



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 16 September 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

While we all mourn the loss of our Queen it has nevertheless been a very good start to the term. We warmly welcome all new members of our School community and especially the new students who walked through our doors for the first-time last Monday. Despite the nerves that inevitably impact new starters to a new school, I have been enormously impressed at the enthusiasm and attitude on display as well as the ready smiles on the gate each morning. Our new Year 7 have done themselves proud, both in terms of their resilience in a busy first two weeks but also in the way they have conducted themselves around the site and adapted to life at Bourne Grammar. I have also been delighted at the smart appearance of the Sixth Form as they begin an exciting new year of A-Level studies: the Sixth Form dress code has been an area of work over the summer and our students have responded very well indeed. In sum, there is much to be pleased with and all available evidence points towards an exciting, dynamic and positive academic year ahead.



I would also like to welcome a number of new members of staff to the School. Miss Leftley-Gynn has joined us from the Police Force in a new role as Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding is an area of significant national focus and an aspect of our duty of care to all students that must always be a priority. Working within Mr Brunker's Pastoral Team, I know Miss Leftley-Gynn will have a very positive impact and she has valuable experience and skills that we will benefit from as we continue to push hard at the quality of our pastoral care. I would also like to welcome five new Teaching Assistants: Mrs Pearl, Dr Young, Mr Daniels, Miss Fountain and Mrs Smith who will all bring significant classroom support and benefits to our students. Finally, I would also like to welcome seven new teachers who we know will make a positive academic impact as they settle into Bourne Grammar life. They are Mrs Allen (Assistant Head and English), Mr Williamson-Ward (English and PSHE lead), Mr Jones (Subject Leader Business), Ms Raebel (Subject Leader German), Mr Kumalo (Chemistry), Miss Smith (Maths) and Miss Welham (PE).

So – what lies ahead? No apologies whatsoever for repeating one of my core beliefs. Education has much in common with exploration: trying something for the first time, pushing the boundaries beyond the comfortable and taking a leap into the unknown. Neale Walsch's words "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone" sit above the desk in my office and I strongly advise all students to use the start of the year to explore what is on offer. Use the next few weeks to identify the boundaries of your own comfort zone....and then push them. Try something different whether it is an in School or an out of school activity. You never know: it might be the most significant decision you make all year!

In the meantime, I wish you all a calm and reflective extended weekend as we come together as a nation to say farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Monday.

PTFA AGM

The PTFA would like to invite parents/carers to our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at School in The Chill at 6pm.

The aim of the meeting is to create a committee for the new school year, and start to plan fundraising activities. If you are interested in joining, either as a member or a volunteer, then please come along.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022-23 - PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS (DAY/EVENINGS)

Progress Review Meetings are very important day/evenings in the School calendar and is an opportunity for a one-to-one discussion with your child's teacher to explore their progress in more detail. Students will be set work to complete at home on PRM day (one hour of work per subject lesson timetabled on that day) and are expected to attend their meeting virtually along with parent(s)/carer(s).

Information and guidance about PRM, including your login details and how to book your appointment online will be sent nearer the date by email to Priority 1 parents (as recorded on our database).

PRM day for KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) and **Year 10** will be Friday 16 June 2023 (Full day – 08:30-18:30) & Tuesday 20 & 27 June 2023 evenings (17:00-20:30)

Year 11 Progress Review Evening = Tuesday 18 October 2022 (17:00-20:30)

Year 12 Progress Review Evening = Tuesday 23 May 2023 (17:00-20:30)

Year 13 Progress Review Evening = Tuesday 8 November 2022 (17:00-20:30)

Booking details for these events will be sent nearer the time.

Year 9 Options Evening – Tuesday 21 February 2023

Year 9 students, in discussion with their parents, will be asked to choose the GCSE subjects they would like to study in Years 10 and 11.

Parents and Year 9 students will have the opportunity to find out more about the Key Stage 4 (KS4) curriculum at the GCSE Options Evening which will be held virtually on Tuesday 21 February from 19:00 – 21:00.

SUBJECT MATTERS TALK - Mrs *Elliot*, *Careers and UCAS* coordinator

Our link college, Christ's at Cambridge regularly holds 'Subject Matters: The importance of Post-16 Choices' webinars, the next of which is taking place on **Thursday 29 September at 5pm**. These are open to students in Years 10-11 and their parents and it will be of particular relevance to those with forthcoming Sixth Form applications. The aim is to get students thinking about and researching post-18 options (not just Cambridge) in order to make competitive A-Level subject choices, and make them aware of various entry requirements they might need to bear in mind. To register please follow the following link:

Subject Matters: The Importance of Your Post-16 Choices



LEGO CLUB - *Ted Bolitho, Year 8*

We wish to set up a student-led Lego club however, our big problem is having no Lego to build! We would really appreciate it if you could donate any Lego that you don't want or need. If any donations could be taken to Lab 10 in the Science block or dropped into School reception, we would be very grateful.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Former BGS Head Boy Scott Merriman (Year 13 Last Year) and Nicholas Lees (Year 11) took part in the annual Lincolnshire County Chess Championship on 16-17 July.

Scott and Nicholas finished first equal on 4 wins from 5 games together with a third member of Stamford Chess Club, each receiving an equal share of the overall prize money. Entering the final round, Nicholas was on 4 wins from 4 and Scott on 3 from 4. Their top table clash was hard fought, lasting nearly 3 hours with the game going down to the final seconds with Scott winning. Nicholas took the trophy based on an overall better win progression than his fellow Stamford team mates.



SPORT

One of our students had a busy summer competing, Lawson Capes (Year 9) started with a win at the England Athletics National Championships at Bedford. He didn't stop there, the following day he entered the Valhalla Invitational at York where he threw the shot put against the American World Champion Chase Ealy and Olympian Sophie McKenna and set a new PB of 15.35m. What a great experience!

Lawson followed this by throwing the discus against Lawrence Okoye the European bronze medallist from Munich, competing at Throwfest alongside his brother who was throwing for England. Lawson won the shot put with a throw of 15.29 and set a new PB in the discus with 41.31m again, against Lawrence Okoye and Nick Percy (Scotland).

Hot off the press! Lawson extended his PB in the shot just last weekend, throwing 15.60m at the Inter Counties Cup in Derby. He backed this up with a win in the discus, just 3cm shy of the 40m mark. As a result, he won the Field Performance of the Day. With just a couple of Open meetings left this season, he will look to extend both distances prior to the close of the outdoor season. Well done Lawson!



COUNTY TENNIS FINALS – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

On Thursday 8 September the U15 Tennis teams travelled to Boston Tennis club to compete as the southern district champions against the champions north of the county.



The boys played King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth and the girls played Lincoln Minster School.

The girls team started very well with a win in the singles by Bella Atkins and the other girls were motivated by her win, leading to some very close and long matches. The Henson twins, Ada and Fran played together in the doubles and took their game to an exciting tie break but unfortunately lost out. This was the story of the other girls matches with the girls taking most games to deuce but being over powered in the crucial points by a more experienced and practised team.



The boy's team were nervous as they hadn't faced this team before but the experience of the squad paid off with straight 6-0 wins for almost all matches. The boys were really clinical in their finishing with all sets completed within an hour.

The boys now move on to the regional finals, a level where they were successful, at U13 level.

SPORTS CLUBS – Term 1

<h1>SPORTS CLUBS</h1>		
TERM 1	Lunchtime	After School
DAY	(12:45pm-1.20pm)	(4.50 finish, 5.00pm to collect)
MON		Yr. 7, 8 & 9 Badminton (CPB) Yr. 9 Football (JB) Yr. 10 Football (SC) Yr. 11 Football (CJR) Yr. 8 Netball (AS) All Years Running Club (SS)
TUES	Yr. 8 & 9 Basketball (SC) All Years Fitness Suite (CPB)	Yr. 7 Football (ACG) Yr. 8 Rugby (JB) Yr. 9 Rugby (DG/HG) Yr. 9 Netball (AS)
WED	All Years Girls Only Football—Astro (ACG) Yr. 10 & 11 Basketball (SC) Yr. 8 Netball (AS)	Yr. 7 Rugby (MAB) Year 8 & 9 Hockey (CPB) Yr. 10 & 11 Rugby (HB) Yr. 10 & 11 Netball (SW) All Years Running Club (SS)
THURS	Yr. 10 & 11 Badminton (CPB) Yr. 9 Netball (AS)	Yr. 7 Netball (SW) Yr. 8 Football (ACG) Yr. 11 Rugby (JB) Year 10 & 11 Hockey (CPB)
FRI	6th Form Basketball (SC) All Years Dance (AS)	All Years Badminton Match Play (CPB)

Clubs will take place weekly.
Should there be the need to cancel, any club, as much notice will be given as possible.
If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Kaavya Guhan (Year 13) has passed Grade 6 Violin with Merit
Pauline Samusz (Year 10) has passed Grade 4 Violin with Distinction
Vivienne Chen (Year 11) has passed Grade 6 Violin with Distinction
Joshua Oladejo (Year 10) has passed Grade 1 Violin with Distinction
Flynn Knight (Year 9) has passed Grade 3 Drumming exam with Merit

Performing Arts

Hayden Pugh (Year 9) has passed Grade 5 Lamda with Distinction
Amelie Murphy (Year 12) has passed Grade 8 Lamda with Distinction

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that the School has learned of the passing of Mrs Judy Smith over the summer. Judy was a long-standing member of the Town Council and had a substantive relationship with Bourne Grammar School over many years. Her late husband John was an Old Brunnian, had been a Governor for many years and together they were strong advocates and supporters of the school. Our thoughts and condolences go to all Judy's friends and family.

House Totals

			
2186	2302	2062	1964

***These totals show all Achievement Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 16/09/2022.***



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Lewis Fryer	7	Dr Barmby	History
Aum Tanna	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Aum Tanna	7	Miss Roberts	Geography
Jack Townsend	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Aum Tanna	7	Mr Vaughan	Biology
Aryaman Andali	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Melissa Chen	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Theo Forster	8	Mr Green	History
Denesha Kumari	8	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Evie Metcalfe	8	Mrs Edwards	English
Kayla Reihill	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Ethan Thomas-Burton	8	Mr Green	History
Riley Crown	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Rosie Hasbury	9	Mrs Edwards	English
Luke Joyner	9	Miss Roberts	Registration
Aryan Nahata	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Milan Sisodia	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Jessica Burton	10	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Logan Coltman-Bell	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Mayra Narang	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Mayra Narang	10	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Ayesha Shazad	10	Ms Jones	English
Reuben Taaffe	10	Miss Capper	History
Ben Unwin	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Atiksh Agnihotri	11	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Ashleigh Griffiths	11	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Flynn Henderson	11	Mr Ray	PE
Emilee Mimms	11	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Lily Troth	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Francesca Handley	12	Mr Brooker	English Language
Zoe Husbands	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Michael O'Donnell	12	Ms Jones	English Language
Evie Bage	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Abbie Mandaracas	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Barnaby Sykes	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology

