



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Bruncker, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

Next Friday we hold one of the most significant evenings in the School's calendar: Speech Night. It is a formal occasion dedicated to recognising and celebrating the achievements of last year's GCSE and A-Level cohort; young people whose determination, resilience and ambition led to outcomes they should be immensely proud of. The evening is attended by our full teaching staff, along with families, alumni and award recipients, and serves as a moment to reflect not only on academic excellence but also on the personal growth, maturity and character shown by those students throughout their time with us. The programme will feature music and drama performances from across the School, and the atmosphere is always one of celebration, pride and collective recognition of effort and dedication.

This week brought success for our debating team, who have secured a place in the next stage of the ESU Schools' Mace. Debate remains one of the most valuable disciplines a student can develop: it encourages clear thinking, respectful listening, careful reasoning and confidence in delivery. It has also been particularly pleasing to see our older students helping to guide and prepare those new to competition, offering reassurance and passing on their experience.



James Houghton, Ned Dangerfield & Samyu Puppala

These skills matter academically, but they are equally important in shaping young adults who can engage thoughtfully with different viewpoints, express themselves with maturity and contribute positively to the conversations and decisions that shape society. I would like to congratulate all those involved for the way they prepared, supported one another and represented the School with intelligence and integrity.

In the coming weeks we begin two strands of seasonal charitable work. Our Christmas Shoebox Appeal will take place first, with donations collected on Friday 12 December, and once again we hope to support a number of organisations whose work directly benefits people in the local community. In previous years our students have helped provide gifts and resources for the Evergreen Care Trust, Jefferson House, Clare Lodge and the Giving Tree appeal at Peterborough Hospital, and our intention is to do the same again this year. Each organisation provides support in different and deeply important ways, from home care services for older people to specialist provision for vulnerable young people and children in crisis.

The following week, on Thursday 18 December, we will hold our annual Food Bank collection in support of those in crisis within Bourne and the surrounding area. This appeal represents more than generosity; it is a direct act of compassion towards members of our own community who may find this season difficult. I must also acknowledge the leadership shown by our House Leaders who play a crucial role in driving participation, promoting awareness and ensuring these collections happen. They bring energy to House competitions and events throughout the year, and their impact stretches far beyond School life; this is a clear and powerful example of that.

With Speech Night ahead and our charitable work underway, there is much to celebrate and much to look forward to as we move towards the end of term, and perhaps even the first hint of Christmas in the air.

## Under 16 Girls Doubles Badminton Tournament – Miss C Bowtell

This annual event took place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November here at Bourne Grammar School. We had four pairs taking part in what proved to be very close encounters, with favourites not necessarily playing at their best post-exams, and newcomers skilfully pushing their way up the rankings.

The four girls teams all played each other in a round robin version of the event, with the winning team being the pair with the most game wins. This turned out to be the magnificent pairing of Zahra Ravji and Mary Pepper who were unbeaten throughout the evening.

The surprise second place pair were Darcie Trawford and Isla Cummins, newcomers to the event. This pair is getting better and better with each event they enter.

Third was Riya Ramprasad and Jess Daniels who performed very well in this event, taking Darcie and Isla to a very close final match.

In fourth place, and leaving their best play to the last game, were Eloise Hull and Honor Moore, our multi skilled games players.

A fantastic evening of good sportsmanship and fantastic play.



## South Lincs Schools' Cross Country Championships – Mrs K McAuley

On Friday 21st November almost 80 students travelled to the Princess Royal sports Arena in Boston for the annual South Lincolnshire schools Cross Country Championships. Despite the cold weather on arrival, students were soon warmed up by the sun and ready for the races that started at 10 o'clock.

The competition is organised as both team and individual events, with the top 20 normally progressing to the county championships that takes place at Burghley Park in Stamford in early January.

As a school, the top six athletes home in each age group comprise a team score, with the lowest scoring school winning that event. Once again the day proved to be hugely successful for Bourne Grammar, dominating the event and winning seven of the eight competitions available. In the Year 7 girls competition, Daisy Shackle was first home for Bourne in second place, closely followed by Maddie Keith in third, Georgia Chappell and Sophia Calvert finishing sixth and seventh, with Alexia Hoad in 10th place and Charlotte Evans, the final scoring athlete finishing in a very credible 11th. Others to qualify for the county championships were Romy Handley.

In the junior boys an impressive 1,2, 3 saw George Calvert win the event closely followed by Oliver Barker and Emmett Sekar in third. Lennon Teague finished in fifth, with Alfie Fleming in sixth and Rohan Sekhar in 9th to complete the team score. Usaym Moin and Erik Klitovchenko also qualified for the county championships.

In the Year 8 and 9 girls race a truly dominant display saw Bourne Grammar girls coming first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, 12th, 13th, 14th and 16th positions. Sophie Alliston, Amberley Keith and Madeleine Hobson were the top three.

In the junior boys, Sam Griffin once again ran superbly to complete the race in first position, with Kieran McKay in third, Louis Stubbs in fourth and Finn Clarkson in fifth. John Marvin and Oscar Tilly completed the team score in ninth and 11th positions.

For the girls Y10 & 11 race, Edith Kaberry ran superbly to finish as winner, while Bea Gregory came a very impressive fourth position. Ellen Richardson in eighth and Francesca Jones in ninth were joined by Carmen Vandersteen and Alex Smith in 11th and 12th positions. Lois Cox and Tia Ely have also qualified for the county championships.

In Year 10, 11 boys Cayden McKay won the event closely followed by Ben Alliston in second, and to complete the team scores Noah Skinner, Monty Bage, Freddie Neal and Eli Saralis. Zac Brown, Harry Armstrong and Chris Lazlo also qualified for the county championships.

At senior level, Yvette Annis comfortably won the senior girls competition, with Cece Watson qualifying alongside her.

In the boys at senior level, Noah Henderson ran impressively claiming fourth position, with Miles Garrido in fifth, Lucas Chisholm sixth, and Billy Burrow completing the team in seventh.

Another outstanding performance for the school with more than 60 going forward to represent South Lincolnshire at the county championships.

Well done to all who participated and have continued to attend the running club led by CJ Lattimer on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.



## The Alex Wiggins Memorial Flying Scholarship - Charlie Lumb, 11G

On the 30th October, I was invited to Hamilton Place in Mayfair, to be presented with a flying scholarship by Sir Christopher Harper, president of the Air League (pictured centre left)

My scholarship has been made extra special, because of its connection to Bourne Grammar School; it's awarded in honour of former pupil Alex Wiggins (pictured) who attended BGS from 1991 to 1998. Alex was very sporty and may have represented school in rugby.

The Alex Wiggins Memorial Flying Scholarship, in memory of Alex, is sponsored by Jamie Ritchie-Butler (pictured left) and Alex's close friends; Jamie met Alex in 2001 when they started integrated ATPL flight training at Cabair in Cranfield. After flight training, Alex towed gliders at Dunstable gliding club, before joining FlyBe as a First Officer on the Dash 8. In 2005 Alex joined Jamie's airline (First Choice Airways, now TUI) as a First Officer on the Boeing 757/767 and went on to fly the Boeing 787 before gaining his Command on the Boeing 737 in 2018. He was highly thought of in all the airlines he flew for, but most of all he was described as a brilliant friend and person to be around. Jamie felt privileged to do a long-haul trip with Alex in 2009 and they spent holidays together. Alex was a pilot's pilot, never afraid to manually fly a visual approach with 300+ passengers behind him. He's missed a lot by all that knew him, and this bursary helps his close friends remember him whilst benefiting young people.

I also live in the same village Alex grew up in, and have had the pleasure of meeting his mum, Elaine (pictured right). She told me how as a very young toddler Alex used to hear an aircraft passing over and shout "plane". His family still laugh and shout plane. Alex only ever wanted to fly, like me. Alex worked hard achieving his goals, and became captain in 2018, a very proud moment for all who love him.

Alex was diagnosed with Lymphoma in 2019, but like everything, he fought it courageously and never complained. He died in 2020, aged 39. He would be so pleased to know about the bursary his dear friends fund in his memory - Alex wanted to encourage young people and would be so proud to have this award in his name as Alex was passionate about giving back. Before his death, he encouraged others to support Blood Cancer UK and his legacy helped raise over £12,000 for them.

He was a lucky young man to say he achieved most of his goals and got what he always wanted; to be a Captain at a young age.

Like Alex I have aspirations of becoming a pilot when I am older and have been inspired by his story. I hope to join the RAF to train as a helicopter pilot and serve my country. To ensure I have strong passion for flying before I begin this journey, I joined the Peterborough and Spalding Gliding Club to begin my aviation career. I started flying in 2024 and achieved my first solo flight in the same year. This scholarship will benefit me greatly as I am now able to begin flying powered aircraft and take my flying to the next level.



Alex Wiggins



Charlie receiving his Flying Scholarship

## House Totals

			
<b>11734</b>	<b>13562</b>	<b>11814</b>	<b>12619</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 27/11/2025.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Theo Adams	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Mikayeel Ali	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Ethan Ashton	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Joshua Burton	7	Person of the Week	Miss Mears	Pastoral
Amelia Dawson	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Jemima Garland	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Evelyn Garton	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Pastoral
Winston Gregory-Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Orlaith Heames	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Austin Hickey	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Maddie Keith	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Izzy Lawrence	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Jude Pearl	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Austin Pitman	7	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Thomas Smith	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Cowell	Pastoral
George Wheatley	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lydia Wilmot	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Basem Awadallah	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Vibha Banda	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amelie Bodmer	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Rikil Chanda	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Daisy Donovan	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Bethan Drewett	8	Person of the Week	Mr Tomlinson	Pastoral
Hugo Geeson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Caspian Grew	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Sam Harrison	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Millie Hind	8	Person of the Week	Miss Ewing	Pastoral
Ethan Hudson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Charlotte Jackson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jess Mabbutt	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Maija Ozola	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Emeli Butcher	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Joey Dickins	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Bethany Gledhill	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Sylvie Gregory-Smith	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Juliette King	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Alicja Odrobinska	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics

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Ivy Roberts	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Mckenzie Watt	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Brooker	English
Nevaeh Agyemang	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Mears	English
Ewan Atkins	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Tyler Bates	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Corey Bosworth	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Shivam Chopra	10	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Natalie James	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Rohan Lesiw	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Cayden Mackay	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Oliver Nicol	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Doogie Shorrock	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Flossie Swift	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Willis	Physics
Aum Tanna	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Carlota Verdu	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Casper Yu	10	Person of the Week	Mr Marsden	Pastoral
Amelia Comben	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Izzy Hughes	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Sonia Oleksiewicz	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Akshith Pandian	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Timothy Parsons	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Harriet Rogers	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Seb Setchell	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs McAuley	PE
Diyaan Trivedi	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Chloe Cox	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Campbell Gordon	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Balinda Iyiegbu	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English Language
Grace Kiely	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Abilesh Nadendran	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Amy Sargeson	12	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson	Pastoral
Solveig Smith	12	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson	Pastoral
Mia Spriggs	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Politics
Adelina Zagorodniuc	12	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English Language
Jessie Dolby	13	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Zack McKean Smith	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Keerthini Yoganathan	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology

### **Year 9 Term 2 Week 3 Weekly Winners – Ms S Atkinson**

I am pleased to share with you our weekly winners in Year 9 for Week 3 of Term 2 – there are some outstanding scores here, and it is a pleasure to be able to share their fantastic achievements with the school community more broadly.

The winning students demonstrate incredibly high levels of engagement across the broad range of their subjects, embodying so many of our school values as ambitious, determined, and inquisitive young people.

Well done to all week 3 winners!

<b>Group</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Top Student</b>	<b>Points Gained</b>
1	3	Amberley Keith	33
2	3	Jace Gwiti	42
3	3	Ivy Roberts	48
4	3	Juliette King	30
5	3	Demi Sanwo, Ethan Renehan	27
6	3	Amelie Chatham	32
7	3	Maia Paige	39
8	3	Ashmit Arun	33
9	3	Lucas Huang	15
10	3	Ethan Lam	28
11	3	Emma Langdon	25
12	3	Zac Moore	21

### **ESU Schools' Mace Debating Challenge – Mr A Mitchell, Debating Society Coordinator**

On Wednesday evening, we took a team of Year 12 students to Round 1 of the ESU Schools' Mace Debating Competition, held at King's School, Grantham.

The team consisted of Samyu Puppala, Ned Dangerfield and James Houghton, all of whom are new to debating and were taking part in their first ever competition.

They had had just a few weeks to prepare but were brilliantly coached (and supported on the night) by Mayra Narang, Paa-yaw Gyan, Tegan Haw and Akshaya Tirchunapalli from Year 13.

The competition was tough, with strong performances from other teams including Stamford School, Carre's Grammar and King's. However, our team was fantastic, arguing confidently and persuasively and in the end was one of three teams to progress to the next round.

Overall, this was an excellent result for their first outing, and they should feel very proud.