastoral
Maddie Keith	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Leo Marseglia	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Nico Muriritirwa	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
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Austin Pitman	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Connie Sutton	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Nico Muriritirwa	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Nico Muriritirwa	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Joshua Burwood	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Mathew Collingridge	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Odeta Cukanova	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Bethan Drewett	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Woolf	Science
Rose Harrison	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Prashitha Yelkoti	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Megan Younger	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Jack Andresen	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Natalia Borowiak	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Sofia Christoudias	9	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
William Duffy	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Rishita Dutta	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Sylvie Gregory-Smith	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Jace Gwiti	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Elias Gyamfi	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Finn Huddart	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Harriet Hudson	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Anish Katha	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Onel Madanayaka	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Idara Samson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Smith	PE
Mckenzie Watt	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Nancy Willoughby	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Nevaeh Agyemang	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Edwards	Pastoral
Caspar Baldock	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Bea Gregory	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Peiro Hernandez	Spanish

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Henry Hayes	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Stainton	Biology
Francesca Jones	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Riya Ramprasad	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs McAuley	PE
Charlie Roberts	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English
Zoe Roberts	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Lucy Ward	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Ali Abdallah	11	Person of the Week	Ms Bowtell	Pastoral
Ben Alliston	11	Person of the Week	Miss Pollard	Pastoral
Ella Barratt	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Charlie Bedford	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Neve Brackenbury	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Luca Christoudias	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
James Clifford	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Evie Fletcher	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jacometti	Art
Adam Jaffer	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Dye	English
Aryan Makwana	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Aleena Malik	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Heidi Paddock	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Adeena Sajid	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Josie Thrift	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Zade Tizi	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Eren Deniz Yusufoglu	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Jack Cotuk	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Theatre Studies
Euan Hirst	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Samyutha Puppala	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Izzy Woollard	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Grace Kiely	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Mayra Narang	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Evelyn Percival	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Matt Stafford	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Isaac Reid	13	Person of the Week	Dr Barmby	Pastoral

## **REMINDER: 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 can book multiple 6-minute appointments on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guidance and links on how to book and carry out a video call were sent out Monday 13 October.

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 2025** at 23:55.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards – Mrs R Brett

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

### Year 11 – Bronze Success

Maddie Knott

### Year 12 – Silver Success

Luigi Bonvini

Jay-Jay Bradshaw

Jack Cotuk

Arthur Crawford

Amelia Kearns

Donald McGeorge

Keira Rayner



## Celebrating BGS Core Values in Year 8 – Mrs B Evans

On Friday morning last week, twenty-four students in Year 8 were invited to a treat morning with chocolate croissants, board games and music.

Three students per form were nominated by their tutors to recognise their efforts this term. This was not judged on data or House Point totals but instead based on recognising those who are living the Bourne Grammar School values through showing kindness, resilience and ambition amongst other key traits we hope our students will aspire to.

Congratulations to the following students:

Ben Saunders, Isla Stuart, Ella Valentine-Dobbs, Sivathmika Mantha Kumar, Mia Allen, Harry Cosford, Martha Saralis, Eliza Stubbs, Connor Wilson, Basem Awadallah, Hannah Ralston, Max Nicolls, Dawson Seaton, Jessica Murphy, Adam Al-Heli, Robert Sandy, Esther Richardson, Emily Donnelly, Ava Stewart, Greg Blanthorne and Charly Berry

## Grantham Music Festival – Mr M Jones

On Sunday 12th October, twelve members of our Chamber Choir performed in the Grantham Music Festival Fundraising Concert at St John's Church in Grantham. The festival organisers are trying to widen participation from young people in the area, and we were delighted to have been invited.

The Chamber Choir performed two pieces, 'Upon Kinde and True Love' by Chris Williams and 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' by John Rutter and were complimented on the quality and blend of their sound, which was especially noticeable in the live acoustic of the church. In addition to our Chamber Choir, BGS was also represented by Miguel Valdez performing Chopin's 'Revolutionary Etude' on the piano, and Lucy Preston on violin and Alfred Kendon on viola performing as part of the Avvivando Trio. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their talents to the wider community.



### **Weekly Winners' Competition – Ms S Atkinson**

The Year 9 Weekly Winners competition continues, and I am pleased to share the results from Week 6. As the term continues, maintaining high standards for effort and conduct can become more difficult with tiredness creeping in, but it is fantastic to see so many of our Year 9 students approaching each day with positivity and engaging in their lessons fully and enthusiastically.

Viganth and Jorgie continue to be unstoppable forces, and a special mention to Eloise for earning an incredible 46 conduct points in one week.

#### **Congratulations to all our weekly winners!**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Top Student</b>	<b>Points Gained</b>
1	6	Harshil Varin Kadire	25
2	6	Ruwanthi Hasan	31
3	6	Bethany Gledhill	25
4	6	Alessia Pacitti	28
5	6	Eloise Clarke	46
6	6	Viganth RG	36
7	6	Jorgie Binns	28
8	6	Ffion Jones	25
9	6	Jacob Quince	25
10	6	Aarya Raghavan	23
11	6	Seb Hewitt	21
12	6	Ruby Hefferon	20
13	6	Lavinia Bomford	25
14	6	Fred Candy	22
15	6	Madison Fowler	14
16	6	Immy Joyner	34
17	6	Joshua Ramsey	27
18	6	Sophie Perrin	26
19	6	Freddie Knapp	24
20	6	Roksana Lulczynska	24
21	6	Hana Kauser	17
22	6	Daniel France	25