



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 26 April 2019

From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

As the students leave, contractors arrive. Out on the field the cricket strip was replaced by an entirely new one; it has been placed at a new position on the field in order to allow a more favourable placing of the seasonal 400m athletics track. Having lost our facilities for field events when the additional land was added to our field a few years ago, it is good to see top-quality new ones going in. Soon to be complete are an all-weather, full-length, double-width long-jump/triple-jump facility, a new shot-put circle and a new discus circle with cage. We have fitted air-conditioning to one of the two large rooms used for Sixth Form private study - the other such room has it already. The room was very uncomfortable for the students in the hot weather last summer. Outside, routine maintenance of the site has included painting of the masonry, including that visible from South Road.

I am pleased to report that we have secured planning permission for an all-weather playing area (an 'Astroturf') and its position has been agreed. I had hoped that by now the facility would be under construction but unfortunately we must wait a little longer.

We return to the last few busy weeks before our Year 11 and Year 13 students face the public examinations for which they have worked so very hard. At the moment the colossal exercise of conducting the spoken modern language examinations is under way. Good wishes to all students.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM RT HON NICK GIBB MP

The School recently received the following letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards:

"I would like to congratulate you, your staff and pupils on the outstanding progress your pupils are making and your school's high level of EBacc entry in 2018.

Your school's Progress 8 score of 0.67 which is well above the national average, shows that you are amongst the top 8 per cent of state-funded mainstream schools in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4.

With 86 per cent of your pupils entering the EBacc in 2018, your school is in the top 5 per cent of all state-funded mainstream secondary schools in the country. EBacc subjects provide a sound basis for careers beyond the age of 16 and can also enrich pupils' studies, giving them a broad general knowledge that will enable them to participate in and contribute to society.

We want to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has the chance to study the EBacc at GCSE, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism."



SIXTH FORM LAW STUDENTS VISIT PETERBOROUGH CROWN COURT

Report by Mr A Mitchell, Subject Leader: Law

On Friday 22 March, sixteen Bourne Grammar students visited Peterborough Crown Court as part of their studies in A-Level Law. The students were warmly welcomed by staff at the court complex, including an Old Brunnian who was keen to explain her role as a court clerk and the roles of other personnel in the Crown Court. His Honour Judge Enright gave an entertaining talk to the students and they also received further advice from a defence barrister, who kindly allowed one student to try on his wig!



The trip was an excellent way of bringing the law to life and the students observed two procedures that they had studied in the classroom - a plea and case management hearing, as a preliminary procedure for trials to be heard later in the year. They also saw part of a criminal trial, including examination and cross examination of a defendant accused of a serious crime, before a judge and jury.

The Law Department wishes to thank Peterborough Crown Court for a stimulating and valuable trip.

ELLA IS MISS LINCOLNSHIRE

Former student Ella Bayley was recently crowned *Miss Lincolnshire 2019*, and is now preparing for the *Miss England Final*.

Ella, who lives and now studies in Stamford, competed against 16 other young women in nail-biting rounds which tested their speaking and performance skills. At the end of the regional final, held at Kelham Hall, Ella was crowned with a sparkling tiara and wore the *Miss Lincolnshire* sash. She had raised more than £1,000 for her chosen charity, *Beauty with a Purpose*, and also took the *Miss Charity* title during the contest.



Ella will now go on to compete at the *Miss England Final* this summer, where she will be up against regional winners from across the country.

DofE SILVER PRACTICE EXPEDITION - 6-8 April 2019 - Report by Holly Cheek, Willow Adams, Regan Garman, Shannon Baker, Vicky Domagala and Georgie Dick (Year 11)

Day 1

We set off at a prompt start of...08:55 - 10 minutes late thanks to a late arrival by a member of our group. However, we punished her by dumping her with extra weight like the gas canisters and day one's dinner. After just a metre a catastrophe occurred - a bracelet was broken. But this did not crush our morale, and we moved on at a steady pace. Walking through the fields, we used our surroundings to guide us, and even invented a new word - quattages - and this was the beginning of our DofE Dictionary and Phrase Book.

We reached our first checkpoint much earlier than expected and as we were required to meet our supervisor (the best one, Melissa), we passed the time by exploring the surrounding woods.

Before we knew it, it was time for lunch. We stopped at the top of a windy hill, a bad idea as we began to freeze, but the views and our picnic-style lunch made up for it, with pizza, chicken nuggets, crisps, sausage rolls, chocolate and more!

On we went, with about half our journey left - 9km. Passing some quarries, we were left in awe at just how stunning and vast they were. We walked over a bridge connecting the quarries, and decided this was an appropriate time for a group photo. Then, with a slight change in our route, we reached our final checkpoint and arrived at camp at 17:30.



Immediately, we carried out our '4Ts', another phrase created by our group - Toilet (those at the camp-site were surprisingly good), Trainers, Tent, and Trangia. We chose to set up our tents on a hill, not a great idea, but it meant we were far from the noise of the other campers. However, the chickens at the campsite still visited. Soon enough, we were ready to begin cooking our dinner - a chicken and vegetable stir-fry. Our sauce and chicken were precooked and carried in containers - we heated our chicken and added our vegetables on one Trangia whilst the other cooked our noodles. However several batches in, Vicky decided that she wanted to have a go at straining them. With a warning from Holly to hold the strainer tightly, Vicky strode off confidently and proceeded to flip the noodles straight onto the ground. Luckily, we had plenty of spare noodles, but it did earn Vicky the name 'Noodle Destroyer'. After eating our delicious dinner we washed up and put some extra layers on. A short while later we began to boil some water for our hot chocolate, brought in sachets and drank from biodegradable cups. We relished the warmth and enjoyed some gossip as it turned dark and cold, and soon we were ready for an early night. We climbed into our sleeping bags, ready to awake the next day to begin the second part of our adventure.



Day 2

We began with a relatively slow start having enjoyed our chocolate porridge for breakfast and were the last group to leave but we left with the highest spirits, singing and dancing with our rucksacks on and ultimately falling to the ground. With Vicky and Shannon reading the map, we made our way through some fields to the next road. Marching onwards, we had some deep and juicy conversations about celebrities.

We soon made it to Rutland where we stopped for lunch - this time we had self-heating meals, including spaghetti bolognese, vegetable hotpot, sausage casserole and we also cooked the spare noodles from the day before. This lightened our bags by a small amount but it was still appreciated by everyone. Before leaving, we took another group photo with the beautiful views of Rutland in the background.

We passed through the next checkpoint with a treat from the leaders to push us forward. We carried on, but a short while later we had to stop to take off a few layers as we began to feel the heat.

Reaching camp, we once again followed our '4Ts'. This time for dinner, we had pasta with a tomato sauce mixed with cut-up hotdogs and sweetcorn. Our meals certainly impressed the leaders. We washed up and then enjoyed a hot chocolate with our supervisor and roasted some marshmallows over the Trangia. Another group had started a fire in a fire-pit, so just before bed we sat around it and enjoyed the cosy warmth it provided.

Day 3

We woke up determined to be the first group to leave. Eating breakfast as we packed our bags and collapsed the tents, we were quick to have our risk assessment and be on our way to the finish. On the minibus to the starting point our supervisor had prepared to play 'Bohemian Rhapsody' after our pitiful attempt the day before to sing it from memory (and in key). Not long into the walk we began playing 'I Spy'

to keep us moving, through fields and farms, stopping a few times to take some more pictures.

We reached our first checkpoint with more treats from the leaders - we received a Penguin bar, a piece of chocolate cake, and a piece of lemon cake. Setting off again, up a hill, a distraction was needed and so we began to play another game. We had lunch by a village, self-heating meals again, and then went on with the final stretch of our walk left. Up the next hill we belted songs by Shawn Mendes, Ed Sheehan and Niall Horan, losing our breath continuously. We then walked through the village of Langham, reaching our final destination sometime in the early afternoon.



Overall, our DofE expedition was an incredible experience and adventure. The leaders were helpful and fun, and assisted all the groups to ensure they were happy, healthy and able to complete their Silver DofE Practice Expedition. Our group are definitely excited and ready for the qualifying expedition in July - whatever challenges we may face, we know we can overcome them.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Caleb Yates	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Darcy Owen	7	Mr Maddox	Citizenship
Charlie Alder	8	Mrs Chapman	English
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	8	Mrs Chapman	English
Sam Harris	8	Mrs Somerville	Art
Tanith Storm	8	Mrs Chapman	English
Elizabeth Allen	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Sofia Cupicciotti	9	Miss Atkinson	EPR
George Watts	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Izzy Burnside	9	Dr Stout	Computing
Heidi Harris	9	Dr Stout	Computing
Ben Barnes	10	Miss Bennett	English
Alex Sinfield	10	Mr Sheppard	Statistics
Hope Tomey	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Chiara Hogan	10	Miss McDonnell	Mathematics
Marcus Walker	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Olivia Wood	11	Mr Tighe	EPR
Olivia Scane	11	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Chloe Jones	12	Mrs Mohan	PE

The featured Student of the Week list is for the week commencing Monday 1 April

SPRING RECITAL SHOWCASE - Tuesday 30 April

Spring Recital Showcase takes place next week - this evening gives our most gifted musicians the opportunity to perform solo to an audience, featuring music by Brahms and Chopin amongst many others.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased via the School website or by visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/636108 (£7 for adults, £5 for concessions).



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music Libby Moore (Year 7) recently passed her Grade 5 Violin exam.
