



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 2 February 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Along with other members of the Leadership Team I have very much enjoyed dropping in to the 0850 Tutor Sessions during the course of this week. The work of a tutor is crucial to the quality of education we provide, working as the anchor to every student's school day and bringing many facets of School life together. Tutors deliver notices, critical PSHE advice, encourage reading, discuss futures and careers, are a key point of contact, and constantly cycle through individual student progress meetings in order to provide the best individualised support. Being a tutor is not an easy task, requiring a broad skillset and a willingness to help get the best out of each tutee by developing a positive working relationship. Most of our teachers are also tutors and I would like to take this public opportunity to thank them for their hard work and the impact they have on individuals across the School. Our tutors work in teams led by Heads and Deputy Heads of Year and these middle leaders also fulfil a critical role in coordinating and supporting individual tutors. This effective tutoring enables high quality academic progress and pastoral support to happen.

I find myself again congratulating the efforts of our Sixth Form, working as mentors and advisors. On top of previously advertised programmes of mentor support, teams of Year 12 students have been delivering Subject Talks to Year 11 this week, giving them an insight into the real life of an A Level student and what to expect should a particular course be taken. This builds on the work of academic departments at the Sixth Form Open Evening earlier this year, and the countless individual teacher/student conversations that take place on a daily basis...but there is something rather special about information and advice provided by A Level students themselves, and we have been delighted to see over 100 Year 12s take part in this information week. Congratulations and thanks to them all.

Finally, as we enter a new calendar month, we have more exciting news of potential student success. Our Cross Country athletes travel to Northampton for the Anglian Championships on Saturday – good luck to them all –, and while they are running we will also be hoping that Lawson Capes will be successful as he represents England in the Shot Put at the Vaxjo International in Sweden. Lawson will be competing for the U18 team as a 15-year-old, a staggering achievement for one so young, and we wish him well as he competes on this prestigious international stage. We also hope that a group of academically ambitious Year 11 Students enjoy their visit to Christ's College, Cambridge and that our Sixth Form Art Trip to London dodges the worst of the planned rail strikes. A busy end to the penultimate week of term.

JUNCTION DANCE SHOWCASE



On Tuesday 6 February at 7pm the Junction Dance Showcase returns for another night of spectacular dance talent. Students from Years 7-13 will perform their own dances in their chosen dance style on our stage in the Main Hall. Expect a variety of different styles – from classical ballet to contemporary and hip-hop. And you may even get a preview of the cast of *High School Musical* in action. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful night of dance.

Tickets are £5, click [here](#) to book your tickets.

COMING SOON..... Our school productions West End Wonders and High School Musical On Stage will be on sale from Friday 9 February at 12:00. Tickets available on ticket section of the School website.

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening – Tuesday 20 February 2024

We will shortly be asking Year 9 students, in discussion with their parents, to choose their GCSE subjects.

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 20 February from 18:30 – 20:30, doors open at 18:00.

The main presentation will take place at 18:30 and will be repeated at 19:30 in the Hall and will explain how options are selected using the Online Booking System. During the evening you will also have the chance to talk with each relevant Subject Leader, along with Year 10 students who are currently following courses that may be of interest to your child.

During the week commencing 5 February, 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.

COUNTY U16 BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

Our U16 boys travelled to Grantham Meres to play the next round of their National Cup. They had previously been undefeated at the local area but were about to face some strong opposition from the North of the county. Grantham is a focal point for badminton in the region and has for many years produced national champions so the boys were up against it. The team of Jonathan Blair, Tom Drew, Tanish Patel, Bhargav Elakoochy and Georgin Bilroy performed magnificently. They were joined by our fabulous SCITT trainee Holly Sparks who is a Badminton player and former County player herself. She gave the boys some fantastic tactical pointers which seemed to boost their confidence and give them the extra edge they needed.

KS4 BADMINTON – *Report by Miss Sparks, PE Trainee Teacher*

Last week our KS4 boys travelled to the Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham, to compete in the County Badminton tournament. The boys played remarkably well against some very strong opponents, including Priory Ruskin, Sir John Nelthorpe, Kings School.

The boys first match was against Sir John Nelthorpe although we persisted and incorporated brilliant tactical shots, we were unable to triumph against them. Next was Kings School, this included spectacular service from all players and great teamwork during our doubles games which results in a win for one of our doubles pairings. With Tom Drew also winning his singles against Kings School it was all down to the final game that would determine who would claim victory for this match. Unfortunately, this nail-biting game ended in a 15-13 win to Kings School. Finally, the boys faced Priory Ruskin Academy where anticipation was rising due to playing these opponents a few weeks prior. Brilliant drop shots, superb service and magnificent teamwork from all players but unfortunately, we were unable to beat our extremely strong opponents.

Tom Drew was the story of the day winning three singles matches, a feat never matched by anyone previously in this age group from our school. It was a fabulous display against teams consisting of both county, regional and National players and the boys came away far wiser than when they entered.

U14 BOYS COUNTY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Junior team set off with strong intentions to compete at U14 level and again, were unbeaten at the local level. We had our own county player Saihaan Damani playing as No. 1 singles player leading the

way at the start of each game and Ali Ravji playing as No. 2 singles. The doubles pairings were made up of Ali Abdullah and Ali Jaffer and so a very young team for U14 level. We also had our super 5th player, a newcomer to the game, Charles Bomford.

The boys started out very strongly winning 5-0 against Louth Academy but then faced the favourites Priory School, a badminton specialist school. The singles match was epic with each boy focussing so strongly on their play that it had to be externally umpired and sadly Saihaan was narrowly beaten but the game was full of wonderful strokes and touches.

The second singles game with Ali was equally as competitive but again the extra playing experience shone through. The match continued in this vein, with matches being long and very close but was unable to edge out a final result. The boys had qualified for 3rd and 4th playoff and were against Kings Grantham. This game proved to be closer in match scores than the Priory game but lower in quality, due to tiredness. The scores were tied at 2-2 and the deciding game came down to a doubles event with Ali Ravji and Ali Abdullah and the boys lost 21-20. A superb show for a first-time appearance for most at this level of competition.



The U16 girls Badminton was played at the end of this week and I am looking forward to reporting on it next week.

U16 GIRLS HOCKEY VS WELLAND PARK ACADEMY

The U16 team is a mixed team of Years 9, 10 and 11 students and we set off for Market Harborough to play a Midlands friendly against another state school of the same ability. These are hard to find in the local area. The team hadn't played together but soon gelled and demonstrated real class in their smooth passing movements and with some excellent singular dribbling from Daisy Hakim which led to many penalty corners and goals from Annabel Armitage. Flo Dexter was pivotal in the middle in stopping the Welland girls free running through to goal and Grace Millar and Annabel Parkes worked very hard in working the ball through difficult areas to get it to Annabel up front. Honor Moore was a thorn in their side all evening with her smooth and skilful dribbles. All of the attacks, however, wouldn't have been possible without the solid defence led passionately by Holly Potts. The team ended up with a draw but really deserved a win after maintaining huge pressure on the Welland goal area all game and as a result the opponents ended up having three solo runs which sadly they scored from.

U15 MIXED MATCH VS LINCOLN MINSTER

The mixed team set out to play against Lincolns boys' team on Wednesday this week, a fixture which always brings fun and entertainment and this didn't disappoint. Joshi Harris ran the Lincoln boys ragged, along with James Risebrow in the first quarter and we continued in this vein with Honor Moore carrying on the mantle down the left side of the pitch. Grace Millar battled hard and seemed to enjoy the mixed nature of the game and Amaya McKenzie in goal was superb in the positivity of her saves. Charles Bomford and Ben Alliston, despite being younger, were like Gandalf at the back working on the principle "You shall not pass me".

