

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 19 December 2025
From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

As we reach the final Bulletin of an action-packed term, this week has been no exception. Last night, I had the pleasure of watching our Sixth Form students deliver a truly outstanding production of *Top Girls*. The standard was exceptionally high, with an assured and compelling range of performances that captivated the audience throughout.

Top Girls is a challenging and thought-provoking play. It explores ambition, success and the cost that can come with them, giving voice to women across history and asking searching questions about power, opportunity and sacrifice. It is not an easy piece to perform well, yet our students approached it with maturity, clarity and real theatrical intelligence. In doing so, they demonstrated confidence and the willingness to grapple with complex ideas, qualities we value deeply as a school. The result was a powerful and thoroughly engaging production that left a lasting impression.

I would like to congratulate and thank the entire cast: Evie Mabey, Hattie Grant, Em Peck, Solveig Smith, Grace Osborne, Bea Ford and Amy Clark, alongside Eleanor Winn for sound and lighting, and Jack Cotuk for his invaluable support behind the scenes. A very special thank you must also go to Mr Moxley and Miss Bennett, whose commitment and expertise as directors made this production possible. What they and the students achieved together was superb.



As we approach Christmas, I want to say a genuine thank you to all those who have supported the School's shoebox and foodbank appeals. The generosity shown by students, families and staff has been overwhelming, and all for a very worthwhile cause. This was also reflected in last week's Christmas Fair, which raised further funds for charities and was a real testament to the time, effort and goodwill of everyone involved.

I should also mention the highly competitive Christmas Decorate Your Door competition, organised by our Head Students and enthusiastically taken up by students further down the School. The creativity, effort and good-natured rivalry on display have been impressive. The only remaining question, of course, is whether the same level of enthusiasm will be shown when it comes to taking everything down...

I also want to recognise a festive feature that has become part of school life. Ever since Oliver Nicol joined us in Year 7, he has embraced the spirit of Christmas wholeheartedly, arriving each day in December with yet another festive addition to his outfit: tinsel, decorations, stars and more. Now in Year 10, this has become a fully-fledged annual tradition. A photograph doesn't really do it justice; Oliver is a walking advert for festive cheer and unapologetic Christmas spirit, and he has brought a smile to many faces as we reach the end of term. As students stepped into the Christmas holidays today, we even took the opportunity to play a little Christmas music across the site, a small but fitting way to mark the end of a busy and successful term.

With my thanks to everyone who has contributed so much this term, I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break.



Hockey Christmas Celebrations - Miss C Bowtell

During the course of last week all of the Hockey squads have been engaged in internal matches and Christmas celebrations. The first on Monday was our annual Christmas Fish and Chip tournament, an evening of tournament play where names are pulled out of a hat to form 4 teams who then play indoor and outside against each other and are a combination of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Many players engage in this event for all five years of their time at School and, in fact, the Boundary Riverside Restaurant waitress actually remembered many of our Year 11s this year. It has been happening for over 25 years and has become something which bonds all Old Brunnian Hockey players together.

The hockey was played in a fantastically sporting spirit with the older students assisting the younger ones in their play.

A huge thankyou to Mrs McAuley for assisting me with the organisation this year as we couldn't have done it without her.



Year 7 Hockey Festivities

Sadly, Kings School Peterborough cancelled our Year7 Hockey match this week, but we do not stay sad for long as we substituted this exciting event for another superb demonstration of the incredible talent of our Year 7 girls.

We simply turned the evening into a festive celebration with Christmas music and chocolate prizes for winning teams on Hockey challenges such as Keepy Uppy races and dribbling races. Then a tournament was held with the girls playing Hockey on Wednesday for over 2 hours, although some of this was a photo shoot of their amazing Christmas outfits. The future looks bright with these players....



House Totals

			
20079	21573	19833	20311

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 2 up to 18/12/2025.***

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Felix Edgar	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Austin Hickey	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
George Hildebrandt	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Daniella Ojemolon	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Connie Robertson	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Elwood Williams	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Greg Blanthorne	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Hannah Duggins	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Elliar Fisher	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Finn Gibson	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Sam Harrison	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Perez	Science
Ciaran Mackay	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Henry Mitchell	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Adem Rais	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Toby Scholes	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Prashitha Yelkoti	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Jorgie Binns	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Chemistry
Amberley Keith	9	Person of the Week	Mr Moore	Pastoral
Roksana Lulczynska	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Ted Moocarme	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR
Roha Sheikh	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Bowtell	PE
Romilly Sondh	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Riya Trivedi	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Fatimah Walji	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Lennox	Physics
Andrejs Zinkevics	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Pastoral
Max Addy	10	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Elodie Collins	10	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Isla Cranston	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Brogan Dragota	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Yenara Madanayaka	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Aarish Maqsood	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Sophie Robinson	10	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Doogie Shorrock	10	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Ellie Warrenner	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Fatima-Zahra Nadeem	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Lucas Nemeth	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Weronika Skrzynecka	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Luca Wright	11	Person of the Week	Mr Perez	Pastoral
Eren Deniz Yusufoglu	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Miles Garrido	12	Person of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Pastoral
Vasyl Sadlii	12	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Registration
Milan Sisodia	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Pippa Holtzhausen	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Kemp	English Literature
Isabella Marriott	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Chiara Pacitti	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Thomas Wright-Lakin	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral

Year 9 Weekly Winners – Ms S Atkinson

Over the last two terms we have celebrated ‘Weekly Winners’ in Year 9, an opportunity for students from across the year group to be recognised for their hard work and effort through the week. The winners are determined by the number of conduct points they have received, and it has been a weekly privilege to meet with these students and congratulate them.

It has been excellent to see so many names listed as ‘winners’ – some appear many times, some only once or twice, but all deserving of the accolade. I share with you here the final Weekly Winners for Term 2. In our Celebration Assembly these Weekly Winners, along with all the others in Term 2, will be eligible for prizes as a ‘well done’ for all their efforts.

I wish all Year 9 students a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, and hope that they return in January with positivity and motivation.

Group	Week	Top Student	Points Gained
1	6	Viganth RG	26
2	6	Bethany Gledhill	28
3	6	Riya Trivedi	35
4	6	Juliette King	16
5	6	Andrejs Zinkevics	32
6	6	Alfie Barton, Flavia Hoxha	13
7	6	George Payton	23
8	6	Ashmit Arun, Fatimah Walji, Sukhveer Kaur	10
9	6	Lucas Huang	20
10	6	Elodie Kieran	14
11	6	Roha Sheikh	11
12	6	Amara Densham	14

Three Concerts, One Week: Celebrating a Musical Christmas! – Mr Tomlinson

The penultimate week of term marked the busiest Christmas period the BGS Music Department has experienced for many years, with three concerts taking place across three consecutive days. These included the annual Christmas Carol Concert, the second lunchtime concert of the 2025–2026 series, and the Community Carol Service, held in collaboration with other local schools and musical ensembles from across Bourne.

As always, our students rose to the occasion, delivering outstanding performances at each event and demonstrating both their musical skill and commitment.

Below are reports from each event, written by some of the students who performed.

Thursday 11th December - BGS Christmas Carol Concert at Bourne Abbey

Chloe Cox, Year 12

Last Thursday, 11th December, saw our annual Christmas Carol Concert take place in Bourne Abbey Church. From orchestral performances to festive readings, over 150 students took part in what was a very special concert, with the Abbey packed full of hundreds of proud parents and family members. We are very grateful to Father Stephen for his support and for allowing the concert to take place in such a lovely venue.

The programme involved a wide range of carefully selected pieces, including the classic 'Silent Night', sung by Senior Chamber Choir and beautifully arranged by Mr Jones, 'Noëls Pour Les Instruments' by the String Orchestra, and 'Pie Jesu' by the Junior Ensemble, among many other stunning pieces. The sheer size of the Junior Choir, involving almost 100 students alone, is a testament to the dedication and passion of all teachers and students involved in the concert.

Many thanks to Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones, who have both committed so much time and effort into organising and rehearsing this concert. I am very grateful for the countless opportunities they provide and for being able to be a part of such an amazing music department!

Friday 12th December - Lunchtime Concert at Bourne Abbey

Ffion Jones & Millie Jackson, Year 9

On Friday the 12th of December Junior Chamber Choir and a group of soloists performed in the second lunchtime concert of the school's new series. It was a fun experience because we were singing one of the songs that we had been practicing in Junior Choir, 'The Colours of Christmas' by John Rutter. There were lots of talented musicians including pianists, violinists, and solo singers. After the concert we had a chance to speak to some of the audience, many from the Abbey's congregation and we received really lovely comments about how much they had enjoyed our performances. We would like to thank Mr Jones and Mr Tomlinson for all their hard work and for making it such an amazing experience, and we would love to have more opportunities like this in the future.

Anna Hartley, Year 8

I really enjoyed the opportunity to perform 'Castle on a Cloud' from Les Misérables, as well as 'The Colours of Christmas' with the Chamber Choir. All of the performers sounded brilliant and the acoustics of Bourne Abbey really suited the music. I want to say a massive thank you to Mr Jones and all of the staff members who came and supported us at lunchtime. We hope to see you at the next one!

Saturday 13th December - Bourne Community Carol Service at Bourne Abbey

Peyton Teague & Pippa Harrison, Year 9

On Saturday, the newest chamber choir had the amazing opportunity to sing as part of the community carol service for the first time. We were nervous seeing so many people in the audience but excited to make our debut in a non-school concert.

