

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 26 February 2021 From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

The news this week has been good. Not only is the Covid infection rate coming down and the vaccination programme pushing forward successfully, but we have been given a roadmap out of the crisis and schools have been placed at the top of the priority list for coming out of lockdown. We all know that this is not a risk-free decision by the Government, and the roadmap may need to be adjusted in the months ahead, but the news that children can be back in school from Monday 8 March will raise smiles right across our community and I cannot wait to see the School operating in a face to face context. For me it will be a first taste of "normal" Bourne Grammar life!

As I type this *Bulletin* on Thursday afternoon I am not quite able yet to put the specific plan to you, though as soon as I am able to do so I will produce a specific communication about the testing and reopening schedule. I am able to tell you now that the Government changed its approach to the timing of testing on Wednesday and has now granted schools permission to test students before 8 March if they wish. We want to get our students back on site as soon as we possibly can and so we are working hard on a plan that will get as many of our students tested next week as possible, allowing them a fast start on 8 March. Watch this space: the schedule may arrive very shortly.

What does all this mean for our students? Find your uniform or office dress and brush off the dirt! Locate the pencil case, dig out any exercise books and/or folders and/or resources that you might not have used as much as usual during lockdown and check your timetable. Monday 8 March is a Week 2 and you can begin to look forward to seeing your classmates in person. But also...remember that we still need to wear face coverings, we will still be in bubbles and we still need to keep our hands clean and maintain our space. Testing of students will be on offer for the weeks ahead. So we all continue to have responsibility for ensuring the virus does not spread again so that we can look forward with renewed optimism to the summer and beyond.

Finally, let us continue to keep kindness at the forefront of our thinking. As I have written before, a kind act has enormous power and when School reopens we need to show more kindness than ever before. Those nervous at returning, those who perhaps test positive next week, those who may have been affected directly by the pandemic in recent weeks and months: all will need our help so let us be kind in all our dealings with each other. Parents have found the lockdown tough, students have found it equally tough, teachers have found it tough too. Not everyone will return to School on their best form, some will be concerned about the GCSE and A Level results process and others will just need time to re-adjust to re-engaging with a live school community. All of this will be challenging but those challenges will quickly dissolve away if we make sure we are individually and collectively kind.

YEAR 9 GCSE OPTION CHOICES - Mr Ransom, Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

Please remember that the deadline for submitting option preferences is 09:00 on Wednesday 17 March. Before students can select and submit option preferences, access to the options system must be activated. The unique access code that is required to activate the options systems was sent to the School email account of each Year 9 student on 10 February 2021. Please note that this is a one-time-use-only code; once used it will not be needed again and cannot be used again. Once activated the options system can be accessed by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk and logging in with the email account and password set up at the time of activation.

Once options preferences have been successfully submitted, no further action is required. Please note that your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you 'save' your option selections. The parental consent box does not need to be ticked. If you have any queries or concerns then please contact us at gcs.gc.gc.nc.gc.gc.nc.

YEAR 11 COURSEWORK - The Art Department (Mrs Welling and Miss Mafusire)

Year 11 students are currently working towards completing their coursework and have produced exceptional pieces based on their individual theme. Below are a variety of studies students have created using different materials and techniques. Well done to all Year 11 Art students on their continued hard work in this final part of their GCSE.



Geena Olivares-Alvarez



Arabella Allen



Lilianna Rainer



Ali Weston



Beth Ashley



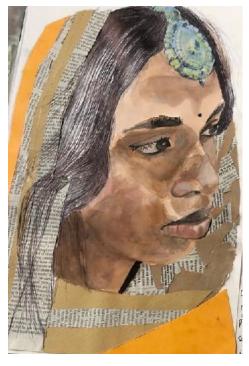
Daniel Greenfield



Abbie Mandaracas



Amelia Skinner



Holly Weston



Phoebe Bardwell



Charlotte Broadhurst



Katie Lee



Amelia Griffiths



Jess Reid



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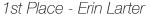


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YEAR 8 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - Miss Atkinson, Head of Year 8

Year 8 students were capturing photographs over the half term break to the theme of 'Time' for our bi-weekly photography competition. Once again their entries proved to be outstanding, and narrowing it down was very difficult. A number chose to try their hand at playing with shutter speed, following Miss Mizen's top tip, whilst others thought carefully about their interpretation of this abstract theme. I am pleased to share with you the top 3 photographs, alongside images from the other finalists.







