BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 23 October 2026
From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

It hardly seems possible that we have already reached the end of the first half term. Seven and a half weeks have flown by, although perhaps that is no surprise given how much has been packed in.

There has certainly been no easing off this week. House Volleyball brought its usual combination of competition, noise and considerable House pride. It must rank among our loudest House events, with a packed Sports Hall and no shortage of encouragement from the sidelines.

Year 10 have had a rather different competition, with Mr Sutherland's inter-form Mario Kart tournament proving every bit as fiercely contested. It has been fascinating to see some unexpected names near the top of the standings, with students displaying talents that may not previously have had such a public platform.

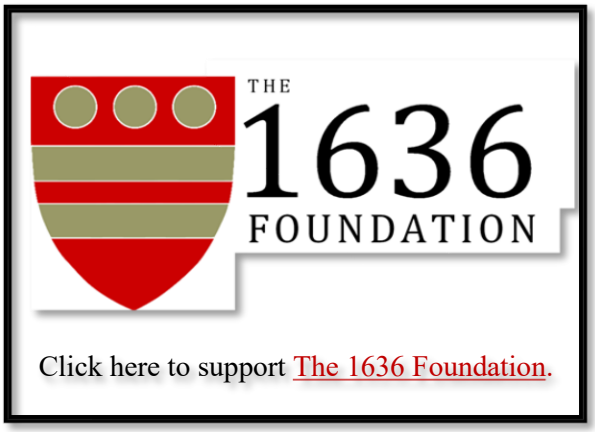
For Year 11, the next half term begins with their mock examinations. There will inevitably be some revision over the break, but it is equally important that the holiday still feels like a holiday.

The School site will not be entirely quiet while students are away. One improvement is perhaps not especially glamorous, but should make a noticeable difference: the entrance doors to the Chill are being replaced with much wider ones, which should help at break and lunchtime when queues for the ever-popular food are at their busiest.



A rather more exciting addition awaits students outside. With support from our PTFA and the 1636 Foundation, four outdoor table-tennis tables will be installed for students to use before School and at break and lunchtimes. I am hugely grateful for the fundraising and support that make projects like this possible. My best wishes, meanwhile, go to the Site Team, who have the small matter of assembling four very substantial tables during the break. I hope the instructions are kind.

Anyone wishing to support the 1636 Foundation can donate here, while parents and carers interested in helping the PTFA at occasional events are very welcome to contact joanne.ulyatt@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk



Today is also Mrs Goultidou's final day at BGS. She has been a fantastic colleague, both as a Teaching Assistant and through her contribution as a qualified teacher in the EPR department. Her care for students, flexibility and willingness to contribute wherever needed have been hugely valued, and she will be very much missed. We wish her every happiness and success for what comes next.

I hope students, staff and families have a very enjoyable half-term break. After such a busy start to the year, a little time at a different pace is well deserved.

Year 10 Inter-Form Mario Kart Competition
- Mr S Sutherland, Head of Year 10

Over the last two weeks (and several rainy lunchtimes) our Year 10 students have been battling it out against their rivals across the Mushroom Kingdom. Our Year 10 forms sent forward teams of four drivers to compete in the beautiful sport of Mario Kart.

Each team would have to strategise and decide which of their drivers would take on each track in the four-way races against their peers.





Over the three rounds teams were assigned points based on their overall positioning in each Cup of four races.

You would think that a gaming challenge may attract the quieter and calmer student, but when a Blue Shell weaves its way through to hit first place just before the finish line… Let me tell you I've been to football matches with calmer atmospheres!

As with any competition, there can only be one winner. Our 2026-2027 Inter-form Mario Kart Champions this year are: **10A!**

Form	Flower Cup Score	Fruit Cup Score	Star Cup Score	Total
A	46	35	49	130
B	37	24	32	121
C	34	38	46	118
D	25	24	35	84
E	43	32	48	123
F	25	34	37	96
G	13	36	23	72
H	30	37	41	108

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 by clicking on this link PRM booking. The *SchoolCloud* booking system is live and will remain open until **Sunday 1 November at 23:55**.

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.

