



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 20 September 2019*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## CROSS-COUNTRY - FENLAND LEAGUE RACE 1 - Crowland, Wednesday 18 September

*Report by Mr Ray, Director of PE & Sport*

More than 60 students from Years 7-10 attended the first of the Fenland Cross Country races on Wednesday and it looks as though there will be plenty of quality competition from other schools this year. The Junior Girls (Years 7 & 8) started the proceedings in almost perfect conditions but found the going tough against some excellent athletes from some of the Peterborough schools. Of the 20 girls competing for the Year 7 & 8 team, first home was Norah Brill in an excellent 5th position and Holly Griffin close behind in 7th. Lucy Stanier ran particularly well to finish in 16th, just one place behind Faith Perkins, the first Year 7 girl home. This completed the team score of 43 points. Team results for the 4 competitions will be known in the near future.



A similar number started the Junior Boys race and, yet again, competition was tough. An outstanding run from Thomas Preston (2nd) was equalled by Max Heames (Year 7) who crossed the line in 12th position. Louis Sanderson (18th) and Bayley Graham completed the Boys score for the 'A' team of 57 points. There then followed a string of red polo shirts from the School in the 20s and 30s, suggesting lots of potential in this age-group.

The expected battle for positions from the Inter Girls in the Year 9 & 10 race is always a joy to watch. In this race, it was Aoife Glasswell who showed real grit and determination to hold off her three teammates, finishing in 3rd position. However, as always, Charlotte Cullen, Erin Cox and Hannah Taylor were close behind, claiming 4th, 6th and 7th respectively and obtaining a team score of just 20 points. They will be in 1st place as a team, without question, as they head to the second race in 2 weeks' time. Lauren Stuart and Tilly Manning (Year 10) also ran particularly well, finishing in 10th and 12th place.

The Inter Boys were arguably more impressive. Harry Hewitt led the boys home - after a steady first lap Harry eased away from the Hampton athlete into an unchallenged second lap lead, that he extended as the race progressed and taking 1st place with ease. Alex Galpin (who passed Hugo on the line), Hugo Brill and Joe Garner swapped positions frequently throughout the race but ultimately they





claimed 3rd, 4th and 5th, with Jack Griffin and Dan Galpin taking 6th and 7th. Seth Cardew, Owen James and Ben Simpson completed this string of red and green vests - Sam Hartley and Lewis Collins (Year 9) both had very creditable runs. First place will also be assured for this team as they head to Stanground in two weeks.

It was a delight to see so many competing - the younger athletes were very impressed with the performance of the Year 9 and 10 Boys in particular. Their hard work and training really does pay off and they, and the girls, are real role-models for Year 7 and 8 to follow. All were a credit to the School and it was a delight to see so many parents spectating - thank you to those who came to Crowland to watch. Well done to all who competed - prepare for the Inter House races on Monday and Tuesday!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER - *Mr Delpont, Subject Leader: Design Engineering*

The Design Engineering Department would like to extend our congratulations to Peter Reid for having been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship.

The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship was established to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future leaders in Engineering. The Scholarships are awarded to high-calibre 16-year-old students through a rigorous selection process involving writing an aptitude test and then being invited for an interview to discuss their current GCSE projects at a designated university.



### MORE PRIZES

Every November we hold our Speech Night in the splendid setting of Bourne Abbey. In recent years our expansion has led to a second event, Prize Night, being added to the School calendar. This less formal but nevertheless important occasion is held at the end of the summer term and prizes are awarded to students in Years 7-10. The prizes for students in Years 11-13, along with those for recent *alumni/æ* who receive A-Level prizes, are distributed at Speech Night.

Last year I was chatting with a student - an accomplished, successful and prominent one - and the subject of Speech Night arose. 'But what *is* Speech Night?', she asked. That student is one of many hundreds who pass through the School without their many impressive achievements ever being recognised and celebrated at a major School occasion. This must change. One solution might be to abandon the events entirely but they mean a great deal to the students who receive prizes, and to their parents, and it must surely be right for the School to recognise and reward students' achievements within its annual programme of events.

I am grateful to Deputy Headteacher Mr Ransom for suggesting a way forward. Mr Ransom leads on the collection and analysis of student performance data and a significant element of his work is concerned with students' *progress*, that is the extent to which their performance - at whatever level - is ahead of their targets. I am delighted to confirm that from the 2019 event, the programme at Speech Night will include prizes for all students who in their GCSE examinations achieved a particularly impressive value-added score. Ten students in this most pleasing and impressive position will be invited to Speech Night in November 2020 to receive their prizes. These students span the entire ability range of their cohort.

## EARLY FINISH ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Please could parents and carers note that on Thursday 7 November the School will close to students at 12:40. For many years the School has closed at 12:40 on the day of the summer Open Evening - and it will close on Thursday 25 June 2020 for that reason - but the School has not closed early for November's Sixth Form Open Evening, in spite of the time and effort needed to set up these events being essentially the same as for the Summer Open Evening. In order to allow time for teaching and support staff to prepare the School for Open Evening and also for Sixth Form Open Evening we initially resolved to close mid-afternoon, at 14:30, on both occasions but we have just been advised by Delaine Buses that it is not possible for them to bring forward the end-of-day bus schedule to that time.

Therefore, and in order to ensure that both of these most important major events can be properly prepared for, **the School will close at 12:40 on Thursday 7 November as it will for Open Evening on Thursday 25 June 2020.** On both days, the School's catering operation will not serve lunch, although the morning break-time service will operate as normal.

## PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - Miss I Kirby, Mathematics

Bourne Grammar has registered to take part in a free and exciting international puzzle competition called *Puzzle of the Week*. The new competition will begin on Monday 23 September. The puzzle competition enables our young mathematicians to show off their problem-solving ability in a variety of different contexts and to compete against many other schools around the world; parents and teachers are welcome to take part as well. A new puzzle will be published every Monday and you will have one week to submit your entry. You can find each puzzle on [www.puzzleoftheweek.com](http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com) or by visiting the Mathematics Department's site at <https://mathematics.bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk>.

We encourage all students, teachers and parents to participate each week and every correct answer counts towards Bourne Grammar's position on the international leaderboard. Each week, participants will receive an email telling them whether their solution was correct, a link to the full solution and where they placed in the school and world leaderboards. With a correctly submitted solution to the puzzle you will also be part of the random weekly draw to be in with a chance to win prizes. Participants will also be entered into a termly draw weighted on their efforts throughout the term.

Please visit [www.puzzleoftheweek.com](http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com) for full details, to see leaderboards and to test your problem solving abilities in the Puzzle Library, ready for the first puzzle next week. Alternatively, please see Miss Kirby in the Mathematics Department.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
1730	1277	968	1588



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Freya Andrew	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Erin Larter	7	Miss Kirby	Mathematics
Masha Morozova	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Mae Cole	7	Miss Dye	Registration
James Hill	7	Miss Pollard	Geography
Thomas Leonard	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Callum Horder	9	Miss Bennett	English
Freddie Renton	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Eloise Murrey-Drew	9	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Ellie Barrett	9	Mr Hartley	Business Studies
Heleena Hussain	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Jack Morrison	9	Ms Bowtell	PE
Charlotte Alder	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Charlotte Alder	9	Miss Watson	English
Cieran Cuthbert	10	Ms Currier	Spanish
Adam Kirk	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Adam Kirk	10	Mr Sheppard	Statistics
Owen Roberts	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Elliott Plant	10	Mr Brown	Computing
Joseph Woollard	10	Dr Barmby	History
Amelie Surtees	11	Mr Perez	Biology
Lewis Smith	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Ethan Thomas	12	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Lauren Gapper	13	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Tharni Ramesh	13	Mr Stainton	Biology
Ayesha Younis	13	Miss Thurlow	Sociology

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### Music

- Harrie Metcalfe (Year 8) recently passed her Grade 4 Violin exam.
- Maddy Gamble (Year 9) has passed her Grade 4 Classical Guitar exam.

### Sport

- Sophie Gomes (Year 7) passed her Taekwondo Green Belt grading exam last week - she also received a trophy for 'Best In Class'.
- William Pickston (Year 9) recently passed Grade 10 Swimming at Deeping Swim School.
- Harrie Metcalfe (Year 8) recently passed her Grade 3 Ballet exam (with High Merit)