

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 9 October 2026

From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Our new library has wasted very little time in becoming part of School life. After just one day, around 200 books had already been borrowed, which is probably the best possible indication that students were ready for it. There is a fuller feature later in this Bulletin, but one point is worth clarifying. A recent press article referred to BGS having been without a library for nine years; having checked more carefully, it has actually been 13 years since BGS last had a dedicated school library. After such a long gap, seeing the space already so busy has made its return feel even more special.

Mr Tighe's Silly Essay Competition has generated no shortage of opinion, asking students to evaluate the apparently rather serious proposition that "Pineapple clearly belongs on a pizza." Entries require arguments for and against, evidence, evaluation and a justified conclusion, so there is considerably more intellectual rigour involved than the title might suggest. Mr Tighe may have inadvertently opened one of the great philosophical debates of our time. I suspect the judging may prove almost as difficult as the question itself. Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 had their year-group photographs taken this week. The sunshine was kind; the wind was less so. We look forward to seeing the results.

The outdoor spaces have been busy for other reasons too, with a hugely successful rugby tournament, football and netball fixtures taking place alongside the usual programme of weekly practices. It has been great to see so many students involved and so many parents on the sidelines supporting them.

Looking ahead to next week, I am very much looking forward to the return of our lunchtime concerts at the Abbey next Friday at 1.00pm. Led by Mr Tomlinson, our Director of Music, they became a real highlight last year, giving students of different ages and levels of experience the chance to perform in a beautiful setting, with some taking to the stage in front of an audience for the very first time. What was especially lovely was how strongly the wider community embraced them: the pews filled quickly with parents, local residents and supporters of the School, creating a wonderfully warm audience for our young musicians. Kate Bidwell has also become an essential part of our musical provision and is crucial in making these concerts happen, while we remain extremely grateful for the generous support of the Len Pick Trust. Everyone is very welcome to join us again next Friday.

The lunchtime concerts are only one part of a busy musical year ahead. The Christmas Concert will be upon us before we know it, while Mr Jones is already carefully planning next July's Movie Spectacular, with three evening performances as well as shows for local primary schools. Productions on that scale require months of preparation, arranging and rehearsal, much of it long before an audience takes its seat. There is a great deal to look forward to.



Karl Nova officially opening the library

LUNCHTIME MUSIC AT THE ABBEY



Fridays at 1:00pm Bourne Abbey Church

16th October 2026

11th December 2026

5th February 2027

23rd April 2027

21st May 2027

2nd July 2027

RECITAL SERIES 2026-2027



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Girls' Football Teams Enjoy National Cup Success

- Mr A Graves, Physical Education

It has been a fantastic week for our girls' football teams, who both enjoyed impressive victories in their first English Schools National Cup fixtures.

The U12 girls automatically progressed to round 2 after receiving a bye in round 1. They produced an excellent team performance to defeat Kesteven and Sleaford High School 4-2, showing great determination, skill and teamwork throughout the match.

The U15 girls were equally impressive in their 1st round game, securing a convincing 4-1 win against Priory Ruskin to progress to the next round. *Mabel Swift (Year 9)* scoring the pick of the goals – lobbing the keeper from the edge of the penalty area!

Both teams represented the school superbly and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

A special mention must go to the parents of the U12 players, whose fantastic support from the sidelines helped create a positive and encouraging atmosphere for the team.

Congratulations to all of the players involved, and we wish both teams the very best of luck in the next round of the competition.



U12s



U15s



U12s receiving very well-deserved high fives from parents

Rugby News

- Mrs K McAuley, Physical Education

Y9 Boys Rugby V Kings Peterborough 22nd September

The Year 9 boys kicked off their season with a strong performance against Kings Peterborough. Despite a slightly rusty start the boys won the game quite comprehensively and ended the game playing some brilliant attacking rugby and putting each other into space to score some really good tries. Well done to all the boys, but particularly Vincent Bradley for some electric pace on his line breaks.

The Y9 boys will be playing next against Carres Grammar, Boston Grammar and Spalding Grammar in a round robin tournament on the 1st October. Update to follow.



