



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 4 February 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

It has been a good week in School with many positive indications of student success. We have had confirmation of six conditional offers for Year 13 students to study at Cambridge upon completion of their A-Levels, and so huge congratulations to Oliver Lee (Engineering at Trinity College), Jessica Gowers (Modern and Medieval Languages at Christ's College), Louise Jones (Classics at Newnham College), Sophie Palmer (Law at Corpus Christi College), Jessica Alder (Land Economy at Lucy Cavendish College) and Scott Merriman (Natural Sciences at Jesus College) for their successful navigation through the application and interview process. Every Year 13 student who secures a university place is deserving of congratulations; given the fierce nature of competition for places, those who are able to secure an offer at either Oxford or Cambridge University are particularly worthy of note. Well done to all six.

In addition, our Year 9 and Year 10 students have successfully completed their examination session, and the results of these tests should help provide relevant context for GCSE options and also for Science setting and entries going forward. The students approached these challenges admirably and without incident. Many thanks to them, and also to the Exams' Team and the Pastoral Teams of Years 9 and 10 for enabling and ensuring such a smooth process.

And finally it has been a busy week on the personal development front. I note a great deal of hard work going into the Sixth Form production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, due for performance shortly after the February holiday, and I also note an increase in conversations and activity around forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions planned for the Spring and Summer. I have said before just how worthwhile the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is, and we are very fortunate to have such a large, effective and well-led operation here at Bourne Grammar. The Performing Arts have had a really tough time due to the pandemic, and it is great to see a Stage Production following on from the Dance Production at Christmas and recent Music events, signalling that the context for live performances is very much on the mend. And congratulations also to our Netballers: our U14 VII and U19 VII both competed in the Regional Finals last weekend, the U14s in particular playing well and coming 5th in the overall competition. Busy students with multiple interests are well equipped to manage the challenges that lie ahead, and I continue to encourage as many students as possible to take up the broad opportunities on offer to them here.

PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS - WHOLE SCHOOL

I am now able to advise parents/carers that we have arranged a series of Progress Review Meetings for students in all year groups. This includes an off-timetable day and four subsequent evenings, each of which will provide parents with an opportunity to meet with Subject Teachers.

The schedule of these Progress Review Meetings is as follows:

PRM Day (Off-timetable): Friday 4 March 2022
Work will be set to complete at home

PRM Evening 1: Tuesday 8 March 2022
PRM Evening 2: Thursday 10 March 2022
PRM Evening 3: Tuesday 15 March 2022
PRM Evening 4: Thursday 17 March 2022

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

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK 2022 - Mrs Hawkins, Careers

To coincide with National Apprenticeships Week 2022, Alex Burghart, Minister for Skills, is writing to students and parents about the opportunities and benefits apprenticeships can bring to young people. Please use this link to read the letter: [Open the letter to parents, carers, and guardians.](#)

YEAR 9 - GCSE OPTIONS EVENING BOOKLET

In advance of our Year 9 GCSE Options Evening on Tuesday 22 February a digital copy of the Options Evening booklet has been sent out today to the parents of Year 9 students. If for any reason you have not received this, please find the link to the booklet [via the School website.](#)

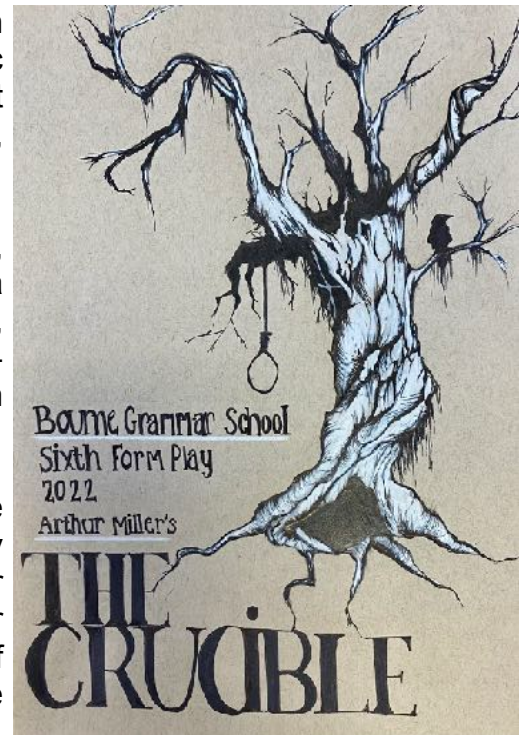
Further links enabling you to join the talks taking place on the evening will be emailed to students and parents/carers in due course.

SIXTH FORM PLAY 2022 - Mr Moxley and Miss Bennett The Crucible by Arthur Miller - 25 and 26 February 2022

Rehearsals are well underway with a very talented cast of Sixth Formers, for our production in the Main Hall of Arthur Miller's classic historical tragedy, *The Crucible*. Under the direction of Miss Bennett and Mr Moxley, the play will be an intimate and intense version, staged in-the-round, in period costume and partly candle-lit.

Famously, the play tells the story of the witch hunts in 1690s Salem, Massachusetts. The drama is one of suspicion and mistrust in a small community and the resulting division that is created. For Miller, *The Crucible* was an allegory of the McCarthy investigations into 'un-American tendencies' of Communist sympathisers in the 1950s, an investigation which Miller himself was called before.

Performance are on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 February, in the Main Hall at 7pm. Tickets are available [here](#), priced at £7 - the play is suitable for ages 11 and above. The play is particularly relevant for Year 10 and 11 Drama students for the live theatre element of their written exam. We hope you will come and support this company of our senior students and some of our most talented dramatists in the School.



KING HENRY VIII RELAY RACE - Wednesday 2 February - Report by Mr Sheppard and Mr Ray

It was a delight to return to the King Henry Relays two years after our inaugural appearance at the event. For the School, it is seen and treated as a unique event, offering the opportunity to select the very best cross country runners in the School regardless of year group. The boys team of six comprised of Johan Coughlan (Year 10), Thomas Preston (Year 10), Owen James (Year 11), Alex Galpin (Year 12), Dan Galpin (Year 12) and Harry Hewitt (Year 12). For the girls, another very strong team with three from 2020 returning for a second time and Hannah Taylor completing an 'all Year 11 team'. All four will be representing Lincolnshire at the Anglian Championships this weekend along with three of the boys.

Harry led us out with a high calibre performance to start our team off in 5th. His lap time of 11 minutes 16 seconds was in fact the 5th fastest of the day and with the good conditions underfoot, was enough to put him in the top 50 performances of all-time, ahead of Seb Coe's fastest lap time set in 1975. If he can reduce this next year, he will also be able to add the scalps of the Brownlee brothers who completed the course with a best of 11:08. After such a stellar performance it fell to the rest of the team to fight to maintain their position and it fell into safe hands with Alex Galpin, our second fastest runner, home in 12:35.



Johan Coughlan was out third and alongside Thomas, was several years younger than the maximum age of the competition but, despite this, ran an excellent time of 13:07. Dan Galpin registered a 12:50 in a leg which saw him really getting the most out of himself for the team. The last two runners wrapped up proceedings, with Owen James running a 13:23 and Thomas Preston punching above his years in 12:56 while running the lonelier last leg. The team finished 7th ahead of our previous best time, improving by 2:30 and our previous best position of 15th.



For the girls race, which started 5 minutes after the boys and was ran simultaneously, Aoife Glasswell attacked well off the line and found herself fighting at the top of the race, eventually finishing in 14:36. This early momentum was built upon further by Hannah Taylor who closed gaps and gained positions in the race to complete the loop in 14:23. Charlotte Cullen (15:35) ran a controlled race in third but it was Erin Cox who ran our fastest leg for the team charging around the course in 14:17. For the girls who were almost entirely the same team as two years ago it was a great success, finishing in seventh and beating their previous position of 10th by almost one and a half minutes. The team are all in Year 11 so hopefully have another two years at the event to build on their successes and target the podium.

