



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 29 June 2018
From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

A NIGHT OF MUSIC FROM THE STAGE AND SCREEN II - Monday 25 June



In his welcome to the audience our Director of Music, Mr Tomlinson, noted that this concert had delivered the fastest-ever sell-out for any of our musical events. Anticipation of a wonderful evening grew as, in the minutes before the first number, the Advanced Vocal Ensemble and Band massed on the stage and its extensions, presenting a grand and imposing sight. The students were bursting with energy and excitement; they were ready to entertain us and knew that their performances would again raise the BGS musical bar from its already elevated level.

As the tension mounted the audience savoured the magnificent programme, this time produced in association with the Art Department, under its outstanding new Subject Leader, Mrs Welling. Eight beautiful pieces of student art-work, related to the musical items, were included in the programme; each was presented in its original form for all to enjoy during interval drinks in the quadrangle. The pictures were also projected above the stage to complement the musical performances; combining the two departments was a most welcome innovation which will, I hope, endure.



Mr Tomlinson and Mr Stevenson have brought the Music Department to point at which the standard of performance, the number of students involved and the diverse range of pieces presented is simply astonishing. We enjoyed twenty or so numbers from across the ensembles, both large and small. The polish that we have come to take for granted from our young musicians shone brighter than ever, much to the delight of the audience and to the obvious, overwhelming and radiant joy of the students.

Conducted and compèred by our Director of Music and Mr Stevenson, the concert once again explored a well-chosen selection of pieces from musical theatre and cinema, including several large-scale arrangements which had, amazingly, been arranged for substantial orchestral and choral forces by students.



The two parts each ended with a medley, *Phantom of the Opera* to take us into the interval and, memorably, with the massed forces of the full orchestra and choirs for the finale, a sparkling medley from *Mamma Mia*. The sight and sound of every inch of the stage packed with the orchestra and choirs was exhilarating, bringing the audience to its feet for the reprise.

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This is by some way the grandest, most accomplished and certainly most joyful musical production that I have enjoyed in over thirteen years as Headteacher here. As a lifelong lover of music, especially when performed by our own students, the evening was to me as it was to everyone lucky enough to have obtained a ticket a prominent highlight of the School's year. Not for the first time I conclude with 'whatever can we expect next time'? But I know the answer ... something even better still.

My sincere thanks to all the students and to our fabulous Music Department, but also to all the parents who support their sons and daughters in their study and performance of music. As we have seen in these pages over recent months we are enjoying a new high in our School in all the wonderful things that the students do alongside their academic work - music, certainly, but also drama, sport and expeditions. All make our community stronger, happier and our students more confident and more rounded. Long may this flourishing continue, and continue to grow. As we move into the final few weeks of the school year, this week's concert will ring in our ears long into the summer holidays.



Phantom of the Opera
Abby Garthwaite (Year 10)



The Book Thief
Adam Thompson (Year 9)

YEAR 12 BIOLOGISTS VISIT TWYCROSS ZOO - *Report by James Beaton (Year 12)*

On Monday 18 June, four Biology teachers took 60 Year 12 students to Twycross Zoo in Leicestershire. The zoo hosts over 150 different species of animal but, most significantly, it is now recognised as a primate specialist zoo. We were reliably informed that it is the only zoo in the UK that is home to the four species of great ape - gorillas, chimpanzees, orang-utans and bonobos.

Upon arrival, we were divided into two separate groups for the day. Each group took part in a workshop session looking at animal behaviour, both in terms of the biological and psychological aspects of behaviour. Throughout the workshop, the different types of behaviour we were taught were all illustrated with examples from both animals in the zoo itself and also animals in the natural world. One memorable occasion during the workshop was when we were all given the opportunity to hold a giant beetle and to observe how it had become acclimatised to human contact.

Once the workshop had finished, each group was given the task of going out into the zoo to observe chimpanzees and bonobos. While we were observing the animals we filled in a chart called an ethnograph - this helped direct our observations. After we had finished the observation tasks, we had the chance to explore the zoo by ourselves and visit the restaurant to eat some pizza!

After our free time we went back into the learning centre to go over our results and to wrap up the session. In this workshop we had to discuss and answer the difficult question of 'what does it mean to be intelligent?'. Like the previous workshop, this proved to be both informative and entertaining. Once the session concluded, we all gathered near the main entrance to the zoo ready to depart. At this point we were given the opportunity to look around the gift shop before we headed back to Bourne. It was an enjoyable and useful day for everybody.