Y8 Boys Rugby V Kings Peterborough 28th September

The Y8 boys started their season with a very competitive fixture against Kings Peterborough. The boys last played Kings in February last academic year and lost narrowly so it was always set to be a close, evenly matched game. It was great to see how much the standard of their rugby had improved since the last time we played against Kings and this saw them win the game through some great support play from Myles Cottam in particular with awesome defensive efforts coming from Eric Jacobs and Austin Hickey. Player of the match went to Finley Tolliday for some amazing running lines at centre and working off his wing to get the ball in his hands in space.

The Y8 boys have a tournament against Carres, Spalding and Boston Grammars on the 6th October at BGS.

Hockey News

- Mrs K McAuley, Physical Education

Y 8 & 9 Girls V Welland Park 17th September

We travelled to Welland Park with two teams of a mixture of Y8s and Y9s. Both games were close encounters and a great start to our hockey season. As the games went on both teams did better at playing the ball round defenders and into space and we started to find our triangles well.

Unfortunately, we lost both games narrowly by one goal each. Well done to everyone involved, it was a great start to our hockey season.

Y8 Mixed V St Hughs School 23rd September

The girls again had two very close 7 a side games against St Hughs School, the B team game we lost narrowly 2 goals to 1 and the A team game was won narrowly thanks to a hattrick from player of the match Ishan Singh. A particular well done to the three year 7 students who came along with us to represent the school for the first time. Well done to Tabby Sondh, Ava Ware and especially Scarlett Streather who spent time playing on both the B team and A team pitch.

Y8 & 9 Girls V Kings Peterborough 29th September

Both the year 8 and 9 teams played some great hockey, finding much better shape and structure as the games went on. A big focus for both teams going into their next games is getting as many shots on goal as possible when we get the ball into the attacking D.

Senior Girls V Bishop Stopford 30th September

The senior girls had their first fixture of the academic year on Wednesday this week. They were lucky with brilliant weather and enough time to play a 30 minute each way match. As the game went on the girls shape and structure got better and better, they played with great width and picked out some great passes through the middle as well working well in their triangles. Both teams were evenly matched and some great hockey was played with keepers from both teams having to make some impressive saves. The only goal of the game came from a short corner from Honor Moore resulting in a great score after a brilliant team attacking effort. Well done to everyone involved. I am looking forward to seeing you all play against Oundle 3s next week.



Celebrating Individual Student Success

Congratulations to **Vivechan Matta (7E)**, who has once again been recognised for his outstanding achievements in county cricket.

Vivechan, who plays for Northamptonshire County Cricket Club's "Steelbacks", has been named Under-12 Steelback of the Year, the equivalent of the Player of the Year award for his age group. This is an especially remarkable accomplishment as he also received the Under-11 Steelback of the Year award last year, making it two consecutive years of recognition.

This award reflects Vivechan's talent, commitment and hard work, both in training and in competition. We are delighted to celebrate his success and wish him every continued success in his cricketing journey.

Well done, Vivechan!

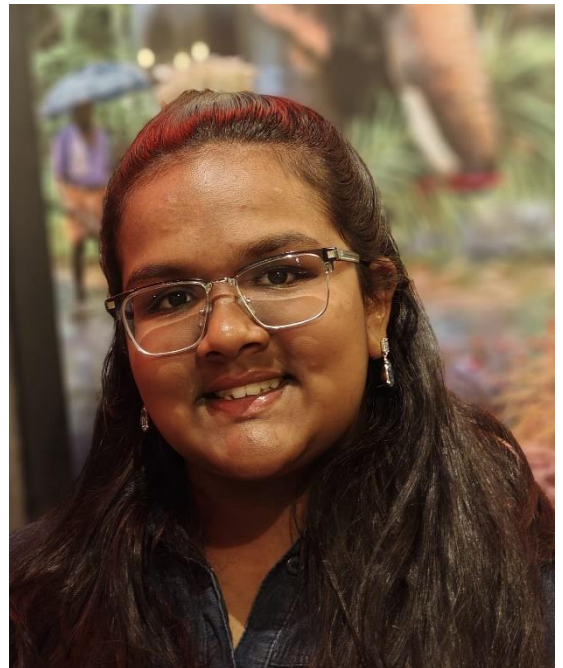


Congratulations to **Angelina Besal (8G)** on an outstanding cricketing achievement.

Following county trials for two different counties, Angelina has been selected for the Under-13 Girls County Cricket Team for both Bedfordshire & Huntingdonshire and Lincolnshire. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects her talent, dedication and hard work in the sport.

To earn selection for one county team is a significant achievement; to be selected by two counties is truly exceptional. We are delighted to celebrate Angelina's success and wish her all the best in the season ahead.

Well done, Angelina!



Sixth Form Art Trip to London

- Mrs C Welling, Head of Faculty: Creative Arts & Subject Leader: Art

Last Thursday, Year 12 and 13 Art students spent the day in London to see a variety of art exhibitions. After catching the train from Peterborough, we travelled firstly to the Tate Modern to see the work of Frida Kahlo. Only a small number of her works were included in the show. However, this was an opportunity to see not only clothing, larger scale paintings and original film but also how Kahlo's iconic work has been the influence of other artists.

After a diversion through Leake Street tunnels to see the impressive and large-scale work of graffiti artists, we arrived at the Hayward Gallery to see the mind-blowing sculptures and installations of Anish Kapoor. This was a sight to behold; the use of the gallery space to reflect Kapoor's twisting and bursting use of metal and mixed media along with his optical illusions was a favourite for the students and staff alike. Finally, the National Portrait Gallery provided a sensitive and thought-provoking end to our trip with work seen by a variety of artists as part of the Herbert Freehills Portrait Award.

Thank you to all the students for their impeccable behaviour and to Mr Moore for his help and support on the day.



Students viewing the work of Anish Kapoor at the Hayward Gallery



Y 12 & 13 Students in Leake Street Tunnels

Computer Science Club – Back & Busier Than Ever!

- Mr P Osborne, Subject Leader: Computer Science

Computer Science Club has returned for another year, and it's already proving more popular than ever, with a record number of students coming along to get involved!

Our Sixth Form Computer Science Subject Prefects have certainly played their part, producing some fantastic, eye-catching promotional materials that have encouraged students to come along and discover what the club has to offer. They've also been instrumental in supporting our Year 7 and 8 students, providing one-to-one guidance, sharing ideas and offering plenty of encouragement along the way.



As you can see from the photographs, students have been getting hands-on with a range of exciting activities. Some have been using BBC micro:bit to program and control robotic cars, while others have been experimenting with a moon buggy-style robot, discovering how their code can bring machines to life.

Elsewhere, students have been developing their programming skills using Scratch and Python, as well as exploring some of the creative possibilities offered by the micro:bit. One of the best things about Computer Science Club is that there's something for everyone, whether you're completely new to programming or already have some experience and fancy tackling a new challenge.

It's been brilliant to see so many students getting involved, sharing ideas, solving problems and having fun along the way. With such an enthusiastic start to the year, we're excited to see what they come up with next!



Year 13 – Progress Review Meetings (PRM): Thursday 5 November 2026

- Mrs R Hall, Student Progress Manager

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 13 parents can book multiple 6-minute appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. The *SchoolCloud* booking system will go live **Friday 16 October** and will remain open until **Sunday 1 November 2026 at 23:55**. Guidance on how to book appointments and carry out video calls has been sent out earlier today.

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.

BGS Literacy Update: Author Visit, 2 October
- **Mr D Williamson-Ward, Literacy Coordinator**

To celebrate the completion of our new library we invited Karl Nova into school to cut the ribbon and officially open it to students. The Ruth Rendell Award and CLIPPA Award winning poet and author brought with him an energy and excitement that delighted students and staff alike and added to the buzz that's been building around the library over the last few months.

The event began with a performance in the main hall delivered to the whole of year 7. Students enjoyed hearing all about Karl's experiences growing up and his love for poetry and writing. The interactive performance allowed students to consider their own experiences and ended with some exciting performances of some of the poetry Karl has written. The performance dealt with universal experiences of life in new school, family dynamics, dealing with setbacks and following your dreams – pitched perfectly for our year 7s as they begin their journey at Bourne Grammar School.

The one-hour performance flew by, and it was time for lunch. A queue quickly formed of keen students with further questions for Karl about writing, how much reading is enough reading, and follow-up questions about his experiences. It was a delight to see how students wanted to maximise this opportunity to put these questions to an award-winning author.

Once we'd exhausted their questions it was time for an informal lunch with a range of equally keen students from across the school. Again, it was a pleasure seeing year 8s sitting alongside year 11s and 13s sharing the one thing that united us all: a love of reading for pleasure.

