

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

As this first term of 2025–26 draws to a close, it's been a genuine pleasure to see just how much has been achieved both in and beyond the classroom. The past seven and a half weeks have been full of energy, creativity and commitment from students and staff alike.

My sincere thanks go to all our staff for their exceptional efforts, from the consistently high quality of teaching to the huge amount of time and care given to extra-curricular life. This term has been packed with opportunities for students to get involved beyond their lessons, including the many clubs and societies running throughout lunch and after school, as well as the countless sporting fixtures, rehearsals and music performances that fill our calendar.

Halloween has added a burst of colour in certain areas of the school, with some form groups going to extraordinary lengths decorating their tutor rooms. At one point a double take was necessary when a student strolled past carrying what looked suspiciously like a prop from a horror film. I won't go into detail, but it brought back memories of the impressive dissections taking place in the Science Department at our recent Sixth Form Open Evening. There's certainly been a creative spirit around the school this week, from those eerie displays to our Media students' visit to *Stranger Things: The First Shadow*, which felt perfectly timed for this point in the season.



In addition to all this, it's been another action-packed term of enrichment and opportunity. Our Historians have been exploring Wales, Geographers Sicily, linguists Seville, and Physicists Switzerland, while Drama students have enjoyed theatre visits, musicians have been busy with rehearsals and concerts, artists have filled lunchtimes with painting and sketching, and our sports teams have taken part in countless fixtures. These are just a selection of the experiences that have taken place, all of which have required a huge amount of organisation and commitment from staff. I'd like to thank all those involved for their time and dedication.

It's also been fantastic to see the friendly House rivalry in full flow during this week's Interhouse Volleyball competition. The atmosphere in the Sports Hall has been electric, and the overall standings remain close, with plenty more opportunities for Houses to earn points as the year goes on. Today's Sixth Form versus staff matches have added an extra edge of competition to the end of term. Always a fiercely contested fixture and great fun for everyone involved.

Wishing all students and staff a very well-earned break. Thank you for everything you've given this term.

Year 10 Rugby – Mr J Bowers

Tuesday night saw the first rugby match played at School this year. The Year 10 team, off the back of a narrow defeat against Bourne Academy last week, had Spalding Grammar in their sights.

With a couple of debutants in the wings, Bourne made a strong start through the winding run of Aydan Feetham, scoring the first of his 3 tries of the night within the first minute of the game. However, Spalding soon gathered themselves and applied pressure through regular phase play and eventually shifting the ball through the backs to run over wide on a couple of occasions.

The second half continued in the same way and as Bourne started to move the ball across the back line more smoothly, space became available for more tries to be scored, however this resulted in pressure being put back on by Spalding and going to score twice themselves. Following an Alex Allen crash ball special direct from the line out, it made the score 26 apiece.

With only a couple of minutes left, Harry Armstrong called for the tee and slotted home a penalty to make it 29-26 and secure the first win of the season for the Year 10 team.



Bourne Grammar School Literacy Update...and a reminder about the E-Platform – our online library - Mr D Williamson-Ward (Literacy Coordinator)

Reading for pleasure is the most critical and fundamental skill that underpins everything we do: in school and in life.

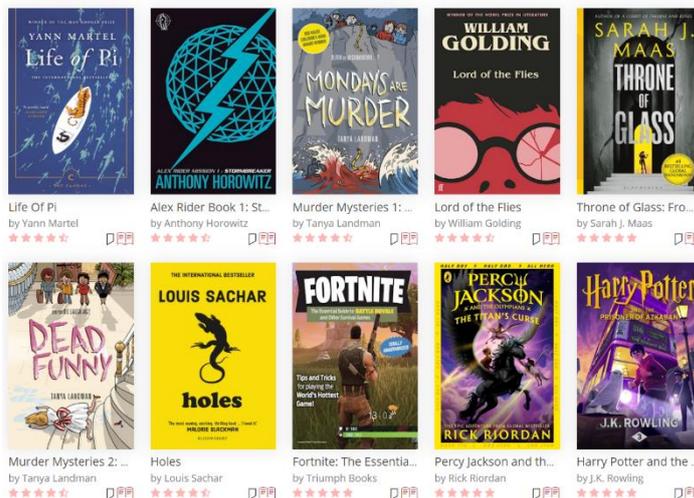
Reading regularly enables students to decode the words they come across and to infer beyond the literal decoding of language and meaning.

In fact, the correlation between good literacy and good student outcomes at GCSE was higher in Maths than in some arts subjects like history and English Literature. ‘Read all about it’ report – GL Assessment 2019.

Ultimately, reading helps our students become fluent, articulate speakers and critical thinkers - rich in cultural capital and knowledge - with the confidence to express themselves constructively.

With that in mind and half term soon upon us, we thought we’d take this opportunity to remind our students of our E-library. With almost 2000 titles available, readily accessible at the click of a button, we’d like students to take time over the holiday to browse the e-shelves for their next reading adventure.

Below is a quick guide to help students access the E-library using their usual school login details. Access can also be found through the student portal on our website:



Please encourage students to explore the library and have fun borrowing from their favourite genre or discovering something new. Above is a taste of the variety of titles available from contemporary tales to classics enjoyed by generations of voraciously avid readers.

Finally, a plea. E6 will soon be the place for students to go to find a quiet space to read at lunchtime. We’d like to take donations of any preloved books that may be taking up space on shelves at home. These books should be suitable for students in Key Stage 3 so please consider your donations carefully. If you think you can help us out, then please send books in with students to drop off during the day or parents may wish to drop them off at reception yourselves. Either way we would love to take these donations in and build a welcoming and enriching reading space for students to visit every lunchtime in E6.

