



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 10 December 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

The high point of this week was definitely the Christmas Concert, superbly managed by Mr Tomlinson and featuring a wide range of styles, from the serene beauty of the Junior Choir and Orchestra performing *Walking in the Air* to a heavy metal version of Mozart's *Turkish March* performed by the Sixth Form Band. Xanthia Stanton's vocals on *From This Christmas On* were a particular highlight as was the piano playing of Holly Wilcockson on *Birthday* and the vocal leadership of Ruby Lewis-Gorman in the Finale. It was wonderful to see so many performers back on the stage after nearly two years without the opportunity, and if we can keep Covid at bay we hope to see more performance opportunities for our musicians throughout 2022. A huge well done to everyone involved last night.



It is Christmas Card season, and hearty congratulations must go to Sai Kandikattu in Year 10 who is the 2021 winner of the Christmas Card competition. His outstanding oil painting has been turned into our School card, and I thank him for his efforts in producing such a thought provoking design.

I would also like to commend Samhita Thiagarajan Arun Prasath in Year 7, Georgia Herrick and Emma Kettle in Year 8 and Max Andrew in Year 9 for their high quality designs, all included in the short list for the winning entry. Their entries can be seen below.



And it has been a week worthy of further congratulations. Our “Swap don’t Shop” event on Monday was a great success and I would like to thank Ms Creedon and the Amnesty International group for their efforts in getting this off the ground. Our runners did themselves and the School proud at the National Schools Cross Country Finals in Cornwall at the weekend with our Senior Boys coming 6th and our Senior Girls 10th. And we also celebrate the achievements of Year 10 student Charlie Morgan who, subject to confirmation, has been placed in the top 50 students across 50 countries who took part in the “Bebras” Computer Science challenge in November. A fantastic achievement indeed.

It is a week also for the School as a whole to feel proud of its deserved reputation. The Times and Sunday Times “Parent Power” list of the best UK schools 2022 has placed Bourne Grammar as the third best state school in the East Midlands, and while we must acknowledge that the selective nature of Grammar School education gives schools like us a definite advantage in raw GCSE/A Level tables it is nevertheless pleasing to receive this accolade. The potent mix of academic challenge, pastoral support and personal development opportunity provides the bedrock of the School’s success, and we should all be proud to be part of a dynamic School community such as this.

Finally I would like to congratulate Douglas Birkbeck, an ex-Deputy Head of Bourne Grammar, on his imminent 100th birthday. Have a great birthday week and greetings from us all here at School!

ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP - NATIONAL FINALS - Tretherras School, Newquay, Cornwall Saturday 3 December

Report by Mr Ray, Director of PE and Sport

Less than 3 weeks after the Regional Finals, our trip to the South West began at 08:46 on Friday to start to cover the 332 mile trek. With 4 teams reaching this stage for the first time ever, it was a relief to have the benefit of letting the coach take the strain for the 8-hour trip. Yet the drama was to arrive before we even hit the half way mark as the dreaded Covid call came; one student had been identified as a close contact. Isolated on the coach and with parents in Newquay, a rapid turnaround from a PCR test allowed this aspect of the trip to be quickly forgotten.

After a pleasant evening meal, and a good night's sleep, all were refreshed and ready for the day ahead. The forecast of 50% chance of rain, the odd sleet shower and 40mph winds were very much in doubt as we looked out on the blue sky, however we were not to be disappointed later in the day! The excellent facilities led us through to multi tiered playing fields that would boast a visual feast for spectators and a challenging course for even the best of athletes. After a frenetic shop for more memorabilia our teams began to walk the course. Already getting churned up pre-event, the wind and rain increased part way round before a brief lull, followed by driving, horizontal hail, stinging any exposed skin! True cross country weather had arrived!

With literally hundreds present, the Intermediate Girls, having completed their warm-up, began the challenging course. A fast start overwhelmed the girls initially as the 150 plus students charged into the first uphill before a turn and long 400 metre downhill section that led to the lowest part of the school field before the 5 inclines began, interspersed with the odd plateau as the girls rounded a rugby pitch or two. A second lap then followed before heading to the finish.

Faith Perkins led the team out the starting pen and would ultimately finish in 97th, with Yvette Annis very close behind in 101st. Millie Doud did well to take 116th position and Emma Aldred close behind in 127th. Madison Prince and Lily Rundle completed the course in touching distance of each other in 137th and 139th respectively. A 27th place finish as a team. It was an outstanding achievement for the team to reach this, their first final, but hopefully will have inspired them to repeat this next year. Thanks must go to Monte Carlo Parks for sponsorship of the whole team with 1/4 zip tops, tracksuit bottoms and jackets. Without question the smartest team at the Finals!



For Bourne, a brief interlude followed as the Junior Boys took to the course, before the Senior Girls stepped into the pens. Unquestionably, one of the most experienced teams but also one with a further 2 years of competition in this age group, the girls having just reached the age group this year. It was difficult to predict what to expect here as the qualifying round had seen the girls well beaten by a Bradford Grammar team, yet the girls themselves were far ahead of the next competition. As it materialised, the team we'd met in the previous round went on to win the competition and the girls showed themselves to be very strong on the National stage running the race of their season when it mattered to finish 10th nationally. Aoife Glasswell (26th) was home first running a great start to give her team a chance to get out their pen initially and only improving as the race went on. Hannah Taylor and Erin Cox had similar starts racing to the first corner and also used this to launch themselves to quality finishes for 29th and 40th. Charlotte Cullen rounded off the team with a sprint finish in which she gained at least 5 places in the last 100 metres to finish 74th. All girls showed their trademark determination and competitive fire for the final.



Next up were the Intermediate Boys. The boys were in strong spirits as they entered the starting pen, focused on the race ahead of them. Johan Coughlan led the team out of the pen with a strong start and proved he was on top form finishing the race in 13th, our best ranked position of the day. The boys faced a tough field of runners, whilst battling the elements in true Cross Country style weather - in hail. However, the boys' grit and determination shone through as they powered on through the race. Thomas Preston was next over the line in 42nd running an excellent race, followed by Alex Sadler in 119th, closely followed in by Bayley Graham in

121st. Rounding off the team was Theo Saralis in 135th and Owen Nazaruk-Wheeler in 139th leaving the boys with an overall placing of 18th. All of the team ran a brilliant race, proving their place in the National Final. Thanks also to Grow Development Solutions for sponsorship of the Intermediate Boys tops and tracksuit bottoms.

To conclude the festivities, the Senior Boys team had a blend of significant experience combined with the exuberance of youth. Harry Hewitt and Alex Galpin, members of the 4th place team finish from 2016 were joined by Dan Galpin (the 3rd Year 12 student) and 3 eager Year 11's - Seb Beedell, Owen James and George Groom. A promising start from Harry saw him settle into a strong position in the low teens, which he maintained throughout, followed by Seb but some distance behind. Alex, 3rd out the pen, was closely followed by Owen who made an excellent start, with Dan a little further back. George found the pack has closed his route out and had to fight initially to make headway. The 5.6k course had the added luxury of a further 60 metre awkward incline to add to the already muddy, worn, wet surface but the boys again proved to run magnificently. Harry maintained his position and Seb Beedell's rapid cadence saw him pass runner after runner. Both Dan and Alex made significant ground as their relentless, methodic style again saw them move past others. Owen too made ground on others, passing them slowly but steadily. For George however, the niggling, irritating injury became increasingly worse and sadly, despite battling through the pain, was forced to stop after 2 laps. As the race drew to a close, Seb amazingly had Harry in his sights and with 300m to go they were side by side - an exciting finish was guaranteed. Briefly, Harry slipped behind Seb - that was enough for Harry to finish with a final push to ensure he became first home for Bourne in 16th and Seb in 18th. Alex followed in 56th with Dan having clawed his way back to 80th, concluding the team score. Owen followed soon after, finishing in 87th, an excellent result in this age group. A final team position of 6th nationally ensured that this year was to be the best series of performances across our teams by Bourne Grammar at the national finals. Again, thanks go to DKJ Solicitors for sponsorship of the Boys 1/4 zip tops and to all parents who made the trip to support sons, daughters and the School in general.



It has proven to be a busy term for cross country after the Christmas break, the next event in the calendar will be the Lincolnshire Schools Championships on Saturday 15 January 2022 at Burghley Park, Stamford. More than 50 students from Bourne Grammar have been selected to run at these following their top 20 finish at the South Lincs Championships in October. Further details and an invitation will follow shortly for those selected. Well done to all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junction Dance Showcase - Miss Turton, Drama

On Tuesday 14 December the Junction Dance Showcase returns, Covid dependent, for another night of spectacular dance talent. Students will perform their own dances in their chosen dance style on our stage in the Main Hall. Expect a variety of different dance styles – from classical ballet to contemporary and hip-hop – from students of all ages who will wow you in sequined costumes whilst they showcase their rhythm and moves. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful night of dance. *Tickets are £5 each and are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-kknvad>*

SWAP DON'T SHOP – Report by Nina Ortiz-Jimenez (Year 13)

On Monday 6 December the Amnesty International Club organised a clothes swapping event to raise awareness about the environmental and human impacts of fast fashion. Students brought in items and they were set up on stalls in the Sports Hall. Then the swapping began!



As well as the excitement of going home with 'new' clothes, the event centred around making people aware about the harm that can be caused by their shopping habits; from water waste, filling landfill and toxic materials to sweatshop labour, fashion production is incredible harmful and all this was reflected through the engaging literature at the event which lined the walls of the hall. All the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience and we hope they left with a clearer idea about the negative impacts of fast fashion.



BEBRAS CHALLENGE 2021 - Mr Brown, Subject Leader: Computing

This November all students studying Computer Science took part in the Bebras Challenge 2021. This challenge is run in over 50 countries and is designed to get students all over the world excited about Computer Science. Each student answered questions that focus on computational and logical thinking, important skills in all subjects. All students tried their best but a special mention has to go to the students who were "Best in School" in their age groups.

In Year 7, congratulations go to Ivana Fuller (7G) who achieved 184 out of 200.

In Year 8/9, the highest scorer was Luke Norris (9G) who achieved 173 out of 200.

In Year 10/11, the top scorer was Charlie Morgan (10E) who achieved 194 out of 200, one of the highest scores we have seen at this level.

In Year 12/13, the top scorer was James Watling (13J) who achieved 158 out of 200.

In the last week of term all students will receive a certificate with their result and a Distinction, Merit or Participation award. These awards are calculated based on each student's position in their age group at our School. The 105 students who scored in the top 10% nationally will be invited to the online Oxford University Computing Challenge in February which can result in an invitation to the University of Oxford for the very best in the country.

If you are interested to see the kind of questions students were presented with then please go to this link: bebras.uk/index.php?action=user_competitions

U14 BADMINTON - Miss Bowtell, PE

The U14 team set off to play against Priory Ruskin last week to really test their playing abilities after a warm up game against Peterborough High School the previous day. In the Peterborough High School match the teams really developed their tactics and started to get more consistency in their strokes. They won the match 15-10. However we then pitted our skills against one of the counties finest Badminton schools and discovered that there is still a lot to learn about the sport. There was some superb performances from Flo Dexter and Libby Bird in the Year 9 team alongside Husayn Waliji and Jonathan Blair.



The U16 Badminton team following their Superzone Tournament victory went over to Peterborough to play against Ormiston Bushfield Academy who pre lockdown had beaten us in a hard fought game two years ago. We had some past team members who also had remembered the loss and wanted to get revenge and revenge they had! The B Team was our Year 10 students and the A Team comprised of two Year 12 students, a Year 9 student and a Year 11 student. The match ebbed and flowed in the A Team matches with our boys working very hard in their singles matches either winning narrowly or losing narrowly but demonstrating fantastic speed of movement across court and deft of touch at the net.



Stars of the show were Hari Elakoochy (Year 12) and Tom Drew, a Year 9 student who was competing and winning several matches against boys four years older than him. The B Team competition was a different situation with all of the boys dominating their opposition in both singles and doubles. A superb night all round and is testament to the importance of training and regular play.

U15 SUPERZONE HOCKEY

On Thursday 25 November, Bourne Grammar's U15 Girls A and B teams travelled to Bourne Academy to compete in the annual Superzone indoor tournament. Previously, the A Team had only ever managed to draw the top spot, never having taken home a victory, was that going to change today?



Our first match saw BGS A Team (Bella Atkin, Norah Brill, Immy Leaton, Libby Moore, Elisana Russo (GK)) take on BGS B Team (Ada Henson, Fran Henson, Freya McLean, Marie Siecker, Lucy Stonier, Eliana Russo (GK)). Although the B Team fought tremendously hard, our A Team won the match 2-0. After two more victories, the A Team then faced their toughest competition, Spalding High School, who took an early lead with a goal in the first minute, however we managed to seal a victory through brilliant team work, with three well-earned goals.

BGS A Team managed to extend their winning streak and took first place with a string of victories under their belt. They were in dominant form, scoring 20 goals and only conceding 1. Our B Team came in at 4th place, having missed the podium by only a few points - an excellent result considering the tough opposition. All in all, both teams played astonishingly well and should be very proud.

