



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 09 June 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

This week has seen the start of the series of Year 8 trips to Spain – 4 groups on 4 consecutive weeks immersing themselves in the language and culture of a country rich in history. I have not seen a trips idea quite as ambitious as this before and am delighted to see such a valuable project relaunch successfully for the first time since Covid. We hope that all students involved will have a wonderful (educational) time and I must thank Mr Edwards and a long list of teaching and non-teaching staff who have made this possible. I look forward to seeing write ups and photographs a-plenty celebrating a month of linguistic and cultural learning.

We have also seen a range of day trips this week with the Psychology, Art and Geography Departments all taking students out and it is a good time to shine a light on the quality of our programme and the immense intrinsic value of such activities. I have said many times that education is about opportunity and breadth as much as it is about subject knowledge, conceptual understanding and practical skill. Trips broaden horizons; they offer the opportunity to learn in different environments, to witness and analyse real life contexts and they also offer wider opportunities to broaden friendships, enhance social skills and provide a unique direct source of potential inspiration. We have many more trips on the immediate horizon, enhanced we hope by good summer weather.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Williamson-Ward and those staff involved in the hard hitting PSHE day for Year 10 yesterday. PSHE is a crucial element of Personal Development, an area of our broad and balanced provision we are committed to expanding in the years ahead. The challenges of modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century living make Personal Development ever more important and I hope those students involved yesterday were given plenty to challenge their perceptions.

## **REMINDER: VIRTUAL PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS OFF-TIMETABLE DAY: FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023**

The School will be **closed** for this day (except for Year 11 and Year 13 students sitting public exams) and teachers will set work for students in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to complete at home. Remote learning using Teams cannot be offered as teachers will be occupied with PRM meetings.

## **OPEN EVENING 2023 – Thursday 22 June**

A reminder for parents and carers that the School day will end at 13:30 on Thursday 22 June in order to allow time for non-teaching staff, teaching staff and students involved time to prepare for this event. Please refer to the letter sent on 12 May 2023 for full details.

We would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to sign up to be either a tour guide or subject specific helper for the evening. You can do this by completing the form on ParentMail, deadline 16 June at 14:00.

Also, if you know anyone with children in Year 5 who are thinking of coming to Bourne Grammar School please do encourage them to come along, we would love to see them.

## **HOUSE SPELLING BEE\_- Report by House Leaders**

In the last week of Term 5 students in Years 7 to 10 took part in the House Spelling Bee. It started with a week of qualifying rounds in tutor groups, followed by students from each House entering the final rounds the week after.

On the Thursday we started with the Year 7 and 8 event. It was a popular event with lots of people supporting and Rorschach winning for both year groups. Friday was the turn of the Year 9 and 10s, with some incredibly challenging words to spell such as 'ubiquitous'! Tinbergen were the winners for the Year 9s but Rorschach came first for the Year 10s placing Rorschach as the overall winners for the event.

Thank you to everyone who took part and great spelling.

### **TENNIS UPDATE – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE**

The girls' team was in action against Priory Ruskin Academy just before the holidays. The girls' team were seeking their first victory after a series of very close matches last year but with a new look team of Mary Pepper, Faye Scott, Alice Barratt, Poppy Mclearnon and Shiksha Kaur. The girls' singles were first and they had some superb matches with really long rallies.

I counted in Poppy's match a rally of over 25 shots in the searing heat with the deciding shot being a fierce drive down the line from an exhausted Poppy. Mary demolished her opposition despite being two years their junior and Alice and Shiksha's consistency really paid dividends in boosting their confidence as the matches progressed. Faye joined the team in the doubles matches and had some sensational ground shot results from almost unplayable positions and again made a solid start to this season's tennis matches. The final score was 5-1 to BGS.

The U13 team made their debut this Tuesday against Lincoln Minster and comprised of mainly Year 7 players which is a superb recognition of the potential we have in the school. They were playing mainly Year 8 students and despite their valiant efforts and superb shots during many rallies, the extra experience started to pay off. However, the girls dug deep and gave all of their energy and effort they could throughout and have a lot to proud of. They will have learnt so much from these matches which they can put into their next ones. Finals core 6-0 to Lincoln.



The U13 boys team had a far closer affair with the end result of the 4 singles and 2 doubles matches being a draw leading to a Golden Tiebreak. This means one player from the A Doubles squad - Oran Summers joined with a fellow player from the B squad Saul Annis to compete in a shootout of first to ten points. The boys showed their nerves in the first few points having not been in this situation before but as the shootout went on relaxed a little more and came back from 5-1 to 7-4. However, a flurry of great shots from the Lincoln team resulted in our first loss this season.

### **Anyone for tennis?**

The Social Tennis Club on a Wednesday night is always a great place to start if someone wants to get involved in school Tennis. Groups from years mix together and play on the Astro Turf courts and the hard tennis courts in a variety of formal and informal matches and they will also get to know many more people within the School. Come along and try it if you have enjoyed your lessons!



If you want competitive play then there are two tournaments next week, a boys and girls doubles evening. Please sign up on the Tennis wall, beside the changing rooms if you would like to play but remember it finishes at 5.30pm.



**COME ALONG AND JOIN US ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 3.35- 4.45**

### **CAREERS NEWS – *Report by Mrs Elliot, UCAS & Careers Officer***

It has been a busy time for students thinking about careers and the opportunities that lie ahead of them.

In Year 7 the Careers Family Tree project asked pupils to investigate their family history and the jobs that family members had done in the past. As well as finding out more about their family members and ancestors, pupils could see the way that jobs have changed over the years.

It was amazing to see the creative ways that pupils undertook this project and the fantastic way that they presented their findings. Congratulations to Ellie Moore, Rory Connell, Chanelle Kye-Nyarko, Francesca Jones, Otto Forkin, Annabelle Bull, Tamsin Bates, Rebecca Board and Elodie Collins who were judged as winners and deserving of special recognition for their work.

Year 9 and 10 students have also been taking the opportunity to 'Go to Work' where they got to experience life outside the classroom and find out what it's like to go to work. The reality of some early starts was outweighed by





the opportunity to meet new people, find out about the ways that companies operate, how they recruit staff and what skills and qualifications employers are looking for.



Students experienced a wide range of industries from food photography to literary agents to stately homes, publishing, scientific research and engineering.



Thank you to Shaun Taylor also from Inspire Travel Solutions who created a mobile work experience for those Year 9s who were unable to go to work that particular day.

Shaun spoke about his career journey from accountant to running his own business, gave an overview of the huge array of jobs in the travel industry and then set the students a real project to put together a holiday package for a variety of customers and then a social media advert to promote it.

It certainly got them thinking about how their school subjects can help them in their future careers.



### **MEET THE SOLICITORS EVENT FOR LAW STUDENTS AT BGS – *Report by Mr Mitchell, Law***

BGS A-level Law students had a fantastic opportunity to meet with local legal professionals at the end of last term in a 'Meet the Solicitors' event jointly organised by Law Subject Leader, Mr Mitchell; Careers Officer, Mrs Elliot; and Academic Administrator, Ms Hill.

The students were able to ask questions to a panel of four local solicitors:

1. Sharon Macaulay, a partner at Taylor Rose, specialising in civil litigation;
2. Ashley Sutherland of Hegarty Solicitors, specialising in corporate and commercial law;
3. Amy Knowles, a trainee at Buckles Solicitors, with experience in family law and dispute resolution; and
4. Matt Kefford, a non-practising solicitor who nevertheless shared his 'City law' experiences from the days when he was a civil litigator in Hong Kong.



The panel faced some questions about their day-to-day work and career routes (including the new Solicitors Qualifying Examinations) from Mr Mitchell and then rotated around the room to chat informally with the students. There was a real buzz in the classroom and the students clearly gained a great deal from the experience. The feedback from students afterwards was very positive indeed and so much so, that we would like to make this a BGS Law annual tradition.

Thank you very much to our guests for their time and expertise. The students certainly appreciated this valuable chance to meet with practitioners and reflect on career options in the legal profession.





Thank you also to Ms. Ansell from Innovate and her team for providing first class hospitality for our guests.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Faith Perkins, Year 10, who competed in 800m (U17) in the Lincolnshire County Championships in Grantham on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. She won this race and qualified to compete in York on 27<sup>th</sup> May representing Lincolnshire in the Northern Inter Counties. With a very strong field of competitors, she had a great battle finishing 9<sup>th</sup> and still has another year to go in this age category.

## HOUSE TOTALS

			
43930	41812	42420	38799

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house up to 9/6/2023.***



**Ladies Sports Dinner - Thursday June 29**

**Venue: Angel hotel**



Any girls in years 8-10 who have attended sports clubs across the year are eligible to attend this fantastic evening. Details have been sent out on ParentMail, closing date Wednesday 14 June. Places are limited so please sign up as soon as possible.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Nevaeh Agyemang	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Jessica Daniels	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Ben Fletcher	7	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Toby Garrido	7	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Gabriela Korbylo	7	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Oliver Nicol	7	Mrs Allen	English
Izzy Palmer	7	Miss Turton	Drama
George Taylor	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Zoe Roberts	7	Mr Ray	PE
Ali Abdallah	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
William Blades	8	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
James Clifford	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Joshi Harriss	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Danesha Kumari	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Connor Brenchley	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Ben Dexter	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Matthew He	9	Mrs Allen	English
Callum Selby	9	Mr Ray	PE
Evie Sutton	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Isla Earth	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
James Hayes	10	Mrs Jones	Pastoral
Areeb Hussain	10	Mrs Allen	English
Solomon Johnson	10	Miss Roberts	English
Talha Sohail	10	Miss Roberts	English
Isabel Turner	10	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Zoe Husbands	12	Mr Adams	Single Maths