Lunchtime Concert – 16 October 2026
Mr M Tomlinson, Director of Music

Last Friday, 16th October, saw the first concert of the 2026-27 Bourne Abbey Lunchtime Concert Series, and what a fantastic start it was! Building on the success of last year's series, more than 70 audience members came along to enjoy an exciting and varied programme of live music performed by students from Bourne Grammar School.

We are incredibly grateful to the Len Pick Trust for their generous support, which is helping us to develop the series further this year. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Kate Bidwell for her invaluable support in helping our students prepare for their performances. With increased advertising and a greater focus on raising awareness across the local community, we hope even more people will discover these wonderful concerts and the talented young musicians performing in them.

The students delivered some truly outstanding performances, creating an atmosphere that was both exciting and uplifting. The programme offered something for everyone, from Adele performed by Anastasia Szasz to Rachmaninoff played by Evie Metcalfe, and from the musical theatre of *Guys & Dolls*, performed by Hannah Burke, and *The Phantom of the Opera*, performed by Hattie Symondson, to the music of Vivaldi (Amelia Giblin), Perlman (Janice Chen) and Chopin (Miguel Valdez).

The audience's enthusiastic response was a real highlight, with Miguel Valdez's performance of Chopin's Ballad No.1 earning the concert's first-ever standing ovation - a memorable moment and a testament to the exceptional standard of performance on display throughout the afternoon. Every student contributed to a wonderful concert, and it was fantastic to see their hard work rewarded with such a warm and appreciative response from the audience.

As Director of Music, it is a real privilege to be part of something that has come to mean so much to people in our local community. These concerts provide our students with valuable performance opportunities while bringing people together through the shared enjoyment of live music. Seeing such a warm response from the audience makes all the hard work worthwhile, and there is plenty more to look forward to!

Our next concert takes place on Friday 11th December, when our two newly formed chamber choirs will make their debut as part of our Christmas edition. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new visitors alike for another celebration of the fantastic musical talent at Bourne Grammar School.



BGS Choir

- **Mr M Jones, Music**



With an average of 100 students attending the Wednesday lunchtime rehearsal each week, the Junior Choir has continued to go from strength to strength this year. While it may seem a long way off, the focus of Term 1 has been starting to learn some of the songs for the summer production, which will be performed over three evenings in July. Full details of this production will be shared with students in January but, as well as having the opportunity to audition for solos and smaller groups, all members of Junior Choir will have a significant role in the show as part of the ensemble.



In addition to the main choir, over the last few years, members of the Junior Choir have been able to audition to be part of a Chamber Choir. These are smaller ensembles, enabling students to develop their choral singing through more challenging repertoire. Following a rigorous audition process, two new Chamber Choirs have been formed, both of whom will have their debut performances in the various Christmas concerts. This brings the number of choirs at BGS to five, highlighting the strength of, and appetite for, singing within the school.



Sports Round-Up

- **Mrs K McAuley, Physical Education**

HOCKEY

1st October - U16 Girls v Welland Park

This fixture was a great opportunity for our year 10 and 11 students, normally the younger students on the senior team to have an opportunity to show their leadership and game management skills as the eldest members of our u16 team. The girls built nicely into the game playing some very nice hockey and finding their shape more and more as the game went on. They scored some great goals to secure the game with a solid win. There was really nice variability to their play and they worked brilliantly as a team.

It was also an opportunity for two of our year 9 students, Lily Mann and Tilly Garland to get the opportunity to play with the older students, both grabbed the opportunity by both hands and ended up playing almost the entire game.

Person of the day has to go to Lily Mann who represented herself and the school brilliantly both on and off the pitch. Well done, Lily.

8th October - Senior Girls v Oundle 3s

We travelled to Oundle for the seniors next fixture of the academic year. The girls adapted brilliantly to a rushed start with push back happening only a few minutes after our arrival. It was great to have some of our Y11s back on the team for the first time this academic year. The game was fast paced from the start with Oundle frequently putting us under pressure through some quick ball movement. Standout players of the day for amazing were Kiki Timmins and Jasmine Hill who both put in strong defensive efforts as well as linking brilliantly with midfield to help us get the ball up the pitch. Jasmine Wilkinson, once again put in some awesome saves and a very competitive game of hockey ended in a 3-1 loss to us. This is definitely a fixture we will be excited to see come round again next academic year.



