

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 16 December 2022

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

And so...the long autumn term is at an end. It has been a hugely successful 14 weeks of School, punctuated by a wide array of trips, events and student led initiatives. Tuesday evening's *Winter Showcase* was a superb example of this: a collaboration between Music and Art, fabulous ensemble performances by a wide range of students throwing themselves into different musical genres and supported by some lovely artwork on display in the foyer and within the programme. Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones know exactly how to put on a relaxed, high quality evening and it was an hour that did much to uplift me personally at a time of the term when it is easy to let tiredness grip the mind. Wonderful, like so many of the positive achievements of our students this term. And speaking of achievements, many congratulations to Lucie Lund in Year 10 who won this year's Winter Card competition. Her powerful blend of a Christmas Wreath combined with an anti-war image promoting peace was a standout entry and over 300 recipients of our cards this year will, I know, be impressed by her artistic skill and imagination in producing such an effective design. Well done Lucie!

I must also acknowledge the hard work of our student editors, under the guidance of Ms Kemp and Mrs Clark, who have provided us this week with another fantastic edition of *The Bourne Identity*. It is great to see this student-led project go from strength to strength and it is a credit to the team of writers and editors that ongoing momentum is so clear. Every top-quality institution has a mouthpiece for the community and *The Bourne Identity* is doing an excellent job of providing an outlet for student ideas and student initiatives. Working alongside the comprehensive Student Council structure that Ms Creedon has further developed, we can be proud of the range of student voice opportunities enhanced over the last 12 months.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday and a Merry Christmas to those who celebrate it. It is a time of year when families come together and reconnect prior to the re-energising elements of New Year celebrations. Enjoy this time and I look forward to a 2023 that is sure to provide purposeful challenge for us all with opportunities a-plenty for our students to make progress and shine. Slàinte mhòr!



The winning Christmas Card Design by Lucie Lund, Year 10

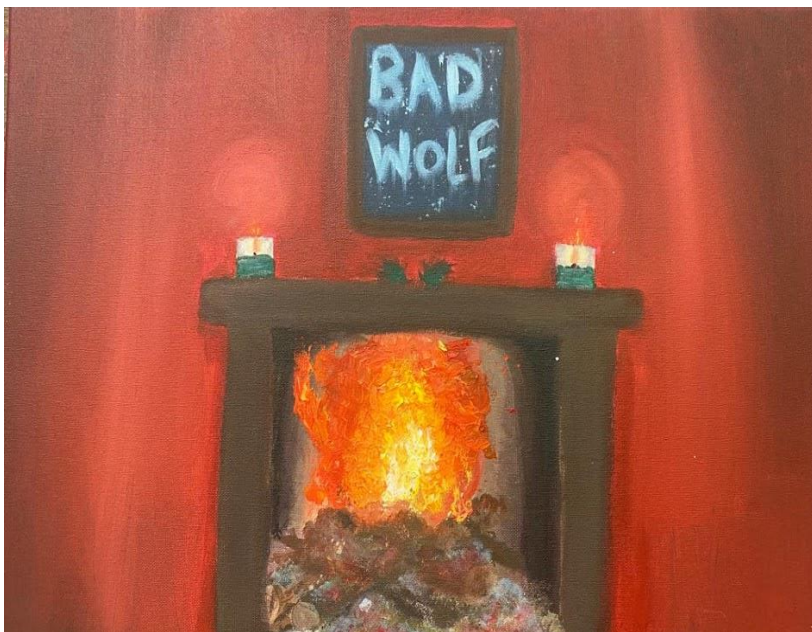
THE WINTER SHOWCASE





WINTER SHOWCASE ART - *Report by Mrs Welling, Art.*

Students have recently produced work for the Winter Showcase, using paint to create atmospheric pieces which convey a multitude of themes and interpretations. The work below was produced in a week; a special mention to Year 12 students who worked incredibly hard to complete detailed paintings in such a short time. Thank you to Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones for another successful collaboration with the Music Department.



"Who's Ready for Winter?"
Daisy Taylor, Year 12



Grace Miller
Year 9

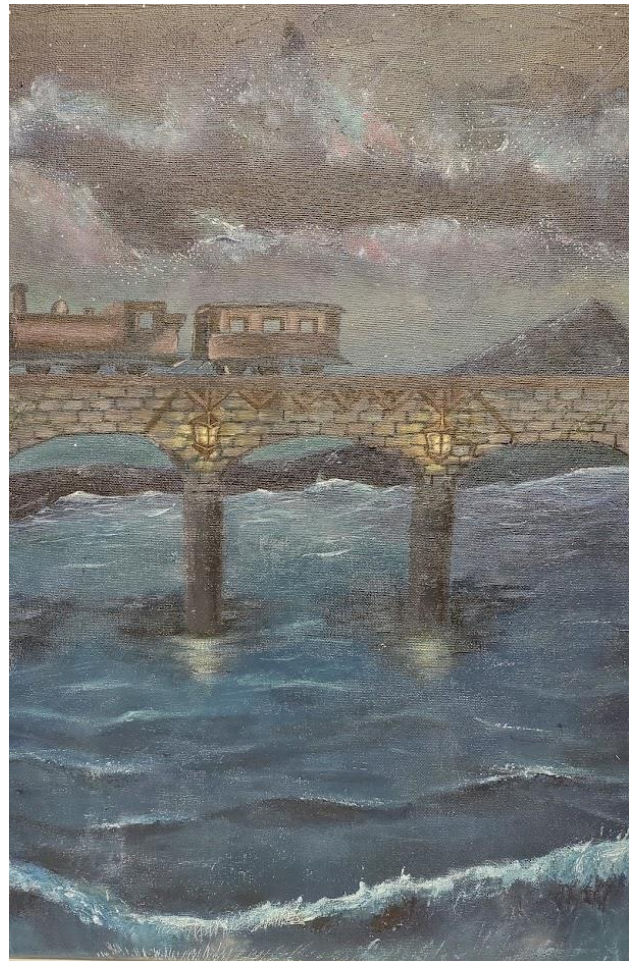
Sanjani Mamillapalle
Year 11



"The Blue"
Megan-Jayne Thompson-Collins, Year 12



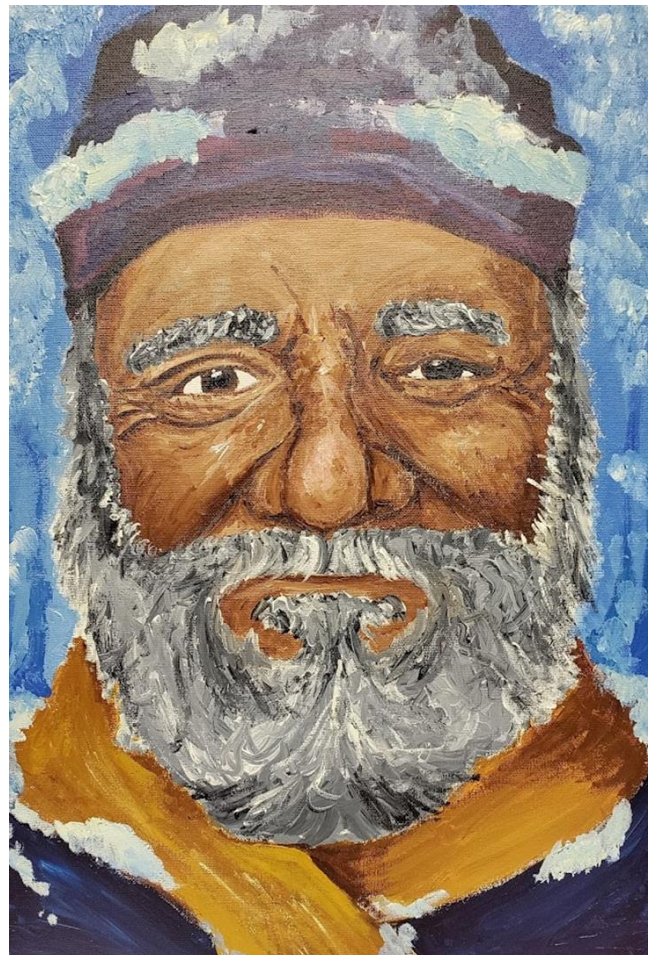
"Fairytale of New York"
Maya Hiblin, Year 12



