



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 11 March 2022
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Over the last couple of weeks we have been busy interviewing for two new positions on our Leadership Team. There is an appetite to move the School forward in a number of areas, and to able to do this we need to grow our leadership structure to allow greater capacity as well as meet the increasing demands placed on the School by the impacts of challenges such as the pandemic. Therefore I am delighted to announce that we have two new Assistant Headteachers starting in September.

Our new Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral will be Anna Creedon, well known to the community as our excellent Head of Year 11 and Second in the Spanish Department. Anna will bring a significant amount of pastoral expertise to the role and as an internal appointment has full knowledge of our existing systems and processes. I know she will be a huge asset to the team. Our new Assistant Headteacher - Academic will be Abigail Allen, currently Director of English at Hampton College in Peterborough and with past experience of senior leadership. Abigail will bring a fresh pair of eyes to our School and I know her energy and perceptiveness, very evident throughout the interview process, will add real value to our community. Well done to them both.

Elsewhere I would like to congratulate students in Year 12 for their commitment to preparation examinations completed this week, and also thank staff and parents for their positive contributions to the Progress Review Meeting process. Over 5,600 individual discussions will have been completed by the end of next week with modern communications' technology creating a flexible context that appears to work very well. I hope our students are able to react positively to the feedback provided in these meetings, using advice to move the quality of their learning forward.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Mrs Clark, Literacy Co-ordinator

To mark World Book Day last Thursday, students and staff were invited to participate in a book swap. We were delighted that there was a variety of books including much-loved authors such as Michael Morpurgo, as well as those which were less well-thumbed.

Our Year 13 students did a fantastic job of setting up our stall in the New Block foyer and helping to run the event at lunchtime. There was palpable enthusiasm at lunchtime and it was great to hear students offering recommendations to one another about what to read next.



LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS ABOUT NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

Mrs Elliot, Careers and UCAS Co-ordinator

To coincide with National Careers Week 2022, Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Further and Higher Education, has written to students and parents about the education, training and work choices available to young people after they finish their GCSEs and once they turn 18. We have sent her letter, which signposts national sources of information, to students in Years 9 to 13.

To read a copy of her letter to parents and carers, please click [here](#).

FENLAND LEAGUE AND FENLAND RELAYS CROSS COUNTRY - Mr Ray, Director of PE and Sport

The final 2 events of the Schools cross country season took place on Thursday 3 and Wednesday 9 March, with more success for the teams, claiming 4 of the 8 trophies available for the season. On Thursday the final League race at Burghley Park provided some excellent performances from individuals and teams as a whole, whilst Wednesday saw the exciting relay competition at the new venue of Hampton College provide some interesting results too.

The Junior Girls (Years 7 & 8)

The girls finished the league in a creditable 3rd position overall, with the 'B' team in 6th and the 'C' team in 8th. For those who had competed in all 3 races of the season, medals are due to be awarded to the top 10 runners, calculated by taking their finishing positions across the 3 races – 1st place is awarded the lowest score.

In total, across the season 30 girls have competed in the event. Congratulations to all, but in particular our top 10 finishers: Lois Watson (Year 8) - 6th, Leah Graham (Year 7) - 8th, Cecilia Watson (Year 8) - 10th.

The relay saw a really strong team performance from the girls who ultimately would finish in 2nd place for the 'A' team, the 'B' team secured 5th place, with the 'C' team in 8th.

The Junior Boys (Years 7 & 8)

The boys went one step closer, finishing the league in a creditable yet frustrating 2nd place overall, with the 'B' team in 5th and the 'C' team in 8th. Leading the competition after 2 races, the loss of 2 key athletes for the final race sadly pushed the team in 2nd despite a valiant performance.

In total, across the season 23 boys have competed in the event. Congratulations to all, but in particular our top 10 finishers: Toby Staines (Year 8) - 5th, Artur Bubala (Year 8) - 8th, Ned Dangerfield (Year 8) - 9th.

Again, the relay saw a really strong team performance from the boys but the gap for Ben Alliston to close on the final leg of the race was simply too much with the 'A' team finishing in 3rd place, and the 'B' team taking 6th position.

The Inter Girls (Years 9 & 10)

An outstanding cross country season for the girls has seen them reach the ESAA National Cup Final back in December and claim both Fenland trophies in the past week, along with the South Lincs title in October. The very strong squad of 8 have the potential to repeat this next year but credit should also be given to all the girls who have competed for the School. Without the level of competition, the challenge there is a tendency to cruise and relax; the girls have certainly not done this! The team not only won the league but the 'B' team claimed 3rd and the 'C' team in 5th.

In total, across the season 13 girls have competed in the event. Congratulations to all, but in particular our top 10 finishers: Millie Doud (Year 9) - 5th, Emma Aldred (Year 10) - 6th, Yvette Annis (Year 9) - 7th, Flo Dexter (Year 10) - 9th.

The strength was again shown in the relays, with the 'A' team (Millie, Emma, Yvette and Faith Perkins) taking the title, and 4th place for the 'B' team comprising of Flo, Millie Herrick, Lily Rundle and Madison Prince.

The Inter Boys (Years 9 & 10)

Also having had an outstanding cross country season, the boys have matched the girls achievements, with National Finals and both Fenland titles and the South Lincs title. The squad has rarely been at full strength due to injury or illness but again, they also have the potential to repeat this next year. Well done to the 16 who have participated this season. I can assure all who have or wish to train regularly will notice improvements and make rapid progress. This has certainly been evident this season with those who are truly committed coming to the fore.

Congratulations to all, but in particular our top 10 finishers: Johan Coughlan (Year 10) - 2nd, Thomas Preston (Year 10) - 3rd, Alex Sadler (Year 10) - 5th, Jack Knowles (Year 10) - 10th.

With the 'A' team winning the league and the 'B' team in 5th, a win seemed on the cards for the boys in the relay. However a most bizarre finish almost cost them the title, one which would ultimately be shared. With light being lost, the last leg of the relay was suddenly cut from 2 laps to just 1 just as the final athlete was to depart. With the fastest runner for us on the last leg, Thomas Preston had to make up the 150m gap to 1st place in half the time! He closed the distance remarkably quickly...but too quickly, paying the price in the sprint finish. It was agreed to share the title.

Well done to the 'A' team (Thomas, Alex, Theo Saralis and Yianni Halford) for taking joint first but also the strong 'B' team of Jack Knowles, Bayley Graham, James Hill and Max Heames who finished in an excellent 9th place.

Finally, congratulations and good luck to the 8 students who will represent the School and Lincolnshire at the prestigious English Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 19 March at Hop Farm in Kent. They are: Faith Perkins, Thomas Preston, Erin Cox, Aoife Glasswell, Hannah Taylor, Charlotte Cullen, Seb Beedell and Harry Hewitt.

U13 RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT - The Perse School, Cambridge

Report by Ned Gervis (Year 8)

On Wednesday 2 March the U13 rugby team travelled to Cambridge for the Northampton Saints Rugby 7's Tournament.

Our first match was against Ely College; it was tough game, especially as this was the first 7's game we've ever played together, however we were strong and came away with a convincing win.

Our second match was against Felsted School, a very experienced team who have previously played at National Championship level, but we played very well against strong opposition who sadly got the better of us, and who ultimately went on to win the entire competition on the day.



Our third match was against Sawtry Village Academy. It was a very tight game but Sawtry came out on top despite some very accomplished play by our whole team. Our fourth and final match was against Abbey College. By then our entire team started 'clicking' as unit and played some of our best rugby - we came away with a well deserved win.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable day despite the challenging weather as it was rainy, wet and cold. The entire squad played exceptionally well but players deserving a special mention are: Noah Humphries who played hard despite carrying an injury to his lower back; Lawson Capes for his amazing runs throughout the day (a particular favourite of our coaches was his double hand-off in the act of scoring a try); James Houghton for his great tackling (as always); Ned Gervis and Jay-Jay Bradshaw for their great distribution and kicking; Fin Gray for his big ball carrying; Thomas Graham for his great coverage. Special thanks to our parent coaches Darren Gray, Lewis Capes and Hal Gervis (especially for the Krispie Kreme doughnuts on arrival!)

YEAR 7 NETBALL TOURNAMENT - Report by Leah Graham and Abbie Graham (Year 7)

On Tuesday 8 March the Year 7 Netball team played our first ever tournament. None of us knew what to expect, so there were a few nerves, but also excitement. We played six games in total and to our surprise, we won every game.

First, we played University Academy Holbeach. We went into the game confident but nerves were still floating upon us. The score came out as 5-1. Next, we played Deeping School, winning 8-0. The next 4 games turned out great, with us winning every one. The scores were: 4-0, 4-0, 6-3 and 4-0. Overall, this was a great first tournament and we are very proud of this result as a team.