YEAR 12 HISTORY TRIP TO MUNICH AND KRAKOW - *Report by Tim Parker (Year 12)*

Last Wednesday, sixteen Year 12 students flew to Munich, Germany, with Mr Topham and Miss Cousins for what would prove to be a very informative and valuable History trip. We arrived in Munich in the early evening and enjoyed a walking tour of the city, learning a lot about the history of Munich and Bavaria. After a long day, we were soon all ready to return to our hostel for some sleep before our visit to Dachau Concentration Camp the following morning.

Dachau was, for many of us, our first visit to one of the sites of Nazi atrocities and was quite sobering. We learned a great deal about the lives - and deaths - of the victims of Hitler's regime. In the afternoon, we returned to Munich for the White Rose Tour, during which our guide told us about the city's involvement with the Nazi Party and about those who chose to oppose it. After what had been a hard-hitting day, it was nice to get some free time to experience Munich as it is today - a friendly, multi-cultural city - and, of course, to sample some traditional German culinary delights.

We then travelled for twelve hours overnight by coach to Krakow, the capital of the medieval Polish monarchs. A walking tour of the city proved, once again, both interesting and reviving. It's a shame that a place with so much history is rarely spoken about in schools here in the UK. After this tour, we were again allowed some free time to explore Krakow's old town, and here too we sampled the local cuisine. On Saturday, we visited Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camps, which created enduring moments. More than anything, the sheer scale of these camps was what shocked us most - especially in contrast with our visit to Dachau just days earlier. There was a very solemn atmosphere to the whole place, which really hit hard when following the path of those condemned to death just over seven decades ago. The bus on the return trip to Krakow was, for the most part, completely silent.

In the evening, we walked back towards Wawel Castle in the old town to watch the fireworks of the Midsummer Festival - a welcome relief after what had been a very difficult, though incredibly important, day.

On our final day in Poland, we paid a visit to Oskar Schindler's factory, in which the history of the city during the Nazi period was chronicled. Although we learnt more about the campaign of terror carried out against the city's Jews, the visit ended on a happier note - the fact that the Nazis ultimately failed, and that some victims of their oppression survived. After this, it was time to head to Krakow Airport, where we flew back to the UK and returned to Bourne.



SOUTH Lincs ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Mr Bowers, PE

A fiercely hot day was to meet the student athletes at the Princess Royal Sports Arena for the South Lincolnshire Championships in Boston on Monday 25 June. Along with running the event, the School fielded male and female teams from Years 7 to 10, with a total of 60 athletes attending.

All athletes performed well throughout the day, with many stand-out performances including several School and District records being broken by Bourne Grammar School students. In Year 7, Max Roe broke both the 100m and long-jump records, jumping 5.25m in the latter event. Other stand-out performances from Year 7 came from Anthony Catherwood in the high jump with a best jump of 1.47m and Nicole Haynes in the hurdles and high-jump. On the track, Aoife Glasswell ran superbly in the heat to win the 1500m in a time of 5 minutes and 33 seconds along with Erin Cox who ran a well-paced 800m winning in a time of 2 minutes 42 seconds.



The Year 8 Boys continued their fine run of athletics this academic year, with stand-out performances from the track, including wins from Theo Briston (100m), Finlay Adkins-Krijgsman (200m), Seth Cardew (300m), Alex Galpin (800m) and Harry Hewitt (1500m). Strong performances came in the field also, in the shape of winning jumps from Theo Briston (long-jump) and Connor Young (triple-jump), registering best jumps of 5.24 metres and 10.03 metres respectively. From the girls, a main stand-out from the day was Lauren Stuart who completed the double in shot and discus, throwing 7.30m and 19.04m respectively.



In Year 9, five students from Bourne Grammar School are attending the English Schools Championships after showing superb performance throughout the year to meet the required standards. Fran Fenwick (100m and High Jump), Will Kong (100m, 300m and Long-Jump), Katie Callcut (80m Hurdles and Long-Jump) and Flo Brill (1500m) all came home winners in their events throughout the day. However, a special mentioned to Cody Roe, who started competing predominantly in the triple-jump this year managed to jump 12.16m, clearing the English Schools requirement standard of 12m for the first time. More winning performances came from Connor Ely in the 1500m in a time of 4 minutes and 48.1 seconds. Also winning their events were Harry Goulding, competing for the first time this year who threw 36.14 metres in the javelin; Holly Moore won the javelin with a throw of 24.58m and Jay Stainton with a best throw in the shot put of 8.79m.

