



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 22 October 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

As we reach the October holiday, with students and teachers alike looking forward to recharging tired batteries, it has continued to be a very busy time in School. This week has been a week of enormous vaccination efforts, not just Covid-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds but also Flu vaccines for our students. There have been some bumps along the way in terms of timings and the arrival of the vaccine itself and the ability of the NHS to get sufficient numbers of staff to us to carry out the process, but we have remained light on our feet and adapted to the challenges and have done everything we can to facilitate a successful vaccine rollout. Listening to the briefing from the Government on Wednesday, it does look as though our coronavirus challenges are far from over and we must remain flexible and able to respond to whatever the winter might throw at us.

We have also completed a very successful admissions process that has seen large numbers of young people come to our School to sit entrance tests, and our popularity clearly remains very high. We had well over 650 students sit the 11+ with a pass rate that is certain to produce a long waiting list of students and families keen to join our School. I have mixed emotions about this, glad to see the School so popular but also less than happy at the knowledge that so many are going to be left unsuccessful in their bid to be awarded a place. I do not have in my possession a magic wand that can fix the supply and demand imbalance though I think about it frequently. The most important focus for us must always be the quality of experience offered to the students we have with us, and the recent results of the parental survey demonstrate a very high level of satisfaction with the education we offer, but planning for the pattern of future admissions is an important element also. We are, after all, a School that serves the local community and it is therefore incumbent on me to think about how we manage the high demand for places.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see the School rediscover its dynamic intent over the last seven weeks. We have had a large number of sports' fixtures recently, have seen the return of the orchestra, chamber choir and other ensembles, have auditions in place both for the Sixth Form Play and for a future Dance event, have seen Drama out of School this week on a curriculum based trip, have plans in place for House Music and the House Christmas Card competition and there are a large number of other individual experiences going on. I have no idea what Manny the Mammoth has to do with Christianity, nor am I certain whether Guy Fawkes was framed for his part in the Gunpowder Plot, but answers to both questions lie in wait for me at lunchtime today as part of our rich and varied clubs and activities programme. There are three core indicators of a good school: strong academic progress, effective pastoral support and dynamic personal development. Bourne Grammar can confidently claim to have them all.

INTOUCH EMAILS - HOTMAIL AND YAHOO

We are aware of an issue with InTouch communications from the School not consistently being delivered to parents who have Hotmail and Yahoo email addresses. We have reported this to our service provider who are in the process of liaising with these mail providers to resolve the issue, but at present have no estimate of when this will be resolved. We would recommend that any parent who currently has an email address from one of these providers registered with the School for InTouch communications contacts academic@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk with an alternative, so that we can ensure you continue to receive communications from us. We regret any inconvenience caused.

COVID CATCH-UP SESSIONS - Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)

During this half-term, teachers have been assessing their students' understanding of content taught during the periods of lockdown. The School has purposely shone a light to see how well our students have remembered lockdown work, in order to diagnose areas where additional reinforcement of learning is needed. These assessments have been low-stakes and conducted in a subtle way to avoid making students anxious; I'm delighted to say that the results they have generated have been overwhelmingly positive.

A small number of students however have been identified, whose learning has been particularly affected by the School's enforced closures and they have sadly fallen behind. The School is in the process of writing to parents of these students to explain that their child is invited to attend additional lunchtime sessions. These lunchtimes present an opportunity for students to revisit work completed during lockdown and to close the gap. It may be the case that these students are making excellent progress now that they are back in classroom lessons, and looking at the list of names I can see many outstanding students; however, they have not learned as well at home as they do at School and their teachers feel that they would benefit from extra catch-up tuition to cover again lockdown work. Being included on this list should not be viewed as a punishment for a student's lack of work ethic or ability. There are many exceptional Grade 9 and A* level students included, who it is deemed would benefit from the extra tuition.

Below is the 2-week rolling programme of lunchtime catch-up sessions. Please note that these sessions are by invite only.

A programme of additional after-school sessions – available to all students - in the subjects most will be published in the next Bulletin on Friday 5 November.

I hope the additional learning opportunities will benefit our students – I am sure that they will.

		YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13
WEEK ONE	Monday 1 Nov	MATHS Smith M3	GEOGRAPHY Greenfield G3	ENGLISH LIT Bennett E10	SPANISH HIGHER / SPANISH FOUNDATION Segarra MFL9 / Edwards MFL8	ECONOMICS Hartley SS1
	STAFF AND ROOM	MUSIC Tomlinson MU1		DESIGN ENGINEERING Dougall DE1	STATS Murphy M9	ENGLISH LANG Tomlinson E8
	Tuesday 2 Nov	COMPUTER SCIENCE Dyson CS4	CHEMISTRY Marsden S14	HISTORY Capper H1	ENGLISH LANG Bennett E10	SOCIOLOGY Sanders SS5
	STAFF AND ROOM	EPR Howard EPR1			PE Chamberlain PE1	PHYSICS / MEDIA STUDS Mitchell S3 / Williamson E11
	Wednesday 3 Nov	SPANISH Jasinska MFL1	ENGLISH LANG Edwards E5	PHYSICS Miller S4	GERMAN Doeringhaus MFL6	ENGLISH LIT / MATHS Watson E7 / Sheppard M6
	STAFF AND ROOM		MATHS Gillespie M9	MUSIC Tomlinson MU1	ART Masufire A1	COMPUTER SCIENCE Brown CS4
	Thursday 4 Nov	SCIENCE Fleckney S5	DESIGN ENG Delpot DE2	GEOGRAPHY Greenfield G3	FRENCH Cowell MFL3	BIOLOGY Mizen S1
	STAFF AND ROOM			MATHS Farrow M10	ENGLISH LIT Williamson E2	MUSIC / LAW Tomlinson MU1 / Mitchell SS3
	Friday 5 Nov	ENGLISH Dye E9	COMPUTER SCIENCE Dyson CS4	BIOLOGY Mizen S1	MATHS Smith M3	PSYCHOLOGY / PE Hobbiss SS4 / Bowtell PE1
	STAFF AND ROOM	GEOGRAPHY Lindley G2	SPANISH Patman MFL8	FRENCH Cowell MFL3	DRAMA Moxley D1	SPANISH / MUSIC Creedon MFL4 / Tomlinson MU1
	Monday 8 Nov	MATHS Smith M3	ENGLISH LANG Pritchard E3	SPANISH Worrall MFL2	BIOLOGY Stainton S9	CHEMISTRY / SOCIOLOGY Marsden S14 / Sanders SS5
	STAFF AND ROOM		MUSIC Jones MU1	COMPUTER SCIENCE Brown CS4	DESIGN ENG Delpot DE2	THEATRE STUDIES / MATHS Moxley D1 / Sheppard M6
WEEK TWO	Tuesday 9 Nov	HISTORY Green H4	ENGLISH LIT Roberts E5	CHEMISTRY Marsden S14	SPANISH HIGHER / SPANISH FOUNDATION Segarra MFL9 / Edwards MFL8	ART / DESIGN ENG Welling A2 / Brown DE2
	STAFF AND ROOM	COMPUTER SCIENCE Brown CS4			GEOGRAPHY Murray G4	FRENCH / RS Cowell MFL3 / Tighe EPR1
	Wednesday 10 Nov	SPANISH Baverstock MFL1	MATHS Gillespie M9	ENGLISH LANG Tomlinson E8	HISTORY Barmby H2	GEOGRAPHY / ENGLISH LANG Pollard G1 / Tomlinson E8
	STAFF AND ROOM	EPR Howard EPR1			MUSIC Jones MU1	LAW / ENGLISH LIT Mitchell SS3 / Watson E7
	Thursday 11 Nov	ENGLISH Williamson E2	SPANISH Clark MFL5	GERMAN Doeringhaus MFL6	EPR Tighe EPR1	HISTORY Barmby H2
	STAFF AND ROOM	DESIGN ENG Dougall DE1	MATHS Howard EPR1	MATHS Farrow M10	COMPUTER SCIENCE Brown CS4	BUSINESS Heighway/Lawrence SS2
	Friday 12 Nov	GEOGRAPHY Pollard G1	HISTORY Capper H1	SPANISH Currier MFL7	MATHS Smith M3	MEDIA STUDS / MATHS Williamson E11 / Sheppard M6
	STAFF AND ROOM	SCIENCE Fleckney S5	ENGLISH LIT Smithson E4		CHEMISTRY Harris S13	POLITICS / GERMAN Tighe EPR1 / Doeringhaus MFL6

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Princess Royal Sports Arena, Boston - Friday 15 October

Report by Mr Ray (Director of PE & Sport) and Mr Sheppard

After a busy term of cross country, with many students competing in 4 or more races, the South Lincs Championships not only offered students the opportunity represent the School but to also progress to the County Final, represent South Lincolnshire and potentially gain their Lincolnshire vest. All students finishing in the top 16 positions would automatically qualify for this opportunity, with those finishing in positions 17-20 likely additions to complete the South Lincolnshire team. Additionally, the first 6 athletes home for each school in each race, would form the team score and compete for the Team titles available on the day. With 80 students from Years 7-13, this would be the final race of the term and our largest contingent of the season to date.

The Senior Boys were first off at 10:30 and dominated the race with 1st-4th finishes for Alex and Dan Galpin, Max James and Hugo Brill over the 6.3k course. Joe Garner and James Thomas rounded off the team scoring in 7th and 8th places, securing the first team title. In lots of the older age groups the dominance continued for the school with similar 1st-4th finishes for the Intermediate Girls from Hannah Taylor, Aoife Glasswell, Erin Cox and Charlotte Cullen, an even more impressive performance given the competitive standard of the race. Fantastic scores from Ada Henson and Emma Aldred in 6th and 7th rounded off the team, sealing a second victory. The Intermediate Boys displayed similar quality with Seb Beedell winning comfortably, Johan Coughlan running a fantastic second given a fall in the race and all scorers afterwards doing a top job with Thomas Preston (4th), Owen James (7th), George Groom (8th) and Alex Sadler (11th) making the scoring team as the top 6 for Bourne. For the Senior Girls, Flo Brill - our sole competitor in a smaller field - also ran a good race to cement her qualification for the County Championships, to be held at Burghley Park on Saturday 15 January 2022.



In the younger age groups the field sizes were notably larger and high ranking places were tougher to come by. Nonetheless Owen Nazuruk-Wheeler ran to victory, with Toby Staines fighting to the very end of the race to place 5th. After those two, the ranks were close for Bourne with Yianni Halford, Bayley Graham, Noah Henderson, Louis Sanderson finishing 9th-12th respectively. Yet another team victory came from the Year 8-9 (Junior) Girls with a great battle between Millie Doud and Faith Perkins to decide 3rd and 4th respectively. In fact Bourne held all of the 3rd-8th positions with a stream of red coming in from Millie Herrick, Yvette Annie, Lois Watson and Charlotte Smith; another title taken.



Mixed results were produced from the Year 7 races. Ben Alliston ran an excellent race to finish in 3rd place and Ollie Desborough 5th, but whilst awaiting the remaining 4 team members to cross the line for the team score, a string of other school vests crossed the line. Completing the team score was Charlie Doud (13th) Louis Longden (17th), Lucas Nemeth (18th) and Luca Christoudias in 25th place. This would ultimately push Bourne Grammar into second place for the first time in many years.

For the Year 7 girls however it was business as normal. Whilst no 1st place was taken here either, the girls were phenomenal with the best team finish of all 8 races. After the winner from Spalding High, the next 7 vests were all Bourne Grammar, from 2nd to 8th respectively were: Natalya Krywyszyn, Ellen Richardson, Leah Graham, Lois Cox, Faith Harwood, Ella Barratt and Isabelle Clarkson.

Full sets of results can be found [here](#).

A hugely successful end to cross country for the School and one that should see 58 students selected for the County Championships to be held at Burghley Park on Saturday 15 January. Well done to all who have taken part both in this race and those this term. As always, Mr Sheppard continues to run the Cross Country club on a Monday and Wednesday after School and this will continue through to the end of the year. All are welcome both for Cross Country and general improvement of endurance/fitness.

The next important date for Cross Country is Saturday 13 November and the ESAA Cross Country Cup Regional Finals, to be held at South Hunsley School, Melton, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire (just across the Humber bridge). For the first time ever we have 6 teams that have qualified for this stage. The event in 3 age categories (for boys and girls) sees the Year 7 & 8 combined, Years 9 & 10 and the inaugural Seniors competition consisting Years 11, 12 & 13. Without looking too far ahead, should any of these teams finish in the top 3 positions, they will progress to the National Final (the top 24 schools in the country) taking place on Saturday 4 December in Newquay, Cornwall.

A-LEVEL SPANISH WORKSHOP - *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* - Report by Jasmine Bista (Year 13)

On Wednesday 20 October, A-Level Spanish students were able to participate in a theatre workshop put on by Cervantes Theatre London in order to aid our study of Federico García Lorca's *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*, the literary text we are studying as part of our A-Level course.

The workshop was divided into three sections: drama games, theory, and a representation of some scenes of the play by professional actresses. The insight it gave us into Spanish traditions and customs was illuminating and seeing the scenes put into a theatrical context greatly furthered our understanding of the play. As well as improving our knowledge of the work itself, I also found it to be beneficial in the opportunity it provided for us to push ourselves linguistically, which meant that by the end of it, we were able to leave the workshop with more confidence in our capabilities to express complex and thought-provoking ideas about the play in Spanish.

The session culminated in us all performing a scene from Act 2, completely in Spanish of course, with props and even some vocal accompaniment from the students playing the role of the chorus!

Altogether, this experience was extremely productive and also thoroughly enjoyable, so I would like to express my gratitude to the Spanish department for organising it for us.



HOUSE COMPETITION - MINI MARATHON - *House Leaders*

There is a House Challenge for you to have a go at over half term. To join in with the success of the London Marathon the House Leaders challenge students to complete a 'Mini Marathon.' You need run, jog, walk or wheel 2.6 miles.

Once you have done this upload a selfie, photo of your watch/fitbit, a screenshot of Strava or anything to show you have completed the 2.6 miles to the BGS House 'Padlet' page – www.padlet.com/BGSHouses (don't forget to put your name and House with your photo).

The House with the most entries... WINS! We look forward to seeing all of your entries soon.

ART DEPARTMENT: WILLOUGHBY COMPETITION - Mrs Welling, Subject Leader: Art

Students have been creating work to enter into the Willoughby Art Exhibition, which is held yearly in Corby Glen. The exhibition is unique in that work from professional and amateur artists of all ages is displayed side by side and gives students the opportunity to view their work in a gallery setting. Below is an example of some of the incredible entries we have submitted. Well done to all students involved.



Arden Follington



Megan Moore



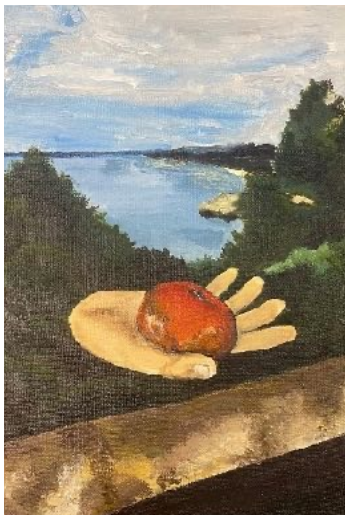
Jess Reid



Abbie Mandaracas



Miina Maaranen



Lilianna Rainer



Alexandra Weston



Chloe Adams



Holly Weston







Megan Moore

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Ben Alliston	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Jessica Cowlard	7	Dr Barmby	History
Poppy Drake	7	Miss Heighway	English
Faith Harwood	7	Mrs Lattimer	Mathematics
Alfred Kendon	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ellis Lester	7	Mr Sutherland	Registration
Alex Newcombe	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ellen Richardson	7	Mr Walker	Computing
Adeena Sajid	7	Mr Sutherland	Registration
Harry Slack	7	Miss Heighway	English
Phoebe Walker	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Zeke Young	7	Mr Walker	Design Engineering
Katie Pawluk	7	Mr Dyson	Computing
Bea Ford	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Euan Hirst	8	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Amjad Kebbeh	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Husayn Walji	8	Miss Capper	History
Henry Hill	8	Miss Wright	Art
Sebastien Louzolo	8	Mr Williamson	English
Alex Dougall	9	Mr Dyson	Computing
Adrian Ernest	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Lucie Lund	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Emilie Robertson	9	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Abigail Sellappah	9	Dr Murphy	Mathematics
Vikita Shah	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Shaan Damani	10	Miss Lindley	Geography
Oliver Harrison	10	Mr Flight	Mathematics
Sam Linfoot	10	Mr Flight	Statistics
Briony Nelson	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Alfie Scotney	10	Mr Brown	Computing
Ike Steele	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Eimhin Hickey	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Charlotte Alder	11	Miss Watson	English
Sophia Cooke	11	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Sophia Leaton	11	Miss Watson	English
Nicholas Lees	11	Miss Bradley	PE
Lyndon Sysum	11	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Nina Thelwell	11	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Ananya Aravindhan	11	Mr Farrow	Statistics
Elizabeth Allen	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Izzy Burnside	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Sarah Draper	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Elias Howard	12	Miss Sanders	Registration
Thomas Payne	12	Miss Lindley	Geography
Milly Ramm	12	Miss Heighway	Business Studies
Daniel Sanish	12	Ms Bennett	English Language
Maria Wright	12	Ms Bennett	English Language
Dan Rambaldi	13	Mr Bowers	Extra-curricular
Arya Ranaut	13	Miss Dorosenko	Biology

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
9,599	8,657	8,491	9,411

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each House between 06/09/2021 and 21/10/2021.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Harry Maxey (Year 7) has passed his Grade 2 Piano exam with distinction, and recently passed his Grade 5 Singing exam with distinction.