

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 5 December 2025

From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Christmas has officially arrived at BGS, with our tree going up on Monday, adding a touch of festivity to the foyer. It really does brighten the space, and my thanks go to Mary Pepper, Brooke Olivares-Alvarez and Lucy Preston for giving up their time to decorate it so beautifully.

Our main Christmas Carol Concert sold out incredibly quickly, but there are still two lovely opportunities for parents to enjoy some wonderful performances: next Friday's Lunchtime Concert at the Abbey on 12 December, which features a varied programme including Beethoven, Fauré, pieces from Les Misérables and The Phantom of the Opera, along with a performance from our Junior Chamber Choir; and the Community Carol Concert on Saturday 13 December. Both events promise to be memorable occasions.



Earlier this week I received a message from Peterborough United confirming that Luca Christoudias has been selected to travel with their U18 squad for their upcoming FA Youth Cup 3rd Round fixture. This is an outstanding achievement at any age, and even more so given that Luca is a Year 11 student playing at U18 level.

Luca's talent is clear, but what truly sets him apart is his character. He is a thoughtful and hard-working young man who shows a real maturity in how he conducts himself, with a consistently positive attitude both on and off the pitch. I spoke with him briefly yesterday, and he was typically measured, humble and appreciative, which is exactly what we have come to expect from him. He is probably far too unassuming to want me writing about him here, but his achievement deserves to be recognised. He approaches his GCSE studies with the same level of dedication that he shows in his football. We wish him the very best as he steps out at Old Trafford, an unforgettable stage for any young player, and this opportunity is fully deserved.



Alongside these moments of celebration, this week also included something more serious. We carried out our Lockdown practice, something I wish we never had to plan for but an important element of maintaining a safe and fully prepared school. The drill was calm, well-organised and our students approached it with great maturity. Practices like this give us confidence that, should we ever need to put these procedures into action, everyone knows how to respond safely and sensibly. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your understanding and support.

Speech Night takes place this evening, bringing together families, trustees and colleagues to recognise the achievements of our students. It is always an important occasion in the school year, marked by a distinctive atmosphere and sense of occasion. We are also pleased to be joined by the Mayor and his consort. My thanks to everyone who has contributed to the preparations for what promises to be a very special evening for our community.

Leicester Observatory – Mr M Willis

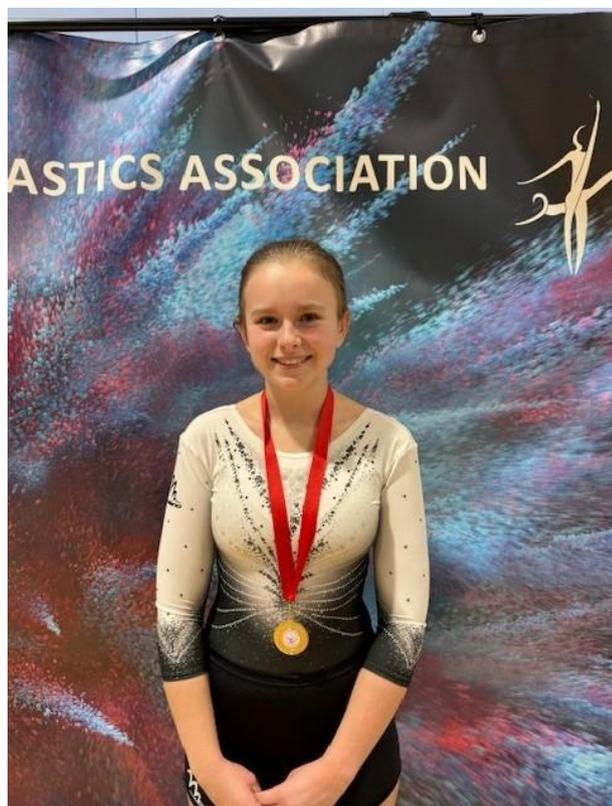
On the 3rd of December, the Astronomy GCSE students went on a trip to the Leicester Observatory to make different observations.

They saw Neptune, Saturn, the Moon and a binary star system. They were led through this by two University of Leicester PhD students, who answered any and all questions posed by the group.

The students also looked at different rock formations and meteorites, some ranging to billions of years old.

Overall, the students had a great time and were very interested in all observations that were made, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

- Written by Zack Browne, Year 10



Congratulations to Amelia Kearns!

Year 12 student, Amelia Kearns, recently represented BGS at the British Schools Gymnastics Championships, where she achieved an outstanding result—taking home the gold medal.

Amelia is now officially the East Midlands Schools Champion in her category and will progress to the Zonal round, competing against schools from across the central regions of the UK. This next stage will take place in Cardiff in January.

We are incredibly proud of Amelia's achievement and wish her every success as she prepares for the upcoming competition.

House Totals

			
14223	16736	15152	15599

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 2 up to 04/12/2025.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Adejola Akinsulire	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oliver Barker	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Ameya Dinesh	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Gracie Gray	7	Person of the Week	Miss Ewing	Pastoral
Emily Greenfield	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Henry Lakin	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Charlotte Lawrence	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Matthew Peachey	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Finley Tolliday	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Jessica Warrener	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Gethin Baker	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Harrison Bauldry	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Eason Capper	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Ben Cham	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Ben Cham	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Charlotte Dimes	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Freya Donington	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Freya Donington	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Tilly Garland	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Teddy Grassby	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Teddy Grassby	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Simra Imran	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Henry Mason	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Dasha Nechaieva	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Emily Robinson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Aaisha Silwal	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Spanish
Vaishwi Sreekanth	8	Person of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Pastoral
Iris Thomas	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Ewing	Geography
Lennon Young	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Kai Adcock	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Kamsi Anike	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Alfie Barton	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English
Evelyn Bostock	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Isabelle Bradley	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Erika Bryson	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Lucy Cottam	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Joey Dickins	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral

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Bethany Gledhill	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Danny Harvey	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Adam Hickey	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Amberley Keith	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Atkinson	EPR
Amberley Keith	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Jules Kelsey	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Patricija Krulko	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Roksana Lulczynska	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Patman	Spanish
Sasha Mackintosh	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Biology
Srikar Puppala	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Viganth RG	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Somerville	Computer Science
Idara Samson	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Peyton Teague	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Riya Trivedi	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Rebecca Board	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Brogan Dragota	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Geerthana Elango	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Yousuf Elbeksaoui	10	Person of the Week	Miss Patman	Pastoral
Vladimir Grigorov	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Welling	Pastoral
Chanelle Kye-Nyarko	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Mayowa Olufeyisan	10	Person of the Week	Mr Delpport	Pastoral
Riya Ramprasad	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Keiran Selby	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Oliver Sweeney	10	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Tom Ablewhite	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Monty Bage	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Jack Meckin	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Dexter Vipond	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Elisa Wright	11	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Maisie Jeffs	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Adam Mebarki	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Faith Perkins	12	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
Lucy Shaw	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Ella Snart	12	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Izzy Woollard	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Joshua Akintomide	13	Learner of the Week	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Millie Doud	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Hattie Grant	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Tula Harvey	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Keerthini Yoganathan	13	Person of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Pastoral

Year 9 Term 2 Week 4 Weekly Winners – Ms S Atkinson

I am pleased to share with you our 'Weekly Winners' in Year 9 for Week 4 of Term 2 based on the conduct points they were awarded through Week 4 – it is a pleasure each week to be able to share their fantastic achievements with the School community more broadly.

Well done to all the winners this week – keep up the good work Year 9!

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	4	Viganth RG	33
2	4	Jace Gwiti	23
3	4	Ivy Roberts	24
4	4	Hermione Lumb	22
5	4	Sophie Alliston	22
6	4	Joey Dickins	28
7	4	Matilda Knowles	21
8	4	Lewis Evans	19
9	4	Dhriti Kavuri	19
10	4	Berri Bairsto	19
11	4	Emma Langdon	8
12	4	Emilis Gaigalas	13

DofE Success – Gold Award Achievement – Flo Dexter, Year 13 Mrs R Brett

Congratulations to Flo who has recently completed her Gold DofE Award. Over the past 3-4 years Flo has progressively worked through all DofE levels helping in the community, developing her fitness and learning new skills.

Flo has enjoyed helping her community in a variety of ways from hockey coaching working with young players to help develop their skill, to litter picking in her village to improve the local environment. Flo has dedicated valued time for the benefit of others and in doing so, highlighted important issues surrounding our treatment of the environment. Flo's passion for environmental issues has been clear to see.

Throughout the 3 levels, Flo has played hockey for Bourne Deeping Hockey Club. As one of the top goal scorers on the team, she has enjoyed the success of the win many times and become a valued member of the club.

For Flo's Gold Skills section, she chose to research over-tourism and dwindling sea levels across the world. As Flo immersed herself in her passion for looking at world environmental issues, she showcased her knowledge of the environment and the world we live in by creating informative and thought-provoking presentations.

During the Gold Practice and Qualifying expeditions, Flo experienced the physical environment at its best and nearing its worst! The weather was certainly challenging, requiring the team to work hard to remain motivated. Flo remained positive and revelled in the expeditions, walking across the beautiful Peak and Lake Districts.

For her Residential, Flo attended a Geography Field Studies group in Suffolk, meeting like-minded geographers looking at regeneration, water and carbon cycles, tourism and coasts. The course will equip her well for her future studying Geography at University.

Well done Flo, it has been a pleasure supporting you through your DofE journey. You should be very proud of your achievements, and I hope you have enjoyed the experience. Have a wonderful day at Buckingham Palace when it comes. Best wishes from the DofE team.



12th December 2025
1:00pm

Will Davies

'Jackson Street Blues' – Martha Mier

Anna Hartley

'Castle on a Cloud' from
Les Misérables – Claude-Michel Schönberg

Evie Metcalfe

'Après un rêve' – Gabriel Fauré

Estella Ray

'Maple Leaf Rag' – Scott Joplin

Hattie Symondson

'Think of Me' from
The Phantom of the Opera – Andrew Lloyd-Webber

Lucy Preston

*'Romance No. 2 in
F major, Op. 50'* – Ludwig van Beethoven

Junior Chamber Choir

'The Colours of Christmas' – John Rutter

Our next lunchtime concert will be 6th February 2026



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