2nd Place - Georbin Biloy



3rd Place - Harriet Cork







Isabel Turner



Bella Burton

CATCH-UP SESSIONS - Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
Academic catch-up sessions are continuing to take place remotely via TEAMS next week.

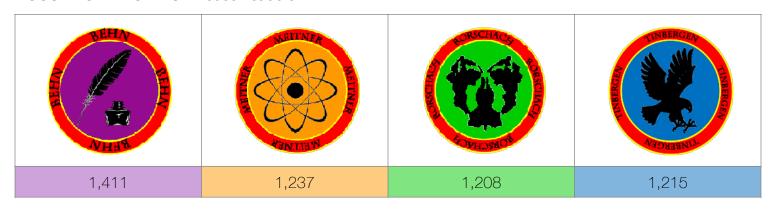
Students may attend any session(s) of their choosing as published below by joining the relevant *TEAMS* meeting at 17:00 each day.

	YEAR 10			YEAR 13	
	ENGLISH LITERATURE			MATHEMATICS	MEDIA STUDIES
Monday 1 March	Poetry Revision Miss Smithson TEAMS			Binomial Expansion Dr Murphy TEAMS	Games Industry & Hesmondhaigh Mr Williamson TEAMS
				RELIGIOUS STUDIES	
Tuesday 2 March		No Session Available		Buddhism Mr Tighe TEAMS	
				DESIGN ENGINEERING	
Wednesday 3 March	No Session Available			Alternative electronics Mr Delport TEAMS	
	GEOGRAPHY	GERMAN	FRENCH	BUSINESS	
Thursday 4 March	Urban Futures Mrs Greenfield TEAMS	Writing Miss Doerpinghaus TEAMS (16:00 start)	Writing Mrs Cowell TEAMS (15:45 start)	Stock and Quality Management (2.4.3/4) Mr Lawrence TEAMS	

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Chloe Burgin	7	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Bhargav Elakoochy	7	Mr Adamson	Mathematics
Sophie Gombault	7	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Calem Healy	7	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Calem Healy	7	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Georgia Herrick	7	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Paula Kriauciunaite	7	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Adrianne Moore	7	Miss Mizen	Science
Julius Priedis	7	Mrs Woolf	Science
Georbin Biloy	8	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Harry Hyam	8	Mr Walker	Computing
Olly Lockton	8	Mr Murray	Geography
Grace Osborne	8	Mr Green	History
Holly Potts	8	Miss Watson	English
Isabelle Riley	8	Mr Walker	Computing
Isabel Turner	8	Mr Green	History
Faith Perkins	8	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Thomas Wright-Lakin	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Bella Atkin	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Dylan Bradshaw	9	Mr Williamson	English
Archie Crane	9	Ms McVicker	English
Jayden Jafri	9	Mr Hartley	Business Studies
Maisy Jones	9	Miss Turton	Drama
Evie Lound	9	Miss Bradley	PE
Sasha Milne	9	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Tristan Ng	9	Mr Walker	Computing
Isobel Rodway	9	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Leila Silkstone	9	Miss Mafusire-Strawford	Art
Argam Ali	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Isaiah Gyamfi	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Charlotte Alder	10	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Hannah Ali	10	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
James Carey	10	Dr Barmby	History
Harry Child	10	Mr Gillespie	Mathematics
Lotte Cole	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Enoch Ekundayomi	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Will Gardner	10	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Ben Harrison	10	Ms Bowtell	Registration
David Hyam	10	Mr Green	History
Katie Jakeman	10	Ms Kemp	English
Evan Mulligan	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Sam Newcombe	10	Ms Kemp	English
James Pembery	10	Mr Walker	Computing
Sree Ramesh Shankar	10	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Sania Shaji	10	Mr Howard	Pastoral EPR
Lauren Spellar	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
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Katie Taylor		Mrs Clark	Spanish English
Jamie Flatley	11	Ms McVicker	English Spanish
Alexandra Weston	11	Mrs Worrall	Spanish Palicious Studios
Arvindar Bhatti	12	Mr Tighe	Religious Studies
Verity Toulson	12	Mr Moxley	Theatre Studies
Holly Brown	13	Mr Brown	Computing

HOUSE POINT TOTALS - House Leaders



These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points. It includes points from all students in each house from 22/02/2021 to 26/02/2021.

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