



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## SPRING RECITAL SHOWCASE - Tuesday 30 April



On Tuesday evening a large audience was treated to a programme of seventeen recitals which allowed our very finest musicians an opportunity to demonstrate their extraordinary talents in the context of public performance. Now enhanced by the arrival of Mr Jones, who featured throughout the evening as a very fine and sensitive accompanist, the Music Department is in exceptional shape. The range of musical opportunities here for students of every ability is broad and inclusive but this particular event was reserved for our most gifted musicians. Following on from last year's inaugural *Showcase* the audience had high expectations of the evening; we experienced music-making of astonishing accomplishment, presented by students who were clearly relishing the chance to perform before an audience that appreciated their playing so warmly.

The evening was opened by Corin Murphy, well known as a musician, dancer and singer, at the piano, playing Chopin's *Nocturne in E-minor* most beautifully. Oscar Potts followed with Ravel's virtuosic *Pièce en Forma de Habañera* on the clarinet. Then, arriving on stage aided by crutches and performing supported by them, one of our most distinguished and talented singers, Ruth Goldspink, gave a most musical and charming rendition of Ivor Novello's *Waltz of my Heart*.

The two staff members of our Music Department are in their own rights professionally trained and highly skilled performers so it was a delight to see them presenting a piece together. Mr Tomlinson's saxophone was accompanied by Mr Jones at the piano in a movement from Milhaud's glittering *Scaramouche* suite. Their virtuosity impressed the audience but, more importantly, it further inspired the students to strive for ever greater finesse in their own playing.

On a few occasions throughout my years here we have been privileged to have amongst our musically-inclined students a pianist of exceptional talent, destined for a professional career in music. Sadly now in his last year at BGS, Stanley Godfrey has for some years held that distinction. Stanley was on stage for several of the performances, demonstrating his facility as an accompanist of great skill but he performed solo too, in

the second movement of Brahms' early *C-Major Piano Sonata*, a piece which allowed him to demonstrate his impressive maturity and sensitivity. Also at the piano we enjoyed performances by Daisy O'Rawe, Charlotte Rist and Samuel Staines who was particularly impressive in part of a Haydn sonata. Also there was an astonishing performance from memory - for he doesn't read staff notation - of a Chinese classical piece played with astonishing virtuosity by the multi-talented musician and actor Harry Mead.



Lauren Human demonstrated her fine voice in a delightful performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *You'll Never Walk Alone* and Lily Hamblin was joined by Ruth Goldspink in a duet - the *Pie Jesu* from Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Requiem*.



Jasmine Forster and Ciara Glasswell both performed accompanied violin pieces. Jasmine gave us a charming South American piece whilst Ciara demonstrated her exquisite tone, pitch and sensitivity in a moving performance of *Jewish Town* from *Schindler's List*. Wind instruments featured too with Marcus Williams demonstrating sparkling virtuosity on the flute in *Pan* by *Donjon* and Owen Merriman impressed us with his skill as a saxophonist in *Aria* by *Bozza*. Timothy Parker who is, as is Owen, a student who leaves us at the end of this year has mastered the elusive art of the witty introduction. He

introduced himself and his piece with impeccable timing and distinctive wit ahead of a virtuosic performance of Goedicke's *Étude Concertante*.

The evening closed with a performance of great distinction from a musician who will next year study at one of the nation's principal conservatoires. I never expected to witness a student at any school performing part of Elgar's *Cello Concerto*, undoubtedly a piece at the summit of the instrument's repertoire and one of the supreme achievements of English music. From the cello's famous declamatory opening chords to the elegiac beauty of the subsequent material Molly Welling played to a rapt and entranced audience drawing now power, then the most delicate beauty from her instrument. This was unforgettable and without doubt one of the high points in the annals of music recitals at our School.



Under Mr Tomlinson our musical life has moved to a new and very exciting level. We saw that in *Chicago* and again here in this programme. Our School is enhanced beyond measure by its music; it was simply a privilege, as a music lover, to savour two hours of it in the course of this most delightful and memorable evening.

