



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 23 June 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

## SUMMER OPEN EVENING

Our annual Open Evening dominated the school calendar this week, and what a wonderful evening it was! Nearly 1,400 guests visited the School and were treated to a departmental diet of extraordinary educational experiences. A huge thank you to all involved within School. Rather than try and describe the evening in words instead we hope a bulletin of images represents the best narrative record. Well done in particular to all our student guides and helpers without whom the evening could not have functioned so effectively.







## WEEK TWO SPANISH IMMERSION TRIP – *Report by Adeena Sajid, Year 8*

In the second week of term, forms 8G and 8H travelled to Águilas for an informative and fun school trip.

We were able to learn new Spanish vocabulary, linking to water activities and other general greetings used in Spain. We were also shown and experienced things that differ from England to Spain, for example the hot weather and the Spanish market system. From water sports to beach games and ending the day with late night parties, we had the time of our lives with something new to learn and explore every day. All vocabulary learnt in school became extremely useful in Spain and allowed us to make links between cognates to understand what the monitors were explaining.



Many funny mistakes and events led to frequent memories being made. From Latino dancing to Spanish karaoke, the evening entertainment was much needed after a long day of fun. One of the best experiences in Águilas was visiting the “Castillo de San Juan de las Águilas”, being able to learn some historical context whilst exploring the magnificent building. The view of Águilas and high mountain ranges was a beautiful sight to see, on the last full day of our trip.



One of Mr Vaughan's highlights was when 3 of us fell off our kayak into the Mediterranean Sea far from shore after attaching our boat to the speed boat that the monitors and Mrs Worrall were on.

He mentioned: ***"One of them looked as if they were more worried about their shoes than their own life!"***

One of Mr Brooker's highlights were the early morning runs, one morning running on the coast and the next through town. It was great to see many participants join Mr Brooker and one of the monitors in their early jog. As a treat for their hard work, the teachers allowed the children to swim in the sea before returning to their rooms.

One of Mrs Worrall's highlights was her time on the speedboat watching the students kayak over big waves. She explained that she was very worried when the students would dip down from the large waves. She wondered what happened to them when she couldn't see their heads! We all had our buoyancy jackets on, so we were fine.

One of Mrs Jasinska's highlights was the evening when students and some teachers came together for a game



of frisbee. It was hilarious to see everyone having so much fun, racing to be the first one to get the frisbee when it landed in the sea. One of the best moments is Mr Brooker's consistent move called *"Mr Brooker's flat splash"* in which he would try splashing the opponent before retrieving the frisbee. However, it did not always work.

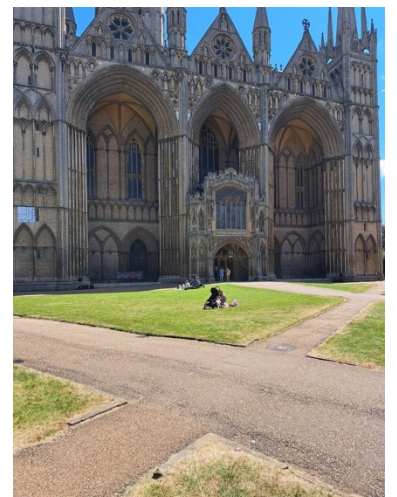
Overall, 8G and 8H had an exciting time and are incredibly grateful for everyone involved in planning this trip! Gracias!

## **OUR TRIP TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL – Report by Harriet Cork and Tegan Haw, Year 10**

On Wednesday 14 June, almost 70 year 10 students got the opportunity to attend an EPR trip to Peterborough Cathedral, to assist with their studies on Christianity.

After a short bus journey, we found ourselves in front of the Cathedral where we were greeted by a member of the staff, who would bring us inside. We were seated on rows of chairs where we were given a short briefing of the day ahead whilst waiting for the Eucharist to begin.

Everyone stood when the Priest entered, and introductory prayers were said. The service consisted of several prayers (including the Eucharist Prayer and the Lord's Prayer), Bible readings and affirmations of faith. Many chose to speak along to outlined sections of the prayers, joining a few members of the congregation who had attended that day. We also watched as members of the congregation were invited to shake the priest's hand for peace.



Bread and wine were prepared in front of us before everyone was invited up. If you had been baptised, you were permitted to receive the bread and the wine but those who had not been still welcomed to receive a blessing. Many students chose to participate in this - so many that they had to pause to bless more!

After the Eucharist had ended, we had a break for lunch. Mr Tighe kindly walked many students over to McDonalds whilst others chose to eat a packed lunch. Everyone enjoyed their food together in the sun outside the Cathedral.

After heading back into the Cathedral, we were seated once more. We listened to recordings of music played in the Church, analysing the music and reflecting upon its significance, based on the moment it was usually played.