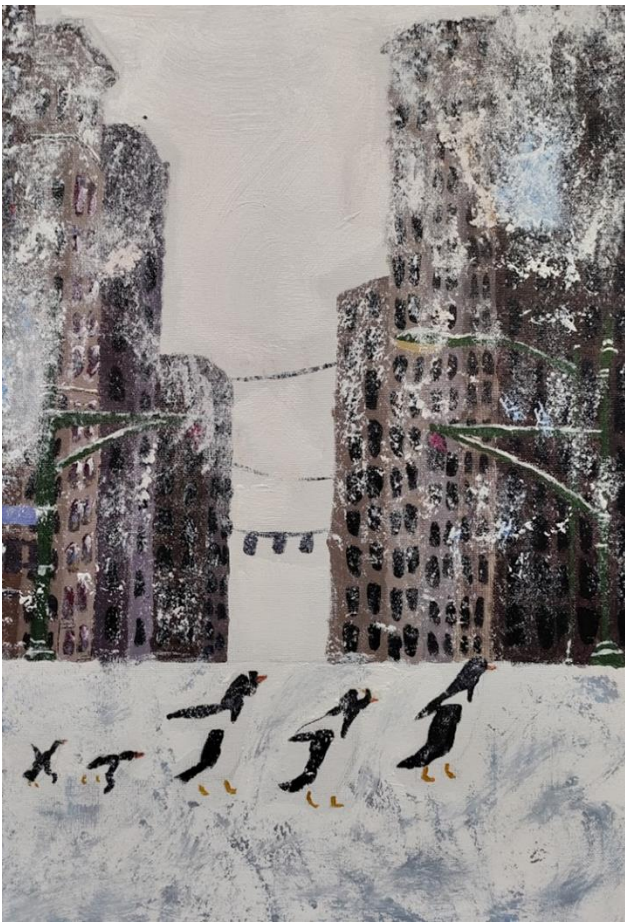
"Lights Out"
Anabele Achandy, Year 12



"Sally in the Snow"
Laila Hirst, Year 12



"Hassan Ahmed"
Toby Fisk, Year 12



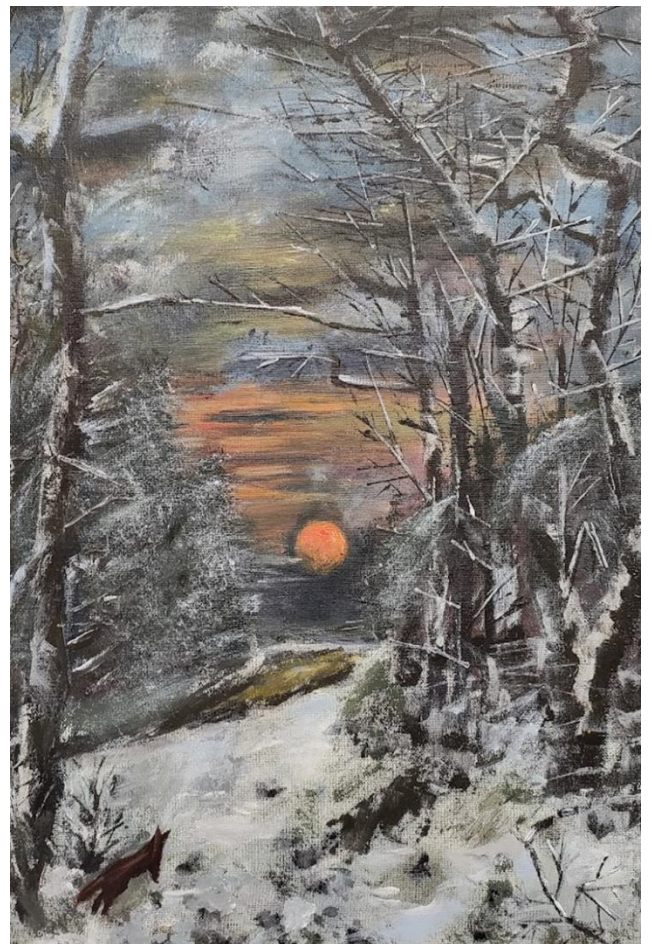
"Winter Waddles"
Harrison Rudkin, Year 12



"Snowy Street"
Annabel Hope, Year 12



"Harsh Winter"
Sophie Brown, Year 12



"Winter Imposing"
Sophia Mitchell, Year 12



"Winter's Warmth"
Megan Smith, Year 12



"Eventide Sunrise"
Kirsty Moyle, Year 12

THE POWER OF THE PEN: Amnesty Youth Group: Write for Rights Campaign 2022 – Report by Ms Kemp



Last Friday lunchtime, pens were powerful.

