

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 18 November 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Sunday saw the Bourne Remembrance Parade and Service conducted for the last time prior to his retirement by Father Chris Atkinson, Vicar of Bourne and a long serving School Governor. Bourne Grammar laid a wreath at the War Memorial and my thanks to Alice Dossett and Max Garthwaite for their attendance and support. The weather held, it was a powerful event and it was great to see just how important Remembrance remains for the community in and around the town.

Last weekend also saw our Cross-Country teams compete in Leeds at the regional competition. Once again, Bourne Grammar has maintained its excellent reputation in this individual and team sport, with the Intermediate Girls and Senior Boys both emerging as winners in their categories and three teams overall qualifying for the National Finals on Saturday 3rd December. Well done to all involved.

Finally, congratulations to all in Year 11 who finish their GCSE mock examinations shortly. I know there will be a huge sense of relief across the year group as they draw to an end and I am delighted to report that the year group have managed the pressure of the last two weeks in fine style with few issues along the way. Teachers will now be furiously marking and preparing structured feedback and it is vital that this feedback is taken onboard effectively in order to elicit the maximum benefit from the process. My thanks to the Exams Team and all the pastoral staff who are continuing to support Year 11 through this process. To the students themselves – well done!

U14 BADMINTON – Miss Bowtell, PE

The U14 team set off on Tuesday 15 November for their first competitive match this year with two teams of boys and girls for a friendly event away at Long Sutton. The team was relatively inexperienced but soon settled down, to be able to score effectively on their own and to apply all of the rules we had been talking about at the club earlier in the year, to good effect. Both teams dominated the match losing only a handful of games and winning the majority but it was the camaraderie between players and between schools which stood out with players positively praising others shots and clapping extended and exciting rallies. Two stars of the day were Ali Abdullah and Saihan Daman beating players older than themselves and much taller through guile and fantastic net play and communication skills.



JUNCTION DANCE SHOWCASE – *Miss Turton, Drama*

On Tuesday 29 November the Junction Dance Showcase returns 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. [Click here](#) to book your tickets now.

ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP – SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER - *Mr Sheppard & Mr Ray*

This weekend marked the regional round of the ESAA Cross Country Cup and offered the opportunity for our teams to both experience and qualify for, the same course as the Final, with both rounds being held at The Grammar School at Leeds. The conditions and course were both as fine as they could have been for a November race and hopes were high for some fierce competition. Each team consisted of the best six in the School in their age category and were supported by a great many parents who had kindly given their time to support and offer transport to our athletes.



Out first, were our junior teams where we hoped to see our talent for the future with the Junior Girls being led home by Leah Graham (17th) and Ella Barratt (18th) both who have made impressive progress over the last year and been performing at a high level in recent races. After which came Edith Kaberry (32nd) from Year 7 who shows great promise for the future, competing a year under the age limit. Rounding up the scoring with similarly strong performances were Isabelle Clarkson (36th) and Neve Brackenbury (43rd) both of whom have increased their training and focus on cross country over the last few weeks. Sadly, the final team member Flossie Swift had to pull out due to injury, with the team finishing 7th in the region.



Similarly, our Junior Boys team offered a mix of experience and future prospects with Ben Allison our most dedicated in training over the last few years coming in first for our team in 22nd and our only Year 7 in the team Cayden Mackay close behind in 25th, showing excellent promise for future years. Ollie Desborough, similarly finished 28th running a well-paced race. Rounding up the team were Luca Christoudias and Louis Longden who finished in 37th and 38th respectively, to leave the team in 6th place overall.

The intermediate age category was next where our teams held more experience racing at this level and immediately the experience was evident with a fantastic team race by the Intermediate Girls. Yvette Annis led the charge in 8th shortly followed by Mille Herrick in 10th who tactically worked to use all of the hills to make gains on her rivals. In fact, all our scoring places came in easily before 20th with Faith Perkins in 13th and Millie Doud in 16th. To top this off, our team as a whole were all done by 26th with our two Year 9s showing quality racing a year young in the competition, Charlotte Smith finished 17th and Lois Watson in 26th. Ultimately, it was this consistency and team wide quality which landed the girls team a 1st place at this regional level and led to our first national final qualifiers this year.





Trying to emulate this next were the Intermediate Boys who got off to a great start, securing solid positions after the first lap. As the race progressed though, legs tired and the team just dropped outside of the qualifying positions by the end. Theo Saralis topped the bunch which, after a period of injury and limited training should come as a good boost, as the race progressed he rapidly picked off competitors and improved his position to finish in 16th. After Theo, the Bourne contingent came in quick succession all finishing before 30 with Owen Nazaruk-Wheeler (20th), Noah Henderson (21st), Artur Babula (25th), Bayley Graham (27th) and Toby Staines (28th) all being very closely matched. With the whole team finishing in the top 30 the boys can feel that it was a

close miss on a national final spot, finally being pushed down into 5th position as a team.

Our Senior Girls team showed class, despite a dominant Bradford Grammar team, in order to finish third and qualify for the national final. Our regular team mates of Erin Cox (7th), Hannah Taylor (10th) and Charlotte Cullen (19th) have been regular national final attendees over the years and all listened to the encouragement in the last few hundred metres by closing onto a competitor's shoulder and leaving them in their wake before the end. The girls needed a fourth scorer to step up from the lower years to enable them to qualify though and it was a tenacious Madison Prince (24th) who in the last section of the race somewhat ignored instructions to sit on the person's shoulder in front of her and instead, preferred to go straight past her, to close the gap to the next person and go past her too, almost closing a third athlete before the end. Lily Rundle rounded up the team with a well-paced race throughout and a job well done.