22nd October - Y7 & 9 Girls

We travelled to Bishop Stopford school near Kettering for the Year 7s first fixture of the academic year alongside another fixture for year 9. The girls represented the school brilliantly.

The year 7 game was a close first half with both teams getting to grips with playing together in a 7 a side match for the first time. The first half finished 0-0 despite lots of shots on goal by the Bourne girls and some high-pressure defensive moments too.
At half time we discussed trying to use the width of the pitch better and people giving each other more space to play by passing the ball early (or running into space) and wingers giving us more width. The girls also talked about making sure they all flooded the D when they got the ball up there to increase the chances of a goal.
There hard work and problem-solving skills clearly payed off and a dominant second half performance resulted in them winning the game 6-0.

The year 9s had a very close game and were evenly matched throughout. The first half finished with them 1-0 up. The second half was again close with Bishop equalising early. The game was full of exciting counter attacking opportunities for both teams and it was great to see the Garland sisters linking brilliantly for a goal (Jemima, as a year 8 having only been called in last minute due to student illness). The game finished 3-2 to Bishop Stopford.

A special mention must go to two year 7 players, the first Scarlet Streather who, after a very confident and skilled first half in the year 7s was moved to the year 9 team for the second half and showed great skill and confidence on the ball in that game too putting herself in contention for player of the match. The mention is Tabby Sondh who was pointed out to me by the other schools teacher for her excellent core values and encouragement of players on both teams throughout the second half.

Well done Scarlett, Tabby and everyone who played.

RUGBY

6th October - Y8 Boys Grammar Schools Tournament

We hosted Boston Grammar, Carres Grammar and Spalding Grammar for a competitive afternoon of fixtures in a round robin style tournament. Hosting had the added advantage that we could bring a larger squad to usual meaning around 20 year 8 boys had the opportunity to represent the school.

They played brilliantly with some physical tackles as well as some great running rugby and concluded the tournament having won a game, lost a game and drawn a game.

A particular thank you and well done must go to our three sixth formers who showed great confidence and skill refereeing all the afternoons fixtures. The afternoon would not have run as smoothly or as well as it did without their help and expertise and it was brilliant to see all three of them show so much leadership potential. Well done to Monty Wild, Noah Henderson and Jack Caffrey.

14th October - Y7 Boys v St Hughs & others

The year 7s had their first fixture of the academic year against a team made up of St Hughs school Woodhall Spa and other neighbouring schools. They were a very strong team and provided a tough challenge for our boys. The boys got better and better as the game went on and really started to learn each other's strengths and how best to play to them. The boys ended up scoring twice by the end of the fixture which served as brilliant preparation for their tournament against the Grammar Schools the next week.

21st October - Y7 Boys Grammar Schools Tournament at Boston Grammar

The year 7 boys travelled to Boston on a very rainy Wednesday afternoon this week. Nevertheless, they got stuck in and really built on their performance from last week's fixture. Despite the weather they carried the ball more securely and looked to get foot close shoulder close in their tackles. They won their first game against Boston Grammar 'Hornets', before drawing to Boston Grammar 'Wasps'. Unfortunately, at that point the weather got a bit too much with some very cold players and the tournament was wrapped up before the boys had a chance to test their skills against Carres or Spalding.



Netball Update

- **Miss C Bradley, Physical Education**

Year 11 Netball round-up

It has been a busy term for the Year 11 Netball team, with lots of schools wanting to get fixtures completed early in the season. We have had an excellent turn-out to training which has been brilliant to see, and I am very happy that the students are continuing to balance their work with extra-curricular activities and hobbies.

U16 District Champions!

On Tuesday 21st November, the U16 team competed in the South Lincolnshire District Tournament. After being called off on the original date due to rain, this one was also affected by weather which led to an adjusted indoor tournament that involved fewer teams due to time constraints.

In the first game, they beat Giles convincingly. I would say it is the best I have ever seen them play! Fluid netball, incredible interceptions and patience on the ball – an absolute masterclass. Some of the other schools watching were really impressed, particularly with Emily and Darcie's effortless play.

The second game was against fierce rivals University Academy Holbeach (UAH) who narrowly beat us in the league 2 weeks ago. They have one incredible player and in the first half, the defence did a brilliant job of keeping her quiet which meant we led 6-3 at half-time, continuing on from our impressive first game. However, the opposition player is incredibly competitive and came out fighting in the second half leading a charge against our players who were perhaps fatiguing slightly after back-to-back games. The final score was a 7-7 drawer leading for a tense finale.

UAH won their other 2 games, so we needed a victory against Spalding High to be joint 1st on points. Spalding High put in an excellent performance which put us under a lot of pressure and then tension was telling. However, the U16 team dug deep performing admirable to secure a 1-point victory.

The Bourne Grammar girls were delighted when it was announced that we had come first by a better Goal Difference of just 1! They came away from the tournament beaming with their medals around their necks and go on to represent the district at the U16 County Netball Tournament on Saturday 7th November. We wish them all the best!



U16 Team: Darcie Trawford ©, Georgia Summerfield, Jess Richardson, Emily Wright-Lakin, Evie Morris, Immy Southwood, Macy Bundock, Isla Cummins, Bea Amos, Sofia Christoudias

Sisters in Sport

Drawn against Belvoir Priory school, we arrived at the fixture with no knowledge of the team we were facing. It soon transpired that their teacher is a coach at Notts Forest netball, so it was a very well-drilled team.

In a brilliant match, the two teams went toe-to-toe throughout, each coming out on top in different quarters. We were competitive and did particularly well at turning over the ball which was great to see. It was an exhilarating last quarter where we unfortunately lost steam a little bit to lose 35-33, but it was such an impressive display against some very experienced netballers.

Next up we have Charnwood College on Tuesday 24th November in the Vase competition.



Team: Darcie Trawford ©, Georgia Summerfield, Izzy Palmer, Emily Wright-Lakin, Evie Morris, Immy Southwood, Macy Bundock, Isla Cummins, Bea Amos, Ruby Taylor-Dobson

House Totals

23646	21147	24980	22732

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 1 up to 22/10/2026.

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
James Duffy	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Edwards	English
Sofia Badorrey Jimenez	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Rocha	English
Desi Koya	7	Person of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Pastoral
Alison Kyriacou	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
William Lyles	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
William Lyles	7	Person of the Week	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Lucas Mcqueen	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Ryan Stevenson	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Ryan Stevenson	7	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Science
James Bailey	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Max Bannister	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
George Calvert	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Jael Famoriyo	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Annie Hampton	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Rosalie King	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Reuben Leigh	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Maximilian Odogun	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Adi Pathak	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Mia Pignatiello	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Austin Pitman	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Saideep Rai	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Baverstock	Pastoral
Ishan Singh	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oliver Stocker	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Holly Aiken	9	Learner of the Week	Dr Barmby	History

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Holly Aiken	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Henry Cox	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Ellie Fryer	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Hugo Geeson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Joshua Postlethwaite	9	Person of the Week	Miss Hodge	Pastoral
Emi Wood	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral
Edie Austin	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Sofia Christoudias	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Farrow	Statistics
Lucie Large	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Calver	Mathematics
Ali Ravji	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Stainton	Biology
Tamsin Bates	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Allen	Pastoral
Saihaan Damani	11	Person of the Week	Ms Kemp	Pastoral
Elliott Edwards	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Riley Kurys-Brown	11	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Evie Morris	11	Learner of the Week	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Isaac Quince	11	Person of the Week	Mr Harris	Pastoral
Isaac Quince	11	Person of the Week	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Ellis Trimmer	11	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Emily Wright-Lakin	11	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Ellis Lester	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Chemistry
Nancy Mills	12	Learner of the Week	Mr Mitchell	Law
Alex Pawluk	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Bolitho	English Language
Alex Pawluk	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Noah Henderson	13	Person of the Week	Dr Hobbiss	Pastoral
Charlotte Sidebotham	13	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Sam Whitmore	13	Learner of the Week	Mrs Evans	Geography