How to access Bourne Grammar School eLibrary (Years 7-11)

1. Type in the following web address:

<https://bourne-grammar.eplatform.co/>

OR use the QR code.

2. Use your TEAMs login details.

@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

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For the first month **you will be able to borrow one** book, from then on you will be able to take out a book every two weeks.

There is an excellent range of books available on the ePlatform. **Spend some time exploring the titles** available and reading the synopsis before borrowing a book. If the book is already on loan, you will be able to place a reserve.

Even if you're offline, the ePlatform app is the quickest and easiest way to borrow and read eBooks.

1. Visit your usual app store and install the **ePlatform app**.
2. Search for Bourne Grammar School.
3. Browse the range of titles.

The *ePlatform* library is compatible with the following devices:

- iPhone, iPad and iPad touch
- Android devices
- Windows tablets
- Desktop or Laptop
 - Kobo
 - Sony eReader



House Totals

			
24192	22708	22650	23388

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 23/10/2025.***

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Oliver Barker	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Jessica Bedford	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Mizen	Science
Chloe Berners	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Lily-Rose Crawford	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Isla Getty	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Roberts	English
Lottie Gibson	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Isla Isabell	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amogh Kandikattu	7	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR
Maddie Keith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Penny Norton	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
Aeon Turner	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Nico Muriritirwa	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
Lily-Rose Crawford	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Alfie Fleming	7	Person of the Week	Miss Speakman	Pastoral
Brandon Bull	8	Person of the Week	Miss Ewing	Pastoral
Eason Capper	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Science
Astrid Fairhead-Abrahams	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Daisy Feetham	8	Person of the Week	Mr Motley	Pastoral
Bobbie Gibson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Amelia Nicholson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Lilian Osoba	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Olivia Woollard	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Jacometti	Art
Rebecca Zheng	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Harriet Booth	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Bethan Drewett	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Leon Fuller	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Sophie Whitehead	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Roisin Baker	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Lavinia Bomford	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Tighe	EPR
Daniel France	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Pastoral
Caoimhe Healy	9	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Ted Mocarame	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Idara Samson	9	Person of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Pastoral
Jasmine Wilkinson	9	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Nathan Cheale	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Shivam Chopra	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Biology

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Natalie James	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Daud Junaid	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
George Knight	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Williamson	Pastoral
Oliver Nicol	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Corey Bosworth	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Lucy Byrne	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Anya Copestake	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Finley Harrison	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Williamson	Pastoral
Yenara Madanayaka	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Alfie Bird	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
George Dennis	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Hannah Fernandez	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Carrie Gibson	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
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Andreas Halford	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Sara Haque	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Seb McLean	11	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Scarlett Parr	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Katie Perrin	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Katie Perrin	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Willow Young	11	Person of the Week	Mr Lennox	Pastoral
Harry Beacham	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jones	English
Charlie Doud	11	Person of the Week	Ms Jones	Pastoral
Hannah Fernandez	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Nia Handley	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Deon Mathew	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Hartley	Economics
Amina Umar	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
Jonathan Blair	13	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Gabriella Clarke	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Logan Coltman-Bell	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Brown	Design Engineering
Selina Joyce	13	Person of the Week	Mr Tighe	Pastoral
Vikita Shah	13	Person of the Week	Mr Hartley	Pastoral
Lee Lee Spencer-Kidd	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Thomas White	13	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Callum Grant	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Selina Joyce	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law

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

Booking system

Our PRM evenings are an opportunity to have a virtual meeting with subject teachers to discuss your child's progress using our online *SchoolCloud* platform.

Year 13 parents can book multiple 6-minute appointments on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *SchoolCloud* booking system is currently live and will remain open until **Sunday 2 November 2025 at 23:55**.

Guidance on how to book appointments and carry out video calls was sent out on Monday 13 October.

If you have any queries about online booking or the PRM process, please email Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk for assistance.

Weekly Winners' Competition – Ms S Atkinson

As Term 1 draws to a close, I am pleased to share with you the results of Week 7 in our Weekly Winners competition. Many new names feature, with a particularly excellent performance from Harriet Hudson, Roisin Baker, and Alessia Pacitti.

Well done to all those who have been awarded 'Weekly Winner' this term – it has been wonderful to celebrate their efforts each week. So many Year 9 students have made a fantastic start to the year, approaching each day with effort and enthusiasm. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate them for this. I hope all students enjoy their half term break, and I look forward to seeing what they achieve in Term 2.

Congratulations to all our weekly winners!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	7	Erika Bryson, Peyton Teague	21
2	7	Luke Johnson	21
3	7	Jace Gwiti	18
4	7	Alessia Pacitti	26
5	7	Finn Huddart	19
6	7	Harriet Hudson	45
7	7	Natalia Borowiak	18
8	7	Sofia Christoudias	25
9	7	Roisin Baker	38
10	7	Ryan Ogbonna	12
11	7	Jayzen Jafri	20
12	7	Joey Dickins	12
13	7	Jack Andresen	13
14	7	Caoimhe Healy	21
15	7	Finley Bate	14
16	7	Rilan Haria	17
17	7	Nancy Willoughby	11
18	7	Autumn Kiely	10
19	7	Elias Gyamfi	13
20	7	Roksana Lulczynska	19
21	7	William Duffy	14