



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 1 October 2021*  
*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Careers' Fair, superbly organised by Mrs Hawkins and supported by the team of Sixth Form staff, volunteers and helpers. After so long without a major event on site it was great to be able to sign off a Covid risk assessment successfully and see so many families come along for advice on future pathways. As a Year 13 parent myself I was delighted at the content and impact of the evening. The blend of academic and apprenticeship providers exhibiting alongside employers and the Services ensured that there was something for everyone and I suspect the majority must have come away with some pertinent and relevant thinking material. Entering the sports' hall at around 6.45pm I had no idea I would leave half an hour later discussing with my son the prospect of applying to the RAF and pursuing a career in Air Operations while at the same time chewing over the possibility of an apprenticeship placement in construction. I hope other families had similarly interesting conversations on the way home, and that the evening has prompted plenty of positive discussion.

Future paths lie at the heart of everything we do. School is preparation for life, and as such we must always keep our eye on what sits on the horizon for our leavers. I was fortunate to listen to some Extended Project Qualification presentations this week, and specifically would like to thank Isabel Loader for her thoughtful analysis of the causes of mental illness and addiction in young people and Daisy Reeves-Turner for her research into the portrayal of Dissociative Identity Disorder in the film industry over the last 70 years. I hope to hear a few more of these next week and I am told by Mr Mitchell that all 11 of the presentations delivered so far have been excellent. These talks demonstrate the dynamic interests of our students and the positive impact that research into topics above and beyond our formal academic curriculum can have on learning. By broadening the conceptual horizon we help our students grow the future options available to them.

And future paths are sometimes discovered early. I remember watching Geoff Capes on TV many years ago in my youth, an iconic athlete especially in the Shot Put, at the Highland Games and ultimately winner of the World's Strongest Man competition in 1983 and 1985. Lawson Capes, Geoff's grandson, is in Year 8 at Bourne Grammar and his achievements over the last few months have certainly caught the eye. In achieving 15.03 metres in the Shot Put last week Lawson has demonstrated an aptitude that could already be helping define his future. To put this into context, the second best UK Shot-putter in his age group has yet to clear 12 metres, and Lawson's recent mark places him at No2 in the UK rankings for U15 boys, two years older than him. Are we watching a future star in the making? Time will tell. It is true beyond doubt that, as an educational community, "we are in collision with tomorrow" (Alvin Toffler 1970) and at Bourne Grammar we will continue to put time and energy into helping our students look forward and find the future that is right for them.



## **YEAR 11 GCSE PE TRIP TO HIGH ADVENTURE, YORKSHIRE - Report by multiple students**

### **Day One**

On Monday 27 September we had to wake up at 04:00, which wasn't pleasant for a group of teenagers sleeping in as late as possible. We arrived at Bourne Grammar by 05:00 in the pitch black and departed soon after. It was very difficult to sleep on the bus as we were all singing songs! With a quick stop at a service station on the way we arrived at 09:00 and got started on the activities as soon as possible.

#### *Erin Cox - Climbing Group*

We started off learning how to properly put on the climbing gear and learned the safety precautions, such as the knot tying and got that assessed quickly, which was lucky since we then got to get onto the really fun bit: climbing the walls. This was an exhilarating experience since not many of us had done it before. We learned how to belay and climbed on a traverse wall. It was a challenge but we all enjoyed it a lot. The especially nerve-racking bit was getting filmed climbing to the top, but we all managed to do it really well. After a well-earned rest and some dinner, we filmed some evidence of us climbing the entire wall of different difficulties and then moved on to a more competitive task: racing one another in speed climbing. This suited us as PE students since we all love a bit of competition. The races were super quick, with many of us winning or losing by just half a second. The competitions were the best since we all got into a really competitive state and were cheering and rooting for the others in our group.



#### *Will Gardner - Cycling Group*

Straight away we were sectioned off into our cycling groups and kitted out - we were given bibs with our matching numbers, a helmet and a bike catering to our height. We then loaded all of our gear onto the back of three coaches and travelled 30 minutes to the track. Our group was allocated a section of the track and over the course of the day we covered multiple different skills: cornering, sprint finishes and working in pods. At the end of the day we started our 16 km (10 mile) race which was recorded and our positions noted down.

We then headed back to our accommodation to unwind before going on our roller bikes. We got in to groups of three, grabbed a mat, roller and bike before heading downstairs into the games room. We set the rollers out, distancing ourselves from other groups, and with a quick demonstration from the instructors we started the activity. Over the next hour many of us fell off and crashed, yet there were numerous successes. At the end of the hour we packed all the gear away, and relaxed before going for a much needed sleep.



### **Day 2**

#### *Charlotte Cullen - Climbing Group, then swapping to Road Cycling*

The following morning, most of us woke up nice and early at 7 o'clock to start the second day's activities. After a nice breakfast, we were all excited to continue on with our climbing with Joe to tie up any loose ends with our climbing. We started off with a technique called a mantle which involved us pitching ourselves onto a high platform as neatly as possible. We all managed to do really well and at this point we were feeling confident in our abilities to belay each other. Shortly afterwards, we moved on smoothly to the overhang - which sounds daunting but after a few tries we had all nailed it. The overhang consists of a vertical climb to a certain point then a slope backwards but we were all cheering each other on so we all managed to complete it. We then had an hour to relax so we all tried some harder climbs to challenge ourselves or to clean up some final bits of filming. After a short lunch break we moved on to the cycling.



Looking out at the pouring rain, we were all hesitant to get started on the bikes but after some short drills and gaining of confidence for some, we were suddenly sprinting off around the track. Some laps felt longer than others, some cramps worse than others, and a consistent chill in the air, but nevertheless, we all managed to complete the race without any incidents and all felt very proud of ourselves at the end. It's certain to say, we were all extremely pleased to have a warm shower when we got back.

### *Seb Kaberry - Road Cycling Group, then swapping to Climbing*

To start off today, we got onto our bikes and took a five minute ride down to a small hill to practice our hill climbing skills. When we arrived at the base of the hill, we lined up in numerical order and we discussed some techniques on how to climb the hill. After doing some practise climbing a short and steep hill, we got filmed and moved onto a longer, less steep hill. Once we'd all been filmed on both hills, we waited at the top of the second longer hill and learnt how to descend in proper form and got filmed descending it.



We commuted back to High Adventures to have our lunch and switch to rock climbing. For climbing, we first learnt some skills: switching, matching, smearing and bridging. Then, we all practiced them and got filmed climbing a wall. We then had a break to come back and film our belaying technique and knot tying. After that, we had dinner and then went and did speed climbing where we raced each other up a wall. It was great fun and very tiring so we all got a well-earned rest.

## **Day 3**

### *Charlotte Cullen - Road Cycling continued, and homeward*

To start off our final day, we headed off on our bikes through the village until we reached a small road on the side. Today we were planning on doing hill work, sprints, and general road safety on our bikes. The first challenge we faced was a small but extremely steep hill where we had to ensure our gears were correct before we reached the base of the hill, then get off the seat to push ourselves up the final few metres. Despite the chill in the air, the sun was shining on us, and our group cycled off down the road to the next ascent. Turning the corner, a few stomachs definitely dropped, with a monster of a hill, laughing down on us. The challenge here was to try and spin our legs with a constant but quicker cadence than before. We all did fantastically! After a well-earned rest, we did some short sprints to finish off before heading back to the hostel.



### *Seb Kaberry - Climbing continued, and homeward*

In the morning we all gathered round in the games room for a swift briefing from the Instructors before heading out onto the wall to maximise the amount of time we could spend climbing. We started off on the overhang, in which the wall slopes back over your head and is regarded as a more challenging climb, then completed a mantle climb and multiple standard walls. Then we moved to the bouldering walls, a one storey building that allows for traversing the rock wall without the need of a harness - we quickly got our work filmed, before moving onto a challenge set by the Instructor, by moving across the wall along spherical holds. Afterwards we moved back into the rock wall for a final time to push ourselves to our limits before packing up, relaxing and heading home.





## **INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY - *House Leaders***

Inter-House sports are back! After a year's break, last week saw the return of the Inter-House Cross Country, with all students in Years 7 to 10 taking to the Field to run laps of the School and the Spinney. This was the first taste of House Sports for both Years 7 and 8, and the students in these year groups threw themselves into it with great style.

Monday afternoon was bathed in September sunshine for the Year 7 race, with students enjoying the chance to run around in the sun with their classmates. The Year 7 races were won by Ben Alliston (Tinbergen) and Natalya Krywyszyn (Rorschach). Congratulations to both for winning their first ever House Events!

Tuesday saw some very rainy weather - traditional cross-country weather, perhaps? - and, also, some very soggy students! Nevertheless, determination to complete the race prevailed and the students crossed the finishing line in varying water-logged states. Despite this, there were still many smiling faces among the Year 8, 9 and 10 students, who doggedly ran laps of the Field, and only occasionally swan dived through the mud and over the finish line. Noah Henderson (Rorschach) and Cecilia Watson (Behn) were the winners of the Year 8 race, with Max Heames and Millie Doud (both Behn) victorious in the Year 9 race. Johan Coughlan (Behn) and Ada Henson (Meitner) took the win in the Year 10 race.

Whilst there were individual winners of the races, House Cross Country also has Team Winners, with the fastest 20 students from each House contributing to the total overall team score. Behn and Meitner Houses dominated the Team event, with Behn as year group winners for Years 8 and 9, an Meitner the year group winners for Years 7 and 10.

Despite the inclement weather, it was a fantastic event and the return of House Sports was welcomed by students. Many thanks must go to the PE Staff for organising the event and also to all of the staff and Sixth Form students who came out to help as well.





### **A-LEVEL BUSINESS COMPETITION - Miss Heighway, Subject Leader: Business**

This year saw the launch of the A-Level Business competition, which required Year 12 Business students to design a Food Box which competes with industry rivals *Hello Fresh* and *Gousto*. This was an introduction to the course which allowed students to use their research and collaboration skills to create a differentiated idea which includes elements of the Marketing Mix and introduced topics which are taught within the first term of their A-Level Business course.

Students competed with the rest of the cohort and also had the option of entering the national competition hosted by *Two Teachers*. The finalists presented their idea before a panel of judges, including Business and Economics teachers Mr Lawrence and Mr Hartley, as well as the guest judge Mr Anderson. The winners, Joseph Motton and Benjamin Prince-Stone, produced a proposal to supply packed school lunches for primary-aged children, naming their idea *S'cool Lunch*. Judges were impressed with their innovative idea, which included details of price, distribution and advertising.

Honourable mentions must go to the other finalists; Izzy Gray, Lara Barker, George Holloway, Liam Bedford, Callum Marshall and Ben Wadsley. Between them they targeted pescatarians, university students and the retired community.



### **U16 NETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT - 29 September 2021 - Miss Bradley, PE**

The U16 Netball team's first fixture in two years happened to be the tough ask of the U16 District Tournament, where local schools compete to represent the District at the County Tournament next month. Despite minimal training due to the early date in the calendar, I was confident that we had a very talented group of netballers, who are able to play some of the best school netball I have seen. This year the team was made up of predominantly Year 10 students so they would be competing against those in the year above. As I had hoped, the girls went and delivered some fantastic netball, winning 4 matches and drawing 1 to become District Champions!



A massive thank you to Miss Smith for giving up her evening and taking the girls to the tournament when I was unable to due to illness. They will now head to the County Tournament on Saturday 13 November which is a fantastic achievement, and one that we will be training hard for. Bring it on!

Team – Emma Aldred ©, Mathilda King ©, Lucy Harrison, Ria Cardew, Ava Hepplewhite, Lily Cole, Sophie Dunleavy, Lottie Crane, Madison Mylchreest and Nuala Goodson.

Results: v Haven High 17-1 (W), v Spalding Academy 8-2 (W), v Boston High 2-2 (D), v Bourne Academy 13-3 (W), v Spalding High 13-8 (W)

## SIXTH FORM RUGBY - 29 September 2021 - Mr Bowers, PE

Rugby returned at Bourne Grammar School on Wednesday as the Sixth Form team played against Stamford Endowed Schools U18c in a fiercely contested fixture. The boys performed superbly and carried themselves impeccably throughout the game.

A strong defence held up a number of Stamford attacks and the team managed to break down every attack with a number of turn overs and penalties won in the ruck. The ball found its way to both ends of the pitch as Bourne continued to carry the ball well into the Stamford half and came close to scoring before being held up just before the line. Bourne held it at deadlock until Stamford scored a try on the brink of half time which was comfortably converted. The second half saw another dominant defensive display as Stamford held the ball continually in our half and managed to sneak over the line midway through. Soon after, an excellent rip from Matt Lines saw the ball end up with George Watts through the play who ran the distance of the Stamford half, avoiding a number of covering defenders to score the first try of the season for Bourne Grammar School which was dramatically converted by Matt Lines via the crossbar!

Stamford scored again towards the backend of the second half which left the score at 17-7 to finish the game. Credit must go to all of the boys who played, some more experienced than others for what was an excellent game. A promising start and with more training sessions coming up before the next two fixtures in November, I'm sure there will be progress made. Well done boys.



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS

4,419	3,535	3,341	3,741

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each House between 06/09/2021 and 01/10/2021.*

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lily-Grace Cooke (Year 10) and Sophia Bull (Year 11) have been selected for the Under 16 Lincolnshire County Football Team. Over 100 girls attended the trials so this is an incredible achievement, even more so as Lily-Grace is a year young and Sophia has been made captain.

The following students have recently achieved DofE awards:

Year 11 - Bronze: Rhea Joshi, Sophia Leaton and Jack Ray

Year 12 - Bronze: Charlotte Sanderson (Bronze), Katie Ward and Marcus Williams (Silver)

Year 13 - Bronze: Joshua Conrathe (Bronze), Charlie Bryant, Charlotte Lindsay, Marco Lytle, Lauren Sanderson, James Shepherd and Amelie Surtees (Silver)

The following students have achieved success in LAMDA examinations:

Year 8 - Hayden Pugh - Grade 4 Speech and Drama with Distinction

Year 11 - Amelie Murphy - Grade 7 Musical Theatre with Distinction

Verity Toulson (Year 13) recently achieved her Grade 8 Singing Exam with Distinction.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Henry Hodson	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Kieran Ng	7	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Zaid Thalangara	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Oliver Webb	7	Mrs Ford	Pastoral
Matthew He	8	Mr Dyson	Computing
Euan Hirst	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Keira Rayner	8	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Ella Snart	8	Mr Howard	EPR
Peter Wrigley	8	Ms Jasinska	Registration
Logan Coltman-Bell	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Tegan Haw	9	Ms Bennett	English
Solomon Johnson	9	Mr Brown	Computing
Luis Nelson	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Erin Richards	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Rohan Taank	9	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Isabel Turner	9	Mrs Cowell	French
Emilia Beacham	10	Dr Barmby	History
Lorena Ismail	10	Ms Currier	Spanish
Zaynah Khan	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Sanjani Mamillapalle	10	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Mikella Sarfo	10	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Emily Clipson-Cox	11	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics
Charles Coulam	11	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Aoife Glasswell	11	Mr Vaughan	Biology
Katie Jakeman	11	Ms Kemp	English
Alexander Udeaja	11	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Ollie Wilson	11	Ms Bowtell	PE
Hugo Brill	12	Mrs Lattimer	Further Maths
George Watts	12	Miss Bradley	Sports Studies
Edie Whaley	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Joseph Woollard	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Jasmine Bista	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Nina Ortiz-Jimenez	13	Ms Creedon	Spanish