



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 09 December 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

This week we have seen significant successes in multiple areas of School life. Our Cross Country athletes performed extremely well at the National Finals in Leeds last weekend, the Senior Girls' team coming 25th and the Senior Boys' team coming 4th with star runner Harry Hewitt winning the individual event. An amazing achievement – well done to Harry and all the other runners who took part. Thanks to Mr Ray, Miss Smith and Mr Sheppard for giving their time to allow the runners to compete.

We saw our musicians on the stage at the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Bourne on Saturday and we watched our U12 (Year 7) Boys Football team win a National Cup match against Becket School in Nottingham which takes them through to the last 32 of the competition. Well done once again to all who took part: to Mr Graves for overseeing success on the football pitch and to Mr Tomlinson for organising the music, bass or no bass! Congratulations also, to our Year 8 Girls Football squad who won a tournament at Lincoln City and are on their own Road to Wembley should they repeat this impressive feat at the next competition in Derby. And finally, a big thank you to all who helped with the successful Year 8 trip to the Fun Farm. I have yet to visit this particular local attraction and look forward to seeing just what it is that makes it so popular sometime in the future!

We also welcomed six uniform suppliers into School to pitch to us for the new uniform contract, a very interesting process that involved a number of students directly and one that created a lot of comments when all students were able to see sample uniform pieces left by potential suppliers in a mini lunchtime fashion show on Thursday. It is important to clarify a few points at this stage: the final decision has not been made yet and there will be no requirement for existing students to buy a new uniform when we make the change. We will gradually cascade the new uniform into School over time so that our families are not required to spend money on new garments unnecessarily. We are pleased to be able to confirm that the new uniform will be gender neutral by featuring trouser and skirt options for all including ties, it will remove the differentiation between boys and girls in terms of uniform colour and cost, and will also create a brand identity that will be clearly our own. We are working hard to drive costs down and limit the number of bespoke garments. A further detailed communication will follow when the tender process is complete but meanwhile it was pleasing to see so many students, above and beyond individual tutor group uniform representatives, take an active interest in the direction of the new uniform.

Finally, I would like to congratulate in writing all Year 11 students who received their mock examination grades today to be followed by written examination reports next week. They have been a credit to themselves and their School in the way they conducted themselves through the examination and feedback process. I know many have learned valuable, sometimes hard, lessons and will be much the better for having successfully battled their way through this tough challenge. I hope all in Year 11 will take some well-earned rest over the holiday when it comes, self-evaluate where they can individually improve going forward and return in the New Year determined and empowered to hit the heights in 2023.

WINTER POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS – *Report by Ms Kemp & Miss Pritchard, English*

This term, students were invited to enter a winter-themed school poetry competition. We were overwhelmed by both the quality and quantity of entries, making the judging a tough job. Congratulations to winner Elijah Ford, Year 12, whose offering stood out due to its emotive power and effective nature imagery. Our runners up are Freddie Neal, Year 7 and Emilia Beacham, Year 11 for their powerful contributions.

Elijah's winning poem is printed below. The top 3 entries will be all be published in the next issue of the School magazine.

The next poetry competition will be held in the Spring and is open to all year groups. Please check the school magazine for more information.

The Blossom Has Left, by Elijah Ford (12 M)

The blossom has left, along with the light,
Rose petals have fled, creatures taken flight,
The rivers and lakes have ceased all their flow;
The bitter winter makes it hard to grow.
I traverse the hills, the mountains of white
And battling chills, I behold a dear sight:
A small patch of green, peeking from the snow
A place I have seen, a place I have known

I stare, while I rest, at the landscape so bleak
Though there's warmth in my chest, tears freeze on my cheek.
For upon this hill, we planted a rose.
Here it is still, not yet gone to cold's blows.
My bitter heart becomes gentle and meek
As, now we're apart, I begin to feel weak:
The plant, whilst here, it no longer grows
When will it disappear? God only knows.

Sometimes I return to this place I once knew,
Sometimes I yearn for memories anew
I remember you softly, on that summer morn
We came here so often, yet now I am torn;
The plant is now cold, it's frozen and blue;
Will it grow old This mem'ry of you?
Will it survive winter's spiteful scorn?
It looks not alive, covered only in thorn.

My heart feels tilted, and I start to cry
For the rose, it has wilted, and soon it will die.

NO PENS DAY, YEAR 8 – Report by Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher - Academic



As Year 7 students develop their Independent Learning Skills as part of the BBL Programme, Year 8 students are taught how to develop their oracy skills. As part of the School's drive to make our students become better speakers and listeners, Tuesday 13 December will witness the first ever NO PENS DAY for Year 8.

The main aim of the day is to show students that they can learn effectively in other ways besides writing. It is true that our education system is set up to prioritise the quality of our students' ability to write; with the exception of the odd practical exam and foreign language oral exam, GCSE exams are graded almost exclusively on the candidate's ability as a writer. On a daily basis, our students do a lot of writing and this will not change. However, students who are taught to use the same formal vocabulary and structures that they use in essays, when they speak, will benefit enormously both academically and in a wider social context.

Teachers have planned an exciting array of lessons for Tuesday, all of which will see fantastic learning take place without students writing; lessons on the day will involve lots of speaking and listening.

Good luck to everyone involved.

ANTI BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION – Report by Mr Williamson-Ward

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 was coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It took place from 14 to 18 November and had the theme Reach Out. Students at Bourne Grammar were asked to create a poster that promoted the importance of reaching and seeking support against bullying. During their PSHE lessons, students learned about the different roles people take and the different types of bullying that can happen around School and beyond the school gates. We hope it allowed students to reflect on their experiences of bullying and on how they can seek support to help themselves and those around them.



The following three students were chosen for their fantastic posters and have each received an Amazon voucher for their efforts:

- 1st – Priyanka Sutrave 8B
- 2nd – Mayowa Olufeyisan 7C
- 3rd – Caleb Omitiran 7E

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION – Mrs Ford, Student Manager

Following tradition, the School's Christmas tree was decorated this week.

Thank you to the following students who did a splendid job: Lucy Tolson, Erin French, Elliot Southwood, Kacper Zajac, Harriet Cork, Stephen Richardson, Thomas Wright-Lakin, Masha Morozova, Ashleigh Goodall



SWAP DON'T SHOP – Report by the Environmental Committee

On Monday 28 November the Environmental Committee organised a *Swap Don't Shop* clothes swapping event in aid of raising awareness of sustainable fashion.

Our main aim was to teach students about the dangers of fast fashion and how reusing clothes can mitigate those effects. We also managed to raise some money for a local environmental charity - The Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT).

We are grateful for all the students that supported this event by bringing in clothes and we hope they enjoyed



getting some 'new' items out of it. We hope to be organising more events in the future!

YEAR 8 REWARD TRIP – FUN FARM, SPALDING - Report by Jordan Jafri and Dominic James, Year 8

Last Thursday 170 Year 8 students all went to Fun farm together. We excitedly raced to the sports hall when the bell went and got changed. We then headed to Fun Farm on a coach where, on our coach on the way there, everyone was singing Christmas songs together! As soon as we got there we sprinted into the soft play and it was really fun going through the maze and messing about on the play equipment.

We also all got to play Laser Storm which was awesome! The course was great and you could go upstairs and shoot people from the tower! Even some of the teachers joined in for a game. After we played Laser Storm we all bought chips (which were delicious) and had a much-needed drink. After that we hit the arcade where there were many games to enjoy. Overall, we had a brilliant time. Thank you to Mr. Graves for organising the trip and to the teachers that came along enabling us to have a great evening.



SHOEBOX APPEAL – Report by Mr Bowers

Thursday saw the annual delivery of the shoebox appeal to Evergreen Care Trust in Stamford.

Students from across the School kindly donated over 100 shoeboxes for the appeal that were warmly welcomed at Evergreen.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the shoebox appeal, whether that was bringing one in, helping with the organisation and bus loading or the wrapping and checking process on Tuesday lunch!

A huge thank you must also go to Erin Cox (Behn Senior House Captain) and Elijah Ford (Tinbergen Senior House Captain) who made the trip in the minibus to assist with the drop off!



A fantastic turnout yet again from the Bourne Grammar School Community, with the foodbank appeal to follow on Friday, a truly humbling week. Well done all.

FOODBANK APPEAL – *Report by Mr Bowers*

On Friday, the Bourne Grammar School Community donated towards the Bourne Foodbank Appeal. Students and staff across the board generously loaded the minibus as they entered School, stacking bags and boxes higher and higher as the morning went on. During period 3, 12 students from Years 12 and 13 made their way to the Foodbank to deliver the amazing donations made by the School.

A massive thank you to Max Garthwaite and Alice Dossett (Head Students) alongside Jaya Taank, Raye Parker, Ria Cardew, Uma Odedra, Raphael Threlfall, Sammy Thomas, Amelie Murphy, Lauren Spellar, Megan-Jayne Thompson-Collins and Sam Newcombe for their help unloading and delivering 579.6KG worth of donations, more than half a tonne of items!

Thank you to everyone, staff and students who donated so generously to such an important appeal.



KS3 FOOTBALL UPDATE - *Report by Mr Graves, PE*

It's fair to say that the Year 7 football team had an extremely successful week last week. On Monday, we attended the Spalding and Boston SuperZone Futsal Competition at Haven High School, Boston. The games were extremely fast paced, and every second counted as each game only lasted only 4 minutes. In our 10 games (we played each school twice) we won 7, drew 2 and lost just 1. This consisted of scoring an amazing 15 goals and conceding just 1! Unsurprisingly we gained enough points to win the SuperZone tournament. An own goal in the last minute of the semi-final against Boston Grammar in the Spalding/Boston Playoff meant we didn't manage to win the whole tournament on the day, however, far more importantly the brilliant performances in the group mean we progress to the regional round (if there is one this year).

The week then finished with our highly anticipated National Cup Round 4 fixture against Becket School from Nottingham. Their teacher delighted in telling me that their 2 Nottingham Forest Academy players excelled in their Round 3 win! It was clear it was going to be a very tough game.

I decided to keep our amazing win against a typically strong Carre's Grammar team in the last round quiet!

We dominated the game from the first whistle to the last. In all honesty, our 3-1 victory flattened Becket. It could have been a lot more. Although it's probably unfair of me to single out individuals for praise as the whole team have been outstanding the performances of Ethan Lake and Rohan Lesiw have been as good as I have witnessed in my 10 years at BGS. Rohan was so good in fact that the 2 Nottingham Forest



Academy boys playing in midfield were both chasing his shadow as he danced around them with the ball glued to his feet time after time!

This team continue to amaze me with their mature, professional and classy performances on the pitch. They have won every game they have played. As well as being in the National Cup they sit top of the South Lincs League and remain in the County Cup. Every time I think that they have reached their peak they somehow manage to go up another gear. They are a very special group of young people for sure. The sky really is the limit for them.

This starts with a Round 5 tie (last 64 in the country) against Branston Community Academy before Xmas.

The squad is: Harry Armstrong, Johnny Hullock, Rohan Lesiw, Yousuf Elbeksaoui, Dylan Ware, Ethan Lake, Eli Soralis, Aman Dinesh, Harry Carruso, Aydan Feetham, Cayden Mackay, Caspar Baldock and Tyler Bates.



Not to be outdone by the boys, the Under 13 Girls football Team are also having a great season.



After a bye in Round 1 of the National Cup, they had a comprehensive win against Neale Wade, and an even more impressive win against Kesteven and Grantham Girls School, scoring 25 and conceding just 2 goals across both games. Unfortunately, a narrow 1-0 loss in a game we had the majority of the play meant we went out in Round 4 (last 64 in the country) against Spalding High. We would get our revenge against Spalding High....

On Friday, we were invited by Lincoln City F.C. to take part in this Year's Utilita Cup, held on the 4G astroturf at the LCFC Stadium. The Utilita Girls Cup is for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the Papa John's Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in April. We were not sure how the day would pan out, and a little skeptical after seeing so many teams there (13 in total).

We need not have worried.

The schools were split into 2 groups, with the top 4 from each group progressing to the quarter finals. After winning all 4 group games (scoring 11 without conceding a single goal) we then won the quarter final 2-0 and then beat Branston Community Academy 1-0 in the semi-final.

The final was a little more tricky. A very cagey affair with local school Spalding High could not be decided, even after extra time, and the game finished 0-0. The girls somehow kept their composure (unlike me who was a nervous wreck) and won the sudden death penalty shoot-out 5-4!

Winning the tournament means we will represent Lincoln City (wearing their kit) at the Regional Final round hosted by Rotherham United at Sheffield Hallam University playing against seven other schools representing EFL teams including Derby County and Hull City in January... and is one step closer to playing at Wembley.



The squad is: Brooke Olivares-Alvarez, Lucy Preston, Harper Graham, Honor Moore, Neve Brackenbury (all Year 8), Flossie Swift and Izzy Hughes (both Year 7).

I also want to thank Sophia Bull (Year 12) for accompanying me and helping coach the team on the day and also assisting in training leading up to the event.

YEAR 9 RUGBY – Report by Mr D Gray, Parent Coach and Noah Humphries, Year 9

The best combined team performance we have seen from the Year 9 rugby team this year. Running out 47-7 winners against a Stamford School B team with a lot of very good players.

