



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 21 May 2021*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Formal assessments for our Year 11 and Year 13 students are very nearly complete. As I watch the rain come hammering down in a Spring that has been climatologically unusual, I find myself reflecting on the very unusual last two years our public examinations students have experienced. Normal lessons to begin with, then the drift towards the first lockdown with the scramble that ensued as all schools tried to come to terms with communications technology and remote learning. Then back to School in September for an experience that was still restricted, followed by a second difficult period of lockdown. Exams cancelled, events cancelled, and much face-to-face social life put on hold. And then, when School reopened once again in March after a full twelve months of ongoing disruption, they were presented immediately with a raft of assessments in an ongoing restricted bubble environment as teachers worked to gather the evidence required to provide Teacher Assessed Grades. From compulsory lockdown to revision-inspired meltdown.

And what of their wider life context? Families under pressure, the economy in retreat, the future uncertain. No gatherings, no holidays, no sport, no gigs, no outlet for creative instincts. The sum of all this is a two year experience we could not possibly have predicted as we celebrated the New Year in 2020, and for a school-aged generation at comparatively low risk of suffering the worst effects of infection I know there has been a palpable sense of frustration at the enforced isolation. The last few years of school, in addition to acquiring qualifications, is all about social development: friendships, adventure, self-discovery and making memories. Our Year 13 students in particular have missed out on so much.

I wish, therefore, to dedicate this Bulletin to our public examination cohorts and in particular our Year 13 leavers. I want to thank them for their good humour, their hard work and their flexibility in such difficult times. I want to congratulate them on their achievements, and hope they are able to look into the future with optimism for what comes next. I also want to remind them that life is rarely easy and that their ability to manage challenging contexts is fundamentally important. After all, when life throws us a rainy day we must learn to play in the puddles. And finally I want to say something to them that is best expressed in the words of A A Milne. As Christopher Robin says to Winnie the Pooh: "Promise me you'll always remember: you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." And so say all of us.

## **VIRTUAL KEY STAGE 3 PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS**

I am now able to advise parents/carers of Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) students that there will be an opportunity for you to meet (virtually) with subject teachers before the end of the current academic year at a series of Progress Review Meetings (PRMs).

Arrangements have been made for an off-timetable Progress Review Day and two supplementary evenings in July.

The schedule of the Progress Review Meetings will be:

### **PRM Day - Thursday 1 July 2021**

All students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 will have work set to complete at home for the off-timetable day

### **PRM Evening 1 - Tuesday 6 July 2021**





### **PRM Evening 2 - Thursday 8 July 2021**

For practical reasons there will be a limit on the number of appointments that can be made in respect to each student. Further details on the structure of each session and on how to book your online appointments will follow in due course.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Freya Dahlgard-Sigsworth	7	Miss Smithson	English
Grace Nickson	7	Miss Bradley	PE
Julius Priedis	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Arjun Raghavan	7	Mr Howard	EPR
Daniel Partridge	7	Mr Tighe	EPR
Ella Dunnett	8	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Matilda Eagle-Brown	8	Miss Watson	English
Isaac Malcolm	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Charlie Sherwin	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jacob Townsend	8	Mr Moxley	Drama
Gabriella Udeaja	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Eva Blackmore	9	Ms Kemp	English
Freddie Finch	9	Miss Sanders	Business Studies
Emilee Mimms	9	Miss Turton	Drama
Mikella Sarfo	9	Ms Bowtell	PE
Leila Silkstone	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Emma Smith	9	Ms Kemp	English
Arslan Bhatti	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Harry Child	10	Miss Smithson	English
Matthew Hawkrige	10	Miss Bennett	English
Erin Holden	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Owen James	10	Ms Kemp	English
Ben Lamb	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Ben Lamb	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Jack Morrison	10	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Tiffany Wong	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Zoe Devonport	12	Miss Watson	English Language
Ellie Giannioti	12	Mrs Ward	Pastoral
Sian Manzur	12	Miss Watson	English Language

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS - House Leaders

			
6,984	7,143	7,621	6,945

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house between 19/04/2021 and 21/05/2021.*

# SPORTS CLUBS

<b>TERM 5</b>	<b>Lunchtime (Astroturf)</b> <i>12:45 - 13:20</i>	<b>After School</b> <i>16:50 finish, 17:00 to collect</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Year 7 Cricket (SC/ACG)	Year 7 & 9 Athletics (CJR/JTB/CEB/AS) Year 8 & 10 Cricket (SC/ACG) Year 7-10 Cross Country* (SJS)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 8 Rounders (AS)	Year 7 & 9 Cricket (SC/ACG) Year 10 Tennis (Courts) (CEB) Year 9 Rounders (AS)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Year 8 Cricket (SC/ACG)	Year 8 & 10 Athletics (CJR/JTB/CEB/AS) Year 9 Tennis (Courts) (CPB) Year 7-10 Cross Country* (SJS)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Year 7 Long Jump, Hurdles and High Jump (CJR/JTB/AS)	Year 7 Rounders (AS) Year 10 Tennis (Courts) (CPB)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	-	-

Clubs will take place weekly - should there be a need to cancel any club, as much notice as possible will be given. PE Department Meetings will affect clubs occasionally. If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club.

Students attending a club should ensure they come to School in their PE Kit on that day, ideally with a packed lunch. Please wait in your outside bubble area and the member of staff leading the club will collect you.

Please note that Shin Pads must be worn for both Football and Hockey.

*\*Please note that Cross Country will finish by 16:30.*