

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 10 February 2023

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

The run in to the February holiday has seen lots of student-led activity. We had an exciting inter-House University Challenge competition to get the competitive juices flowing and student numbers at Chess Club were reportedly too high to fit into one classroom. The uniform working group met again on Wednesday and Science Club was full of passionate Year 7 students led by Sixth Form helpers on Tuesday. I have had two individual students come to ask me about potential charitable projects in the last 24 hours and we have a cast of 55 working towards "We Will Rock You". A further cast of 16 put on the powerfully performed Sixth Form production of Berkoff's adaptation of Kafka's *The Trial* this week and congratulations to them all for the quality of both evenings. These highlights are the tip of the pro-active student iceberg: so much that goes on here is driven by student intent and it is great to see.

The formal side of student participation has also taken centre stage recently. I chaired the Student Council a week ago, listening to 8 carefully constructed agenda items ranging from the new queuing system in The Chill to the potential for a school Culture Day. Our Head Students continue to be fabulous leaders and ambassadors for the School, listening to student opinion and channelling ideas in multiple smaller representative councils. This is another area of student pro-activity that is overwhelmingly positive and something we will continue to develop.

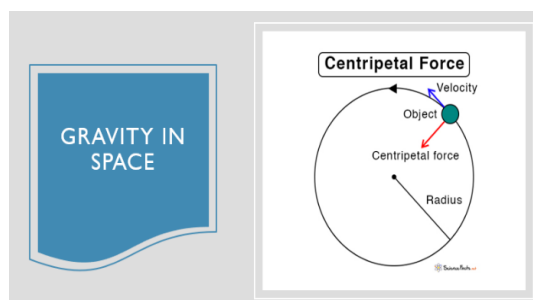
I hope everyone on the Ski Trip has a fabulous time over the holiday and I hope that all our staff and students are able to pause and recharge. It has been a very busy 6 weeks and as Winter hinges towards Spring there is much to do in the time ahead.

ACADEMICALLY MORE ABLE (AMA): YEAR 8, MINI-EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION, MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY – Report by Dr Barmby

During terms 2 and 3, Year 8 AMA students completed a Mini-Extended Project Qualification. At A Level, Sixth Form students are able to complete an official Extended Project Qualification to aid their university UCAS applications. Therefore, this opportunity gave the Year 8 students a sneak preview of what the future might hold.

Students attended workshops focussing on the key skills required to succeed in both academia and a range of careers. Students began by narrowing down their topic of interest to ensure their question had an evaluative focus, and then developed their ability to critically analyse information to aid the research stage. Students also explored the criteria for a successful presentation, both its formatting and its delivery. The quality of research conducted by the students was outstanding and the range of subjects diverse, demonstrating the wide and varied interests of students within the School. Out of twenty-four students, five finalists were shortlisted to present their projects to Mr Anderson, who judged the winner and runner-up.

All of the finalists' projects had been thoroughly researched and each one offered a considered judgement in response to their research question. Danesha Kumari claimed first place with an outstanding study of the science behind life in space, which she used to evaluate optimal spaceship design. Danesha also spoke without notes, which made her presentation stand out due to the clarity and confidence of her delivery. William Blades spoke with charisma and vigor and answered questions from the audience



with great insight. As a result, he received the runner-up prize. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Report from runner-up, William Blades 8F:

During the AMA project, I learnt how to structure a balanced argument for and against a specific question. I formulated a debate which allowed the audience to question in their own mind what the answer to the question might be. For my project, as a part of my research, I investigated several online sources and websites. As a result of this, I learnt and developed skills regarding how to carry out research effectively, and how to tell a source's reliability. Furthermore, in the final stages of the project we had to learn how to present our research questions to an audience, which helped to improve my confidence and public speaking skills.

Report from finalist, Zahra Ravji 8C:

We were asked to build a presentation to express our view on a specific topic of our own choice. During this project, I feel I have gained knowledge about presenting ideas to others. One of the skills I have developed is how to speak openly, and to articulate my words more effectively. In the future, I hope to improve by not relying on my notes as much, and by overcoming my nervousness. I feel this project has boosted my confidence and I have gained skills which I hope to develop in the future.

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

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.

	Monday 20 Feb	Tuesday 21 Feb	Wednesday 22 Feb	Thursday 23 Feb
Subject	Geography	Design Engineering	English	Music
Room	G3	DE1 & DE2	E1 & E8	MU1
Revision Topic	A UK river basin: The River Tees	Coursework/NEA catch-up	Literature: Macbeth: how to plan and write a successful general essay response	Coursework Catchup and Set Work Musical Elements
Subject	Drama	Spanish (Set 3)	Computer Science	Art
Room	Drama Studio	MFL8	CS2	A2
Revision Topic	Component 3 Scripted Practical	Speaking Exam Skills – Practice Full Mock	Theory – Algorithms & Computational Thinking	External Exam “Lock”
Subject	Spanish (Set 1 & 2)	French	EPR	Physical Education
Room	MFL1 & MFL2	MFL3	EPR1	PE1
Revision Topic	Speaking Exam Skills – Practice Full Mock	No session this week	Islam Practices: The Friday prayer (Jummah) should be valued more than the daily prayers	Paper 1
Subject	Spanish (Set 4 & 5)		Statistics	
Room	MFL9		M8	
Revision Topic	Speaking Exam Skills – Practice Full Mock		Conditional Probability	

YEAR 9 - GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

In advance of our Year 9 GCSE Options Evening on Tuesday 21 February (19:00-21:00) a digital copy of the Options Evening booklet was sent to students and parents/carers on Thursday 9 February.

If for any reason you have not received this, please find the link below to the booklet on the School website.

[Options Evening Booklet 2023](#)

SCHOOL BOOK GROUP – *Mrs Tomlinson, English*



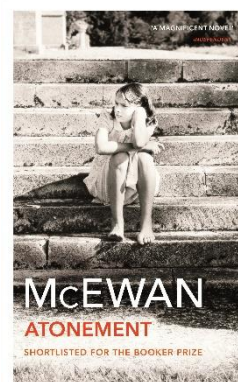
Last Friday saw the first official meeting of the Staff and Sixth form book group. The chosen novel 'Atonement' raised debates of social class, morality, and the lifelong question of whether one can really repent after committing a crime.

We had a fantastic turn out of staff and students. It truly was a pleasure to hear the lively discussions that ensued, all washed down with a large mug of tea and a slab of cake!

Review of *Atonement* - *Elijah Ford, 12H*

Does the passage of time make forgiveness easier? This, at its core, is the question that Ian McEwan's 2001 novel attempts to answer.

Whilst never directly giving us one, McEwan crafts each sentence with such precision that it occasionally feels more like poetry than prose, masterfully using imagery and setting to construct a world so vividly similar to ours, but with an ineffable wonder that can only be expressed through written words. *Atonement* uses the medium of literature to its maximum potential, and McEwan delivers a final product that would only ever be possible through sensuous language and intricate and sophisticated concepts. Despite this, the novel very rarely feels challenging to read, likely due to the deeply complex characters that McEwan uses as a vessel to deliver a tale of betrayal, fascination, and penitence.



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK - *Mrs Elliot Careers and UCAS coordinator*

As you may have seen in the media, this week is National Apprenticeship Week. Amazing Apprenticeships visited the school to talk to Year 11 and students have been learning about them in tutor time. They are increasingly popular, particularly as an alternative to university for our Year 13 leavers.

If as parents, you would like to find out more, Amazing Apprenticeships are running a series of free webinars taking place tomorrow Saturday 11 February. To attend please register below:

9:30	Parents' & Carers' Guide to understanding Apprenticeships	Click here to register
10:30	Parents' & Carers' Guide to understanding Apprenticeships	Click here to register
11:30	Parents' & Carers' Guide to understanding Apprenticeships	Click here to register

HOUSE EVENT - UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE FINAL - *Report by the House Leaders*

Last week saw the inaugural House University Challenge Finals events take place during three lunchtimes and what great events they were!

Every student in the School competed in the qualifying round during a recent form period and the top scorer from each form progressed to the finals, joining members of their House from another Year Group. Meitner played Tinbergen in the first semi-final, and Tinbergen and Behn fought out the second. The winners then met in the final.

Mr Brooker and Mr Mitchell did an amazing job acting as the presenters, and asked the questions compiled by the House Leaders in such a professional manner you would have been excused for thinking they were real television presenters!

