



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 4 December 2020

From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

DR DAVID OWEN - 1970-2020

It is with the utmost sadness that I inform the School Community of the loss of a colleague. Dave Owen, a teacher of English, died on Monday night at home, peacefully and of natural causes. His death has come as a terrible shock to us all. Dave was apparently in good health and was rarely, if ever, off work for any reason. He was a much-loved character in the Department and also amongst the wider staff body. Amongst the students he commanded their well-earned respect and was held in warm regard by many, especially so by his A-Level groups.

Dave joined us from Chamwood College, Loughborough, in the Spring of 2017, so he served our School for just under four years. He was a cultured and sophisticated man, a lover of literature, of jazz and a connoisseur of wine. He cut a dashing figure on his motorcycle, a much-loved vintage model. After that broke down he travelled to and from School with the students on the bus - not the first choice of transport for many school-teachers, but an experience he took in his stride and seemed to enjoy. An accomplished and respected teacher, especially at A-Level, Dave was popular within the Department, well-known for his selfless support of others and for his contributions to departmental resources. His work with the Literacy Society *The Whisperings* was much-appreciated by students and colleagues alike; he organised and delivered Friday lunchtime lectures for two years for our KS4 and KS5 students, and was very proud of this.



Fortunately the Department has the capacity to absorb his teaching load and so all of his classes will be taught for the rest of the year by teachers with whom they are already familiar. That said, these students will feel the loss more keenly than most and our thoughts are with them as they try to continue with their studies in such difficult circumstances.

He is survived by his parents - former teachers - and a brother. We share in their grief at this most devastating moment in their lives.

On Wednesday evening I told the School's staff about Dave's passing and shortly afterwards sent out notices to the students and parents. I reproduce some of the responses below; they indicate the affection in which Dave was held by so many of us:

From a teacher, reproduced with permission:

Hearing the news about Dave is heartbreaking. A kind-hearted teacher, a smile that lit up every room and the epitome of a true gentleman. He touched so many lives - students and staff - helped so many people and will leave a huge hole in many hearts. We will all miss him deeply. May he rest in peace.

From Lauren Gapper, former Head Girl, now at Durham University:

The main point of my email is to send my personal condolences on behalf of Dr Owen's passing. It was a very shocking and difficult piece of news to receive as he was one of the key members of staff in helping my academic transition towards studying a degree in English Literature. Although he only taught my GCSE English lessons, one of the highlights of my time at the school was his weekly Literature Society, The Whisperings, which I (and many other Sixth Form students) attended every week. Some of the things I learnt in those sessions were as invaluable as any classroom lesson, and as a student who often felt academically conflicted, they helped to consolidate my love for the subject. I know how much time and effort he put into those sessions - even down to designing and printing posters to advertise the society - and how happy it made him, a wonderful academic, to watch mature students engage in the aspects of literature he found most interesting. Dr Owen probably had no idea how much this club was an escapism for myself and my peers.

I really do hope everyone is coping with coming to terms with such a loss, and my thoughts are with Dr Owen's friends and family. I cannot even begin to imagine how some of his closest colleagues must be feeling.

From Chloe Patman, former student:

I am really sorry to hear the news about Dr Owen. I just thought I'd email to say my thoughts are with all of the staff at Bourne Grammar and Dr Owen's family during this challenging time.

The first time I met Dr Owen I was fascinated by how much he loved English and his expert knowledge in the field. I think as a third year university student I can only appreciate that even more now. I feel privileged to have been taught by someone who genuinely knew so much about his subject and invested time and effort into helping me excel. It really is an honour to be studying a degree in the subject that he taught me so well.

From several parents who kindly wrote in after receiving the news:

That is such tragic news. He was such an inspiration to my daughter and always happy to help her with her English. She will miss him dearly.

What very sad news. My daughter always spoke very fondly of Dr Owen regarding him as one of her favourite teachers. He is the reason she enjoys studying English Literature. A sad day for all.

Your email came as a huge shock, as we only spoke to Dr Owen last week as part of our son's parent consultation meeting. No doubt the students will feel the suddenness of his loss even more, as he was a well-liked teacher who made learning English interesting and fun.

It is with sadness that we got the news last night regarding Dr Owen's death. Dr Owen had been a great contributor to our son's achievements in English up to last year. His passion and approach to teaching definitely rubbed off on the pupils, even the ones who might not have English as their favourite subject. Our wishes are with his family during this difficult time.

I can confirm that Dr Owen's family will be sent a copy of this obituary. I confirm too that flowers have been sent, on behalf of the School.

We will be creating a Book of Remembrance for Dave Owen. Anyone may submit a contribution by emailing remembrance@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk; once collated this will be shared with his family.



DAVID STONELAKE

I received the sad news this week of the death of David Stonelake, at age 84. David taught Mathematics here from the late 1950s until shortly before I arrived at Bourne in the early 2000s, clocking up a possibly unmatched BGS innings of over 40 years. Spoken of even today, and always recollected with warmth and appreciation by his former students of all ages - including by our Chair of Governors and several other Governors - David inspired thousands of students in Mathematics and was reputed to be seen marking books even after he had left the School. After retiring he moved on to a quiet life in Luton, visiting the School a couple of times in the course of my Headship. His extraordinary service to our School has left an indelible mark on many. He is remembered as one of our School's great teachers.