Team members: Leah Graham (Captain), Abbie Graham, Izzy Hughes, Isabelle Clarkson, Ellen Richardson, Lois Cox, Charlotte Edwards and Elisa Wright.



YEAR 9 GCSE OPTION CHOICES - Mr Ranson, Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

Please remember that the deadline for submitting option preferences is 09:00, Monday 28 March 2022. Before students can select and submit option preferences, access to the options system must be activated. The unique access code that is required to activate the options system was sent to the school email account of each Year 9 student on Wednesday 23 February. Please note that this is a one-time-use-only code; once used it will not be needed again and cannot be used again. Once activated the options system can be accessed by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk and logging in with the email account and password set up at the time of activation.

Once option preferences have been successfully submitted no further action is required. Please note that your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you 'Save' your option selections. The parental consent box does not need to be ticked.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact us at gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 REVISION - Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

The booking link below will open at 16:00 on Friday 11 March and closes at 09:00 on Monday 14 March 2022. To book a place, please [click here](#). There will be no sessions on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 March as PRM evenings will be taking place.

	Monday 14 March	Wednesday 16 March	Lunchtime Sessions
Year 11	English Language (Miss Bennett - E1) English Literature (Mrs Tomlinson - E8) Computer Science (Mr Brown - CS2) Spanish - Higher (Mr Edwards and Mrs Clark - MFL 8) Spanish - Foundation (Miss Patman and Miss Segarra-Gines - MFL 9) German (Miss Doerpinghaus - MFL 6)	Geography (G1) Physics (Mr Mitchell - Lab 3) French (Mrs Cowell - MFL 3) Combined Sciences - Biology (Miss Mizen - Lab 1) Biology (Dr Hanson - Lab 2)	Monday PE (Mr Ray - PE 1) Tuesday Drama (Mr Moxley - Drama 1) Monday - Thursday Art rooms open at lunchtime and after school
Year 13	PE (Miss Bowtell - PE 1) Geography (Miss Pollard and Mr Murray - G4) Spanish (Miss Creedon - MFL 4) Physics (Mr Sutherland - Lab 7)	Computer Science (Mr Brown - CS2) Biology (Mr Stainton - Lab 9) Maths (Mr Sheppard and Mr Roche - M2) Theatre Studies (Mr Moxley - Drama 1)	Monday Psychology (Dr Hobbiss and Miss Thurlow - SS4) Thursday History (Dr Barmby - History 2) Monday - Thursday Art rooms open at lunchtime and after school

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Sawyer Campion-Clarke	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Jake Moore	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Akshith Pandian	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Zahra Ravji	7	Mr Howard	EPR
Daisy Willimer	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Nik Aleksandrov	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Charles Kavati	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Maitham Mavani	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Monty Wood	8	Mrs Edwards	English
Abbie Dudley	9	Miss Dundee	Pastoral
Jiya Jaimon	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Masha Morozova	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Niamh Sweeney	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Rachel Dudley	10	Miss Dundee	Pastoral
Noah Pawlett	10	Dr Barmby	History
Katie Taylor	11	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Alexander Udejaja	11	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Isabelle Pallister	12	Mr Tighe	Politics
Ben Coxall	13	Mr Perez	Biology
Ben Coxall	13	Dr Hanson	Biology
Jessica Gowers	13	Miss Dundee	Pastoral
Edward Hall	13	Miss Dundee	Pastoral
Max James	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Nina Ortiz-Jimenez	13	Miss Dundee	Pastoral

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Fin Barltrop (Year 10) recently attended the TAGB English Championships in Worcester and won a Bronze Cup in Sparring.

Holly Potts (Year 9) has passed her Oboe Grade 8 exam with Merit.

JOB VACANCIES

Lesson Cover and Communications Officer

Grade to be confirmed - 37 hours per week, 39 weeks per year (term time only)

Closing date: Monday 14 March 2022

Responsible for organising cover requirements and rooming changes, for the development and maintenance of External Communications, and operational responsibility for Front of House, Marketing and Organisation of School events.

IT Support Engineer

Grade 5 (Points 12-15) plus allowances - 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year plus on-call work

Closing date: Friday 1 April 2022

To provide technical IT support throughout the School

For more information and an application form, please visit our School website or contact Mrs Fiona Hill via recruitment@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk