



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 15 October 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

October 2021 is Black History Month, and this week the Media Studies department have included an item with a Black History focus on the student notices document each day. Our students have been encouraged to engage with age-appropriate films such as “Green Book” and “Queen & Slim”, films that narrate the impact of segregation in the USA on a Black population struggling to find equality in a society divided on racial lines. It is entirely appropriate here to remember the famous words of the great Martin Luther King spoken in 1963:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Very conscious of the importance of these words, I was inspired by the content of a Year 10 assembly delivered by Mr Baker on Wednesday when the wonderful diversity of humanity was celebrated and richness of human culture admired. Students in this assembly were challenged regarding their own behaviour, were challenged as to their reactions towards any prejudiced behaviour they might witness, and encouraged to reflect on how they, as individuals, can help contribute to a tolerant society. Cultural and racial tolerance must be a non-negotiable element in the make-up of British society, and it has been very pleasing to see such clear guidance and messaging being given to our students at this time. Martin Luther King was assassinated by a racist gunman in 1968, and the words of his daughter certainly resonate:

“When he [Dr King] talked about the beloved community, he talked about everyone bringing their gifts, their talents, their cultural experiences. We live in a society where we may have differences, of course, but we learn to celebrate these differences.”

Our students have themselves been proactive. We have an active LGBTQ+ club offering a safe space for the discussion of a range of issues and the Equality and Diversity Committee have made two provisional recommendations this week to help ensure that diversity is celebrated and understood within School. Firstly they wish to develop a School suggested reading list for students of books that collectively will provide a balanced social and cultural awareness and mitigate against any sense of division or prejudice. And secondly they would like a “Universal Student Union” established as a weekly platform for equality and a means to celebrate the richness of our own School community. Both sound like fantastic student-led ideas. While much of the world celebrates Black History month Bourne Grammar is therefore actively engaged in promoting equality and diversity.

PTFA

The newly-formed Bourne Grammar School PTFA will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 18 November at 18:00.

If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please email fiona.hill@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk for more information.



HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS FAIR, 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 Report by Mrs Hawkins - Careers, UCAS and Examinations Officer



As Mr Anderson reported, the twice-postponed Higher Education and Careers Fair finally – and thankfully – took place in person. The event gave students the opportunity to meet and talk to a range of universities and colleges, to learn about apprenticeships and to speak to employers offering these excellent programmes. We were very kindly supported on the evening by 46 exhibitors, including parents, members of staff and former students. The venues were very busy and the atmosphere was certainly buzzing!

Since the event I have been contacted by several of the exhibitors with messages full of praise for our students and I'd like to share a few of them with you:

"I wanted to write and thank you for giving us the opportunity to come to the careers evening last night, which was a great success! Both my colleague and I found the students we spoke to were extremely polite, friendly and articulate and are a great credit to the school and their families"

"Thank you so much for inviting Newcastle University, it was a pleasure to attend and the students had great questions! Lovely to see them all aiming high and I wish them all the best for the future"

"The students were really engaged and asked some great questions"

"Thank you so much for having me, it was great to get back to physical events and all your students were fantastic!!"



"It was a real pleasure - so nice to have so many engaged students and families"

I hope that all attending students took at least one thing away from the event – be that a career plan, a choice of university, a critiqued CV or just a better understanding of the world of work and the myriad opportunities that exist out there.

As always, if you would like to be involved in the careers programme please contact me at careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

READING BOXES FOR YEARS 8 AND 9

Mrs Clark, Literacy Co-ordinator

Students in years 8 and 9 will be receiving a reading box in their tutor base over the next week. We want to encourage our students to read for pleasure outside of their lessons as there is good evidence that this has a positive impact not only on attainment, but also personal development. The boxes contain a mixture of contemporary and classical books, as well as some non-fiction texts. Students are welcome to borrow these books so long as they signed out and returned once they are finished.



U14 DISTRICT NETBALL TOURNAMENT - Miss Bradley, PE

On Thursday 7 October, it was the turn of our U14 Netball Team to take on their first fixture since pre-Covid; the U14 Netball Tournament. When they played their Year 7 tournament a couple of years ago, they won without conceding any goals and so we had high hopes going into the tournament. However, with minimal training, we knew we had to be at our best to avoid any surprises. The girls were incredibly excited about this first tournament, knowing that if they won, they would go on to represent the district in the next round.

With only a 10 minute warm-up, the girls were filled with anticipation for their first match but they soon settled any nerves with three quick goals, and from then on they were unstoppable. The netball they played was superb, with every single squad member playing a crucial role as they went on to win every single game. They were so dominant that they won each 12 minute match by at least six goals, and only conceded four goals across the entire tournament.



It is fair to say that the team exceeded my high hopes and they will now be working hard to prepare for the County Tournament on Saturday 13 November, joining the U16 squad on what will be an exciting day off.

Squad members - Bella Burton ©, Millie Herrick, Emma Dennis, Tula Harvey, Poppy Fasulo, Annie Hayes, Flo Dexter, Libby Bird, Evie Griffin, Erin Larter.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
6,301	5,590	5,235	6,299

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each House between 06/09/2021 and 14/10/2021.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students have recently achieved the following DofE awards:

- DofE Bronze - Emily Clipson-Cox (Year 11), Olivia Jones (Year 13)
- DofE Silver - Scott Merriman (Year 13)



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Noah Gordon-Stables	7	Mr Walker	Design Engineering
Evie Ingham	7	Mr Baker	Science
Evie Metcalfe	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Harper Graham	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Emily Holland	7	Miss Heighway	English
Priyanka Sutrave	7	Miss Heighway	English
Liam Main	8	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
James Risebrow	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Eleanor Winn	8	Miss Pritchard	English
Connor Dunn	8	Mr Perez	Science
James Houghton	8	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Jack Cotuk	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Grace Osborne	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Kris Rushworth	9	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Matilda Eagle-Brown	9	Ms Bennett	English
Tegan Haw	9	Mr Walker	Computing
Harrison Shreeve	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Bella Atkin	10	Ms Bennett	English
Eva Larter	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Amy Fletcher	10	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Will Hughes	10	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Isobel Mason	10	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Delicia Johnson	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Qais Raja	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Rhys Evans	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Rhys Evans	10	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Thomas Leonard	10	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Brooke Ellis	10	Miss Capper	Registration
Chloe Kirman	10	Miss Watson	English
Alfie Scotney	10	Miss Roberts	English
Kaitlyn Vincent	10	Miss Capper	Registration
Anthony Catherwood	11	Ms Kemp	Registration
Zakkai Pigott	11	Ms Kemp	Registration
Elvin Sajikurian	11	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics
Anna Williamson	11	Mr Tighe	EPR
Froher Nabizadah	11	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Anthony Catherwood	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Aadi Chabria	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Froher Nabizadah	11	Miss Capper	History
Reece Bates	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Jessica Reid	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Christian Rollinson	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Maisie Brownlow	13	Ms Bowtell	Sports Studies
Harry Atkin	13	Mr Bowers	Extra Curricular