Shots were fired at pace at both goals and Joshi's flick floated into the netting beautifully and was followed by Luke Joyners reverse strike at a crucial time. The game was very close but due to Luke's fantastic strike the game ended 3-2 to BGS.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved their DofE Bronze and Silver awards:

Year 11 – Bronze Success:





Eden Lockwood

Year 13 – Silver Success

Froher Nabizadah

Jack Ray

HOUSE TOTALS

			
29413	29991	33307	29861

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 1/2/2024.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Jace Gwiti	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Flavia Hoxha	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Juliette King	7	Mrs Allen	English
Mya Kirk	7	Mrs Allen	English
Harry Maycock	7	Ms Creedon	PSHE
Poppy Pawlett	7	Mrs Evans	Geography
George Payton	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Viganth RG	7	Mrs Evans	Geography
Rhys Smith	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Viganth RG	7	Miss Wright	Art

Lamar Farahat	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Gabriela Korbylo	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Riya Ramprasad	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Monty Bage	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Melissa Chen	9	Ms Jones	English
Joshi Harriss	9	Mr Jones	Music
Max Neal	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Bella Pridgeon	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Zahra Ravji	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Weronika Skrzynecka	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Monty Wild	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Zeke Young	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Bradley Connolly	9	Mr Ray	PE
Hannah Simpson	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Hannah Simpson	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Flynn Knight	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Donald McGeorge	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Henry Tate	10	Mr Perez	Biology
April Thorley	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Ellie Bannister	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Thomas Drew	11	Ms Bowtell	PE
Isabella Marriott	11	Miss Raebel	German
Kashvi Woosa	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Joshua Lamb	11	Miss Raebel	German
Atte Maaranen	11	Miss Raebel	German
Isabella Marriott	11	Miss Raebel	German
Erin Richards	11	Miss Raebel	German
Eva Corrigan	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Jack Knowles	12	Mrs Shales	Pastoral
Thomas Preston	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Dan Yates	13	Mr Brown	Design Engineering

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic

Emily Cox, in form 10G, is this week's BBL Champion for some outstanding independent work in EPR. Students have been tasked with producing a revision resource of their choice after each lesson. Emily has gone above and beyond and has produced detailed mind maps and this has been the case since September. Her teacher, Miss Atkinson, says 'Emily will continue to reap the rewards of her efforts as we move through the course, and I am really impressed with the attitude and consistency she has shown since she started the GCSE in September.'

This is a perfect example of BBL work; it is regular, consistent and useful. A big well done to Emily for all her efforts so far – it will all pay off!



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below the revision timetable for next week. Year 11 students can choose the session they'd find most useful and simply turn up. No booking is required.

Not all subjects are listed; some, such as Mathematics, are offering bespoke lunchtime revision sessions and details have been communicated to students directly. All revision sessions will finish at 16:30.

Spanish revision will focus on the speaking exam and will operate slightly differently from all other subjects, as each Spanish teacher will organise a bespoke small-group session. Every student will have the opportunity to sign up in advance with their Spanish teacher.

	Monday 5 February	Tuesday 6 February	Wednesday 7 February	Thursday 8 February
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	English
Room	G4 (Mrs Evans)	Art 2 (Mrs Welling and Ms Wright)	EPR3 (Mr Tighe)	E1 (Mr Gatland)
Revision Topic	A UK coastal landscape – North Norfolk	External Exam Unit – Preparatory Work	Islam: The Sunni	Literature: Macbeth: Successful analysis in the extract task
Subject	Design Engineering	French		Music
Room	DE1 (Mr Dougall)	MFL3 (Mrs Cowell)		Mu1 (Mr Tomlinson & Mr Jones)
Revision Topic	Coursework/NEA catch up	Listening Skills: Key Tasks & Strategies 2		Coursework catchup
Subject	History	German (Lunchtime)		
Room	H1 (Dr Barmby)	MFL6 (Ms Raebel)		
Revision Topic	America – Immigration and threats to Capitalism	Speaking		
Subject	Spanish	PE		
Room	MFL Classrooms	PE1 (Mr Ray)		
Revision Topic	Speaking Practice	Paper 1 – Circulatory & Respiratory Systems		
Subject		Drama (Lunchtime)		
Room		Drama Studio (Mr Moxley)		
Revision Topic		Component 3 – Scripted Practical		