Afterwards, we split off into three groups to attend various sessions. Our group was guided out of the Cathedral where we began with a Q&A with Canon Rowan. Questions varied from more personal questions about revelations, to the more controversial questions, such as questions regarding acceptance of the homosexual community in the Christian community, to questions about Christian beliefs, for example about life after death.



We were then guided back into the Cathedral for the next part of our day, which was a tour of certain areas. We began at the font, in which babies are christened, for an in-depth discussion about baptism. A student was handed a doll of a baby, which members of our group helpfully chose to name Luke (after the Star Wars character since their original suggestions had been rejected). When the baby was not being passed around our classmates, it was used to demonstrate the baptism process and the relevance/purpose of certain objects involved. We then had to order these objects based on how important we perceived them to be within baptism.

The tour continued by showing us where the bread and wine was prepared, where they revealed to us there was a secret door within the Church where the spare bread and wine was stored. We then were taken to the Rood Cross, a giant red cross hanging from the ceiling with Jesus depicted nailed to it. Its eyes followed us as we moved around it, seemingly never leaving us.

We returned back to the meeting point and swapped tour guides for the final session of the day where we would talk more about the Eucharist we had witnessed. We were taken past Katherine of Aragon's tomb due to the requests of some, which many found the history behind interesting. Then, we went and sat in a semicircle of chairs where our tour guide explained aspects of the Eucharist earlier that day.

Thank you to all the members of staff (both from school and the Cathedral) who made this trip happen!



## **YEAR 12 STUDENTS COMPLETE THE 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY – *Report by Harvey Parker-Brown and Joseph Amos***

On Friday 2 June, following a nine-hour drive to Scotland, we (Jack Ray, Charlie Starr, Joe Amos, Will Walker and Harvey Parker-Brown) began our 24-hour challenge at 17:45 at the base of Ben Nevis. The peak was reached at 20:23 and the first mountain challenge was completed at 22:00.

Then we were onto the five-and-a-half-hour drive to Scafell Pike to begin our summit at 03:30, reaching the top at 05:15 before finishing the trek at 06:53.

Next came a five-hour car journey to get to Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) to begin the climb at 11:55, peaking at 14:15 and finally completing our challenge, much to our relief, at 16:01.



The heat had been severe all day which added to the difficulty. Overall, we completed the challenge in 22 hours and 16 mins, raising £2,636 for the Oddballs Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who donated. We all thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and were extremely tired on the journey home! We wanted to give a special thanks to Joe's Dad Mark for enduring the time with five teenage lads and for being very encouraging at the end of each mountain.



Minutes before we began Ben Nevis



Shortly after reaching the base of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM AWARDS – WINNERS

Congratulations to the 40 students named below to have been nominated for the PE curriculum awards. Well done in particular to those highlighted who have been selected by the PE department as this year's worthy winners of the curriculum award. They will be invited to attend the awards ceremony on Tuesday 4 July to receive their award.

| Boys Nominations       |                  |                  |                  |                           |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2022-23<br>Nominations | Year 7           | Year 8           | Year 9           | Year 10                   |
|                        | Aydan Feetham    | Tom Blanthorne   | Archie Andrew    | Ben Bennett               |
|                        | Johnny Hullock   | Ted Bolitho      | Miles Garrido    | Yianni Halford            |
|                        | Ethan Lake       | Josh Goodwin     | Joshua Kilgallen | James Hill                |
|                        | Freddie Neal     | Henry Hodson     | Callum Selby     | Joshua Oladejo            |
|                        | Kaleb Nicol-Mace | Seb McLean       | Jack Wiles       | Theo Saralis              |
| Girls Nominations      |                  |                  |                  |                           |
| 2022-23<br>Nominations | Year 7           | Year 8           | Year 9           | Year 10                   |
|                        | Edith Kaberry    | Hannah Burke     | Alice Barratt    | Violet Griffiths-Barrasso |
|                        | Lucie Lord       | Honor Moore      | Rosie Hasbury    | Naomi Daniels             |
|                        | Nicole Mancheva  | Mary Pepper      | Shiksha Kaur     | Flo Dexter                |
|                        | Flossie Swift    | Ellen Richardson | Stella McDermott | Mayra Narang              |
|                        | Darcie Trawford  | Kiki Timmons     | Faye Scott       | Niamh Sweeney             |

## TENNIS UPDATE – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

### U13 and U15 Boys vs Summercotes Academy

The team was in action again last Thursday night and performed superbly against a new opposition. The U13 boys took the game down to the wire narrowly losing in a superset event. However, the experience gained here will be invaluable later in coping with pressured Tennis play.

The U15 team carried on with their winning ways with a dazzling display of controlled and consistent Tennis across all 6 matches. This is an even more impressive display, as each week we have mixed the combination of players around but the boys remain unbeaten so far this year. Next week they face their greatest challenge so far, Kings Grantham.



### Bourne Grammar Doubles Boys Tournament

The Bourne Grammar Internal Tournaments started with the Doubles events on Tuesday with over 30 students entering in both age groups.

The U13 event was so popular that we needed to use the Astro-turf courts and the hard courts to fit in three league matches. The quality of play was superb from the year 7/8's with games being competitively fought in the searing heat and blinding sun.

Each pair played everyone in their leagues and the winners went through to the semi-finals with the highest scoring second place pair also qualifying.

Finalists were: Ed Mylchrest / Dylan Ware vs Zeke Young / Saul Annis This dramatic final set up a repeat of the Road to Wimbledon final a few weeks earlier with Saul very keen to take vengeance on his loss to Ed. The boys battled out the match with tense rallies and prolonged exchanges at the net but ultimately the Year 8 overall experience and fire power of Zeke's service won through.



The U15 event was always going to be full of fierce battles and fast paced serving and there was little predictability over who might win the event with all boys being very similar in ability.

On the evening it was the cool head and the relaxed nature of Kieran Farrell and Atte Maaranen who consistently defeated all others in their path through excellent team work and co-ordination to win the title.

### Bourne Grammar Girls Doubles Tournament

I arrived to find the changing rooms buzzing with excitement as ten Year 9 girls all entered the evening full of hope and confidence. They were all put into one league and all players had to play each other. As the evening progressed the quality of Tennis increased, as did the tension between the players which had moved from social excitement to true combative focus.

Alice Barratt and Mary Pepper had not turned up just to make up the numbers and were very focussed on dethroning Shiksha Kaur and Poppy McLearnon, who had remained unbeaten. Both pairs defeated their opponents but not as easily as they may have expected with Stella





McDermott and Melissa Peng providing stiff opposition along with Hamsini Raja and Hannah Simpson demonstrating the merits of full attacking Tennis. Faye Scott and Paula Kriauciunaite must be credited for their persistence in positive play especially Faye's volleys at the net.

The result was a draw at the end of the first round between Alice / Mary and Poppy / Shiksha partnerships and so the event went down to a tie breaker, with the first to seven points winning. Poppy and Shiksha's extra experience in playing finals paid off and they retained their title.



The U13 event was much more about creating new heroes and building confidence rather than the tournament favourites cruising to victory. The seven pairs were divided into two groups and each pair had to play every other pair in their league and compete in each match to be the first pair to win four games, using formal scoring and the full court area. This was a new concept to most of the Year 7 students who were full of enthusiasm and brimming with nerves. However, after a few games they were gaining in confidence in game procedures.

Pre-tournament favourites Emily Wright Lakin and Jess Daniels cruised to victory in their first-round matches demonstrating why they were favourites. However other Tournament rivals Kiki Timmins and Honour Moore found their path to the semi-finals more challenging as they found themselves beaten by Imi Southwood and Darcie Trawford, much to the Year7 pairings amazement and total delight. This meant that Honor and Kiki had to beat Nicole Mancheva and Bea Amos and the game could not have been closer with the match hinged at 2-2, the winner of the next game made the semi-finals.



The Year 8 girls held their nerve to gain a place in the semi-finals. Here they faced Eleanor Twinley and Orla Bailey, who were just proud as punch to make the semi-finals and were happy to be playing in their first proper matches.

The Year 8 pairings experience helped them to win this match more easily and this led to a rematch between Imi and Darcie who had just pulled off a tournament shock beating favourites Jess and Emily. The Year 7 girls were very proud of how far they had come in this event and were incredibly excited to play in the final compared to Honour and Kiki who were a bundle of nervous excitement. However, the Year 8 girls kept their composure and saw out the match to gain their first Tennis trophies. A great evening of Tennis by all involved.

## **Bourne Grammar Singles Tournament**

On Tuesday 20 June, 17 year 7/8 boys fought it out for the title of best singles player in the U13 category.

It was a steep task as the boys were split into four leagues and only the winners went through to the semi-finals, so no slip ups could be allowed. There were some fantastic matches from many players but ultimately the semi-finals went in a way that had been predicted between Ed Mylchreest vs Johnny Hullock and Alf Larter vs Dylan Ware.

Superb battles went on again with Johnny's match being the closest and Alf using his extra height and experience to out think Dylan around the court.

The final ebbed and flowed but Ed's agility outweighed Alf's powerful shots and led to him winning his second title this year.



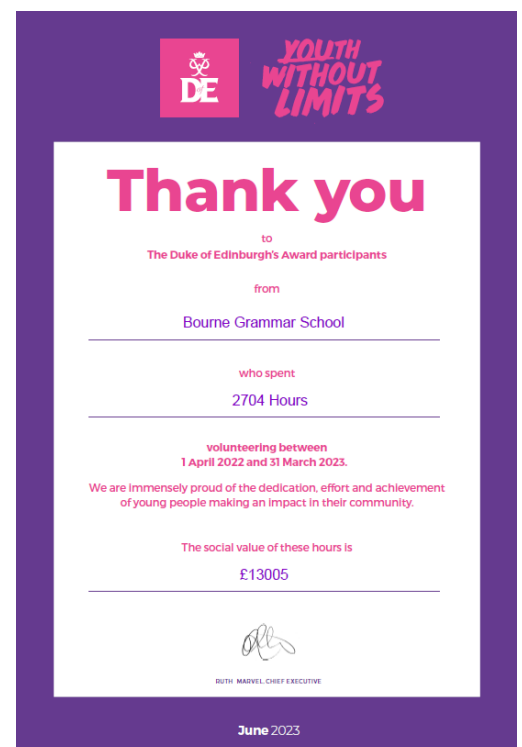
The U15 Tournament was a real battle of powerful serves and those individuals who could hold their nerve under pressure with Jonathan Blair and Kieran Farrell overcoming all others to make the final, with Kieran playing some of the best Tennis I have seen from him this year, at just the right time. However, the cool, calm and ninja-like mental strength of Jon Blair paid off and he won the match despite Kieran's valiant efforts.

Thank you to everyone who entered this year.

### **DofE PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTION TO VOLUNTEERING by Mrs Brett, DofE**

Bourne Grammar School DofE participants across all levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold have been recognised and congratulated by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for their contribution to volunteering in the community over the last 12 months.

Congratulations to all for your collective contribution of 2,705 hours of volunteering. This equates to over £13,000 worth of social hours. I am immensely proud of our DofE students and their achievements as they progress through the awards. Well done everyone.



### **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS**



Daniel Mulgrew 7D and Grace Cullen from 8E competed in the East Midlands Regional Junior Sailing Championships representing Rutland Sailing Club in the Regatta Category last weekend. It was the first time either of them had completed in a regional event. It was also Daniel's first ever time competing in a race. Their category completed two full days with a mix of coaching and racing. Daniel sailed in a Tera, a single hander and Grace in the Feva, a double handler boat. Both really enjoyed it. Overall Rutland received the trophy for the most juniors competing in the event. Both improved their sailing and racing skills.



## SCHOOL EVENT – A NIGHT OF MUSIC FROM THE STAGE AND SCREEN V

Tickets are now on sale for the final school music event of this year taking place on Monday 3 July, [click here](#) to book tickets or scan the QR code.



## CHARITY DEBATE EVENT – Monday 10 July



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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| Name                             | Year | Staff              | Subject            |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Yojit Bodduluri                  | 7    | Mr Brown           | Computer Science   |
| Aydan Feetham                    | 7    | Miss Patman        | Spanish            |
| Mayowa Olufeyisan                | 7    | Miss Smallshaw     | Science            |
| Begum Kurtoglu                   | 7    | Mr Delport         | Design Engineering |
| Eddie Amos                       | 8    | Mr Williamson      | Art                |
| Umaiza Gilani                    | 8    | Mr Moxley          | Drama              |
| Lucas Nemeth                     | 8    | Mr Graves          | PE                 |
| Zahra Ravji                      | 8    | Mr Moxley          | Drama              |
| Samhita Thiagarajan Arun Prasath | 8    | Mr Moxley          | Drama              |
| Deon Mathew                      | 9    | Mrs Allen          | English            |
| Georbin Biloy                    | 10   | Mr Harris          | Chemistry          |
| Rishon Chakamanga                | 10   | Miss Atkinson      | EPR                |
| Erin French                      | 10   | Mr Bainbridge      | History            |
| Eshaal Ihtisham-Ahktar           | 10   | Miss Smallshaw     | Chemistry          |
| Tobias Merricks                  | 10   | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Luis Nelson                      | 10   | Miss Patman        | Spanish            |
| Erin Richards                    | 10   | Miss Raebel        | German             |
| Selina Joyce                     | 10   | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Harrison Shreeve                 | 10   | Mr Williamson-Ward | English            |
| Reuben Taaffe                    | 10   | Miss Segarra Ginés | Spanish            |
| Ananya Aravindhan                | 12   | Miss Sanders       | Sociology          |
| Paris Lembo                      | 12   | Mrs Bolitho        | English Language   |
| Freddie Renton                   | 12   | Miss McAleese      | Psychology         |
| Lauren Spellar                   | 12   | Ms Kemp            | English Language   |