

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 22 January 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

Wider UK news broadcasts this week have been difficult to absorb. Shocking virus impact figures, a stunningly powerful BBC Covid frontline update by Clive Myrie on the consequent strain on NHS intensive care units, and now the extra impacts of flooding. The third “blue” Monday in January by reputation is the most gloomy date on the calendar as winter darkness and the reality of work after the Christmas holiday sinks in. In this context, all health workers in our hospitals battling to save lives are worthy of our utmost support and respect.

And yet, when all seems dark and grim, children are able to bring a smile to our faces and my own spirits have been raised significantly as I learned of the innovative ways in which Bourne Grammar students have been responding to lockdown. As I browsed our online *Teams* Channels, expecting perhaps to see the negative impacts of our current situation, I found instead widespread evidence of a positive and forward thinking mindset. Sixth Form students have reached out to our younger year groups, putting together helpful videos for them including Yoga, Art ideas and even a fun murder mystery investigation amongst other suggestions. Fantastic stuff! There are quizzes galore, a photography competition in both Year 8 and 9 with some outstanding entries, a first class motivational clip for Year 7, a thriving Art Club in Year 9, a tasty looking Bake Off and countless posts from staff putting resources from various extra sessions and external lectures for all to access if required. *BGS Bees* is alive and well, a Year 10 newsletter is internally published each week and plans for the Year 13 Yearbook are clearly in process. So much energy, so much positivity and in particular so much support on offer.

And this support is something we will grow and harness for as long as it takes. I am grateful to all teaching colleagues who continue to offer extra after school catch-up sessions online, though for younger students in particular I would emphasise that these are entirely optional and not a requirement. If you have had enough of being sat in front of a screen for the day then taking a walk outside or doing something different might be the best form of “catch-up” for you! Our tutors and pastoral staff have been working hard to maintain communications with our students, and our team of Covid testing volunteers have been in school again to ensure our site is safe. We have also been fortunate to receive a grant from the BGL group that will allow for the purchase of several more laptops to help us ensure all students have access to online learning. If kindness was the focus at the start of term, then working hard to support one another during the current period of lockdown is certainly the natural next step.

Finally a national consultation was launched by the government last week to gather opinion from parents and all those in the education sector on the best way for our Year 11 and 13 students to be awarded GCSE and A-Level grades this summer. This is an important consultation, the results of which will shape the approach of every school in England to the awarding process this summer, and I would encourage as many of you as possible to make your voice heard before it closes at 11.45pm on Friday 29 January. The survey can be found here: [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Stay safe, stay kind and thank you to all those who are doing so much to nurture and support our school community during these difficult times.

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

Academic catch-up sessions are continuing to take place remotely via *TEAMS*. Students may attend any session(s) of their choosing as published below by joining the relevant *TEAMS* meeting at 17:00 each day.

	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 13
Monday 25 January	ENGLISH Writing: Organising ideas in your narrative effectively Miss Bennett TEAMS	GEOGRAPHY Ocean environmental problems Mrs Greenfield TEAMS	HISTORY The New Deal Miss Capper TEAMS	No Session Available	No Session Available
	GEOGRAPHY China environmental problems Miss Lindley TEAMS	ENGLISH Writing: Organising ideas in your narrative effectively Miss Smithson TEAMS	MATHEMATICS Probability and Sets Mr Sheppard TEAMS		
Tuesday 26 January	MATHEMATICS Constructing pie charts Mr Sheppard TEAMS	HISTORY How to structure a strong historical argument throughout your answer Mr Bainbridge TEAMS	SPANISH Immediate future and simple future If clauses Mrs Worrall TEAMS	No Session Available	No Session Available
	SPANISH Prepositions of place Ms Currier TEAMS	PHYSICS Forces 2 Mr Mitchell TEAMS	BIOLOGY Animal Transport 1 Miss Mizen TEAMS		
Wednesday 27 January					
Thursday 28 January				EPR The work of the church domestically is more important than its work abroad Mr Howard TEAMS	CHEMISTRY Inorganic Chemistry Catch-Up 2 Mr Marsden SS3

YEAR 8 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - Report by Miss Atkinson, Head of Year 8

Year 8 students have been entering their photographs into the first round of the Year 8 Photography Competition. The theme, as suggested by the students, was 'Things you only notice in Lockdown', and competition was tough. After much deliberation, 10 entries were chosen as finalists. I am pleased to be able to share with you the winning photographs and the finalists highly commended photographs.



1ST: MATILDA HULME



1ST: ANNABEL HAYES



2ND: POPPY FASULO



3RD: AMELIA BLAKE



REUBEN TAAFFE



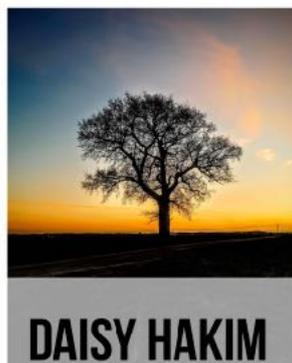
GEORBIN BILOY



MASHA MOROZOVA



CHIARA PACITTI



DAISY HAKIM



BELLA BURTON

YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - Report by Miss Bradley, Head of Year 9

The theme for this week's Year 9 Photography competition was Mood or Emotion. From the large number of entries we received, it is clear that our pets and walks are helping to boost our mood during lockdown!



1st Place - Ella Stewart



2nd Place - Alexanne Bradley



3rd Place - Rhys Evans

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

			
1,438	1,531	1,731	1,578

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house up to 22/01/2021.*

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Harry Evison-Williams (Year 9) has passed his Grade 4 Piano exam.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Merryn Baldock	7	Mr Graves	PE
Isla Blowers	7	Mrs Woolf	Science
Miles Garrido	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Freddie Jibb	7	Mr Ray	PE
Charlotte Smith	7	Miss Smith	PE
Bronte Wyvill	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Adelina Zagorodniuc	7	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Adelina Zagorodniuc	7	Mr Walker	Computing
Euan Hirst	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Oscar Huang	7	Mr Edwards	Drama
Libby Bird	8	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Bella Burton	8	Mr Bowers	PE
Tula Harvey	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Eshaal Ihtisham-Ahktar	8	Mrs Welling	Art
Oliver Leeton	8	Ms Currier	Spanish
Olly Lockton	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Jason Ogoe	8	Miss Turton	Drama
Holly Potts	8	Ms Kemp	English
Abigail Sellappah	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Jacob Townsend	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Kacper Zajac	8	Mrs Williamson	English
Flo Bailey	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Frances Henson	9	Ms McVicker	English
Briony Nelson	9	Mr Walker	Computing
Tristan Ng	9	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
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Cloda O'Boyle	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Charlotte Alder	10	Miss Capper	History
Arslan Bhatti	10	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Charles Coulam	10	Mr Miller	Physics
Freya Dimeloe	10	Ms Kemp	English
Archie Falla	10	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Louis Humphries	10	Miss Watson	English
Momina Iqbal	10	Mr Tighe	EPR
Sree Ramesh Shankar	10	Miss Watson	English
Libby Reid	10	Mr Adamson	Mathematics
Reece Bairsto	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Edsel Derish	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Jonathan Watkinson	12	Mr Walker	Computing