BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 6 November 2026
From Mark Brunker, Headteacher

Message from Headteacher

Today has ended rather differently from planned, with a loss of water pressure forcing us to close the School early. Getting nearly 1,800 students and staff safely off site at such short notice is no small task, and I am very grateful to everyone for the calm and efficient way it was handled. Particular thanks go to Delaine Buses, who responded brilliantly and provided the additional buses we needed at exceptionally short notice. Anglian Water are aware of the issue and are actively working to resolve it, and students will be pleased to know that we currently anticipate being open as normal on Monday.

This Sunday, I will be joining Chloe and Miles, our Head Students, at Bourne's Remembrance Sunday commemorations, representing BGS alongside many others from our School community. We will gather with the wider town at the War Memorial, with a service at Bourne Abbey afterwards. It is an important opportunity to pause together and remember those who have served and sacrificed.

Remembrance has also been reflected very thoughtfully in Year 9 assemblies this week. Mrs Evans framed the assemblies around three of our School values, with powerful readings delivered by Iris Thomas, Sophie Howard, Hamish Shorrock, Bethan Drewett, Rikil Chandra and Eason Capper. Through the Christmas Truce, the courage of Sophie Scholl and the experiences of children during the Blitz, the themes of kindness, honesty and resilience were brought to life particularly effectively.

We will come together as a School this Wednesday 11 November, Armistice Day, to observe two minutes' silence. Students who are members of the cadet forces or Scouts will also have the option of wearing their respective uniforms that day, providing another visible connection to the occasion.

Assemblies have provided another particularly impressive moment this week. Across two Year 7 assemblies, on Thursday and again today, Viganth RG from Year 10 delivered a ten-minute presentation about Diwali. He spoke about the festival, its meaning and traditions, celebrations and food, but what impressed me most was the quality of his delivery. He was composed, clear and remarkably confident, holding the attention of the students throughout. Standing in front of that many people and speaking so assuredly for ten minutes is no small thing at any age; I am fairly certain I could not have done it in Year 10.

That willingness to step forward was evident elsewhere too. I managed to get out onto the field to see our Year 10 leaders working with local primary school children during their lacrosse day. What stood out was not so much the lacrosse itself, but the way our students coached, encouraged and supported the younger pupils. They were excellent role models. A short demonstration game at the start was played in such good spirit that I suspect they would all quite happily have carried on for much longer, but they were equally impressive running the sessions and refereeing the matches.

For those attending Sunday's commemorations in Bourne, I look forward to seeing you there.



Individual Student Achievement
Double National League Champion - Amelia Kearns (13G)

Congratulations to Amelia, who competed in the Trampolining National League Final at Derby Arena on Sunday 25 October and was crowned champion.

Having entered the competition as the reigning title holder, Amelia successfully defended her crown and is now a double National League Champion.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to her dedication, hard work and talent.

Well done, Amelia!



Year 12 Electives

- **Mr N Lawrence, Head of Year 12**

As part of our Sixth Form offer, Year 12 Electives enable students to select a pathway of activities that give them something non-academic to undertake as part of their personal development. Students do sport, both on a team and recreationally, go out to charity shops and local schools as part of a Community Support program, or experience a variety of sessions within school on a rotation, including a cookery lesson, driving and road safety, presentation skills and even how to iron and sew a button on!

One popular option that the Sixth Form team have developed over recent years is the Year 5 Mentoring program, where selected students from Year 12 go to both Westfield Primary School and Bourne Abbey Primary School, to support Year 5 students with numeracy, literacy and reading skills.

Having undertaken a training session with Ms Atkinson, Head of Westfield, before half term, our students had their first session this week. The impact of this has grown to be substantial, with Year 5 students having positive role models to look up to which inspires them, as well as increasing a sense of responsibility of our Year 12s in developing relationships with the younger students. Bonds are quickly built and at the end of the process, the primary school students get to come to the Grammar School, have a tour and celebrate the progress they have made.

It is genuinely one of the highlights of the Sixth Form program, and we are grateful to both Bourne Westfield and Bourne Abbey Primary for helping us grow this fantastic opportunity.

DofE – Bronze and Silver Successes

- **Mrs R Brett, DofE Manager**

The following students have successfully completed their DofE Awards recently:



Silver Award Congratulations to:

Maddie Taylor



Bronze Award Congratulations to:

Kirit Banda
Rose Divers

Social Hockey Tournament

- **Mrs K McAuley, Physical Education**

On Monday 2nd November we had our social hockey tournament that had been rescheduled from just before half term.

It was great to see 24 students from Year 8 to Year 13 take part in the tournament with some spirited friendly competition and brilliant hockey played. The sixth form captains Alice, James, Kiki and Honor did a great job of leading their teams with Honor captaining her team to overall victory.

Players of the tournament were Year 8 students Jemima Garland, Maddie Keith and Ishan Singh, and Y9 student Hamish Shorrock.

This tournament will run again on Monday 9th November with an earlier finish time of 4.15PM due to light levels.



Year 7 Hockey Match v Kings Peterborough

- **Mrs K McAuley, Physical Education**

On Wednesday 4th November, 32 year 7 students represented the school against Kings School Peterborough. The girls were split into four teams and each played a match against Kings as well as the other three Bourne teams.

All four matches against Kings were close games with the fixture ending with Kings narrowly winning two games and us narrowly winning the other two. The students stick skills got better as they played as did their ability to get the ball forward by playing to more space. A big focus of our next few training session will be trying to keep our width in attack and use the wings to play to less congested areas.

Well done to all the girls who played, it was great to see so many girls representing the school, some of them for the first time!



Year 10 Sports Leaders

- **Mr Chris Ray, Director of Physical Education & Sport**

A group of 13 Year 10 girls assisted with the Primary Schools lacrosse tournament held at Bourne Grammar on Thursday of this week.

It was hoped that the event would be an opportunity for girls from primary schools who were less engaged in sport to enjoy the event and be encouraged to increase their participation in sporting activities.

For the Year 10 Leaders, it was an opportunity to work with the less able, develop their coaching skills and pass on some of the enthusiasm they have for sport – it seems to have worked.

The comment from the School Games Organiser, Mr Rupert Gibson was:
“The 65 girls seemed to have a great time, I don't think I've ever had as many "when can we do this again" at the end! I'd say this was largely due to the 13 Year 10 girls from BGS. They were patient, confident and professional - I thought they did an amazing job.”



House Totals

3130	2912	3146	3251

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house for Term 2 up to 05/11/2026.

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
Alice Grassby	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Goultidou	EPR
Vivechan Matta	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Leah Mullarkey	7	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Ellie Postlethwaite	7	Learner of the Week	Mr Green	History
Liv Pretsell	7	Learner of the Week	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Sreenidhi Sabani	7	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Tabby Sondh	7	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Mahdi Abdallah	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
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Jessica Bedford	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Hodge	History
Ethan Croft	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
James Evans	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Alfie Fleming	8	Person of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Pastoral
Isla Getty	8	Learner of the Week	Ms Bennett	English
Izzy Jones	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Amogh Kandikattu	8	Learner of the Week	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Scarlett Lester	8	Person of the Week	Mr Jones	Pastoral
Georgios Mantaleris	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
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Saideep Rai	8	Person of the Week	Mrs Pignatiello	Pastoral
Emmett Saker	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Khumalo	Science
Edie Smith	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Oliver Stocker	8	Learner of the Week	Mrs Allen	English
Finley Tolliday	8	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History

Name	Year	Type	Staff	Subject
Eason Capper	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Rikil Chanda	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Florence Cooper	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Wood	Pastoral
Bethan Drewett	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Weyinmi Edema	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Hugo Geeson	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Wood	English
William Giblin	9	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Sam Griffin	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Sophie Howard	9	Learner of the Week	Ms Stevens	EPR
Sophie Howard	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Ethan Hudson	9	Learner of the Week	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Simra Imran	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Emma Kemp	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Moore	Art
Ollie Kettley	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Neha Odedra	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Hamish Shorrock	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Ronan Summers	9	Learner of the Week	Mr Bainbridge	History
Iris Thomas	9	Person of the Week	Mrs Evans	Pastoral
Edie Austin	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Hazel Cheng	10	Learner of the Week	Ms Ordonez	Spanish
Finn Clarkson	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Seb Hewitt	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Finn Huddart	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Leo Massey	10	Learner of the Week	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Maia Paige	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Pryor	Mathematics
Jacob Quince	10	Learner of the Week	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Zac Holmes	11	Person of the Week	Miss Lindley	Pastoral
Ivana Fuller	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Sasha Johnson	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Joseph Knowles	12	Learner of the Week	Mrs Welling	Art
Isobel Walker	13	Person of the Week	Mrs Welling	Pastoral

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