### **YEAR 7 NETBALL - Report by Miss Bradley, PE**

The Year 7 Netball team have had an incredibly successful first year together. They have won all of their league games to become League Champions and also narrowly missed out on becoming District Tournament Champions with Spalding High having a 0.2 better goal average per game to clinch it! As they were League Champions, they were to play Boston High School in the Superzone Final to battle it out to become Superzone Champions.

Thursday 25 April arrived and the girls were incredibly excited to play their final, although were dealt with an initial blow as Lottie Crane - one of the star shooters this year - couldn't play due to illness. However, the girls didn't let this faze them and were determined to 'do it for Lottie!'. We arrived first and were able to get in a good warm-up, having not played netball together for a month. We had beaten Boston at the tournament but were aware that they had two very tall players in defence and so required us to adjust our tactics to ensure that we didn't play into their hands.

In the first quarter, we found this a bit difficult and they kept snuffing out our attacks so we were only leading by one goal at the end of this period. However, from the second quarter onwards, it never seemed in doubt as every player played with confidence, patience and skill. The team have been fully committed with every member turning up to weekly lunchtime and after-school practices. Our big focus had been on our movement and it all seemed to come together here! Emma Aldred, Mathilda King and Lily Cole were moving the ball across the court and up to Madison Mylchreest and Isla Baker (our shooters) with an understanding that is unusual in a Year 7 team. Lucy Harrison and Freya McLean were unfazed in defence, both performing very well and making a number of interceptions to limit Boston to only 3 goals all game. Cait Smyth and Sophie Dunleavy came on at half-time to bring on some fresh legs as we were working so hard. Cait delivered some excellent balls into the shooters while Sophie linked defence and attack incredibly well. In our attacking D, Isla and Madison worked well together to move and disorientate their defence, both taking advantage of some tricky shooting positions as well. All in all, it was a fantastic team performance which they should all be incredibly proud of as they left the court as Superzone Champions, having won the game 19-3.

An exciting start to their netball career at Bourne Grammar and one that I am very much looking forward to seeing develop!

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Table Tennis

Joe Cox (Year 10) was recently crowned Lincolnshire Under 18s Table Tennis Champion after competing in a tournament in Scunthorpe. This is after winning the Stamford and Rutland leagues top tier knockout competitions. Joe has also represented Corby Smash 'A', a team of 3 players, in the National Cadet League and National Junior League this season, leading them to both Division 1 titles, topping the player averages as well with 39 wins out of 40 games.

### Music

The following students have recently passed Music exams:

- Jasmine Forster (Year 11) - Grade 5 Theory with Merit
- Kaavya Guhan (Year 9) - Grade 4 Violin
- Verity Toulson (Year 10) - Grade 5 Singing with Distinction



### Running

Samuel Staines (Year 11) won the Rotary *Run in the Woods* on Sunday 14 April, with a time of 10m15s and beating the course record by 23 seconds.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Sam Gupta	7	Mr Smith	Computing
Madison Mylchreest	7	Mr Fone	Computing
Maddy Partridge	7	Miss North	Geography
Imogen Bentley	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Mikella Sarfo	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Harry Merriman	7	Mr Ray	PE
James Holland	8	Ms Currier	Spanish
Lauren Spellar	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Holly Weston	9	Mr Chan	Mathematics
Lily Brear	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jessica Mahoney	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Esme Thorley	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Elliott Plant	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Nina Ortiz-Jimenez	10	Mr Chan	Mathematics
Laura Saunders	10	Miss McDonnell	Mathematics
Maisie Lloyd	10	Mr Baker	Biology
Flo Brill	10	Miss Bradley	PEGCSE
Charlie Moat	10	Ms Bowtell	PEGCSE
Sanjana Dukkupati	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Georgia Goodrum	11	Mrs Welling	Art
Grace Harvey	12	Miss Bennett	Media Studies
Aaron Waters	12	Mr Sheppard	Single Maths
Harvey Isitt	12	Mrs Somerville	Art

*The featured Student of the Week list is for the week commencing Monday 22 April*