

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

## Message from Headteacher

It is not every week that a School production brings together well over 90 student performers, a full orchestra, soloists, dancers, technical and front-of-house teams, and an art exhibition available afterwards in the Drama Studio. The scale is extraordinary, but so is the quality: the precision of the music, the confidence of the performances, the professionalism behind the scenes and the care visible in every part of the evening. Calling it a concert does not really come close.

Last night saw the first performance of Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens, with the final performance taking place this evening. A particular mention must go to Mr Jones, who has completed the orchestrations and led the musical direction. Shaping music of this scale for our own students, voices and orchestra is a huge undertaking, and the result is something that feels ambitious, polished and very much our own. Productions like this rely on a great many people, and it would be impossible to name everyone who has played a part. I am hugely grateful to all colleagues, students, former students, parents and supporters who have helped bring it together, from choreography with former student Livvy Bodmer, to the technical setup, front of house, PTFA support and the countless practical jobs that make an evening like this possible.

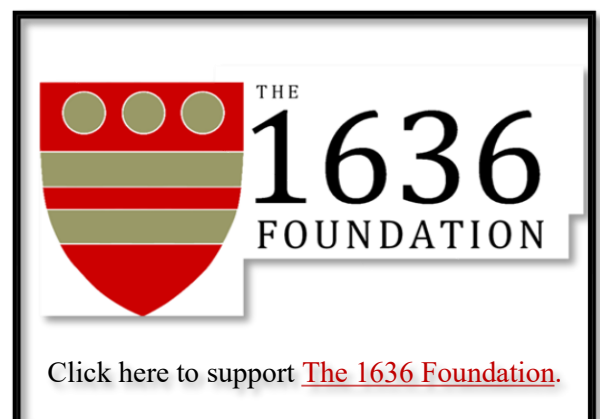
Earlier in the week, we welcomed pupils from Bourne Westfield, Bourne Abbey and Elsea Park Primary School for an early showing. Hundreds of younger children were able to enjoy the performance, and it was lovely to have them with us. What was especially moving was hearing from a primary school teacher about how much it meant to see her former students now flourishing on stage. For any teacher, seeing young people grow into themselves in that way is one of the best parts of the job.

I am also writing this shortly after returning from our final lunchtime concert of the year, which was fantastic. The series has been a hugely successful addition to the musical opportunities available to our students, and my thanks go to Mr Tomlinson, our Director of Music, along with Kate Bidwell, for making it all happen.



Staying with music, I appear to have created a small problem for myself by playing songs across the site as students leave on the final day of term. This only started this year, so it cannot quite be called a tradition yet, although some of my choices so far may already have produced a little more eye-rolling than appreciation. After this week, perhaps a Disney theme is unavoidable. I expect there may be requests. Some will no doubt be excellent. Others may require careful filtering before being allowed anywhere near the speakers.

For now, though, tonight belongs to Disney Magic: The Dream Awakens. I hope everyone involved enjoys the final performance. They have certainly earned it.





## Visit to Bourne Westfield Primary Academy

- Mrs C Welling, Head of Faculty, Creative Arts

On Monday 6 July, nine Year 12 students spent the morning at Bourne Westfield Primary Academy to support Reception classes during their Arts Week.

This is our seventh year supporting Westfield and the standard of work, creativity of the children and enthusiasm from staff was infectious.

This year's theme was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school; a chance to celebrate staff, students and the positive changes that have occurred over the years.

The students spent the morning producing firework displays in paint and oil pastel, using sticks to draw and create patterns, colours and textures in their work. Later, individual flags for bunting were made; each individual piece celebrating what students liked best about Westfield.

Thank you to all the students and staff for making our morning so enjoyable and to our Year 12 students for their hard work and enthusiasm.





## Cambridge Maths School Summer School

- Rebecca Board (10H)

On the first day, we got in and we solved some maths puzzles before splitting into groups of 15. My group's first activity was 'Maths in Biology' and we learnt about how maths applies to genetic variation in offspring and we did a practical about splitting DNA. After a short break, we had 'Maths in Games', where we learnt the maths behind the game 'Dobble'. This showed us how each pair of cards has exactly one match and was by far my favourite session. After lunch, we walked down to Raspberry pi and used code to alter the colours of pixels within images.

The next day we spent at multiple spots within the city. We started off in Queen's College with two very inspirational and interesting talks about women in maths. After that, we got a tour of the beautiful, old architecture and got to see the Mathematical Bridge. For lunch, we enjoyed a meal in the magnificent dining hall. After that we visited St John's College and had a talk on how mathematical models can help mitigate the damages done by pandemics. To finish the day, we went punting on the river and saw the gorgeous river colleges, some ducks and swans and an unlucky tourist that fell into the river!