Our three songs went really well and performing them was so fun, as all our hard work in rehearsals had paid off. We have all come so far as this group was only made in September, and it has been a great experience. It was so lovely to hear all of the other different ensembles and be a part of such a great service.

Christmas Fair – Fun, Festive and Full of Surprises! - Mrs H Tomlinson

On Friday 12th December, the Christmas Fair ‘sleighed’ it at Bourne Grammar School! Organised entirely by our Head Student and Senior Prefect team, the event was packed with festive fun, laughter, and a few cunning guesses.

Students and staff tested their detective skills in ‘Name the Teddy’ and the ever-popular ‘Guess the Teacher Baby Picture’, while our raffle and bake sale kept everyone on tenterhooks (and sugar highs). The reindeer ring toss had plenty of tricky throws, made even more entertaining thanks to Mr Perez and Mr Flight, who threw themselves into the game with gusto!

The icing on the Christmas cake? Thanks to everyone’s generosity, the Fair raised just under £300, which will go to ‘Headway’ our chosen charity for this year.

Hats off to our Head Student and Senior Prefect team for orchestrating such a merry and memorable event — your hard work and festive spirit truly made the Christmas Fair one to remember!



Year 11 – Progress Review Meetings (PRM): Thursday 15 January 2026 - Mrs R Hall

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

The *SchoolCloud* booking system will go live **tonight at 20:00** and remain open until **Sunday 11 January 2026 at 23:55**. Guidance on how to book appointments and carry out video calls was sent out earlier this week.

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.

Shoe Box and Food Bank Appeals – House Leaders

The generosity of the BGS community continues to inspire!

When the House Leaders first launched the charity shoebox appeal several years ago, there was always a concern that enthusiasm might fade over time—but we are delighted to say that this has never happened! In fact, the support has grown stronger each year.

This year, like recent years, we were thrilled to extend our donations to *Jefferson House Children's Home* (below left) alongside *Evergreen Care Home* (below middle) and *YMCA Time Stop*, and like last year we were able to support *Clare Lodge* (below right) and contribute to 'The Giving Tree' appeal at Peterborough Hospital, providing gifts for children on the Emergency Ward and families in the local community.

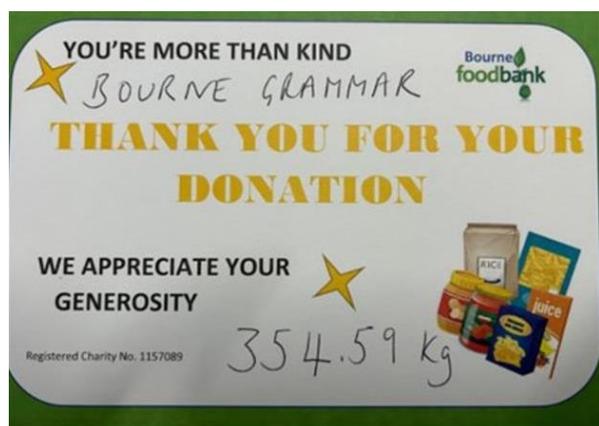


Heartfelt messages from organisations and individual recipients remind us just how impactful these efforts are.

Natalie Styles-Hudson (Site Senior Manager at Peterborough Hospital and Giving Tree co-ordinator) pictured on next page with Mr Graves (Tinbergen House Leader) took the time to write to the School:

“Thank you so much for donation. I just wanted to let you know that they have gone to a very worthy cause. I was telling the Paediatric sister in the Emergency Department about the donation and she was desperate for some distraction toys for the children who are coming into the Emergency Department and sometimes families coming in over the Christmas period who are really struggling, so she has taken some shoe boxes and is completely over the moon with them! The rest will go to families in need.”

Our outreach to *Bourne Food Bank* was equally incredible. Yesterday, the school minibus was packed to the rafters with food and gifts as students and staff brought in their donations. An astounding 354kgs of food were delivered to the Food Bank, ensuring that families in our local community receive much-needed support during this season. The House Leaders and a couple of Senior House Captains – were proud to deliver these thoughtful gifts on behalf of the school. We were given a tour of the Butterfield Centre and shown how the items are distributed. Every single donation, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference to the communities we all live in.



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to these appeals. Organising them is truly one of the highlights of our year and reflects what makes Bourne Grammar School such a special place to belong.

If you know of a worthwhile cause that you feel BGS may be able to support in future appeals please email: HouseLeaders@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk with details.



A very big thank you to the Staff and Pupils at [Bourne Grammar School](#) who donated food, toiletries and clothing to Time Stop today!

These much needed items will be used to help those in need this festive period.

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