

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunner, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

Cultural Week has given students the chance to celebrate their heritage, share their traditions and learn more about one another. Students have proudly worn cultural dress, offering insights into their backgrounds and engaging positively with the activities throughout the week.

The week has been full of energy and creativity, from the cultural talent show, which featured an impressive variety of music, dance and performance, to the food fair, where students generously shared dishes prepared at home that reflected their cultures and family traditions.

Students approached the week with confidence and showed strong support for one another throughout. Performing in front of peers is never easy, yet the atmosphere at the talent show was hugely supportive, with a large and appreciative audience fully behind every performer. The encouragement shown by students towards one another did not go unnoticed. I am also grateful to Miss Bennett and Form 9C for inviting me to their registration this morning for a Show and Tell session, where students shared items of personal significance and the stories behind them.

I am pleased to share that the Head Student selection process for 2026–27 is now complete. Through interviews, presentations and collaborative activities, they demonstrated ambition alongside a clear commitment to contributing positively to school life. My thanks go to the Sixth Form Team, and to all colleagues who played a part in supporting the process, as well as to the outgoing Head Student team for their involvement in helping to shape the selection experience.



I look forward to working with our new student leaders over the coming year, which will soon include a new team of very capable Prefects. The development students make during their time with us is always striking. For some, this journey began in Year 7, and they now demonstrate the confidence, maturity and sense of responsibility required to take on leadership roles within the School. It is equally encouraging that students who have joined us more recently have quickly become fully involved in school life and are already making a positive contribution. I would like to thank the outgoing Head Student team for the significant contribution they have made during their time in role and for the support they will provide as the new team begins the transition.

It has also been a busy week in many other respects. Our House Netball competition took place in a fiercely competitive but thoroughly enjoyable spirit, with students demonstrating impressive skill, determination and teamwork in representing their Houses, culminating in a staff versus student match. Alongside this, we were pleased to welcome Year 12 students and their parents to our Post-18 information afternoon and evening, which marked the beginning of the process of supporting students as they consider their next steps beyond Sixth Form.

Best wishes to all students taking part in the Gold and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expeditions over the Easter break. These expeditions require significant preparation, resilience and teamwork, and I hope that all involved are rewarded with favourable weather for their efforts. I am sure the experience will be both enjoyable and worthwhile, and I hope the conditions are kind, not just for those on expedition, but for everyone looking forward to a well-earned Easter break.



## Culture Week 2026

Mrs Tomlinson, Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)

Culture Week 2026 has been a fantastic celebration of the diversity within our school community, bringing students and staff together to recognise and appreciate cultures from around the world. Building on the success of previous years, the week has continued to grow, creating a real sense of pride, curiosity and shared experience across the school.

On Tuesday, we held our talent show in the Main Hall. Students put in a huge amount of effort preparing and rehearsing, and the performances reflected not only their talent but also the richness and diversity of cultures within our community. Performances included:

Callum Grant, Maihvan Kalaiselvan, Hayden Thongphay and Samuel Petz performing an Arctic Monkeys song  
Hamsini Raja and Samyutha Puppala performing a Bollywood fusion dance  
Peyton Teague and Patricija Krulko performing a Norwegian folk song and dance  
Elodie Collins performing a piano and vocal piece  
Jahnvi Turaga and Srinitha Nandyalam performing a Bollywood fusion dance

The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see students supporting one another with such enthusiasm and encouragement.

On Wednesday, we ran a Henna room at lunchtime, where students were able to have designs applied by the Henna team. This proved extremely popular and provided a meaningful opportunity for students to experience and share in an important cultural tradition. Thank you to the students who gave their time and skill to support this: Lucie Lund, Zara Onugha, Vikita Shah, Shreya Gorania, Maihvan Kalaiselvan, Washma Azad, Ria Thampy, Hamsini Raja, Sanjana Padmanabhan, Callum Grant, Akshaya Tirchunapalli and Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick.



Today, we held our Culture Fair finale, which brought the week to a close. This included more henna, a fashion show where students confidently showcased their cultural dress, and a wide range of food from around the world. The event had a real sense of celebration, with students proudly sharing their identities and learning from one another.

A special thank you to the students who supported the Culture Fair by preparing and sharing food: Charlotte Evans, Washma Azad, Ahnaf Ahsan, William Hoines, Molayo Olufeyisan, Stan Irving, Dasha Nechaieva, Chidera Anike, Weyinmi Edema, Efe Eta, Daniella Ojem, Jael Famoriyo and Zoja Gajewska.

The week finished with the ever-popular non-uniform day, where students represented their heritage through cultural dress, flags and accessories. There was a genuine sense of pride across the school, and it was a fitting way to end such a positive and inclusive week. Proceeds will be donated to the Race Equality Foundation.