The audience each day also made the event special. Students were respectful to the competitors by remaining quiet while the questions were being read and answered and were generous in their applause when questions were answered correctly, and not just to the House they were supporting.

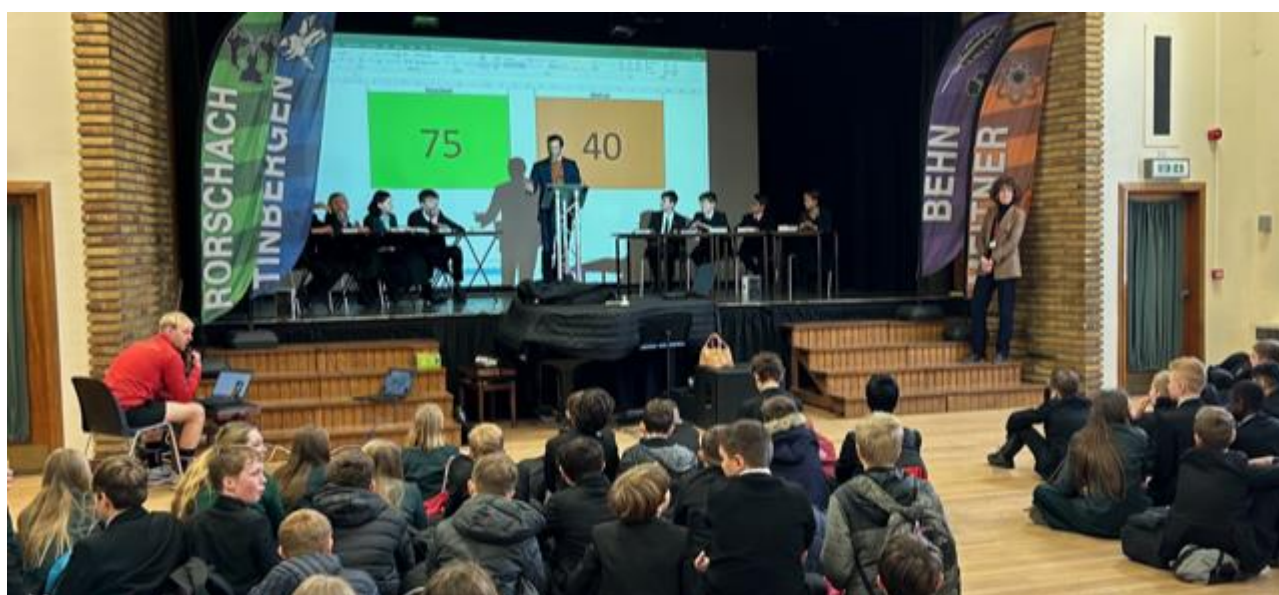
The tension in the television studio... sorry Main Hall... was palpable at times, with several the rounds going down to the final question!

In the end it was nice to see a split in the Winners. With Behn, Meitner and Tinbergen all winning a different event – gaining 100 points each for their respective House.

A massive well done to all that took part.

The House Leaders are off to prepare the questions for next year... we can't wait to see who will make it to the finals stage.

Winners	
Years 7/8	Behn
Years 9/10	Meitner
Years 11/12	Tinbergen



HOCKEY UPDATE – Miss Bowtell, PE

The U13 team were in action this week against old rivals Kings School, Peterborough, a fixture which was very close last year. The Year 8 team was joined by two Year 7 pupils Elodie Collins and Nicole Mancheva making their debut.

The game started at a quick pace with heavy tackles going in from both sides, but the year 7 players were equal to these and soon began to settle into the increased pace match. Elodie worked very well with Honor Moore in moving the ball around the middle and the right and linked up superbly with Nicole Mancheva at the front, frequently tying the opposition up in knots by her dribbling skills. Eli Hull worked tirelessly on the left, tracking up and down the pitch and creating space out wide for Kiki Timmins or Honor to pass into.

We dominated the match, although Kings had frequent fast breaks after an attack had broken down but Kiki calmly dealt with all situations along with Hannah Burke. The final score was 5-1 with goals being shared around the team.

Next the team faced the Kings B team and with a new goalkeeper we took a deep breath and summoned up our remaining energy to play another 15 minutes of Hockey. The team did tire but still maintained its high quality passing and were really starting to play in a very mature fashion, with one goal being created

by a passing move from the back and down the wing, then crossed into the D by Eli Hull to be finished off beautifully by Honor. A wonderful performance by all players.

BADMINTON UPDATE – Miss Bowtell, PE

The U13 and U14 Badminton teams competed against specialists Priory Ruskin Academy on Tuesday 7 February at Grantham.

The team was full of nerves with the Year 7/8 team competing for the first time against their own age group and against top opposition.

The nerves soon went, and the boys put on a fine display winning three of their eight matches and narrowly losing the remaining matches.

However, this was all about learning more about the game and for some they had never played doubles before and so learnt an incredible amount about the rules of the game and some new tactics to try out in their practise sessions. A superb sporting attitude was shown by all.



ANGLIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Report by Mr Ray, PE

With just 16 students from across Lincolnshire in each team, simply to attend the Championships is an achievement. Students having had two previous qualifying rounds, one in October and a second at the County Championships in January.

The course in Northampton was therefore fitting, with its fast start and long inclines that challenged all but the very best. Once again, a significant number of Bourne Grammar students from across the age groups attended the event and a chance to gain their County vest, some for the first time. Also up for grabs were the final 2 places in each age category to qualify for the National Final in March; competition was therefore tough.

Throughout the day, there were some excellent performances from our students, competing against the best from Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Northants and Suffolk. Leah Graham (Year 8) ran superbly in the Junior (Year 8 and 9) race to finish in 36th position and first home for the School and Thomas Preston (Year 11) was an impressive 22nd in the Intermediate (Year 10 and 11) Boys. Yvette Annis (Year 10), went even closer to the top 10 with an 11th place finish in the same age category, competing against those a year older. In the Senior age group, Erin Cox (Year 12) finished in a very creditable 23rd position, yet it was Harry Hewitt who again stole the show, running very impressively and with confidence throughout to win the Senior Boys 6.5k race, cruising to victory with a 150m lead.

Well done to all who competed and congratulations in particular to those who have qualified for the National Final (in bold below) at Wollaton Park, Nottingham on 18 March.

Anglian Championships Results (BGS students)

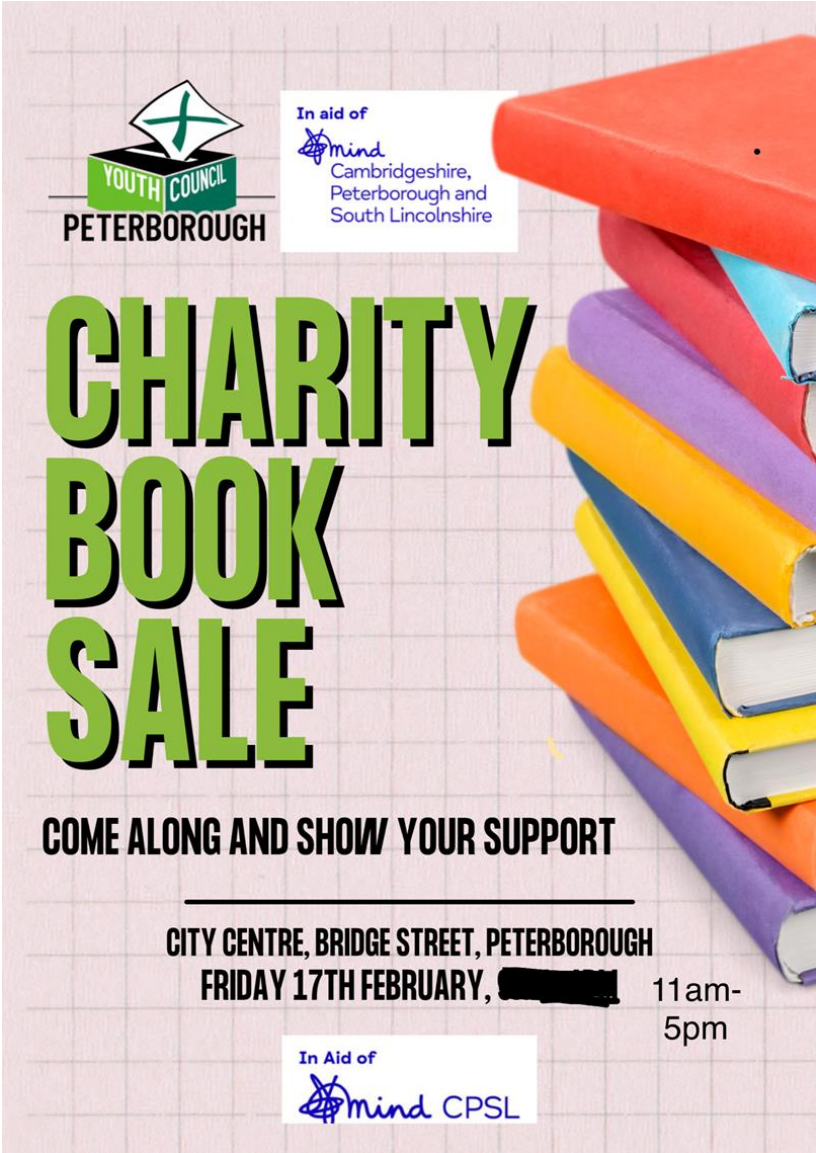
Minor Boys:	Cayden Mackay (56 th)
Minor Girls:	Edith Kaberry (49 th)
Junior Girls:	Leah Graham (36 th); Charlotte Smith (50 th); Cecilia Watson (retired injured)
Inter Boys:	Thomas Preston (22 nd); Theo Saralis (59 th)
Inter Girls:	Yvette Annis (11 th); Faith Perkins (33 rd)
Senior Boys:	Harry Hewitt (1 st); Ben Simpson (59 th)
Senior Girls:	Erin Cox (23 rd); Charlotte Cullen (48 th)

Also qualifying for the Nationals are: **Johan Coughlan** and **Seb Beedell**



FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CPSL MIND - *Aryan Nahata, 9E*

Aryan has helped to organise a fundraising event in aid of CPSL Mind, an organisation that seeks to “support local people in their recovery from a range of mental health challenges.” Please see the details via the poster below.



House Totals

27437	24258	26433	25591

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 10/2/2023.*

SPORTS CLUBS

TERM 4	Lunchtime	After School
DAY	(12:45pm-1.20pm)	(4.50 finish, 5.00pm to collect)
MON	PE Staff Meeting	Yr. 7, 8 & 9 Badminton (CPB) Yr. 9 Football (JB) Yr. 10 Football (SC) Yr. 11 Football (CJR) Yr. 7 Hockey (JZ) Yr. 10 & 11 Netball (CEB) All Years Running Club (SS)
TUES	Yr. 9 Netball (AS) Elite Hockey Squad (CPB) All Years Fitness Suite (JK)	Yr. 7 Football (ACG) Yr. 8 & 9 Rugby (DG/HG) Yr. 8 Netball (AS)
WED	All Years Girls Football on the astro (ACG) Yr. 8 Netball (AS)	Yr. 7 Netball (CEB) All Years Running Club (SS)
THURS	Yr. 10 & 11 Badminton (CPB) Yr. 7 Netball (CEB)	Yr. 9 Netball (AS) Yr. 8 Football (ACG) Yr. 11 GCSE Revision in PE1 (CJR/SC)
FRI	-	All Years Hockey Game 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

Staff meetings will affect clubs occasionally.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Amelia Giblin	7	Mr Green	Registration
Ethan Lake	7	Miss Roberts	EPR
Lucy Lord	7	Mrs Allen	English
James Pitchford	7	Miss Roberts	EPR
Samuel Santos	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Jordan Jafri	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Heidi Paddock	8	Mr Williamson	Art
Ellen Richardson	8	Dr Barmby	History
Alex Zinkevics	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
William Brown	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Chloe Cox	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Amjad Kebbeh	9	Mrs Allen	English
Martha O'Connor	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Keira Rayner	9	Miss Dye	English
Toby Staines	9	Mr Vaughan	Biology
Edward Amos	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Zach Bojang-Brett	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Thomas Drew	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Olivia Dunicz	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Sophie Simpson	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jacob Townsend	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Lottie Crane	11	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Finn Hewlett	11	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Eliana Russo	11	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Mikella Sarfo	11	Mrs Edwards	English
Harrison Smith	11	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Evie Musgrove	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Oliver Speakman	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Freya Blackmore	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Aman Mashood	13	Mr Sutherland	Physics
Daanyaal Saeed	13	Mr Harris	Chemistry

