

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 03 February 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

On Wednesday, the School was impacted by NEU strike action and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and staff for showing patience at a difficult time. Our Year 7 and 11 students in School, faced often by an unfamiliar pattern of supervising staff and lesson content, got on with the work without complaint and I hope those who were at home were able to access the learning links supplied by Mr Hewitt to ensure learning was not entirely interrupted.

Sixth Form lessons continued mostly as normal but again students adapted to forced circumstances when required with great understanding. There are more strike days on the horizon in March and we will plan carefully for these once again and minimise the impact on students as best we can. On the strike day itself, I was pleased to see that our Cross Country Teams were still able to attend the King Henry VIII Relays event in Coventry and my thanks to Mr Sheppard and Mr Ray for accompanying the runners. A more detailed report follows later in this Bulletin and it was great to see our national reputation for excellence at Cross Country maintained.

It has also been the week of “University Challenge” with students in Years 7 – 10 competing in their House teams under the careful guidance of Mr Brooker, our very own Jeremy Paxton wannabe. Two fabulous lunchtime events were put on with much fun had by all. And it is great to hear the noise of the band rehearsing this afternoon, preparing for “We Will Rock You” later in March. This promises to be a fantastic production: make sure you get a ticket and don’t miss out!

## **DofE BRONZE UPDATE – Report by Mrs Brett, DofE Manager**



Our Bronze DofE students have been working very hard during their Friday lunchtime sessions to prepare for their forthcoming DofE Training Expedition.

The Year 10 students have been attending these sessions to gain the theoretical skills necessary, to prepare them for camping and the 15km daily hikes. Plotting routes on the map, learning how to take compass bearings and using concise notes to complete an expedition route card are all aimed at ensuring our students navigate safely and successfully.

The Training Weekend will take place in April where the students will have the opportunity to put these skills to practice before their assessed Qualifying Expedition in May.

Additionally, these Year 10 students are collectively contributing between 1000 and 2500 hours of volunteering in the community this academic year, learning a new skill and embarking on a commitment to improve their physical fitness. It is a pleasure to work with them and support their DofE Bronze award. Well done so far Year 10 Bronze, keep up the good work!

## YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head

Please find below, this week's Year 11 revision sessions. Year 11 students can choose the session of most use to themselves and simply turn up at the time and venue stated. No booking is required.

Not all subjects are listed; some, such as History and Mathematics, are offering bespoke lunchtime revision sessions and details have been communicated to students directly. All revision sessions will finish at 16:30.

	Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb	Thursday 9 Feb
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Design Engineering</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Room</b>	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	A UK Coastal Landscape: North Norfolk	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Literature: Macbeth: successful analysis in the extract task	Coursework catch-up and Set Work Musical Elements
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 3)</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Room</b>	Drama Studio	MFL8	CS2	A2
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Component 3 Scripted Practical	Speaking Exam Skills – General Conversation	Python – Function & Procedures	External Exam “Lock”
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>EPR</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Room</b>	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Speaking Exam Skills – General Conversation	Practising certain reading tasks	Theme F: Religion human rights and social justice – religious views and human rights.	Paper 2
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Spanish (Set 4 &amp; 5)</b>		<b>Statistics</b>	
<b>Room</b>	MFL9		M8	
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Speaking Exam Skills – General Conversation		Index Numbers	

## VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE – Report by Grace Burrows, Year 11

Last Friday, a group of year 11 pupils visited Christ's College at Cambridge University - which has educated many famous faces, the most prominent of which being Charles Darwin who attended first in 1828.

We started our day with a presentation, providing an overview of the university and the college itself, outlining many aspects of student life including the frequent collegiate events and the numerous societies, and also what to expect when studying and living at university in general. After which we were fuelled for a busy afternoon with fish and chips in the college cafeteria!

We were toured around the college by current students, viewing it from their perspective and



learning about the history of the grand buildings and their current uses, which provided us with an awareness of what life is like for a student at Cambridge.

Afterwards, we had a Q&A with more current students who study a range of subjects, providing us with personal advice and tips on all areas of student life from the interview process to assignments. We finished the day by gaining advice about how to make smart A-level and post-16 choices based on what degree we have in mind, and also how to meet Cambridge's entrance requirements for a range of subjects.

Overall, we had an amazing and informative trip which reinforced the importance of visiting universities to gain an insight into higher education, whilst providing us with knowledge of Christ's College and the University of Cambridge as a whole, to prepare us for our imminent post-16 education.

### **HOUSE XMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL – by House Leaders**

We continue to receive cards and letter of thanks from recipients of the shoebox appeal that the School community donated so generously towards. One letter was beautifully written and certainly brought a smile to our faces. This reaction is one of the many reasons why we are so passionate about this event. It reads...