I am immensely proud of the way our students have embraced Culture Week. Their enthusiasm, respect for one another, and willingness to celebrate diversity have been a real credit to the school. A big thank you to the Equality and Diversity Committee for their commitment and hard work, especially Pippa Holtzhausen and Adaobi Nwamarah, whose efforts have been instrumental in making the week such a success.





## Historical Easter Egg Competition – Dr H Barmby, Subject Leader: History

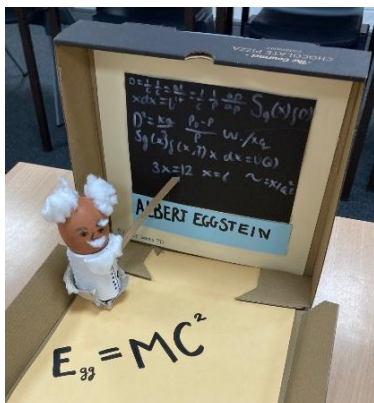
We are delighted to announce the winner of the Historical Easter Egg competition as Izzy Jones (7D), with her outstanding entry recreating Albert ‘Eggstein’. We thought that the theming of the entry was incredibly creative and made the egg instantly recognisable as the famous scientist.

Additionally, a huge congratulations to second place, Bethany Gledhill (9H), with her excellent Queen Elizabeth II. We thought the corgi was a superb addition to the entry.

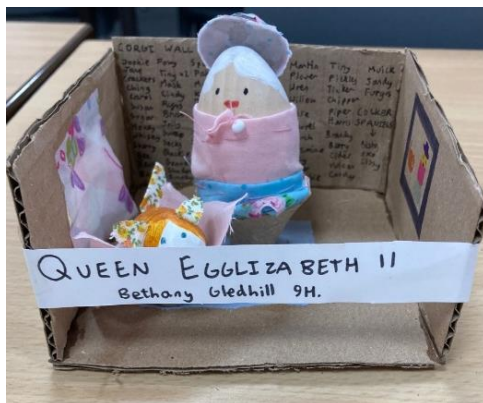
Finally, well done to third place, Rosalie King (7F). We were impressed with the small details which made it easy to differentiate between Henry VIII’s six wives.

Entries from Peyton Teague (9C), Emily Greenfield (7D), and Viganth RG (9H) were also highly commended.

We were immensely impressed with the quality of all the entries, which were of the highest standard to date. The entries were judged on both creativity and historical interpretation.



1<sup>st</sup>: Izzy Jones (7D)

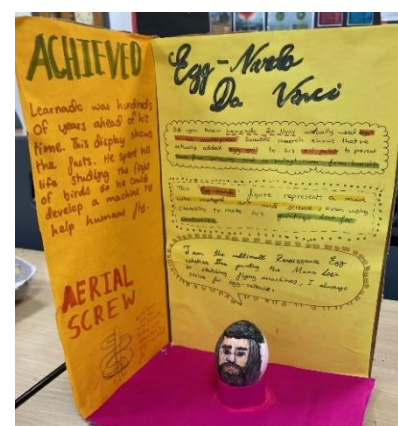


2<sup>nd</sup>: Bethany Gledhill (9H)



3<sup>rd</sup> Rosalie King (7F)

### Highly Commended: Peyton Teague (9C), Emily Greenfield (7D), Viganth RG (9H)



## **Year 8 Egg Drop Competition** **– Mrs B Evans, Geography/Head of Year 8**

Year 8 students were recently set the challenge of designing and building a device to protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from height. Five enthusiastic teams took part, spending the penultimate week of term planning and constructing their creations.

Students were given a selection of recycled materials, with many also bringing in their own resources to bring their ideas to life. It was fantastic to see such positive teamwork and problem-solving throughout, with a lively and cheerful atmosphere during the build sessions.

The final took place on Friday 27th March, with entries tested on the external science block staircase. All five teams successfully made it through the first two rounds, and it quickly became clear that these eggs were very well protected! To raise the stakes, Mr Graves stepped in with some extra force - much to everyone's excitement. Even then, three teams' designs proved almost indestructible, and they were all declared joint winners.

Prizes were awarded in the end-of-term assembly to celebrate their success. Well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to Thomas, Isabella and Grace in Year 13 for organising and running the event.

A cracking effort all round!



## **Stamford Rugby Club Colts** **- Mr J Bowers, PE**



Congratulations to Stamford Rugby Club Colts who a fortnight ago won the NLD Cup with a win over West Bridgford. The win makes them the best team in the region with a number of the squad being Bourne Grammar School students.

Well done to Oli Jordan, Luis Nelson, Sam Easton, Billy Burrows, Jay-Jay Bradshaw, Eda Dawson, Charlie Treacy, Fin Gray and Reuben Taaffe.

Never before has Bourne seen such numbers in a squad at under-18s level.

## National State Schools Hockey Festival u14s

- Mrs K McAuley, PE

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March we attended the National State Schools Festival at Nottingham University /Beeston Hockey Club.

The students played some great hockey with increasingly strong performances throughout the day.

They were straight into action with a 10am game against The Island Free School who had travelled to the tournament from the Isle of Man. The girls dominated the game putting Island Free under substantial pressure including earning three short corners on the bounce in the last play of the game however they didn't manage to convert this pressure into a goal and the game finished 0-0.

Their second game was against Bohunt school who ended up topping the pool. We started the game slowly, conceding an early goal. The girls worked hard to attempt to equalise with Romilly Sondh making some great runs in mid field to get the ball into the D, meanwhile Jasmine Wilkinson made some impressive saves at the other end of the field. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and finished the game with a 0-1 loss.

Our third pool game was against Kirby Stephen who were a highly organised hockey team. We started well in this game and there was great hockey played by both teams. Jessie Desborough showed great work rate in defence combined with some great defensive reads to intercept from Harriet Templeman and Jasmine Hill. We started to play with more width with Jess Richardson executing some exceptional passes to our wingers. Tilly Garland (our only y8 on the team) worked hard in the opposition D and had their defence scrambling on many occasions. The game finished all square at 1-1.



Our final pool game was against Bishop Stopford school in Kettering. Another close encounter with some excellent ball control and link play by Sophie Alliston in the middle and strong passes from Maddy Fowler at the back. The game again, ended in a draw.

This resulted in a final afternoon game against The Island Free School (who had two teams competing in the competition) for a 4th v 4th play off final. This was when our hockey really clicked. Amberley Keith who had shown exceptional work rate all day defended hard but worked well up the pitch to help us get players forward and the pressure we put on Island Free resulted in us dominating possession and achieving a comprehensive 2-0 win.

Well done to our goal scorers Harriet Templeman and Jasmine Hill who tied for player of the match.

This ended our game play for the day but the excitement for the day was really only just beginning. Miss Bowtell who had worked exceptionally hard to prepare the girls for the day (and had made a special appearance to help the girls through most of their pool games) was competing in her opening game of the Hockey Indoor Masters World Cup at 5pm.

This gave us just enough time to have a cupcake (thank you Amberley) and ice cream break before heading across to the University campus to watch Miss Bowtell represent the Alliance team against team USA. The girls were a brilliant support team and thoroughly enjoyed cheering on Miss Bowtell who has put countless hours into the hockey development of each of them over their time at BGS. We got to see Miss Bowtell's skills in action however her team did narrowly lose 0-2 against a USA team who had had significantly more time playing together. The students represented us brilliantly throughout the day and brought a smile to the faces of many players and spectators at the world cup through their energetic and vocal support. They were an absolute credit to the school. Well done to Sophie Alliston, Jasmine Wilkinson, Jess Richardson, Maddie Fowler, Amberley Keith, Harriet Templeman, Romilly Sondh, Jasmine Hill, Jessie Desborough and Tilly Garland.

A particular thank you must go to year 11 students Kiki Timmins and Honor Moore. They came to the festival as hockey leaders and did a brilliant job of warming up the girls before their games and providing logistical and coaching support throughout the day. They were great mentors to the year 8/9 students!

A last thank you on behalf of the girls to Miss Bowtell for providing so many lunchtime and after school practises to get the students prepared for the festival.

## Winners in Poetry Competition

- Ms J Kemp, Deputy Subject Leader: English

We are proud to announce that two of our students were successful in a recent poetry competition organised by Evergreen Care Trust.

Residents and staff from the care home visited to present **Annie Hampton (Year 7)** and **Eliza Stubbs (Year 8)** with their book voucher prizes.

Our visitors said they had received a significant number of entries this year, so for the students to win first and second prize was especially impressive.



## Celebrating Individual Success

- Mr M Tomlinson, Director of Music

### Music Examination & Festival Success:

#### Piano:

Dhriti Kavuri - Initial - Distinction  
Lottie Flatters - Initial - Merit  
Wilbur Crawford - Grade 1 - Merit  
Freya Donnington - Grade 3 - Pass  
William Moor-Radford - Grade 3 - Pass

#### Singing:

Mia Chiappini - Grade 5 - Distinction  
Celina Peng - Grade 5 - Distinction  
Freya Dahlgaard-Sigsworth - Grade 5 - Merit  
Erika Bryson - Grade 4 - Distinction  
Anna Hartley - Grade 3 - Distinction  
Angelina Peng - Grade 3 - Distinction

#### Grantham Music Festival:

Miguel Valdez - Grade 8 Piano Class - Second  
Miguel Valdez & Alfred Kendon - Piano Duet - First  
Alfred Kendon & Lucy Preston - String Duet - First  
Alfred Kendon, Lucy Preston - Small Ensemble - First  
Alfred Kendon - Key Stage 4 Repertoire - First

## **BBL Champions of the Week** **- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)**

Congratulations to this week's BBL Champions: Jessica Bedford, Isla Isabell and Henry Leeson (7G), nominated by Mrs Evans!

The three students created an outstanding presentation on deforestation in the Amazon which they presented in a game show format during their Geography lesson. Henry created a fully functioning "Wheel of Fate" which they spun as part of the presentation, and Jessica and Isla created a very effective stage set, complete with three contestants and a host for the game show.





The script that the students wrote to accompany the presentation was also excellent and expertly combined facts and opinions in response to a series of questions as part of the game show format.

What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the students collaborated in their own time, demonstrating incredible initiative and dedication.

Great independent work guys - keep it up!



## House Totals

			
<b>15583</b>	<b>16040</b>	<b>14244</b>	<b>15189</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 4 up to 01/04/2026.***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Lilly Barnard-Coulson	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Emily Cox	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Emily Greenfield	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Alexia Hoad	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Jay Mistry	7	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Spanish
Penny Norton	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Matthew Peachey	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Thomas Smith	7	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Lydia Wilmot	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Mason Young	7	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	Geography
Mia Allen	8	Person of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Pastoral
Jack Brock	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Brandon Bull	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Erin Bundock	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Ben Cham	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Rikil Chanda	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Registration
Charlotte Dimes	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Freya Donington	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Daisy Feetham	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Bobbie Gibson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Sam Griffin	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Rose Harrison	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Sam Harrison	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Keira Hennelly	8	Person of the Week	Miss Roberts	Pastoral
Sammy Hullock	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Carys Knight	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Martina Llamas	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Lilian Osoba	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Ruben Pattinson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Robin Richardson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Iduna Richardson- Fernandez	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Emily Robinson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Beth Stevenson	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Hayden Thomas	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Registration
Proud Vichathum	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science

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Nathan Willerton-Busby	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Amber Woodman	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Prashitha Yelkoti	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Kai Adcock	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Samaira Bajaj	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Jones	Music
Tom Burrows	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Hanson	Biology
Yat Long Issac Chan	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Wilbur Crawford	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Harrison Crofts	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Madison Fowler	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Jace Gwiti	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Archie Howard	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Anis Ng	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
George Payton	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Zakariya Qureshi	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Ethan Renehan	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Ethan Renehan	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ivy Roberts	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Speakman	English
Lola Anderson-Smith	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Lucy Byrne	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Edward Ciopec	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Carys Collingridge	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Melosa Gigi	10	Learner of the Week	Miss McCarthy	Spanish
Johan Kimani	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Registration
Louis McGruer	10	Person of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Pastoral
Ellie Moore	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Cowell	French
Ethan Stubbs	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Aum Tanna	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
James Telford	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Grace Allen	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lucy Edgar	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Registration
Bella Pridgeon	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Emily Sewell	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Registration
Millie Hough	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology

## Year 11 Revision Timetable (Week Commencing 20/04/2026)

YEAR 11	Monday - 20.4.26	Tuesday - 21.4.26	Wednesday - 22.4.26	Thursday - 23.4.26	Friday - 24.4.26
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> Normal Maths Classes Mr Calver M6 Drop-ins: Sets 1-3
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<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins	<b>Computer Science (Lunchtime)</b> CS2 - Mr Osborne Drop-ins		
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic	<b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b> EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins	<b>EPR (Lunchtime)</b> EP 3 - Mr Tighe Drop ins			
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic	<b>Drama (Lunchtime)</b> Drama Studio Final Prep for Written Paper	<b>Maths (Lunchtime)</b> M12 & PE1 - Mr Andy & Mrs Pryor Sets 4 & 5 - Q&A Revision			
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic	<b>Geography (After school)</b> G2/G3 - EEL/REG Exam Questions	<b>Chemistry (After school)</b> Lab S2 - Mr Khumalo exam practise on 6 mark questions	<b>History (After school)</b> H1 - Dr Barmby Power and the People – 16-mark question	<b>PE (After school)</b> PE1 Drop-ins	
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic		<b>DE (After school)</b> DE2 - Mr Delpont NEA Catch-Up Sessions		<b>English (After School)</b> E1/E2 - JK & THB How to approach the general essay for A Christmas Carol or Jekyll & Hyde	
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic		<b>Art (After school)</b> Art 2 - Mrs Welling & Ms Jacometti Exam unit: Found		<b>Art (After school)</b> Art 2 - Mrs Welling & Ms Jacometti Exam unit: Found	
<b>Subject</b> Room Revision topic				<b>Music (After school)</b> MU1 - Mr Tomlinson NEA Catch up sessions	