Awards were presented by former World Record holder and Olympian David Moorcroft who competed in the event during his younger years. Well done to both teams - some excellent individual and team performances.

Mr Sheppard is continuing with the Monday and Wednesday cross country club after school and this is really paying dividends for those attending regularly. Of particular note and congratulations go to Ben Simpson (Year 11), Millie Doud (Year 10), Thomas Preston (Year 10) and Yvette Annis (Year 10) whose attendance has not only been regular but has also seen them make significant progress over the course of the year. Others are also making great progress and the club remains open to all who wish to challenge for team places or simply improve their general fitness. Please do come along and give it a go to be part of the squad.



There are two final school cross country races after half term as we see the conclusion of the Fenland League and relays, before the long awaited return to athletics starts after two missed seasons.



U14 NETBALL REGIONAL FINALS - *Report by Bella Burton (Year 9, U14 Captain)*

On Saturday 29 January the Year 9 BGS Netball team were excited and proud to be representing the School in the East Midlands Regional Netball Finals after qualifying in 2nd place before Christmas - the first team to qualify at BGS in quite a few years!

Across the course of the morning we played 4 difficult games. The first was a 7-4 win against Wellingborough which gave us great confidence to start the day. The defending in our team was amazing and we scored some fantastic goals. The next two games were tough - we lost 14-4 to Oakham (who went on to play in the semi-finals) followed by a closer fought battle with Nottingham Trent where we lost 8-5. The BGS team had a brilliant second half and I'm confident we could have won this one if we had a little more time!

A win and two losses meant in the playoffs we were vying for either 5th or 6th position overall - although disappointed as we only narrowly missed out on the potential of a higher position, we were determined to get another win and secure 5th place in our final game!

Our last game was against a team called Allestree and we won 8-6, meaning 5th place overall at the East Midlands Regionals! Stamford went on to be overall winners on the day and will move on to play in the National School competition.

I am so proud of each and ever player. We each gave it our all, we had so much fun, and we remain determined that when we return in a couple of years time we will secure an even better result! Well done to all the team!



U19 NETBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Report by Bethany Goold (Year 13)

On Saturday 29 January, the U19 netball team competed in the East Midlands Regional Tournament. Our first game was against Oundle, we put up a strong fight and we were level at half time. The end result was 9-6 to Oundle. The next game was against Nottingham Girls High school, we were level at half time however the opposition did up their game in the second half. We then faced Oakham and Repton both of which were strong teams-these games were the last of our group stages. Our play-off game was against Sponne School where we won with an impressive score of 11-1.

Overall, we placed 9th and exceeded our expectations of what we could achieve at the tournament, especially since we were the only local state school attending. Every player put up a good fight in every game we played, our well-deserved player of the tournament was Kinga Sierakowska because of her exceptional defensive efforts in the mid court and determination throughout the day.



LUNCHTIME COVID CATCH-UP SESSIONS (by invitation only)
Week commencing Monday 7 February 2022

		YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13
WEEK 1	Monday 7 February	Maths <i>Mr Smith, M3</i>	Geography <i>Mrs Greenfield, G3</i>	English Literature <i>Miss Bennett, E10</i>	Spanish Higher <i>Miss Segarra, MFL 9</i>	Economics <i>Mr Hartley, SS1</i>
		Music <i>Mr Tomlinson, MU1</i>			Spanish Foundation <i>Mr Edwards, MFL 8</i>	
	Tuesday 8 February	Computer Science <i>Mr Dyson, CS4</i>	Chemistry <i>Mr Marsden, Lab 14</i>	History <i>Miss Capper, H1</i>	English Language <i>Miss Bennett, E10</i>	Sociology <i>Miss Sanders, SS5</i>
		EPR <i>Mr Howard, EPR 1</i>				
	Wednesday 9 February	Spanish <i>Miss Jasinska, MFL 1</i>	English Language <i>Mrs Edwards, E5</i>	Physics <i>Mr Miller, Lab 4</i>	German <i>Miss Doeringhaus, MFL 6</i>	English Literature <i>Mrs Watson, E7</i>
			Maths <i>Mr Gillespie, M9</i>	Music <i>Mr Tomlinson, MU1</i>		
	Thursday 10 February	Science <i>Mr Fleckney, Lab 5</i>	Design Engineering <i>Mr Delpert, DE2</i>	Geography <i>Mrs Greenfield, G3</i>	French <i>Mrs Cowell, MFL 3</i>	Biology <i>Miss Mizen, Lab 1</i>
				Maths <i>Mr Walklin, M1</i>		English Literature <i>Mrs Williamson, E2</i>
	Friday 11 February	English <i>Miss Dye, E9</i>	Computer Science <i>Mr Dyson, CS4</i>	Biology <i>Miss Mizen, Lab 1</i>	Maths <i>Mr Smith, M3</i>	Psychology <i>Dr Hobbiss, SS4</i>
		Geography <i>Miss Lindley, G2</i>				Spanish <i>Miss Patman, MFL 8</i>
					Drama <i>Mr Moxley, D1</i>	Spanish <i>Miss Creedon, MFL 4</i>
						Music <i>Mr Tomlinson, MU1</i>


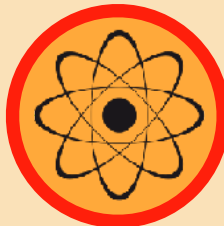


AFTER SCHOOL CATCH-UP FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

The booking link opens at 16:00 on Friday 4 February and closes at 09:00 on Monday 7 February; places are available to the first 30 students who wish to attend and make an online booking. The subjects involved are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, German, French, Art and Music.

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

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
Behn - 8,077	Meitner - 7,505	Rorschach - 7,867	Tinbergen - 8,053

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
 It includes points from all students in each House between 06/01/2022 and 28/01/2022.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Luca Wright	7	Miss Roberts	English
Ahmed Elbekaoui	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Ellen Richardson	7	Miss Pritchard	English
Ethan Thomas-Burton	7	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Arthur Crawford	8	Mr Dyson	Computing
Jack Foster	8	Miss Capper	History
Alfie Gibson	8	Miss Roberts	English
Gabriel Jagger	8	Mr Dyson	Computing
Emma Kettle	8	Miss Smithson	English
Mohammad Rayhan	8	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Annabel Sutton	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Florence Dexter	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ashleigh Goodall	9	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Luke Norris	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Chiara Pacitti	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Isabelle Riley	9	Mr Ray	PE
Jasmine Brewer	9	Mr Perez	Science
Isabelle Palmer	9	Mr Perez	Science
Ben Aldred	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Loui Dickins	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Lizzie Edwards	10	Miss Turton	Drama
Mikella Sarfo	10	Ms Currier	Spanish
Sophie Brown	11	Ms Bennett	English
Miles Cade-Stewart	11	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Anthony Catherwood	11	Miss Lindley	Geography
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	11	Miss Lindley	Geography
Sarah Hickman	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Christian Pearce	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Freddie Renton	11	Mrs Edwards	English
Harrison Rudkin	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Jignasa Sanga	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Nina Thelwell	11	Ms Bennett	English
Anna Williamson	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Amelie Murphy	11	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Fatima Cham	12	Mr Brown	Computing
Sarah Draper	12	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Jessica Mahoney	12	Ms Bowtell	Sports Studies
Jamie Nixon	12	Dr Barmby	History
Kareish Rajkanna	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Hamood Saeed	13	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry