



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 30 June 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

Last week saw the second post-Covid Pride event in School, with students and staff taking part in a range of activities designed to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and also raise funds for Galop, the LGBTQ+ and anti-abuse charity. It was a huge success. Being able to throw wet sponges at teachers certainly added to the outdoor excitement but above and beyond the fun elements of the day the event showed the very real and tangible support within School for the LGBTQ+ community and the cultural expectation at BGS that all members of school feel equally respected and cared for, in addition to sharing equal opportunities in all spheres of school life. Many thanks to Miss Lindley for her hard work in putting the details of the day together and we all very much look forward to a third event next year. I happily make a written commitment here and now to being the target of the wet sponge throwing in 2024.

And elsewhere, we have seen a significant number of Athletics events with students of all ages offered the opportunity to compete. At Sports' Presentation Evening next week, we will see some of our sporting participants rewarded for their efforts across the year and I am delighted that five of our top athletes are heading to the ESAA National Track and Field Championships in Birmingham today and tomorrow to compete at the highest level, bringing the sporting year to a close. My thanks once again to Mr Ray and the PE Department for all they do to provide sporting opportunity at BGS and we look forward to seeing what happens at the Alexander Stadium over the next 24 hours.

Finally, today marks the end of the marathon Examinations Programme for 2022/23. As Year 12 finish their final papers today I must congratulate everyone, staff and students, on the quality of their organisation and effort across months of assessments, from the 11+ and baseline tests all the way back in September 2022 to these final Year 12 Summer Examinations that feed directly into the UCAS application process in the Autumn. It is regularly stated nationally that the current generation of young people are the most assessed generation we have ever had: there is much truth to this and almost certainly a link to mental health issues that have arisen at the same time. We are investing significant resource in working to alleviate the negative impacts of assessment but at the same time we know we need to work our students hard in order that they achieve the best possible outcomes, and so the smooth and effective management of our year round assessment programme is a crucial element of school life. Every teacher has a part in this, and we have many non-teachers also who record, process, report and invigilate. But special thanks must go to Mrs Revell and Mrs Cirino for their tireless commitment to the Examinations programme. Both have fully earned the summer holiday that lies just around the corner."

## **SECOND ANNUAL BGS PRIDE – Report by the LGBTQ+ group and teacher team**



Last Friday saw our School's Second year of Pride month celebrations, as the LGBTQ+ group hosted the Pride Fest fundraiser for all students and staff.

Paving the way were our Year 13 students Raye Parker and Dylan Pietrzak who, after running the group for the whole year with the help of the rest of the Sixth Form group leaders and teachers, set up all of the organisation and planning for the day alongside our many helpers.

The event was run during lunchtime, containing various stalls such as a bake sale, tombola, Pride-related accessories (handmade keyrings and bracelets), carnival style games (such as the very popular sponge-a-teacher stall!), as well as an information stand where our group members were available to answer questions about LGBTQ+ terminology, our chosen charity, and to hand out free Pride stickers.

The Pride fest was extremely well attended by both students and staff, who all got involved in the stalls on offer, and we saw Pride stickers everywhere as our students and staff went around wearing them proudly. The carnival games were a hit yet again with teachers getting involved by being the target of wet sponges - much to the delight of the students.

The crowd was heaving for this particular stall and there were many laughs and cheers to be heard, and the teachers involved were happy to have a reprieve from the heat - although there were a number of 'head shots' throughout the event! The sponge throwing was so popular that we plan to come back bigger and better next year with more teachers and hopefully some more of our Leadership Team, but the group thanks those volunteers for their bravery and welcomes them to come back!



This year we also wanted to show the reach of Pride at BGS and the support shown by students and staff, so we have created the BGS Pride Flag. In what we hope to become a running tradition, we asked for as many names as possible to be written on a Progress Pride flag so we have a physical symbol of the sense of community support in school for LGBTQ+ students and staff. We had many names added on the day and we hope to display this for all school members and visitors to see.

## ESAA Regional Combined Events – PE Department

Last weekend saw six students representing Lincolnshire in the English Schools Regional Combined Events. Charlotte Smith in the Junior Girls Pentathlon performed strongly in preparation for her English Schools 200m this coming weekend in Birmingham.

The Intermediate age group saw Flo Dexter, Evie Griffin and Gailie Tsang compete in the Heptathlon and Theo Saralis and Josh Akintomide in the Octathlon. Both Intermediate teams competed over Saturday and Sunday in the gruelling heat, scoring strongly throughout the event against some of the most challenging competitors they have faced.

Congratulations to all six athletes on some fantastic results, representing Lincolnshire and representing the School to such a high standard.



## ESAA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This weekend 5 students will be representing Lincolnshire in the ESAA Championships at The Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, venue of the recent Commonwealth Games. This is the pinnacle of Schools athletics and is the largest event of its type in the UK for Schools. Should you wish to watch, the details below should enable you to view the competitions live.

Pearl Ford – Friday 10:00 Heats – Saturday 12:42 Final

Max Roe – Friday 13:10 Heats – Saturday 13:15 Final

Lawson Capes – Friday 10:05

Charlotte Smith – Friday 14:50 Heats – Saturday 15:30 Final

Seb Beedell – Friday 13:30 Heats – Saturday 12:25 Final

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=esaa+championships+2023+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=esaa+championships+2023+)

## WIR GRATULIEREN! WINNERS OF THE YEAR 9 GERMAN COMPETITION – Report by Ms Raebel, German

The German Department has a long-standing tradition of entering the annual *BGA Deakin Youthbridge Award for Excellence in German*. The Youthbridge Award takes place every year and is organised by the British-German Association to raise the profile of German in schools across the UK. The Award Scheme gives prizes for the best projects submitted by students in each participating school.

This year's entries showed off not only students' language skills but also their creativity and baking skills. We are pleased to announce this year's winners selected by the student body and Mr Hewitt and Ms Raebel.

Andreea Rila and Karina Ying Yu Lok animated the tale of Hänsel and Gretel and delighted their peers by involving them in their interactive presentation of the story.





Finn Gillespie created a computer game called “Abenteuer in Mitteleerde” (Adventures in Middle Earth) to revise the Year 9 course content through different language challenges.

Sam Whitmore, Riley Crown and Charlie Bloodworth performed a rap about Germany.



Zach Bojang-Brett produced a news broadcast retelling and re-enacting the winning goal by German player Mario Götze against the Argentinian team in the 2014 FIFA World Cup final.

We even had to add an extra special prize for all the amazing foods and bakes entered in the competition – just so many and so fantastic that we really struggled to pick a winner. Delights we were treated to included Black Forest Gateau, Donauwelle, Apple Strudel, Rosmarine Bread, Ginger bread cookies, Currywurst, Prinzregententorte, Bee Sting Cake.

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Esme Jones, Year 12 has passed Grade 6 Violin with Merit.

Well done to Harper Graham, Year 8, who has captained her team to a third successive nationals final win at the weekend, winning the final on penalties. Harper has put in a huge amount of effort in this season and is now attending training sessions with Peterborough United Women’s first-teamer and is also just about to head to Barcelona to represent England in an international futsal tournament against teams from Brazil, USA, and Spain.



Also, other BGS students represented Deepings Swimming Club at the City of Peterborough Swimming competition. The event was a points-based event held over three weekends of competitive swimming, the better you perform the more point you accumulate, they had to perform well over a number of different swimming distances and techniques.

Isabelle Reynolds 7F won gold overall in the girls 12-year-old category, Macey Bundock 7A was 5th & Orla Bailey 7D was 6th with both receiving a rosette for their performance.

Noah Skinner 7G, won silver medal overall in the boys 12-year old category to finish off a successful three weekends of Swimming.

## HOUSE TOTALS

			
<b>46539</b>	<b>44584</b>	<b>45565</b>	<b>41131</b>

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house up to 29/6/2023.***




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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Musfirah Bano	7	Dr Barmby	History
Ben Fletcher	7	Ms Kemp	English
Natalie James	7	Miss Pritchard	English
Olivia Sloan	7	Mrs Allen	English
Sneha Soju Thomas	7	Ms Kemp	English
Charlie Lumb	8	Mr Delpert	Design Engineering
Honor Moore	8	Mrs Cowell	French
Jiya Sivakumar	8	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Oscar Bell	9	Miss Constable	Pastoral
Zach Bojang-Brett	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Rosie Hasbury	9	Ms Bennett	English
Mohammad Rayhan	9	Mrs Allen	English
Harrison Ward	9	Mr Fleckney	Physics
Max Carruthers	10	Mr Bainbridge	History
Alexander Dike	10	Dr Barmby	History
Finley Holmes	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Matilda Isitt	10	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Matilda Isitt	10	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Isabella Marriott	10	Miss Raebel	German
Tobias Merricks	10	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Sophie Simpson	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Fletcher Wilkinson	10	Mrs Allen	English
Oliver Bell	12	Miss Constable	Pastoral
Megan Mears	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Language
Michael O'Donnell	12	Mrs Bolitho	English Language