The Senior Boys were last the run and well worth waiting for, as the team best placed to make a national impact. Harry Hewitt ran clear of the field from the start in a dominant race. Seb Beedell ran a race he was slightly disappointed in and still held a secure second place. Alex Galpin (6th) ran a race where he systematically overtook competitor after competitor to reach 8th by the end. The race between the rivals Johan Coughlan (9th) and Thomas Preston (10th) was ultimately clinched by Johan in the last straight and Dan Galpin rounded out the team in a strong 15th position. The Senior boys finished in first place.

In three weeks, time the three qualifying teams head to the National Finals to test themselves against the best in the country. By securing the opportunity to compete nationally alongside two regional victories our school continues to demonstrate our cross country quality at a fantastic level. For the Senior Boys team however, their ambitions do not stop there as they set their sights on success at a national level. Can the teams conjure a historic performance for the school? Only time will tell...

If students want to try to be part of future of the school's running successes then they are encouraged to come to Mr Sheppard's after school running club which operates each Monday and Wednesday and will continue to do so for the full year. The running club is very much open to all years and all abilities.

Thank you, Ben Allison, for the action shots from the day.



YEAR 7 RUGBY – *Mr Brunker, Deputy Headteacher*

The Year 7s travelled to Oundle School for their first away fixture, and what a fixture it was. After the first 10 minutes of the game – which included two Oundle tries – the team's attention switched to rugby and away from the excitement of the minibus trip, and the expansive school grounds.

After this rather slow start there were glimpses of brilliance as we powered over the line to make it onto the score sheet, but we were up against a more experienced and more organised set of players who took full advantage of the space that was made available to them. Our rather narrow defensive line, which looked more like a huddle at times, combined with some hesitant rucking saw Oundle head in at half-time 25-10 up.





As per last week, the half-time break allowed for some much-needed reflection and a few areas of focus. The boys were able to recognise the importance of arriving at the breakdown first and being courageous in the contact – we had barely competed in the rucks in the first half and they understood that fixing this would enable us to retain and sometimes win possession. Defensive positioning was the second area of focus and the players were clear that when not in a ruck they needed to be out in the line rather than milling around behind the breakdown. The point was also made about the benefits of staying low in contact.

Huge praise must go to the entire team for dominating the second half and adapting so quickly to the demands of the game. Our rucking had transformed and players were able to think quickly when taking up their positions in the back line. Credit to Oundle for countless try-saving tackles just in front of their try line, but they couldn't keep them all out. The final score was 25-20 to Oundle, but the team should be immensely proud of their efforts – they came so close to a full come back, but they can rest easy knowing that they won the second half convincingly. At the final whistle, and as we were bundled into touch only inches from their line, there was a loud cheer from the Oundle side who were clearly delighted that they had managed to hold on.

It was a pleasure once again to see the team play the game in such good spirit and to witness the progress made. I imagine they will remember this game for some time to come and judging by their reaction they won't forget Oundle's very generous pack-up tea for the journey home!



House Totals

			
14599	13474	14649	13117

***These totals show all Achievement Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 17/11/2022.***



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Grace Miller, Year 9 who has been an avid member of the Air Training Corps (ATC) Cadets 2071 (Stamford) Squadron since June 2021 was given the honour of being the wreath barer for the Squadron at the Stamford Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13 November. Grace was only informed five minutes before they marched and represented her squadron with pride, well done Grace.



SHOEBOX DONATIONS – Mr Graves



BGS Shoebox Donations

Deadline: Monday 5th December

Drop off point: MFL7

IMPORTANT! Do not seal/tape your box closed. Make sure it can be opened – an elastic band to keep it shut is perfect

Fill a shoe box with a selection of the following:

- Tinned foods
- Bath and Shower products
- Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- A treat that will make someone smile (could be edible or non-edible)
- A homemade gift
- A personal message wishing someone a 'Merry Christmas'

Please do not put any medicine (e.g., paracetamol) or alcohol in your box.

There is no individual limit – you could fill more than one box!

-Once you have filled your box you could decorate it to make it look festive



- State if it is for a man/woman/unisex**
- Grab a BGS sticker from MFL 7 to go on the top**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Patrick Adejuwon	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Anoushka Bartram	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Anya Copestake	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Mayowa Olufeyisan	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oli Parrott	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Cassidy Thornton	7	Mrs Allen	English
Alfie Bird	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Bradley Connolly	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Grace Cullen	8	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Ben Potter	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Zahra Ravji	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Ellen Richardson	8	Miss Raebel	German
Ellen Richardson	8	Miss Turton	Drama
Aaron Sadler	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Adam Jaffer	8	Mr Graves	PE
Nathan Bisalla	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Jack Cotuk	9	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Austin Harrison	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Muhammad Ibraheem	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Gabriel Jagger	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Emma Kettle	9	Mrs Allen	English
James Risebrow	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Chloe Cox	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Isabella Mahoney	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Andreea Rila	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Emily Seaton	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
George Abell	10	Mrs Edwards	English
Adrian Ernest	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Evie Griffin	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Matilda Hulme	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ubaid Majeed	10	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Zack McKean Smith	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Luke Norris	10	Mrs Allen	English
Erin Richards	10	Mrs Allen	English
Thomas Wright-Lakin	10	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Millie Daines	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Flynn Henderson	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Ellen Nixon	11	Ms Kemp	English
Tiffany Olivares-Alvarez	11	Miss Mizen	Biology
Noah Pawlett	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Emily Thomas	11	Ms Kemp	English
Jake Fraser	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Megan Mears	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Max Roe	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Gracie Sainthouse	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Language
Bella Skelton	12	Mr Tighe	Religious Studies
Joe Coleman	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Roman Everist	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Sophie Jordan	13	Mr Brooker	English Language
Lily Martin-Jones	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Daisy O'Rawe	13	Mrs Lattimer	Further Maths
Arujan Sivakumar	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology