



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

Last Friday may have ended with the disruption of Storm Claudia, but it also showed our school community at its generous and supportive best. Our Year 13 Equality and Diversity Prefect Committee hosted their annual Children in Need bake sale and raffle, and I am delighted to share that they raised over £500 for this fantastic cause. A huge well done and thank you to all our bakers, organisers and supporters.

Tickets are now on sale for our Sixth Form Play, *Top Girls*, which will be performed on 17 and 18 December. Our Sixth Form cast and production team have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, and it promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking performance. These evenings traditionally sell out very quickly, so please do book early. To secure your seats, simply visit the school website and click "Buy Tickets" in the top-right corner.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking 15 of our Year 7s to Oundle for their first ever rugby match for the School. It proved to be as much about character and camaraderie as it was about tries and tackles. It is a rare opportunity for me as Headteacher to be able to commit to a midweek fixture, but I could not have been more pleased that I did. It was an afternoon that captured everything we value about sport at BGS.

The excitement began long before kick-off. As we walked through just a small section of their 300-acre site, past what felt like an endless number of pitches, the boys were openly stunned. The discovery that Oundle also has its own swimming pool prompted one student to ask, with complete seriousness, "And are they actually allowed to use it?" It perfectly captured their sense of wonder.



Despite the freezing conditions and coming up against a very strong Oundle side, our boys threw themselves into the challenge with huge determination. The team they faced had already been playing together for two years and had an impressive record, having gone unbeaten at Under 10 and Under 11. A number of our students are more familiar with football boots than rugby boots, yet some of the fiercest and most committed tackles of the match came from these players. Their enthusiasm, physicality and willingness to learn were brilliant to watch.

What impressed me even more than the action was the way the team supported one another. Players new to the sport were given reassuring guidance throughout, mistakes were met with positivity rather than frustration, and every small success was acknowledged together. Their manners were exemplary, and the respect shown to both teammates and opposition was exactly what we hope to see from BGS students.

Individually, one to one, they looked every bit the match for their opponents, and by the fourth quarter they had developed a far better sense of structure and positioning. Their improved organisation paid off, and they deservedly drew the final quarter, a clear sign of how much progress they made within a single afternoon.

It was also lovely to see some parents braving the cold on the touchline to cheer them on. It was a fantastic first step in their BGS rugby journey and, for me, a reminder of what a privilege it is to witness our students growing in belief and resilience.

## Badminton Week – Miss C Bowtell

The Senior teams have all been in action this week playing teams from Peterborough and within Lincolnshire. Firstly, the U15 team had their first experience of a competitive interschool match with Peterborough High School. The team was made up of boys and girls, and they competed in Doubles and Singles matches against each other. The team was ranked 1-12 and then the squad played people from the other school of their ranking. Therefore, boys played girls and their own gender of the same ability in singles and doubles formats. The matches were played in an excellent spirit and were extremely close leading to us sneaking a 10-12 win in games and a nail biting last few matches where we were losing but came back to sneak the win. The future looks bright for them.



The U16 team included a new look squad following dropouts from the Year 11's due to Spanish orals competing with athletic excellence, a common theme here at Bourne!

Aarav Poshala, Kirit Banda, Aman Dinesh, Rohan Lesiw, Henry Hayes and Isla Cummins were all newcomers who made excellent additions to the squad making it very competitive. We saw the lovely return of Basil Senny since his accident in the summer which livened the inter match conversations up and increased the loudness of the support from the side.

We have found another superstar player this year in Aakash Ranjith and our other top player Saihaan Damani was also present to help coach and umpire and organise our teams. He was supported by the most improved and now highly deadly Monty Bage and the always reliable, veteran team member, Charles Bomford.

We entered an A and a B team who happened to play each other in the first match which resulted in some very spicy and fiercely contested rallies, but the A team showed their extra consistency and touch and overcame the heart and spirit of the B team. The A team maintained these high standards throughout, defeating Boston B team, Holbeach A and B team and Long Suttons teams leading to a grand stand off with Boston A team. They had 2 very competent county level players and we had to tweak the team to ensure we loaded our strengths against their weaknesses. However, we lost the first two games and needed to win the next three to win overall.

Miss Bowtell's mouth was in her hands at the prospect but never fear as Monty is here leading the way to an emphatic first comeback win which inspired the others to gain all victories.

The girls team has been the same for the last few years and consistency really is the key as Zahra Ravji, Honor Moore, Kiki Timmins and Eloise Hull were joined last minute by Isla Cummins as a substitute for Mary Pepper. But nothing stops the Bourne Grammar machine and Isla fitted in beautifully to the team with her consistent play and superb movement around the court.

The girls mixed up the singles and doubles responsibilities and were as strong in every combination thus leading to another victory. This was good news to Miss Bowtell as last years had to be decided by a match between myself and the Boston High PE staff, a nerve-wracking affair.

Well done to everyone and now we look towards the county tournament after Christmas.



### Engagement Grade Reports - Mrs B Evans

Congratulations to the Year 8s who achieved the highest Exceeding Expectations for their recent engagement grade reports.

On Wednesday morning, tutors sent three students per form to join Mr Graves and I in the Sports Hall for a celebration run-around and some basketball. It was lovely to see students let loose, socialise and get 15 minutes of exercise in to start their day! Well done all.

## Cambridge Fieldwork 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> November – Miss E Lindley

Every year, the Geography Department take our Y10 Geographers to Cambridge City Centre to undertake their human fieldwork that they will use in their Y11 summer exams, exploring inequalities, challenges, sustainability and what it is like to live in Cambridge. This year, we took 155 students over 5 days to practice valuable skills around the city, Amelia Giblin (10J1) has written about her group's experience:

Our day started at 8am when we got the coach to Cambridge, excited about what the day had to offer us. After a 1.5 hour coach ride, we arrived at our first data collection site, Storey's Way, where we took an environmental quality survey & completed a pedestrian & traffic count, taking in the amazing houses as we went. We then made our way over to Magdalene Street, where we completed a land use transect, labelling all shops as either independent or chain businesses to see what was available for those passing by.



After this, we walked down the road to King's Parade then Sidney Street, where we completed our first set of interviews, collecting data & gaining a greater understanding of what the people of Cambridge think of the city.



We then moved over to Fitzroy Street, where we completed another round of interviews and another land use transect, adding to our data. Penultimately, we then went to Mill Road, our last data collection site, where we completed a pedestrian and traffic count, an environmental quality survey to compare with Storey's Way and a land use transect and before heading towards the Grand Arcade shopping Centre.

We were then given some time to get lunch & explore Cambridge for ourselves before we took the coach back home, rounding up a very lovely day of fieldwork back in Bourne for the end of the school day! Thank you to our Geography teachers and Mr Murray for taking us to Cambridge and enriching our GCSE experience!



## House Totals

			
<b>9647</b>	<b>11146</b>	<b>9438</b>	<b>9912</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 2 up to 20/11/2025.***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Rosie Hammond	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Rosalie King	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Willis	Science
William Lambie	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Matthew Peachey	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Elwood Williams	7	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Greg Blanthorne	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Williamson	English
Ariana Fairholm	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Rose Harrison	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Edith Larder	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Elizabeth Lawrence	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Science
Martha Saralis	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amelia Sharpe	8	Person of the Week	Mr Green	Pastoral
Rebecca Zheng	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Roisin Baker	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Amelie Chatham	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Lucy Cottam	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Miller	Physics
Bethany Gledhill	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Lucie Large	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Maia Paige	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Ivy Roberts	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Ivy Roberts	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ivy Roberts	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Idara Samson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Caspar Baldock	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Tamsin Bates	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Sian Beeken	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Annabelle Bull	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Macy Bundock	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Nathan Cheale	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Saihaan Damani	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Charlie Hempstead	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Seb Kay	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Riley Kurys-Brown	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Jessica Nicholson	10	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Riya Ramprasad	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Eli Saralis	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Pollard	Geography
Georgia Summerfield	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Hayden Thongphay	10	Person of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	Pastoral
Carlota Verdu	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Otto Wild	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Aleksander Wiza	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Will Wrigley	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Walklin	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Tom Blanthorne	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Joshi Harriss	11	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Isabel Howard	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Darshan Shreesh	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Somridho Bhattacharya	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Pastoral
Eva Harris	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Emma Mckenna	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Faith Perkins	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Solveig Smith	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Bronte Wyvill	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Martha Yates	12	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Poppy Fasulo	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Sophie Taylor	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Emma Whittle	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Keerthini Yoganathan	13	Person of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Pastoral

### Children In Need – Mrs M Bainbridge

The rain may have been coming down heavily last Friday, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm for our bake sale here at BGS.

For the second time this year, my office was packed full of a fantastic variety of bakes from the moment the gates opened. As ever, I was blown away by the sheer generosity and skill of our Bourne Grammar bakers.

With the proceeds going to Children in Need, the bakes truly embodied the spirit of Pudsey, with plenty of yellow and polka dots on display. Some cakes were so excellently decorated to look like Pudsey that I almost felt guilty slicing into them!

Mrs Tomlinson and I had the delight of judging the bakes and, with great difficulty, decided on the following winners:

- **Best cake:** Dasha Nechaiva, 8H
- **Best non-cake bake:** Emily Cox, 7G
- **Best Pudsey bake:** Emily Greenfield, 7D

A special acknowledgment also goes to Amelie Hunt in 7B. Your Pudsey cake was incredible and truly deserved its own mention. Thank you so much to all our bakers; without you, these charity events would not be possible.

A huge congratulations should also go to the incredible Year 13s who organised this week's events, they should be incredibly proud of their work.



## Year 13 Equality & Diversity Committee

Pippa Holtzhausen, Adaobi Nwamarah, Martha Caney, Lucie Lund, Gabriella Udejaja, and Sanjana Padmanabhan Bourne Grammar Bakers showcased their amazing skill when contributing delicious baked goods to raise money for charity. The Equality and Diversity committee were amazed by the creativity and technicality of the entries, from Pudsey cupcakes to macaroons and fudgy brownies.

During the week, we sold Pudsey ears and badges, and it was fantastic to see the participation from students across all years, proudly wearing them.

After the judging, all the cakes were sold to students and staff to raise money for Children in Need, students had arrived as soon as the bell rang! In total over £500 was raised, which was wonderful to see. We are so thankful for all your contributions that are able to make a difference in changing others' lives for the better!



*Some of our fantastic helpers: Gabriella Udejaja, Pippa Holtzhausen, Adaobi Nwamarah, Peyton Teague and Tiyaana Dixon. Not pictured: Alisha Chakamanga and Shreya Yadravi*

## Year 9 Term 2 Week 2 Weekly Winners – Ms S Atkinson

I am pleased to share the names of the Weekly Winners for Week 2 of term. Each student in Year 9 is in their own group, competing for the title of Weekly Winner based on their conduct throughout the week.

Each week myself and Mr Sutherland meet with them to congratulate them – it is the highlight of our week being able to celebrate their efforts. I hope they all feel very pleased with their efforts during Week 2, and continue to excel as the term goes on.

Well done to all week 2 winners!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	2	Alessia Pacitti, Amberley Keith	27
2	2	Fred Candy	23
3	2	Erika Bryson, Ruwanthi Hasan	22
4	2	Hermione Lumb	21
5	2	Lillyana Darcy	22
6	2	Alfie Barton	14
7	2	Jerome Koshy	14
8	2	Elliott O'Connor	16
9	2	Freya Ridgewell	15
10	2	George Wilson	13
11	2	Roha Sheikh	11
12	2	William Mitchell	5

## Geography Club – Mrs B Evans

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November saw the first meeting of Bourne Grammar Schools new Geography Club.

This is a prefect-led club which was enthusiastically attended by our brilliant Year 12 prefects and a very healthy number of year 7,8 and 9 students.

This week was all about breaking the (rapidly melting) ice with lots of games and chatter. Students enjoyed playing Geography Top Trumps, Mapominoes and Flag and country quizzes.

The standout highlight was seeing our most senior students sitting down and interacting on a level with some of the youngest in the School.

Future meetings will involve more quizzes, games, debates, and screenings of documentaries as well as allowing younger students to get involved in their own projects, depending on their interests.

**Well done to the prefects for getting this new club off to a great start.**



## Success in Spanish – Mrs M Baverstock

Every term the Spanish department celebrates the success of the best spellers in the target language. These are students who have consistently got full marks in their weekly spelling test. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have managed to reach this very high standard during Term 1 – we are very proud of you.

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9		Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
George Hildebrandt	Isla Ankerson	Aarikha Arunkumar	Roisin Baker	Anya Copestake	Ewelina Ernest	Merryn Baldock	Jyoti Bista
Jude Jackson	Ruben Pattinson	Samaira Bajaj	Cameron Milne	Amelia Giblin	Leah Graham	William Brown	Matilda Eagle-Brown
Aggie Scrivens	Jasper Purdy	Finley Bate	Fatimah Walji	Ellie Moore	Daniel Komives	Chloe Burgin	Atte Maaranen
Georgia Chappell	Bobbie Gibson	Madeleine Hobson	Jack Andresen	Izzy Palmer	Brooke Olivares-Alvarez	Calem Healy	
Myles Cottam	Anna Hartley	Jules Kelsey	Lillyana Darcy	Olivia Webb	Ben Potter	Lucia Karic	
Ava Davies	Sammy Hullock	Zina Nwamarah	Grace Edgell	Isla Cummins	Ellen Richardson	Hannah Lessiter	
Scarlet Lester	Simra Imran	Kamsi Anike	Ruwanthi Hasan	Caspar Baldock	Ali Abdallah	Adeline Zagorodniuc	
Fliss Marshall	Raffaele Santaniello	Sophia Aziz	Emma Homza	Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	Declan Brewer		
Resmai Mcdonald	Martha Saralis	Anna Da Silva	Anish Katha	Yojit Bodduluri	Lois Cox		
Daisy Shackell	Maryam Seit	Isaac Hall	Jerome Koshy	Natalie James	Catalina Diaz-Munoz		
Ellison Trawford	Iris Thomas	Jasper Hudson	Aarya Raghavan	Seb Kay	Max Ellis		

Sebastien Donaldson	Ben Cham	Noah Mason	Ivy Roberts	Jessica Nicholson	Hannah Fernandez		
Emily Greenfield	Elliar Fisher	Eva Neal	Demi Sanwo	Charlie Hempstead	Aayan Hanif		
Devinandana Jayan	Finn Gibson	Holly Thornhill	Lennon Smith	Nandini Mamillapalle	Evie Ingham		
Daniel Kearns	Tilda- Rose Houghton	Suraj Yadravi	Sofia Vanterpool	Alfie Lovell	Danesha Kumari		
Georgios Mantaleris	Harvey Weston	Max Yu	Adrian Balaban		Maryam Muhammad		
Sophia Richmond		Naomi Crowther	Bede Drake		Zahra Ravji		
Connie Sutton		William Duffy	Maia Page		Jack Rodway		
Ella Wells		Madison Fowler	Imaan Adil Zaka		Adeena Sajid		
Erik Klitouchenko		Dylan Kennard	Mahdiyah Jaffer		Aras Tugluer		
Lottie Gibson		Patricija Krulko	Amelia Lidgley		Carrie Gibson		
Amogh Kandikattu		Kumayl Meghji	Poppy Pawlett		Luisella Pacitti		
Usaym Moin		Harriet Templeman	Viganth RG		Lucy Preston		

### **DofE Success – Gold Award Achievement – Oliver Trumble Year 13 – Mrs R Brett**

Huge congratulations to Oliver who has recently completed his Gold DofE Award. This is a remarkable achievement and sees Oliver complete all 3 levels of the scheme.

Over the last 3-4 years, Oliver has spent much of his own time volunteering for Thurlby Tigers Football Club helping to train younger team members, specifically in goalkeeping. During this time, he developed his own coaching skills and become an incredible asset and well-respected member of the coaching team. For Oliver's Gold volunteering, he has spent the last 12 months helping at the Don't Lose Hope Café turning his hand to almost all tasks required to help run the café and serve customers. Additionally, he has spent time volunteering at Scouts as a Young Leader and continues to give his time to the local community.

Throughout the 3 Award levels Oliver has developed his football skills and swimming endurance, coupled with additional sessions at the gym to ensure he improved his fitness. To meet his Skills section requirements, Oliver has learned how to cook and play the piano, advancing to Grade 4 during his Gold Award commitment.

During the Easter break Oliver took part in the Gold Practice expedition in the Yorkshire Dales followed by the Qualifying expedition in the Lake District in July 2025. Though the Easter weather was perfect for hiking, the July weather was testing, and Oliver and his team had to dig deep to maintain morale, battling persistent rain which tested them all both mentally and physically. But they overcame the difficulties, and Oliver was instrumental in keeping them all on track with skilful navigation.

Oliver's Residential experience saw him endure wet weather again as he spent a week in the Peak District moorland, climbing and caving, sharing new experiences with new friends. Here he revelled in meeting new people, working together to achieve their goals undertaking challenging activities.

It has been a pleasure to support Oliver through his DofE Award levels and I hope he has enjoyed the experiences, recognises his accomplishments and is very proud of what he has achieved. I hope Oliver has a wonderful day at Buckingham Palace when the Celebration Day comes around. Well done and best wishes from the Dof E Team.