Putting pen to paper is something students do day in, day out, on a typical school day but, last Friday, it carried extra significance. Students across all year groups in the school took part in Amnesty International's Write for Rights Campaign. Students took time out of their lunch break to write over 60

letters of support and of protest to show solidarity with people around the world who have suffered injustice, for example by being imprisoned for staging peaceful protests.

My special thanks go to the Sixth Form and Year 11 students who played an integral part in raising awareness of the campaign and helping other students with their letter-writing.

The School's Amnesty Youth Group meets every Thursday of Week 2 in E1 to raise awareness of human rights abuses around the world, and to campaign against these abuses. New members who are interested in fairness, would like to make a difference and/or would like to develop their leadership and teamwork skills are always welcome.



PE LESSONS IN JANUARY

Due to Mock examinations for Year 13 and internal examinations for Years 9 and 10 taking place from 3-24 January, there will be very limited access to the Sports Hall and/or Main Hall or other indoor venues for PE lessons during this time.

Students have been informed of this via student notices and in lessons, we would therefore, urge you to ensure your child is suitably clothed for this period of time. As always, we will do our very best to ensure that lessons will remain as practical activities and the use of the courts, field and Astroturf will be our primary venue during this period of the year. Thank you for your understanding during this period of examinations.

YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDENTS – WARNER BROS MARKETING TRIP – *Report by Mr Jones, Business Studies*

On Monday 12 December, Year 12 A Level Business Studies students spent the day at Warner Bros Studio Tour supporting their recent studies around Marketing.

Students were fortunate enough to experience a workshop from the Warner Bros Education Team where they learnt all about the marketing process for not only the Harry Potter films, but also current projects taking place at the studios. Year 12 were sworn to secrecy as to what these were!

The students then got the chance to come up with a marketing strategy for their own films before embarking on a tour around the Harry Potter Studios. The Studios were the perfect place to finish the academic year as Hogwarts was set for Christmas and the snow that had set in Leavesden only added to the magic.



It was a great day out for the Business Studies students who gained a real insight into what major marketing entails, but it also served as a just reward for their hard work and efforts throughout Term 1 of their Sixth Form life.



SPANISH WORKSHOP – Report by Meg Moore, Year 13

Last week, we took part in a workshop on ‘*La casa de Bernarda Alba*’ – they play we are studying as part of our A-Level course in which we had the opportunity to learn from a Spanish actress who come from London to teach us.



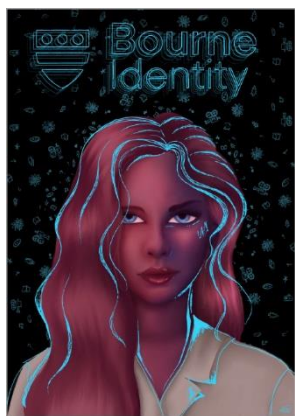
During the workshop we got to try out many new techniques and fun games; we played a Spanish form of the game ‘splat’ in order to warm ourselves up and then acted out emotions alongside quotes from the play. After countless attempts to guess who the actress played in the play we were all surprised to learn that she was Bernarda - she then explained the importance of changing herself to fit the role and she herself is very different from the tyrannical persona of Bernarda.

Throughout the workshop we were able to watch small snippets from the play and then discussed the symbols and themes within them, which I don't doubt will be highly beneficial when it comes to our A-level exams in May. The workshop has given us a great

advantage with our exams and offered us the chance to learn about the play from a different perspective and also much more detailed view.

The time seemed to fly by as we ourselves got the chance to act out characters and emotions, it is a shame that we couldn't have spent longer in the workshop as we felt that by playing the characters yourself you developed a much more profound understanding of their personality and actions. I'm sure that next year's Spanish class will enjoy it just as much as we did!





BOURNE IDENTITY SCHOOL MAGAZINE – Mrs Clark

The latest version of our School magazine has been made available to our students this week during form time and on Satchel:One. [Click here](#) to download.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Report by Jayne Butler, PTA

A wonderful festive evening was enjoyed by several parents who attended our first PTA fundraising event organised last week. Francesca, local florist and owner of Ford Baker Blooms of Bourne transformed The Chill into a Festive Workshop with piles of locally sourced foliage and accessories to provide those finishing touches.

We spent 2 hours being skillfully and patiently guided by the lovely Francesca, who walked us through her step by step workshop, enabling us all to create our beautiful wreaths. It wasn't long before the wreaths started to take shape and we were excitedly showing each other our wonderful creations. As you can see from the photos of just a few of the parents who came along, each wreath was unique.

It is safe to say that every single one of us thoroughly enjoyed the evening creating our Christmas wreaths and they now sit very proudly displayed on our front doors.

We will definitely be looking forward to further workshops with Francesca in the future. Watch this space...

With special thanks to all the lovely parents who came along and supported our first fundraising event ... to Mr Spanswick who very patiently waited while we enjoyed our festive evening and to Clare for all the time and effort creating flyers and advertising, and of course to Francesca who so very patiently helped us transform a metal wreath ring into the beautiful creations we have now proudly displayed on our front doors.

On behalf of the BGS PTA, I would like to thank you for supporting us in 2022 and to wish all students, parents and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BADMINTON U14 BOYS DOUBLES FINALS – Report by Miss Bowtell

Following on from last week's semi final of the Boys U14 badminton doubles, the final game of the Final match was played on Monday 12 December. It was one game to each pairing and the previous meeting had been very tense and close between the four boys.

This deciding match was one quick game to 11 and a fast start was required in order to place pressure on the opponents. Bhargav Elakoochy and Saihaan Damani started very aggressively attacking all of Tanish Patel and Ben Dexter's serves leading to a small lead being created but Ben and Tanish fought back to close the gap with some outstanding and powerful mid court smashes.

Saihaan and Bhargav maintained their nerve right to the end and won the match by a more comfortable margin of 11-7. However, in the upcoming singles event, I feel that the runners up will be seeking their revenge next term.



U16 BADMINTON DOUBLES TOURNAMENT – Report by Miss Bowtell



On Monday 12 December, ten boys competed in a fierce battle for the title of U16 Boys Doubles Champions. The format was that all pairings played each other and we had a combination of Year 10 and 11 students playing and the matches ebbed and flowed with who was dominating.

Aarnav Bajaj and Will Cole went in as outside favourites with their elite racket specialist knowledge and excellent deft touches at the net and killer smashes and they began the evening with several victories. However, badminton specialists Harry Merriman and Shaan Damani were equal to the pair and began to warm up with their combination shots and outstanding doubles communication and cruised past Andrew Pepper and

Vishal Gandamaneni despite their rallies being full of lengthy shots and powerful smashes. Jonathan Blair and Georbin Biloy caused a more challenging task for both Will and Aarnav and Harry and Shaan but the extra years' experience carried the Year 11 pairing through to their final match.

There was one remaining pair, Ben Page and Daniel Mortlock who battled hard but lost their first few matches but retained hope for their final match until they realised they were playing the rackets professional duo of Aarnav and Will.

The outcome of this match is outlined later. Harry and Shaan also maintained their consistent rallying and dead eye drop shots in the next few matches which led up to the final decider, against the tournament favourites, Will and Aarnav.

Both sets of boys needed to win the match to win overall so it was a tense affair as they started, each pair battling away with deft drop shots and cross net delicate touches paired with high velocity smashes and strong defensive blocks. As the game progressed, the superior communication of Harry and Shaan spurred the boys on to victory.

This is the second trophy for the Damani family cabinet and the boys are following a great tradition set out for them by their elder brother who used to coach at the junior club here at School a few years ago.

PERSEVERANCE ACROSS THE YEARS – *Report by Miss Bowtell*

I couldn't be prouder of both young men in this photo but especially Daniel Mortlock. He has experienced the full Bourne Grammar journey through sport. He started by enjoying a sport he covered in his lessons and asked if he could attend a club. He wasn't a very strong rallier at the time but he came along as he said he wanted to improve his game. He struggled against the more experienced and often older players and had to change partners frequently as he hadn't come with a set friend but enjoyed every session and slowly and surely, he learnt the rules and developed his co-ordination to a higher level and eventually entered a competition.



In his first event he lost every game but again left with his fantastic smile on his face and a huge thank you to me.

Now in Year 11 he has been attending the weekly sessions at lunchtime and entered the doubles event this week with Ben Page. The boys took a few matches to get warmed up and to get their communication correct but they persevered through disappointment and frustration and they faced in their final match, the mighty Aarnav Bajaj and William Cole, pre-match tournament with severe reservations about how they would get on.

However, with nothing to lose they set about a positive attack on their opponents and to their surprise they started to win quite a few points. From this, their point their confidence rose and they soaked up the pressure from the smashes especially Daniel who pulled out some exceptional defensive blocks and then finished rallies with some deadly drop shots.

Ben and Daniel worked fabulously together as a true pairing should and managed to defeat their opponents to the amazement of the other pairs, changing the outcome of the evening.

I am so proud of all the students who attend the Badminton club but especially Daniel as he is a true example of how perseverance and a little belief can lead to some outstanding results, beyond any of your dreams. All abilities are welcome and positive attitudes are the standard here!

CHESS CLUB – *Report by Mayra Narang, Jessica Burton, Harriet Cork and Masha Morozova, Year 10*



On Monday 28 November, the BGS Chess Club went on a trip to Nottingham High School (NHS), to qualify for the Regional Chess Championship for U19s 2022/23. What made this time special were two things; we had a record-breaking number of girls from our School on the team (as well as more than all the other schools combined) and our A and B teams have made it to the second round, whereas last year only A team made it in!

Throughout the history of famous chess players, there has been a shocking lack of girls in chess. Chess is a male dominated sport (yes, it's considered a sport by the Olympic Committee!), and in 2001, only 6% of internationally rated players were female however, as of 2020, that number has increased to 15%. The number of women in chess is slowly increasing, their representation in the sport is still minimal. Due to this, we felt very motivated to represent our School at the tournament, and we're proud that we did.

Another interesting part about the tournament was the people we met. Our 'opponents', while very respectable and capable, were really kind and friendly! We made friends with quite a few of them, comparing our experiences of playing chess with our respective clubs, and we hope we can see them again at Regionals!

The end result was that our A and B teams made it into the Regionals! Our C team (sadly) did not make it in, there are further qualifiers later this week to ensure the most powerful players proceed further!

SHOEBOX APPEAL - Report by the House Leaders

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

As was the case last year due to the generosity of the BGS Community the House Leaders decided to deliver a hamper of donated gifts to Jefferson House Children's Home and shoe boxes to Time Stop homeless charity (both in Peterborough).

The gifts were greatly appreciated by both charities, and will go to extremely good use. The School received a lovely letter from Time Stop thanking students and staff for their generosity.

Thank you once again to everyone that contributed to the shoebox appeal, it really is a highlight of the school year.



CAREERS AND UCAS UPDATE – Mrs Elliot, Careers and UCAS Coordinator

It has been a busy term for Year 13 students applying for university and apprenticeships. Many of them have now completed their UCAS applications and are in receipt of offers conditional on their A level results this summer.

To support those students where an interview is a likely part of the selection process, we have been running Monday after-school Interview Training Programme. Members of teaching staff have run seminar-

style sessions on a huge variety of topics from the economic history of slavery to the right to free speech. Thank you to the teachers who have run these sessions and Mr Gatland for supporting them.

Students applying to medicine and other clinical courses benefited from an afternoon helping them to prepare for interviews; my thanks go to Dr Lindsay Taylor for spending the afternoon guiding them through possible questions, tasks and hot topics. They were then able to practice these skills in a mock interview afternoon provided by the University of Nottingham.

Apprenticeships are becoming a popular alternative to university and students were able to benefit from an application workshop run by Amazing Apprenticeships and mock interviews provided by Lincolnshire Talent Academy. Year 13 students also benefited from a talk by InvestIn, on modern recruitment techniques, and the lengthy process that they may well go through in order to secure an apprenticeship, placement or graduate job. Good luck to all those students waiting on the results of their applications!

