



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 24 January 2020*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## **YEAR 13 MOCKS AND UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES**

Year 13 spent the first two weeks of term working on their Mock A-Level examinations. Very many students prepared diligently for these and they have been rewarded with some truly impressive results which augur well for the summer A-Level examinations. For other students, the Mocks serve as a timely reminder of the topics to be revised and practised. I am grateful to my colleagues who worked hard to set suitable examinations and then laboured for many hours to mark the scripts to examination standard against a tight deadline.

The annual January UCAS deadline has passed and the great majority of students have applied to courses in higher education. The UCAS system opened back in September and very soon students were receiving offers from diverse courses at universities the length and breadth of the land. A few hold unconditional offers but for most their places will be secure only when they have achieved the A-Level grades specified in their offers. Having something tangible to aim at really can motivate students but it brings pressure too, so we wish our eldest students well as they navigate the remainder of their courses and prepare for what will be, for all, a demanding few weeks in the examination hall.

I am now able to confirm that no fewer than five Year 13 students have received conditional offers from Oxford or Cambridge. Both ancient universities have their own, extremely demanding selection procedures involving interviews and in many cases difficult additional written papers. It is an achievement to be called for interview but to receive an offer is worthy of the highest praise and celebration. Warmest congratulations to the following:

Holly Barber - Natural Sciences at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge

Bertie Cliffe - Veterinary Medicine at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

Yasmin Hornsby - Medicine at Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Issy Kaufman - Linguistics at Jesus College, Cambridge

Grace Ferguson - Philosophy and Theology at Regent's Park College, Oxford

## **INFORMATION EVENING - eSAFETY FOR PARENTS**

Led by Mr Brown, our fourth annual *eSafety for Parents* evening will take place on Tuesday 28 January, starting at 19:00 in the Main Hall (doors open at 18:30). The session will provide an overview of the main social media platforms used by young people, as well as covering sensitive topics, certain to be of great concern to parents, such as 'sexting' and online sexual exploitation. The session also covers suggestions on practical ways that parents can help their children to stay safe online and ways to support them to become responsible digital citizens.

This session is designed specifically for the benefit of parents/carers; due to anticipated demand, it will not be possible for students to attend. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you book your place(s) online on the grounds of practicality. If you wish to attend, please register for up to two tickets *via* Ticketsource by 26 January by visiting <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/t-rypxlx>

The announcement that tickets were available was made in last week's issue.  
At the time of writing, there are only three tickets left for the Saturday night performance.

Tickets for all performances can be purchased online via the following link: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/e-exxpjv](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/e-exxpjv). Please contact the School via [boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk) if you have any queries or if you wish to go on the waiting list for returns once a performance date is sold out.

Performance Date	Adult Ticket Price	Concession Ticket Price (Student, Staff, OAP, Governor)
Wednesday 25 March 7pm	£12.00	£10.00
Thursday 26 March 7pm	£12.00	£10.00
Friday 27 March 7pm	£14.00	£12.50
Saturday 28 March - Matinée 2pm	£12.00	£10.50
Saturday 28 March - Gala Night 7pm <i>The performance will be followed by an after-show party for all cast and crew &amp; their families and friends</i>	£15.00	£14.00

#### STUDENT REVIEW DAY - Friday 6 March 2020

Please remember to book your appointment for Student Review Day (SRD) on Friday 6 March. All students are expected to attend the SRD meeting with or without their parent(s).

If a parent is unable to attend, the student must still attend their appointment. The SRD email was sent on Friday 17 January to the Priority 1 contacts held on our database. If your email has not arrived or if you have any queries about SRD, please email [SRD@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:SRD@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk).

#### YEAR 9 GCSE OPTIONS EVENING - Tuesday 11 February 2020

We will shortly be asking Year 9 students, in discussion with their parents, to choose the GCSE subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11.

You will have an opportunity to find out more about the Key Stage 4 (KS4) curriculum at the GCSE Options Evening, which will be held in School on Tuesday 11 February from 19:00 - 21:00, doors open at 18:30. During the evening you will have the chance to talk with each relevant Subject Leader and also with students who are currently following courses that may be of interest to your son or daughter.

Next week, Year 9 students and parents will be issued with an electronic copy of the Options booklet, which gives an overview of the KS4 curriculum, details about the options process (including key dates) and specific details about each subject. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the options process and the subjects on offer so as to make the best possible use of the limited time available on Options Evening.

We do hope that you are able to attend this important evening and look forward to meeting you.

## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS COMPETITION - *Mr C Delport, Subject Leader: Design Engineering*

On Sunday 19 January, the School's Lego Robotics Team (BourneToCompete) competed in the First Lego League Robotics Competition in Corby, sponsored by RS Components. Students competed in 4 competition areas - Core Engineering Values, Robot Design, An Innovation Project and The Robot Game.

Core Engineering Values required the team to express the philosophies of gracious professionalism and cooperation through discovery, inclusion, innovation, teamwork, impact and fun in front of a panel of judges. The Innovation Project required the team to apply and present these core values to solve 'real world' problems, in this case by creating a more environmentally friendly living environment to the judges. The team then presented their robot design and how they had developed and adapted the robot to solve the challenges presented to them in the game. These points were then added to the Robot Game points.



Our team did exceptionally well, winning the Core Engineering Values award. This was a very enjoyable and valuable learning experience for the team in the world of robotics. I would like to thank Mr Fone for his support to the team prior to the competition and on the day.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Millie Doud	7	Miss Smallshaw	Science
Erin Larter	7	Miss Dorosenko	Science
Chiara Pacitti	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Owen Higgins	7	Mrs Woolf	Science
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Samuel Bell	7	Mr Perez	Science
Jessica Burton	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Mayra Narang	7	Miss Smithson	English
Atiksh Agnihotri	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Lucy Harrison	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Harrison Smith	8	Mr Green	History
Emilie Comben	8	Mrs McVicker	English
Sanjani Mamillapalle	8	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Raphael Threlfall	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Lewis Collins	9	Mr Green	History
Ben Harrison	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Momina Iqbal	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Evan Mulligan	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Miles Cade-Stewart	9	Mr Brown	Computing
Sam Hartley	9	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Zayn Jaffer	9	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Sam Harris	9	Mr Hartley	Business Studies
William Swepson	10	Mr Green	History
Sandra Sajosh	11	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Sam Simmonds	11	Miss Kirby	Mathematics
Leo Allison	11	Miss Kirby	Mathematics
Olivia Jones	11	Miss Watson	English
Charlotte Lindsay	11	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Amy Jones	11	Mrs Chapman	English
Katie Dharamraj	12	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Amy Webster	12	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Jack Moyle	12	Miss Capper	History
Holly Brown	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Lauren Gapper	13	Mrs Chapman	English Literature