YEAR 8 RUGBY - Report by Darren Gray (father of Fin Gray, Year 8)

Bourne had a hard game against Stamford School - the weather was soaking rain and cold conditions. The team can be proud of their performance, especially in the second half. Despite losing to a good Stamford side, Bourne got better and played their best rugby in the second half. Their doggedness and determination to continue playing hard was something they can all be proud of. Put simply, despite the weather and difficult opposition they played together, for each other, as a team - that's the essence of rugby.



LUNCHTIME COVID CATCH-UP SESSIONS (by invitation only) week commencing Monday 13 December

		YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13	
WEEK ONE	Monday 13 December	MATHS	GEOGRAPHY Mrs Greenfield G3	ENGLISH LITERATURE	SPANISH HIGHER Ms Segarra MFL9	ECONOMICS	
		Mr Smith M3		Ms Bennett E10	SPANISH FOUNDATION Mr Edwards MFL8	Mr Hartley SS1	
		MUSIC		DESIGN ENGINEERING	STATISTICS	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	
		Mr Tomlinson MU1		Mr Dougall DE1	Dr Murphy M9	Mrs Tomlinson E8	
	Tuesday 14 December	COMPUTER SCIENCE	CHEMISTRY Mr Marsden S14	HISTORY Ms Capper H1	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	SOCIOLOGY	
		Mr Dyson CS1			Ms Bennett E10	Ms Sanders SS5	
		EPR			GCSE PE	PHYSICS	MEDIA STUDIES
	Wednesday 15 December	SPANISH Ms Jasinska MFL1	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	PHYSICS	GERMAN	ENGLISH LITERATURE	
			Mr Edwards E5	Mr Miller S4	Ms Doeringhaus MFL6	Ms Watson E7	
			MATHS	MUSIC	ART	COMPUTER SCIENCE	
			Mr Gillespie M9	Mr Tomlinson MU1	Ms Masuñire A1	Mr Brown CS4	
	Thursday 16 December	SCIENCE Mr Fleckney S5	DESIGN ENG Mr Delpont DE2	GEOGRAPHY	FRENCH	BIOLOGY	
				Mrs Greenfield G3	Mrs Cowell MFL3	Ms Mizen S1	
				MATHS	ENGLISH LITERATURE	MUSIC	LAW
				Mr Walklin M1	Ms Williamson E2	Mr Tomlinson Mu1	Mr Mitchell SS3
	Friday 17 December	NO CATCH-UP SESSIONS					

AFTER SCHOOL CATCH-UP FOR ALL YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 STUDENTS

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

The booking link opens at 16.00 on Friday and closes at 09:00 on Monday; places are available to the first 30 students who wish to attend and make an online booking.

Please visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/e-llojla> to book your place.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

DofE

The students below have recently achieved the following DofE certificates:

Bronze - Cerys Edwards (Year 11), Jake Ellis (Year 13)

Silver - Joe Garner, Dhruva Turaga, Lauren Stuart, Sharv Ghamandi (Year 12), Harriet Wren (Year 13)

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
10,128	9,282	9,172	10,724

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each House between 01/11/2021 and 10/12/2021.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Poppy Drake	7	Mr Williamson	Art
Isabel Howard	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Natalya Krywyszyn	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Charlie Lumb	7	Mr Brown	Computing
Charlotte Mason	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Jake Moore	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Kieran Ng	7	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Abolaji Oluwasanmi	7	Mrs Woolf	Science
Michael Sarfo	7	Mr Walker	Computing
Aarya Vijayasankar	7	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Luigi Bonvini	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Ned Gervis	8	Mr Williamson	English
Euan Hirst	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Adrienne Moore	8	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Jyoti Bista	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Millie Doud	9	Miss Turton	Drama
Poppy Fasulo	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Lucie Lund	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Chiara Pacitti	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Emma Whittle	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Mohammed Kasim	9	Miss Atkinson	Pastoral
Emma Aldred	10	Mr Walklin	Statistics
Joe D'Angelo	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Frances Henson	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Lorena Ismail	10	Mrs Tomlinson	English
Jack Knowles	10	Miss Watson	English
Lily Rundle	10	Mr Walklin	Statistics
Ike Steele	10	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Isla Baker	10	Miss Turton	Drama
Haroon Shafiq	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Harry Foster	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Erin Holden	11	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Alinta John	11	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics
Enoch Shafe	11	Miss Capper	History
Elizabeth Allen	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Rahil Mahmood	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Rebekah Stockman	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Zakary Teillant	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Maria Wright	12	Ms Bennett	English
Lily Goodman	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Florence Gregg	13	Miss Thurlow	Psychology