We discussed what we're currently reading, opinion about book to screen adaptations and what we feel makes a good piece of writing. From Tolkien's classic texts to manga and a short history of the Soviet Union: it was rewarding hearing how varied the reading tastes of our student body are. From fiction to non-fiction, it became clear there is a strong appetite for reading and we look forward to hearing from students about the sorts of texts they would like to see appearing in our library as we build and expand our reading catalogue.

Students went away happy and Karl made his way down to the library for the ribbon cutting and official opening that kicked off our afternoon workshop with a group of year 7s.

Ribbon cutting complete, the students made their way inside and enjoyed their first BGS library workshop. Karl brought such an energy and level of excitement that students were wholly engrossed in writing their own poetic verse using a simple model starting with a refrain and working back for each stanza.

We finished the workshop with a few students sharing their work and reading aloud to the class, each receiving a rapturous round of applause. It made for an entertaining and engaging workshop where students created their own poetry based on their likes or dislikes – a simple and effective way of personalising a writing strategy and bringing their work to life.

It was an absolute pleasure seeing how well our students engaged and threw themselves into each session. Their effort and enthusiasm a clear indication that a library at the heart of our school will provide and space for them to explore their love for reading and find their own voice as they continue their journey at Bourne Grammar School.

Our thanks again to Karl Nova for his time and enthusiasm and to our students for making the day a perfect way to launch our new library.

Below is a selection of images from the day.



Introducing New Student Council Representatives 2026-27

- Mrs H Tomlinson, Assistant Headteacher

We are excited to announce that this year's Student Council representatives have been selected and are ready to step into their leadership roles. These students will work closely with their peers and School staff to ensure that student voice is heard and valued over the next academic year.

The Student Council is a crucial platform in School that encourages student engagement and leadership development. Each tutor group from Years 7 – 12 has a designated Student Council Representative and all meetings are minuted by the Year 13 Senior Prefects and Head Students who take on the role of Chair.

Through the Council, students learn essential skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Most importantly, they become advocates, representing their fellow students' needs and ideas in everything from School events and activities, to policies and initiatives that affect the entire School community.

For students, this is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas. Whether it's improving School facilities, creating new clubs, or addressing issues that matter to you, your new representatives are here to listen and act on your behalf. The success of our Student Council relies on participation from everyone - so don't hesitate to reach out to your new reps and get involved.

Form	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	7A- Sophie Novoslavskaya	8A - Laura Kay	9A - Rishith Inukollu	10A: Edie Austin	11A- Edward Ciopec	12A: Melissa Chen
B	7B- Mohammad Ayman Moin	8B - Jude Pearl	9B - Teddy Grassby	10B: Hazel Cheng	11B- Ewan Atkins	12B: Siena Smith
C	7C- Alison Kyriauou	8C - Annie Hampton	9C - Hamish Shorrock	10C: Millie Jackson	11C- Aanjishnu Bhattacharyya	12C: Coby Dawkins
D	7D- Sienna Lobozzo	8D - Charlotte Lawrence	9D - Kriti Subudhi	10D: Ruwanthi Hasan	11D- Daniel Mulgrew	12D: Harry Beacham
E	7E- Kofi Kye-nyarko	8E - Georgios Mantaleris	9E - Elliot Read	10E: Flavia Hoxha	11E- Xander Miley	12E: Akshith Pandian
F	7F- Lana Odedra	8F - Connie Robertson	9F - Rebecca Zheng	10F: Riya Trivedi	11F- Lewis Fryer	12F: Tobi Aigbe
G	7G-Verity-Belle Purdy	8G - Jessica Bedford	9G - Krishna Koirala	10G: Idara Samson	11G- Casper Yu	12G: Ben Allistan
H	7H-Aggie White	8H - Saideep Rai	9H - Dasha Nechaieva	10H: Samaira Bajaj	11H-Iustin Rusalim	12H: Monty Wild
I						12I: Luca Wright
J						12J: Mohammed Said Thala

DofE Bronze and Silver Successes

- Mrs R Brett, DofE Manager

During the summer break the following students continued their commitments to their DofE activities and recently completed their Awards.