The Bourne rush defence was debilitating for the opposition. The tackling was committed and strong. Two early tries by Bourne shocked Stamford but they came back strong. However, Bourne continued to tackle hard with great defence denying Stamford several opportunities close to our line. Our forwards were

dominant in the scrum and adapted well to changing tactics from Stamford. The rucking and counter rucking was also a step up from previous matches

Lawson Capes scored five tries, playing with great commitment and pace. Monty Wood returned from a long and serious injury with superb hassling and tackled anything in his path. The best he has performed for the School. Noah Henderson had a supreme kicking display, slotting all the conversions except one, and was great in defence. Wingers Alex O'Rawe, Harrison Ward and Nathan Bisalla all put the best tackling performance in they have done all season. Noah Humphries captained the side well again, with another great performance and scoring two tries.

The whole team performed really well which demonstrates the difference their commitment to training is making. They should all be proud of each other.



CROSS COUNTRY ENGLISH SCHOOLS FINALS – *Report by Mr Ray and Mr Sheppard*

In a first for Bourne Grammar School, Harry Hewitt, Year 13, took home an unparalleled race victory in the final of the English School Cross Country Cup Final, an achievement that has never been equaled in Bourne Grammar Cross Country history. This race win represents Harry's strongest achievement to date and yet, perhaps just a stepping stone to potential future successes.

The race was impeccably run by Harry who, from the first lap, got into a dogfight with the eventual second placed athlete. Whilst his opponent burned energy trying to create space and gaps in the first lap, Harry was patient and waited until the second to unleash a short burst to create a 5 metre gap on his rival which turned out to be a decisive one which only grew over time. Coming over the line Harry had the opportunity to celebrate with a 'H' sign which may be seen more in the future and was swiftly whisked away for media interviews.

The Senior Boys team as a whole did a great job in order to equal the best ever team performance of 4th place, just outside of the podium positions. Upon leaving at the end of this year, Harry will pass on the baton on to his understudy Seb Beedell who came 10th this year who, with health and fitness permitting will be setting his sights on emulating Harry's success next year. Of the top 4 for the team, 3 of them were young in the competition with Seb in Year 12 followed by the Year 11's Johan Coughlan coming 45th and

Thomas Preston coming in 30 seconds later showing that the strength of the team will continue in future. Rounding off the team were Alex and Dan Galpin who have been stalwarts of the cross country team having been part of their second 4th place finish in their time at the School.



For the Intermediate Girls, the race was a fierce one run in brilliant fashion by the full complement of athletes. Yvette Annis raced swiftly off the line to allow her team to get out quickly behind her, and led the team home while Faith Perkins showed real strength and quality technique throughout in a confident performance. Millie Doud equally had a strong run which evidenced a good improvement over recent months to peak at the right time in the competition. The next two athletes Charlotte Smith and Lois Cox were again a year young in the competition and acquitted themselves very well, showing they will be future leaders of the Intermediate Girls team. Millie Herrick ran a tough race after a recent illness but nonetheless should be proud to have run the best race she could under the circumstances, having helped her team to a regional victory in the previous round. The girls team finished 23rd overall, several places higher than their performance in the previous year.

Our three Year 12 students, led the Senior Girls team home in a team position of 23rd with Erin Cox finishing foremost in 48th position. Hannah Taylor and Charlotte Cullen ran very well paced races to show a quality which has been present through their school careers. Madison Prince and Lily Rundle in Year 11 rounded off the team in their second National Final. After their performance last year, we were expecting much of the same from the pair-the girls maintained their pace and by picking off other athletes during the race. It will be an interesting cross country season next year to see the senior team joined by the four strong runners currently in Year 10 creating selection problems for us as staff but adding strength in depth to the senior team.

Thank you to the parents and friends who gave their time to travel to Leeds and support the squads and a thank you to all coaches who have over the years contributed to the strength of our athletes and the positivity with which cross country and athletics is regarded in the school. The next race will be the Lincolnshire Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 14th January at Burghley Park, Stamford, where almost 60 students from the school have been selected to represent South Lincolnshire. This should offer the top 14 in each age group automatic qualification to run for Lincolnshire at the Anglian Championships in early February. For students who wish to train for upcoming races it is important that they commit to continued training throughout the year whether that be through sessions ran through external athletics clubs or the running sessions led by Mr Sheppard on Mondays and Wednesdays which are for all students to improve fitness. Certainly, this year we have a growing number who are committing to this and feeling the improvement.



For further details on the events of the past weekend there is an article in Athletics Weekly as well as full footage of the races on the free sports site of Vincosport. Links are available below.

<https://athleticsweekly.com/event-reports/class-of-2022-show-talent-at-english-schools-cross-country-cup-1039963247/>

<https://www.vincosport.com/event/english-schools-athletics-association-cross-country-cup-2022/>
(This requires a free sign up)

HOCKEY CHRISTMAS FISH AND CHIP TOURNAMENT – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

28 Students took part in the Annual Christmas 'Fish and Chip' tournament this Wednesday. The tradition is that everyone dresses up in Christmas clothing and we play a little tournament against each other and then visit the Boundary restaurant, Deeping for some refreshments. This is a lovely tradition which has been arranged for the last 20 years.

The game play was full of energy and enthusiasm and it was lovely how the Year 7 players mixed in with the Year 8, 9 and 10's with all players encouraging one another and offering supportive comments and excellent banter!

I always look forward to when the students enter the restaurant and gasp at the Christmas tree at the door and candles and crackers on the tables - the festive spirit really does arise within them then. A fantastically fun time was had by all and I wish to thank all the students for their enthusiasm and dedication to practices each week.



BADMINTON U14 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

This event was conducted on Monday evening with a fabulous entry of 10 girls and 12 boys all bubbling with conversation and overflowing with determination to win this year's title.

The girls were placed in a round robin event where everyone had to play each other so, tension was high in each match as every point mattered. So much has been learnt this term from the girls involvement in district matches, that the games ran smoothly with spare students officiating their own games.

The deciding match was between Faye Scott/ Alice Barratt and Evie Myers and Hannah Simpsons, the School's No1 and 2 pairings. After a very close game Evie and Hannah came out victors and won the overall event. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and made it a lovely event.



The boys' event was a very close affair between many of the pairs but was run differently as the boys had to play two other couples in their group and then a playoff in the semifinals followed by a finals match.

The semifinalists were - Saihan Damani and Bhargav Elakoochy vs Taha Dad Azam and Milhaan Maqsood

Ben Dexter and Tanish Patel vs Matthew He and Oscar Bell.

Finalists are Saihan and Bhargav and Ben and Tanish. The final ran out of time with both pairings stuck at one game all and each match was extremely close with the game being decided by sudden death points. It is now to be played at breaktime on

Monday and the result is too close to call!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Daniel Mulgrew, Year 7 has passed his purple belt in karate.

Noah Skinner attended the Bassettlaw Swimming Meet 2022. Noah had a fantastic meet in the four races he completed in, he came away with three medals (bronze 200m IM & 100m Breast Stroke and silver in the 50m Breast Stroke.)

He set PB's in all four races, and also achieved the county qualifying time in the 100m Breast Stroke. So, he will now be representing Deepings Swimming Team in the Lincs County Championships in February.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Anya Copestake	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Aman Dinesh	7	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Geerthana Elango	7	Mrs Allen	English
Thomas Hurley	7	Ms Bowtell	PE
Nandini Mamillapalle	7	Mrs Williamson	Registration
Daniel Mulgrew	7	Mr Tomlinson	Music
Mayowa Olufeyisan	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Ewelina Ernest	8	Mrs Welling	Art
Niketh Nambala	8	Mr Murray	Geography
Akshith Pandian	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Ffion Perkins	8	Mr Green	History
Zahra Ravji	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Priyanka Sutrave	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Maddie Taylor	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Evalina Cotton	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Isla Crowther	9	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Ata Egeli	9	Mrs Allen	English
Miles Garrido	9	Miss Dye	English
Macey Hemmings	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amani Lawal	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Grace Miller	9	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Grace Miller	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Milo Moocarme	9	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Mohammad Rayhan	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Callum Selby	9	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Jonathan Blair	10	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Max Carruthers	10	Ms Bowtell	PEGCSE
Oliver Cole	10	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Logan Coltman-Bell	10	Dr Barmby	History
Thomas Drew	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Tula Harvey	10	Mr Bowers	PEGCSE
Matilda Isitt	10	Mrs Allen	English
Isabella Marriott	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Zack McKean Smith	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Matilda Peacock	10	Ms Jones	English
Isaac Reid	10	Mrs Allen	English
Reuben Taaffe	10	Mr Howard	EPR
Leo Christoudias	11	Ms Kemp	English
Madison Mylchreest	11	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Oliver Rzeminski	11	Miss Dorosenko	Biology
Emily Thomas	11	Mr Lennox	Physics
Hope Tivey	11	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Elspeth Dunk	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Courteney Bell	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Oliver Bell	12	Mr Hartley	Economics

James Holbrook	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Kirsty Moyle	12	Mrs Welling	Art
Uma Odedra	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Literature
Hafsa Saghir	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Charlie Starr	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Aman Tam	12	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Raphael Threlfall	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Sebastien Croxall	13	Mr Green	History
Ellie Langman	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Zak Sewell	13	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Ella Wainwright	13	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Akshath Nambala	13	Mr Harris	Chemistry