VIRTUAL PRIZES & AWARDS EVENING - Thursday 26 November

The Chair of Governors, Head Students and I very much enjoyed speaking to the Prize and Award winners, their friends, parents/carers and indeed many others in the wider School community at our Virtual Prizes & Awards Evening on Thursday 26 November.

Though it is regrettable that it was not possible to gather in Bourne Abbey for the traditional November event, it was good to have the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the success and achievements of students from across the School, and that from students who left last year and are now at the start of the next stage of their careers. The event was broadcast on YouTube to a professional standard and was very well attended.

Our Chair of Governors Ian Mears (Old Brunnian) opened and closed the event which included speeches by our Head Students, Evie Kendrew and Tom Cameron, and my own final Speech Night Report. Though not a traditional BGS Speech Night, I think we made the very best we could of a virtual event. I am very grateful to the Head Students for their outstandingly well-delivered speech and to the Chair of Governors for officiating.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Sadly it seems to be impossible for an issue of *The Bulletin* to pass without mention of the pandemic and its impact on our School. I have to report that a second positive test result for a Year 11 student has resulted in another group of students from Year 11 being sent home. At present around sixty students from that year-group have to stay away from School for a period.

FINAL BROADCAST - advance notice

At 6pm on Thursday 17 December - the last full day of term - I shall broadcast an end-of-term message to everyone in the School community.

The message can be watched live at the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hdd00sPK84o>. The message can also be watched after the event and will remain available until the end of the year.

CATCH-UP PROGRAMME - Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

The catch-up sessions taking place next week are displayed in the table below. In order to reserve a place for the face-to-face sessions, please use the booking system which can be accessed [here](#); bookings can be made each week between 15:00 on Friday and 21:00 on Sunday for sessions in the subsequent week, and must be made in the name of the student who will be attending. TEAMS sessions are available to the whole year-group and no booking is required; students should simply log onto the Year Group TEAM and join the session at 17:00.

	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13
Mon 7th Dec	MATHEMATICS Two way tables Mr Smith M11	HISTORY How to analyse sources in History Mr Bainbridge E1	PHYSICS Particle Model of Matter Mr Lennox M6	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 Overview Ms Dye EPR 1	GEOGRAPHY Changing Places Miss Pollard G1
	Two way tables Mr Sheppard TEAMS	How to analyse sources in History Mr Bainbridge TEAMS	Particle Model of Matter Mr Lennox TEAMS	Paper 2 Overview Ms McVicker TEAMS	No Session Required
Tues 8th Dec	Progress Review Meetings				
Weds 9th Dec	Progress Review Meetings				
Thurs 10th Dec	GEOGRAPHY Rivers Mrs Greenfield PE1	SPANISH Reflexive verbs Miss Baverstock E4	ENGLISH Macbeth General Essay Miss Bennett M3	PHYSICS Newton's Laws Mr Miller H1	BIOLOGY Biochemistry Part 1 Mr Perez IT2
	Rivers Miss Lindley TEAMS	Reflexive verbs Mr Edwards TEAMS	Macbeth General Essay Mr Gatland TEAMS	Newton's Laws Mr Mitchell TEAMS	Biochemistry Part 1 Mr Vaughan TEAMS

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
8,760	9,587	8,850	9,472

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 03/12/2020.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Amelie Murphy (Year 10) has passed her Grade 6 LAMDA exam in Musical Theatre with Distinction.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Paula Kriauciunaite	7	Mr Williamson	Art
Finlay Smith	7	Mr Walker	Design Engineering
Isabel Friel	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Martha Yates	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Aditi Kumar	8	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Lucy Tolson	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Owen Nazaruk-Wheeler	8	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Fin Bartrop	9	Mr Williamson	English
William Cole	9	Mrs Lawrie	Mathematics
Lily-Grace Cooke	9	Mrs Lawrie	Mathematics
Amy Fletcher	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Clara Lytle	9	Mr Ray	PE
Sanjani Mamillapalle	9	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Alyssa Mascot	9	Mr Brown	Computing
Adhish Sunishkumar	9	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Jenny Baker	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Seb Beedell	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Phoebe Bryant	10	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Harry Child	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Rupert Clark	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Enoch Ekundayomi	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
George Groom	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Nicole Haynes	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Elliot Joy	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Keira Maxey	10	Miss Pollard	Geography
Noah Akamessan	11	Miss Bradley	PEGCSE
Elizabeth Allen	11	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Alex Ewart-Malcolm	11	Miss Watson	English
Sophie Jordan	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Tyler Shell	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Lily Whitmore	11	Mr Bainbridge	History
Lara Barker	11	Mr Miller	Physics
Daisy Reeves-Turner	12	Miss Atkinson	Religious Studies
Grace Sowerby	12	Mrs Pignatiello	Registration
Harry Waddingham	12	Mr Walker	Computing
Lily Goodman	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Daisy Reeves-Turner	12	Miss Atkinson	Religious Studies
Aminah Iqbal	13	Dr Hanson	Biology