Silver Award Congratulations to:



Eddie Amos	Ben Potter
Jack Brear	Samyutha Puppala
Jack Caffrey	Ellen Richardson
George Dennis	Weronika Skrzynecka
James Dunk	Jiya Sivakumar
Hannah Fernandez	Priyanka Sutrave
Jessica Hammond	Kiki Timmins
Max Neal	Bella Ward

Bronze Award Congratulations to:



Tyler Bates
Francesca Jones
Ryan Price
Isabella Reynolds
Ella Staff
Jack Townsend
Carlota Verdu

House Totals

			
18655	16005	19208	16772

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 08/10/2026.***

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.

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Amelia Baggott	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Charlene Bull	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Stanley Donington	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
James Duffy	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Felicia Kovalskaia	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Lana Lovett	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Esme Lyle	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Joel Mitchell	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Joel Mitchell	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Lana Odedra	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Diya Prakash	7	Person of the Week	Mr Brunker	Pastoral
Verity-Belle Purdy	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Lexi Stanek	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Jayden Chen	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Kian Ghaffari	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Lottie Gibson	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Austin Hickey	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography
Alexia Hoad	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Izzy Jones	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Reuben Leigh	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Leo Marseglia	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Resmai McDonald	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Tanay Poshala	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Niall Renwick	8	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Holly Aiken	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Gethin Baker	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Harriet Booth	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Lindley	Geography
Theon Collins	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Harry Cosford	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Harry Cosford	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Harry Cosford	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Esme Fallows	9	Person of the Week	Mr Graves	Pastoral
Lottie Flatters	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Hernandez	Spanish
Edith Larder	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Elizabeth Lawrence	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Isla Stuart	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Isla Tate	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Millie-Rose Wilson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Bradley	PE
Amber Woodman	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Samaira Bajaj	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Jorgie Binns	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Harriet Hudson	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Millie Jackson	10	Learner of the Week	Miss Bradley	PE
Autumn Kiely	10	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	Pastoral
Finn Lemon	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Ted Moocarme	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Yeshara Moodley	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Tighe	EPR
Aqsa Nazam	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Tighe	EPR
Alicja Odrobinska	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Estella Ray	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Willow Story-Hall	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Moxley	Drama
Andrejs Zinkevics	10	Learner of the Week	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Statistics & Further Mathematics
Ewan Atkins	11	Person of the Week	Mr Smith	Pastoral
Yojit Bodduluri	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Miller	Physics
Josie Bonvini	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	RE & Pd
Josie Bonvini	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Carys Collingridge	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Jessica Daniels	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Charters	Pastoral
Brogan Dragota	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
William Finch	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Lewis Fryer	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Henry Hayes	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Xander Miley	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Jack Sanderson	11	Person of the Week	Dr Hanson	Pastoral
Ashwidaen Suyaraj	11	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Aum Tanna	11	Person of the Week	Miss Dorosenko	Pastoral
Sneha Soju Thomas	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Will Wrigley	11	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Grace Allen	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Iris Brewin	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Maisie Corleys	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History

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Poppy Drake	12	Person of the Week	Mr Smith	Pastoral
Hannah Fernandez	12	Learner of the Week	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Brooke Green	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Eloise Hull	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Harriet Rogers	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Lucy Wilson	12	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History
Matilda Bilton	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Alice Chauvaux	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Stainton	Biology
Maisie Jeffs	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Tilli Moss	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Isabel Palmer	13	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Railah Rezai	13	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	Law
Amy Sargeson	13	Person of the Week	Mr Williamson	Pastoral
Adelina Zagorodniuc	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English Language

15 OCTOBER SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - EARLY CLOSE

- **Mr S Brown, Deputy Headteacher**

A gentle reminder that the school day will end at 12:55 on Thursday 15 October as staff prepare for our annual Sixth Form Open Evening, which starts at 6pm. To minimise the impact on learning, the school day will be compressed on Thursday to allow us to run the first four lessons on students' timetables. The precise timings of the day will be shared via both Student Notices and a *Satchel* message early next week.

If your child is in Year 11, we look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a wonderful evening. Two hundred of our Sixth Form students have volunteered to support the evening, either guiding visitors around the school or helping within departments. They are our finest ambassadors and provide an authentic sense of life in a Sixth Form they are proud to be part of.