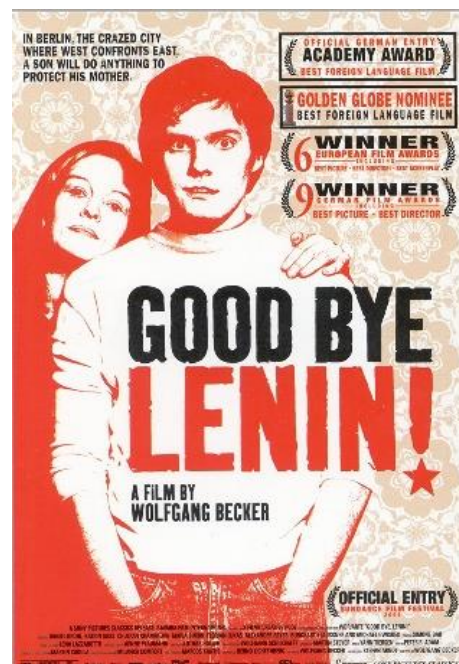
National Careers Week takes place 6-10 March 2023 and we are planning on running activities in School particularly for those in the younger years. If you would be happy to come into school to talk about your career or take part in a mini careers fair please get in touch at careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

A LEVEL GERMAN TRIP TO THE BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE – by Rupert Clark, Anisha Luther, Ben Lamb, Year 12

On Tuesday 6 December, the A-level German students had the opportunity to visit the British Film Institute in Southbank, to participate in a study day about films that depicted life in former East Germany.





The day started early with 7am departure from the School followed by a short tube trip into central London. Although the rush-hour traffic into London was significant, we sprinted across the city, just arriving on time.

The day commenced with a lecture-style discussion on various German films, and the way these films reflected German history – specifically, the divide between East and West Germany. In addition, these films have an importance to German cultural history. Moreover, there was an emphasis on how to analyse films in German, focusing on the relevance of soundtracks, camera work, symbolism and other features of film analysis. In the afternoon, we watched the film "Goodbye Lenin!", which is the film we are studying on our course. The film tells the story of Alex, who recreates the GDR in his mother's flat after she falls ill and doesn't realise the Berlin Wall has fallen. It was an opportunity to see our newly gained knowledge and understanding of film analysis into action.



Furthermore, in the late afternoon we were able to experience a traditional 'Weihnachtsmarkt' on the river. Overall, it was thoroughly enjoyable and educational endeavour that gave us an introduction to a key component of our course.

House Totals

			
19033	17079	19480	18892

These totals show all Achievement Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house up to 15/12/2022.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Nevaeh Agyemang	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Zinedine Ali	7	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Aran Camfield	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Jessica Daniels	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Mayowa Olufeyisan	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Caleb Omitiran	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Riya Ramprasad	7	Mr Delpont	Design Engineering
Neve Brackenbury	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Coby Dawkins	8	Mrs Welling	Art
Freya Dunnett	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Ffion Perkins	8	Mr Green	History
Zahra Ravji	8	Mr Farrow	Computer Science
Zade Tizi	8	Mrs Welling	Art
Willow Young	8	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Alice Barratt	9	Ms Jones	English
Charlie Bloodworth	9	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Evalina Cotton	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Amjad Kebbeh	9	Mr Vaughan	Biology
Emma Kettle	9	Mrs Allen	English
Amani Lawal	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Maggi Mathew	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Maitham Mavani	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Donald McGeorge	9	Miss Pritchard	Registration
Hamsini Raja	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Mohammad Rayhan	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Junior Storey	9	Mr Gatland	English
Isobel Walker	9	Mrs Allen	English
Peter Wrigley	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Max Carruthers	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Emma Dennis	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Emilie Robertson	10	Miss Wright	Art
Milly Rogers	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Ruby Green	11	Ms Kemp	English
Qais Raja	11	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Angel Rose Sebi	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Harrison Smith	11	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Noah Tizi	11	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Kunjai Bhandari	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Erin Cox	12	Ms Jones	English Language
Oscar Duckmanton	12	Dr Hanson	Biology
Theodore Hoorntje-Fisher	12	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Zoe Husbands	12	Mr Hartley	Economics
Heleena Hussain	12	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Raphael Threlfall	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology

Ben Walker	12	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Charlie Wise	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Rosa Glover	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Ellie Langman	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Rabnawaz Mahmood	13	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Ethan Rayner	13	Dr Barmby	History
Zakir Yasin	13	Mr Sutherland	Physics

