



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 1 July 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This has been a lovely week. On the back of an extremely successful Open Evening we have held two very useful induction evenings with parents of our new Year 7 students, a wonderful “Night of Music from the Stage and Screen” concert on Wednesday using film soundtracks as the basis of the programme and a Celebration Ball for our Year 11s as they revel in the relaxed atmosphere at the end of their GCSEs. We also welcomed 253 Year 11 students into school for their Sixth Form Induction Day on Monday, the first opportunity for those from other schools to meet our own Year 11s before the beginning of next academic year. Tonight, we welcome students to Speech Night who will receive well-deserved prizes for their performance in 2020/21 and tomorrow we say farewell to our Year 13 leavers as they attend their Prom. These high-profile events, all occurring within a single week, paint a powerful picture of the all-round busy life of the school.

And while such high-profile events have been planned and delivered we have witnessed ongoing daily reasons to celebrate the positive impact of our School. The LGBTQ+ Day last Friday was a huge success, raising over £400 and demonstrating how committed our students are to supporting equality as a core principle. Well done to Ms Lindley for helping organise this. Our U15 Girls’ Cricket Team (Eva Larter, Millie Townend, Zara Wildsmith, Libby Bird, Erin Larter, Victoria Paine, Annie Hayes, Annabel Armitage, Millie Herrick and Flo Dexter) won all their matches in the Lincolnshire Schools Competition last week and in addition to getting a spot on Lincolnshire Radio on Monday night, the girls qualified for the Regional Final in Loughborough on Tuesday. They won all their matches again and came home as East Midlands Champions. Many thanks to Mr Graves for guiding them so effectively. And congratulations to 6 of our athletes (Lawson Capes, Sebastian Beedell, Max Roe, Francesca Fenwick, Harry Hewitt and William Kong) for being selected to represent Lincolnshire at the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Manchester on 8/9 July and to our Junior Boys’ Athletics Team who have qualified for the National Schools Track and Field Cup Final in Oxford this coming weekend. Thanks to the whole PE Department for their commitment to Athletics, a real ongoing strength of the School.

Excellent events and success on multiple fronts: we really have it all!

BIG BANG YOUNG SCIENTIST’S AND ENGINEERS’ FAIR - *Mr Sutherland, Physics*

We had the pleasure of taking a large group of our Year 9 cohort to the Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers’ Fair at the NEC in Birmingham on Friday 24 June. This was the first time we’ve been able to run this trip since 2019 and it was good to be back. The students’ eyes lit up as we entered the venue and they saw the myriad of activities on offer. It was a positive experience and we hope to have inspired some of these students to pursue careers in STEM fields.

Report by: Jessica Burton and Mayra Narang, Year 9

On Friday, 120 Year 9 students and some teachers made a long trip to the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC Arena, Birmingham. We left school at 8:00 and got there by 10:30. After we had been checked in, we all received a lanyard with some activities on it. We then grouped up and headed into the arena exploring stands that taught us about the NHS, how to perform surgery (our apologies to the three virtual patients), cybercrime, plastic pollution, the RAF, the National grid, the British Highways and Network Rail (we crashed trains) and many others.

We had to be back at the main entrance by 2:15, and the four hours we spent there was still not enough. There was just so much to do and see! After returning home by 4:30, we were all really tired, but had enjoyed a great day. A big thanks to the whole Big Bang team for taking us there, we had a great time!!!

The Big Bang fair was a great day out with many Year 9 students attending.

The day started with much of our year showing up to the school in time to catch the coach at 08:00. The year group itself was divided into 3 different coaches who all left the school for our 1 hour and 45 minutes journey to the NEC, Birmingham, where we were all excited to see the fair take place. Since our school was attending the fair on a Friday, we were there for the final day of the event; here are some of the things we had the opportunity to do.

Report by: Anonymous Big Bang Attendee

One of my favourite things we could do at the fair was controlling a railway network simulator with Network Rail, who first taught us some of the basics on how trains, their tracks, and the simulator would run, before giving us the chance to operate the machine ourselves.

Two other great activities were the flight simulator with old machinery from real planes and the RAF Virtual Reality headset, which people in our group said great things about.

Other groups who had activities just like these included the National Grid, who let us act as human wires, Unboxed, who gave us a lesson on gravity and let us play a Kahoot at the end, and many places we could test our inner engineer by playing with Lego and other similar products.

All round the trip was a great day out, and we were home for 16:30 with bags full of souvenirs and cool gadgets to remind us of the great day out. I would recommend the trip to anyone who can attend, especially those who love Science and Engineering.

PRIDE EVENT – Report by Miss Lindley on behalf of the LGBTQ+ Group



Last Friday saw the event of our School's First Pride Month celebrations, the LGBTQ+ group wanted to mark the day by organising a fundraiser that all students and staff to get involved in.

Paving the way were our Year 13 students Lizzie Gutteridge and Beth Jackson who, after running the group for the whole year, set up all of the organisation and planning for the day which started with the Pride Fest.

This event took place during lunchtime, containing various stalls such as a bake sale, tombola, Pride related

accessories like handmade keyrings and bracelets, carnival style games, as well as an information stand where our Sixth Formers were available to answer questions about LGBTQ+ terminology, our chosen charity and to hand out free Pride stickers.

The Pride Fest was extremely well attended by both students and staff who all got involved in the stalls on offer: the bake sale stand was very popular along with the tombola, we ran out of Pride stickers as our School members went around wearing them proudly and the carnival games were an unexpected hit with the teachers getting involved to loud cheers from the students.



This was all followed by a 'film night' where students came to watch a film after School chosen by the LGBTQ+ group, the film was selected is one that celebrates LGBTQ+ stories, as well as the struggles they face and how they can be overcome. The choice was an easy one; the fabulous movie adaptation of 'Everybody's talking about Jamie', the story of a young boy from Sheffield who dreams of becoming a drag queen and showing the world who he really is. The students enjoyed the film, finding the messages inspirational and music very catchy!

As previously mentioned, the purpose of the events was to raise whole school awareness of the message and importance of Pride Month and to fundraise for a worthy cause. Our group chose the UK based LGBTQ+ charity Galop, in total we raised £400 across our events. Thank you to all those who came out to support the LGBTQ+ group and getting involved in Pride Month at BGS, and if you would like to help an LGBTQ+ cause this month, please consider supporting victims and survivors of abuse and violence by donating to Galop.



U15 GIRLS SOFTBALL CRICKET TEAM ARE REGIONAL CHAMPIONS - Report by Captain Eva Larter, Year 10

Our County success last week grabbed the attention of BBC Radio Lincolnshire and we had the excitement (and nerves!) of speaking to one of their presenters about our win. Mr Graves, Erin Larter, Annie Hayes and I spoke about how good it was to win the tournament and also how much we were looking forward to representing Lincolnshire in the Regional Final. It was brilliant hearing us speak on the radio!



On Tuesday the 28 June we travelled to Loughborough University to play in the Regional Finals of the East Midlands 'Chance to Compete' School's Competition. We were playing against schools from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

After our success at the County Festival last week, we headed out against Anthony Gell School with confidence. Thanks to great batting from Annie and Erin, we ended up scoring an impressive 98 runs from our 50 balls. Following a great fielding performance, and only 2 runs coming from Annabel Armitage's 10 balls that she bowled we managed to keep our composure and win a close game by just 7 runs.

Then after two more wins against Crown Hills (by 30) and Humphrey Perkins (by 11) we came top in the round robin. Therefore, we replayed Anthony Gell, who came 4th. After an amazing innings from Flo Dexter (retired on 20 after facing just 5 balls), we got through to the final where we were to play Humphrey Perkins again.

After solid bowling to start off, courtesy of Millie Townend, the opposition batted extremely well and we began to concede a few boundaries. However, we knew we could still win despite a strong bowling attack from Humphrey Perkins. Flo Dexter retired once again and after an incredible effort from Libby Bird, we went into the final over needing only one run. Thanks to great running from Erin Larter and Vicky Paine, we scrambled a single on the first ball to with 4 balls to spare.



We were all so ecstatic with our victory and celebrated with some of Mr Graves' birthday cake, a

complementary Loughborough Lightning mug and of course the big trophy presented to us by Loughborough Lightning players. We were all talking about the privilege to play in such amazing facilities and the great day out in the minibus on the way back to Bourne.

Well done girls!



TENNIS – Report by *Miss Bowtell, PE*

This week has been full of exciting play and close matches as we close out the season with the Bourne Grammar Annual Singles Tournaments. Even though we had to cancel our usual clubs on Monday and Tuesday we have still had over 70 students competing this week either in the competitions or at social tennis.

What a fantastic sight to see if you are the person in charge of Tennis and it is an unusual occurrence in the area as in most schools Tennis is seen as being too difficult or rather elite. Good job this doesn't occur here or we may have a rebellion!

The U15 Singles boys' and girls' events had some close matches but the result was quite predictable with Libby Moore and Will Cole maintaining the defence of their titles proving to be just a little stronger and more consistent in their game. However, Libby was made to work very hard by Ada Henson in the final and had to fight for every point. The final of the boys event was between Will Cole and Aarnav Bajaj and was a fantastic display of high level Tennis, full of powerful shots and an array of sliced defensive shots and power driven top spin drives.

In the U13 Boys singles the competition was fierce with 15 boys entering. The boys were split into four leagues and had to play everyone in their leagues with only the winners going through to the semifinals. This meant that boys had to be consistent in all matches and couldn't afford a bad game.



The semifinalists line up was:

Joshi Harris vs Donald McGeorge and Oran Summers vs Zeke Young, what an array of Tennis talent! The match between Oran and Zeke seemed to last forever, with the first game lasting over ten minutes due to deuces. However, Zeke finally overcame Oran and was faced with the prospect of meeting his old rival Donald and so it was Year 8 vs Year 7, the newcomer. After a great display of lengthy rallies and power serves Donald managed to overcome Zeke and reinforce his position as our No 1 singles player in the team.



In the U13 girls' event we had 7 entries which is lovely to see and again, some really strong performances from some newcomers, Mary Pepper in particular played extremely well and caused an upset by beating Hamsini Raja in the early rounds. However, Shiksha Kaur and Poppy Mclearnon firmly re-established the singles positions by winning the semifinals quite convincingly due to their superior aggressive play and calmness under pressure. Despite Shiksha getting close at times within this final it was the mighty serving and smashing Poppy who retained her title as No 1 in the lower school.



Next week we face other schools in the Superzone Tournament where we will face an array of new opponents but I am going in full confidence that the future of Tennis shines bright here at Bourne Grammar School.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sport

Students Harper Graham and Brooke Olivares-Alvarez both competed in a major football tournament this weekend, competing against league winners from the whole of the UK. After a gruelling day of competitions, the girls and their team mates were crowned National Champions for the second year in a row.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Fin Ashwell	7	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Zach Clayton	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Faith Harwood	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Zara Ormanova	7	Mr Williamson	Art
Heidi Paddock	7	Mr Howard	EPR
Zahra Ravji	7	Mr Van Uden	History
Dexter Vipond	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Miles Garrido	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Fin Gray	8	Mr Perez	Science
Tanish Prasanth	8	Mr Williamson	English
Samyutha Puppala	8	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Jessy Sayer	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Emily Seaton	8	Mr Perez	Science
Milan Sisodia	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Jelita Thomas	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Isabella Chen	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Eda Dawson	9	Mr Williamson	English
Millie Doud	9	Dr Hanson	Biology
Connor Gibson	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
James Hayes	9	Mr Ray	PE
Luis Nelson	9	Mr Ray	PE
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Fletcher Wilkinson	9	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Kashvi Woosa	9	Mr Marsden	Chemistry
Sam Edwards	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Sam Jakeman	10	Mr Walker	Computing
Madison Mylchreest	10	Mr Walker	Computing
Molly Ringrose	10	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art