*Dear Alice,*

*What a marvellous surprise Thank you for the lovely gifts, all wrapped in tartan. I am from Scotland so the tartan was very appropriate. I have enjoyed all the items, many thanks.*

*I hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are ready for some serious studies. You are lucky to be at such a good school and should do well, if you work hard.*

*I send you my best wishes and happiness and good fortune in 2023.*

*Sincerely,*

*Margaret.*

### **BADMINTON AND HOCKEY UPDATE – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE**

#### **Badminton**

We have resumed Badminton training again now and the senior squad had their first match against a very talented Priory school last week. The team was made up of Year 10 and 11 players and all were excited to test their skills once more against this Badminton specialist school.



Sadly, players had been unable to train after the Christmas break and the lack of practise was evident as all players struggled to find their form for several matches. However, in the girl's team both Bella Atkin and Flo Dexter put on an excellent show and competed in several close and exciting matches with Flo beating her opponent and closing her game down 21-12, which proved to be the highlight of the day.

On the boy's side Thomas Drew was closest to a win having accelerated to a convincing lead but due to recovery from injury, struggled to see the game through to the end. The power and control on display by Thomas and his opponent was extremely exciting to watch as they battled through the last points in an

exciting climax to their match. The team faces The Peterborough School after half term and we are hopeful of a closer and more successful evening.

The Junior team are in action next Tuesday with our U13 team playing their first ever match and we wish them all the best of luck.

## **Hockey**

The U12 team have been in action this term against Bourne Academy in their first ever Indoor match. Indoor Hockey is far faster than outdoor hockey and the rules are slightly different but the girls coped brilliantly to the adjustments. The team comprised of: Georgia Summerfield, Nicole Mancheva, Eloise Boyce and Carmen Van der Westhuizen and Edith Kaberry. The defence was rock solid against a mixed Bourne Academy team, containing a county boys player, we linked our passes superbly well when moving the ball up the pitch. Nicole mesmerised and confused the Bourne Academy players with her twisting and turning when dribbling and put immense pressure on them when shooting. The girls five goals were a fantastic result and I look forward to seeing many more in their upcoming tournament. Final score 5-3.

The U15 team also competed against Bourne Academy on Tuesday 31 January with a reduced squad due to Netball commitments, but they still pulled through fantastically with a very dominant performance by all. The magnificent team of Daisy Hakim, Holly Potts, Flo Dexter, Annabel Armitage, Georgie Mitchell and Eliana Russo totally controlled the match with Holly showing supreme calmness and control when defending in the defence zone. The midfield of Flo, Georgie and Daisy kept possession of the ball repeatedly showing an ability to link passes all over the pitch at will, superbly finished off by Annabel. However, the top scorer of the evening was Flo Dexter.

Next week we look forward to the Superzone U13 Indoor tournament, where the Year 8 team hope to retain their title and the U14 girls compete against The Kings School - Peterborough.

## **GIRLS FOOTBALL UPDATE - Report by Mr Graves, PE**

I am pleased to report on a few recent football games and tournaments the girls have played during this term.

### **U13s**

Firstly, a couple of weeks ago our Under 13 County tournament winners had a great day at Sheffield Hallam University Sports Centre representing Lincoln City FC in the Area Final of the Utilita Cup. Our group consisted of schools representing Derby County, Burton Albion and the winners of last year's National Final at Wembley, Hull City. The other group contained schools representing Rotherham Utd, Mansfield Town, Doncaster Rovers and Grimsby Town.

We started well, but a mix up at the back meant we conceded the only goal in a tight opening game against Derby County. Next to play were the clear favorites Hull City (who contained four players of last year's winning team) and we again lost by just a single goal. Two good performances had returned zero points! This was the tough reality of tournament football and put us up against it if we were going to qualify for the semi final as one of the top two teams.

Our best performance came next, against Burton Albion with a brilliant 2-0 win. In all honesty it should have been a lot more, but the win was the most important thing and gave us a slight chance of qualification as we began our second round of fixtures.



Unfortunately draws against Burton and Derby and a loss against eventual winners Hull City meant that we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group and didn't qualify for the semi-final.

It was a great experience, and the girls were a credit to the School with their attitude and behavior throughout the day.

### U16s

This week the U16's went to the Lincolnshire School Games Regional futsal tournament at Lincoln University.

After winning the tournament last year we went with high hopes of more success. We started slowly and lost in our first game. Things could only get better... and they did.

We won the next two games and finished joint top of the group. Unfortunately, we came 2nd on goal difference and played in the 'Plate' Final. In what can only be described as a travesty, we somehow lost the game 1-0! We absolutely dominated the game. Shot after shot hit the post or cross bar or was kept out by the opposition goalkeeper, who had the game of her life. The other school scored with their only shot of the game. A disappointing finish to a good day of futsal.



### U14s

The week did finish on a high. A comprehensive 9-1 win for the U14's against Louth Academy means we progress into the quarter final of the County Cup. Well done girls. The Year 7 team will hope to join them in their game Vs Priory next Tuesday.



## CROSS COUNTRY – Report by Mr Sheppard

### King Henry VIII Relays

On Wednesday, the school took a 6-person boys' team and a 4-person girls' team to the yearly King Henry 8th relays. This is a unique competition which sees the very best schools in the country run a short (by cross country standards) 2.3-mile course before passing the baton on the next member of the team. This leads to some novel differences compared to most races: runners set off at different times so warm ups

have to be carefully orchestrated and due to the number of legs runners up first have a busy race requiring a competitive spirit, whilst in the later stages the race is more split up and these legs are more akin to a solo effort, requiring individual determination.

In the girls race Erin Cox led out the team showing composure and determination in the compact start and throughout her lap, allowing her to finish with the second fastest time of our team. Faith Perkins followed and took confidence from her recent training and maintained great technique to make her swift pace feel controlled. Hannah Taylor came next and fought well to maintain our position in the race and prevent any gaps from growing. Finally, Yvette Annis then had the unenviable task of leading the race home when the field was the most spread out but did so with grit. Yvette used confidence and pace judgement, built over consistent training, to finish in the swiftest time of our four competitors. The girls all ran similar times and each contributed to their position which improved leg by leg, as our strength in depth shone through in order to finish in 12th.

In a similar vein, the boys team really gained from the strength from position 1 to 6. Seb Beedell fired from the line first. With the leg one runners being the strongest on average, his fantastic time, second in the team, set us up to challenge. Dan Galpin went off next and after reaching a heart rate unimaginable to most, came home to leave us in 14th position after the first couple of legs. Harry Hewitt, our ace in the hole, ran next and surpassed our guesses to take our 14th position to 5th in the space of his 2.3-mile leg. After this, the field was too spread out to make many more gains and it became a question of maintaining our position. Alex Galpin was a safe pair of hands to pass the baton to and he didn't disappoint, neither



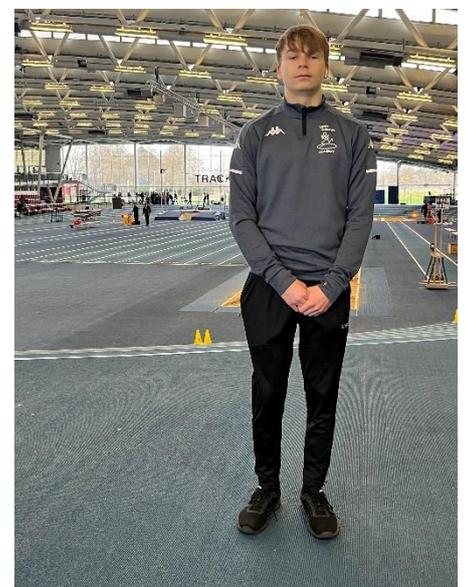
did Tom Preston who took plenty of time off his performance last year to widen the gap to those behind us. Finally, it fell to Johan Coughlan with position assured who rounded off the team. The boys placed 5th and Harry Hewitt picked up the individual prize for third fastest time on the day and 38th fastest time in the race's 52-year history.

It was a delight to witness the final race of the Galpin brothers and Harry Hewitt who, over their time at the school have raced consistently and brilliantly at all levels and in many national finals. These athletes have made their contribution to the golden age of cross country running at Bourne Grammar School.

## INDIVIDUAL ACHEIVEMENTS

Lawson Capes continues to make good progress with his early season competitions throwing 16.43m taking the London Games title despite suffering from flu. His next main competition will be the Sheffield Nationals on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Well done Lawson!

Hayden Pugh (Year 9) has passed Grade 6 Musical Theatre with distinction



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ewan Atkins	7	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Anoushka Bartram	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Yojit Bodduluri	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Darcie Trawford	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Lucy Ward	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Monty Bage	8	Mr Sheppard	Registration
Alfie Bird	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Eloise Lockton	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Heidi Paddock	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Ellen Richardson	8	Miss Raebel	German
Samhita Thiagarajan Arun Prasath	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Dylan Culhane	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Matthew He	9	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Calem Healy	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Alfie Martin	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Evelyn Myers	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Henry Northend	9	Mr Green	History
Henry Northend	9	Mrs Edwards	English
Callum Selby	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Daisy Carruthers	10	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Naomi Daniels	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Eesa Ehjaz	10	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Violet Griffiths-Barrasso	10	Miss Smith	PE
Grace Osborne	10	Miss Turton	Drama
Abigail Sellappah	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Norah Brill	11	Mr Ray	GCSE PE
Eimhin Hickey	11	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Hermione King	11	Mr Ray	GCSE PE
Grace Lavender	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Harrison Smith	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Sophia Leaton	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics
Joe Wallace	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Olivia Bowden	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Joe Garner	13	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Poppy Moore	13	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Roberto Waugh	13	Mr Roche	Mathematics