On the final day, our first session was about 'Maths in Chemistry', in which we learnt about how logarithms were used to determine pH. After that, there was a challenge to see who could make the best pH scale rainbow and my team took home the title. Our last session was 'Maths in Physics', where we used a laser to determine the thickness of human hair and then measured its strength. One strand of my hair could carry an entire 160N of force! We ended the whole experience with a team maths challenge, which included: a maths relay; constructing geometric shapes out of paper; and learning an algorithm in order to solve new problems.

To summarise, I'm very grateful that I got to embark on this experience as I really fueled my passion for maths and opened my eyes to the many applications of maths in other subjects. It was also very inspiring to listen to many leading females in the field. Overall, this was a great opportunity to be given to learn more about a subject that I enjoy.



## Individual Achievement

### Athletics Success – Zina Nwamarah (9D)

Congratulations to Zina Nwamarah, who proudly represented Lincolnshire at the East Anglian Regional English Schools Combined Events Championships on 28 June.

Competing in the U16 Girls' Pentathlon, Zina took part in five demanding events: 80m hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump and 800m. Delivering an outstanding all-round performance, she finished 1st overall with an impressive 3,080 points.

This remarkable achievement has also propelled Zina to No. 2 in the UK U16 Girls' Pentathlon rankings.

A fantastic achievement and a testament to Zina's hard work, determination and athletic talent. We look forward to following her continued success.



## Individual Achievement

### Athletics Success - Lawson Capes (12E)

Congratulations to Lawson Capes, who continues to excel at the highest level of athletics, recently claiming the English Championships U20 Shot Put title with an outstanding throw of 17.21m with 6kg.

Adding to this impressive achievement, Lawson also recorded a remarkable distance of 19.60m with the 5kg shot, underlining his strength, consistency and status as one of the country's leading young throwers.

This latest success is once again a testament to Lawson's dedication, hard work and talent, and we look forward to seeing what he achieves next.

Well done, Lawson!





## **South Lincs Championships Athletics**

### **Mr J Bowers, Physical Education**

Last Thursday, just shy of 70 students made the journey to a surprisingly sunny and warm Boston for the South Lincs Athletics Championships.

The competition is split into 8 leagues, one at each year group for boys and girls. It has been a competition that we have previously excelled in, and this year was no different.

It was a sea of red at the finish line as students from Bourne Grammar School dominated on the track across the year groups. A lot of Year 7s and 8s had never competed for the School before so it was fantastic to see their first experiences being one of success for the majority. The field events continued in the same manner with a number of students showcasing their winners' medals, a new and welcomed part of this year's championships.

There were a number of exceptional performances across the day and as always, it would take too long to name them all, but a few shoutouts must be given! Will Hawkswell, competing in athletics for the first time was runaway winner in the Year 7 boys 100m and 200m. Daisy Shackell, also of Year 7, broke the South Lincs records for 100m and 200m, both of which belonged previously to Old Brunnians. Romilly Sondh ran the 80m hurdles instead of the listed 75m to avoid injury due to her ability in the event and overcame the 5m starting difference by the second flight of hurdles to win comfortably. Zina Nwamarah jumped 1.56m in the high jump, breaking the South Lincs record. The Year 10 girls' teams was probably the biggest standout of the day. Winning 12 out of the 13 events on the day, and finishing in second by 4cm in the other.

This feat from the girls saw them comfortable on top of the league, as was the case for Year 7 boys and girls, Year 8 boys, Year 9 boys and girls and the Year 10 boys too. 7 out of the 8 leagues being in possession of Bourne Grammar School for another year showcases the time, effort and commitment shown by students and staff in athletics this year. A big shoutout must also go to Miss Smith who organises and runs the event and Mr Ray for his technical efficiency ensuring results are collated throughout the day by our magnificent Year 10 leaders. A huge thank you also to Lola Anderson-Smith in Year 10 who was in charge of handing out medals at the finish line in the searing heat all day.

Best wishes to all students competing in the English Schools Championships this weekend coming. They represent Bourne Grammar School on the biggest schools' athletics stage of all and we are very proud of their achievements and commitment. It is by no means an easy thing to get there. Well done all!

And with just Sports Day to go for Bourne Grammar School athletics, the season is coming to a close, but the biggest rivalry of all is still to come!

## **ESAA Track and Field Championships**

### **- Mr J Bowers, Physical Education**

It is a rare feat when a student gains qualifying standard for the English Schools Track and Field Championship, the highest honours in school Athletics and as a school we are fortunate enough to have a number of students attend each year. This year we have Lawson Capes (Shot Put), Alex Allen (Discus), Charlotte Smith (400m Hurdles), Sean O'Donnell (200m) and Zina Nwamarah (Long Jump).

It is even rarer that a student gains qualifying standard in multiple events. Lawson has done so previously in Shot Put and Discus and continued to opt for his favoured Shot Put event. However, this year, Zina has achieved the qualifying standard in 3 different events; Long Jump, Hurdles and High Jump. She would have also been selected for her performances in Shot Put and the 100m had she not already qualified in the other events. In short, Zina had the choice of 5 events to compete in at ESAA Championships this year, which is unheard of.

Zina is also currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Country in the Junior Girls Pentathlon, 32 points behind the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete and will compete in the ESAA National Finals in combined events in September.

An outstanding achievement from all students, even more so Zina who has shown her ability across a full range of disciplines.

Good luck to all 5 athletes this weekend!



Individual Achievement  
Charity Walk – Liam Prue (10A)

On Saturday 4th of July I was proud to take part in the Alzheimer’s Society Trek26 in the Lake District, in memory of my great grandma who passed away from Alzheimer’s. It was challenging at times, with some steep climbs but there were plenty of nice views of Ullswater and the fells along the way. My highlight was walking along the side of Gobarrow Fell and looking down to see a panoramic view of Ullswater. We also saw Aira Force waterfall which was amazing.

I was pleased to reach the finish line, completing the full 14-mile walk with my dad in 5 hours and 36 minutes.

Taking part helped raise awareness of dementia and support the vital work of the Alzheimer’s Society. Together, me and my dad raised an amazing £1,816 for this important cause. Thank you to everyone who donated.



BBL Champion of the Week  
- Mrs A Allen, Assistant Headteacher (Academic)

Rishith Inukollu (8A)

Congratulations to Rishith, who has been nominated by Mr Walklin as this week's BBL Champion for his outstanding commitment to independent maths revision on Dr Frost this year.

Rishith has topped the Dr Frost leaderboard for points earned since September, since the Easter half term, and since the May half term. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects his exceptional dedication, consistency, and hard work throughout the year.

Dr Frost is a key revision platform, and Rishith's commitment to using it so effectively is an excellent example for others to follow.

Well done, Rishith! Keep up the fantastic work!

| Leaderboards |                           |                |              |               |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Whole School |                           | Sort by points | 01/09/2025   | to 03/07/2026 |
| RANK         | STUDENT                   | TOTAL MASTERY  | TOTAL POINTS |               |
| 1            | Rishith Inukollu (8A/10A) |                | 108711       |               |
| 2            | Hriday Valluri (7H/10A)   |                | 54485        |               |
| 3            | Usaym Main (7H/10A)       |                | 51660        |               |
| 4            | Yousuf Farahat (7C/10A)   |                | 51268        |               |
| 5            | Tanay Poshala (7D/10A)    |                | 46165        |               |
| 6            | Rudra Dixit (7F/10A)      |                | 40354        |               |
| 7            | David Akinsulire (9A/10A) |                |              |               |
| 8            | Robin Gove (10S/10A)      |                |              |               |
| 9            | Saideep Rai (7H/10A)      |                |              |               |
| 10           | Elwood Williams (7G/10A)  |                |              |               |

| Leaderboards |                           |                |              |               |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Whole School |                           | Sort by points | 20/04/2026   | to 03/07/2026 |
| RANK         | STUDENT                   | TOTAL MASTERY  | TOTAL POINTS |               |
| 1            | Rishith Inukollu (8A/10A) |                | 24000        |               |
| 2            | Usaym Main (7H/10A)       |                | 9452         |               |
| 3            | Yousuf Farahat (7C/10A)   |                | 3776         |               |
| 4            | Max Ellis (11S/10A)       |                | 3462         |               |

| Leaderboards |                             |                |              |               |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Whole School |                             | Sort by points | 01/06/2026   | to 03/07/2026 |
| RANK         | STUDENT                     | TOTAL MASTERY  | TOTAL POINTS |               |
| 1            | Rishith Inukollu (8A/10A)   |                | 7104         |               |
| 2            | Robin Gove (10S/10A)        |                | 1629         |               |
| 3            | William Hawkswell (7A/10A)  |                | 1158         |               |
| 4            | Haleema Ali (10S/10A)       |                | 1127         |               |
| 5            | Jess Cummins (10S/10A)      |                | 1122         |               |
| 6            | Darcie Trawford (10S/10A)   |                | 1051         |               |
| 7            | Dasha Nechalova (8A/10A)    |                | 1051         |               |
| 8            | Charlie Hampstead (10J/10A) |                | 980          |               |
| 9            | Raham Sekhar (7F/10A)       |                | 926          |               |
| 10           | Erica Wade (7D/10A)         |                | 899          |               |

## House Totals

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| <b>11047</b>                                                                      | <b>11415</b>                                                                      | <b>10662</b>                                                                       | <b>11347</b>                                                                        |

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 6 up to 09/07/2026.***

## Values Awards

- **Mr T Brooker, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)**

Our Behaviour Policy makes clear that, “as learners, we aspire to be ambitious, determined and inquisitive”, whilst “as people, we aspire to be honest, resilient and kind.”

The Learner of the Week Award recognises those students who have exemplified one or more of our learning values through their approach to their studies.

The Person of the Week Award recognises those students who have exemplified one or more of our character values in their daily interactions.

All those named should be very proud of themselves, as we are proud of them.

| <b>Name</b>            | <b>Year</b> | <b>Type</b>         | <b>Staff</b>  | <b>Subject</b>     |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Chloe Berners          | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Allen     | English            |
| Theodore Cook          | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Flynn East             | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Isaac Fay              | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Lattimer  | Mathematics        |
| Jude Jackson           | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Allen     | English            |
| Charlotte Lawrence     | 7           | Learner of the Week | Miss Mears    | English/Drama      |
| Mohammad Zakwan Mazhar | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mr Dougall    | Design Engineering |
| Edward Riley           | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Thomas Smith           | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Allen     | English            |
| Jingjing Yu            | 7           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Brandon Bull           | 8           | Learner of the Week | Miss Roberts  | English            |
| Ellie Fryer            | 8           | Person of the Week  | Miss Roberts  | Pastoral           |
| Harri Gregory          | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mr Westland   | PE                 |
| Sam Grey               | 8           | Learner of the Week | Miss Hodge    | History            |
| Harriett Hayward       | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mr Miller     | Science            |
| Krishna Koirala        | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Edward Lavender        | 8           | Person of the Week  | Mrs Hernandez | Pastoral           |
| Meera Mistry           | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Evans     | Geography          |
| Ronan Summers          | 8           | Learner of the Week | Miss Hodge    | History            |
| Jonathan Ulyatt        | 8           | Learner of the Week | Miss Hodge    | History            |
| Sophie Whitehead       | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish            |
| Sophie Whitehead       | 8           | Learner of the Week | Mr Moore      | Art                |

| Name             | Year | Type                | Staff         | Subject   |
|------------------|------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Megan Younger    | 8    | Learner of the Week | Mrs Evans     | Geography |
| Emily Barwell    | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Pryor     | Pastoral  |
| Fred Candy       | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Holbrook  | Pastoral  |
| Bede Drake       | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Charters  | Pastoral  |
| Jack Gois        | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Charters  | Pastoral  |
| Jace Gwiti       | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Charters  | Pastoral  |
| Abigail Lakin    | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mr Perez      | Pastoral  |
| Olivia Laud      | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Cowell    | Pastoral  |
| William Mitchell | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Cowell    | Pastoral  |
| Layton Sandall   | 9    | Learner of the Week | Mr Stainton   | Biology   |
| Lennon Smith     | 9    | Person of the Week  | Mrs Cowell    | Pastoral  |
| Phoebe Stoodley  | 9    | Learner of the Week | Mrs Edwards   | English   |
| Haleema Ali      | 10   | Learner of the Week | Ms Kemp       | English   |
| Alfie Lovell     | 10   | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish   |
| Xander Miley     | 10   | Learner of the Week | Mrs Charters  | Spanish   |
| Darcie Morgan    | 10   | Learner of the Week | Miss McCarthy | Spanish   |
| Kaleb Nicol-Mace | 10   | Learner of the Week | Mrs Bolitho   | English   |
| Noah Richardson  | 12   | Person of the Week  | Mrs Welling   | Pastoral  |

### Year 10 Summer League

– Mr J Bowers, Deputy Head of Year 10

### Year 10 Weekly Winners

Congratulations to last weeks weekly winners of the Year 10 Summer League and their respective leagues.

One more week to go!

| League | Weekly Winner                             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Amelia Stephens                           |
| 2      | Riteesh Sabeshan                          |
| 3      | James Pitchford                           |
| 4      | Oli Parrott                               |
| 5      | Robin Gove                                |
| 6      | Carys Collingridge                        |
| 7      | Rory Connell                              |
| 8      | Ryan Price and Himmat Singh               |
| 9      | Tyler Bates                               |
| 10     | Lena Korek, Carlota Verdu and Hamish Wood |
| 11     | Sam Dutton                                |
| 12     | Emilia Wargacka                           |