The Year 10 Boys' team saw a number of absences and therefore was thinner on the ground with athletes in their regular events. Tim Schoutsen nevertheless continued his fine javelin form in search of a 40-metre-plus throw in competition. With the still day, Tim managed this feat, throwing 40.86 metres and winning the event by over 12 metres. The Year 10 Girls' team saw a number of stand-out performances. Amy Webster won her event by 4m, throwing a best of 23.57m. Eleanor Smith completed a double in the 100m (14.1s) and javelin (30.92m), winning the latter by 9 metres and the former by two tenths of a second. Abby Garthwaite performed well in hurdles and high jump to come away with maximum points in both events, completing the hurdles gracefully in a time of 13.8s and clearing 1.45m in the high jump. The day also saw uncontested wins from Elin James in the 1500m (5 min and 26s) and Beth Eagle-Brown in the 300m (44.7s).



On an excellent day for the School, wins in the Girls' Year 7, 9 and 10 competitions alongside the Boys' Year 7, 8 and 9 giving a total of 6 wins from a possible 8 showed a glimpse of dominance from the ability of students at Bourne Grammar School. A thank you should also go to Mr Ray and Mrs Mohan who, with the help of Year 7, Year 10 and Sixth Form student volunteers ran the event smoothly.

EAST ANGLIA REGIONAL COMBINED EVENTS 2018 - Mrs Mohan, PE

Four Bourne Grammar students represented Lincolnshire at the regional Combined Events Championships in Boston last weekend. The Junior Boys pentathlon took place on Saturday and Will Kong and Cody Roe of Year 9 took part in very warm conditions which is a rare occurrence in our experience of competing at Boston. Will was in contention for a podium spot from the first event where he ran a personal best of 11.5s in the 80m Hurdles and he followed this with another personal best of 10.91m in the shot put. He then jumped 5.97m in the long-jump and was then in first place. The high-jump and 800m followed and were weaker events for Will and he finished in third place with a total of 2643 points. Cody gained valuable experience from the competition with his best event being the hurdles and long-jump after which he was in seventh position. He dropped to tenth position after the high-jump and 800m, an excellent first performance at this level and scored 2023 points.

Fran Fenwick and Katie Callcut of Year 9 competed on Sunday in even hotter conditions in the junior girls' pentathlon. Katie and Fran were neck-and-neck throughout the completion, vying for first and second places and achieving personal bests along the way. Katie was the fastest in the 75m hurdles with 11.7s with Fran 0.1s behind. In the shot, Katie threw over 9m for the first time to maintain the lead. Fran then took over the



lead in her specialism, the high-jump where she jumped 1.58m to Katie's 1.37m and then increased her lead with a new best of 5.31m in the long-jump with Katie still in second place going into the 800m. It is a very tough event after a gruelling day of competition and they both struggled but Fran held on to win the competition with 2900 points, over 100 points clear of second place. Katie dropped to 7th place with 2571 points in a close competition and will be working on her endurance for next season.

Fran and Will's performances have qualified them for the English Schools' Combined Event Championships to be held in Bedford in September. Well done to all.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tickets are now on sale for MADD (Music, Art, Dance & Drama) Evening, scheduled for Thursday 19 July at 7pm. Tickets cost £6 (Adults) and £4 (Concessions) and can be purchased via the following link: www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/517170.

ARTWORK - *Sophia Stanton (Year 10)*

Over the past three months, 33 Art students have been given the opportunity to create artwork based on a variety of film and stage productions. Students from Years 7 to 12 selected popular pieces, such as Disney's *Mulan*, *Tangled* and *The Lion King*, to other movies like *Transformers*, *Mamma Mia!* and *Harry Potter* to complement the musical performances that were planned for this year's Music Concert. Working away from our classroom tasks was an exciting opportunity, considering that much of our research meant we had to watch our selected film!

On Monday 25 June, final outcomes inspired by the films were displayed to the public during this year's Night of Music from the Stage and Screen, with some pieces projected onto the screen behind the performers. It was an incredible opportunity to work with both the Art and Music Departments, with some really encouraging and positive feedback being received. The artwork will also be displayed at the Bourne Town Hall Art Exhibition on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July, which will be another opportunity to see our work in a different environment.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Emily Clipson-Cox	7	Mr Maddox	Mathematics
Maddy Gamble	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Marcel Verleg	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Phoebe Bardwell	8	Mrs Somerville	Art
Elyza Howard-Chalmers	8	Mr Baker	Science
Amy Jones	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Michelle Kaseke	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Sophie Palmer	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Katy Brown	10	Mr Adamson	Mathematics
Leo Clack	10	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Parie Desai	10	Miss Bennett	English
Regan Garman	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Luke Harrison	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Katie Stanbury	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Katie-Beth Mounsor	12	Mr Tighe	Politics

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Hockey Sophie Brittain (Year 11) and Phoebe Martin (Year 12) recently represented Lincolnshire at the East Hockey Tournament, where they narrowly missed out on first place on goal difference against Essex. Phoebe also collected the Lincolnshire County Ladies Player of the Season Award and will be playing for the Nottingham Midlands regional team this month.

