



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 14 May 2021

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

My Bulletin last week produced a reaction from the student body, and I am pleased to see that we have strong views within School with students prepared to challenge appropriately what I say and do. The point made to me was that Margaret Thatcher's record as Prime Minister is such a controversial one, particularly in the realm of equality, that perhaps it isn't appropriate to hold her up as an example of someone to admire. My reply to this was that last week's article did not hold her up as a role model as such but instead illustrated that, as a woman in the UK in the late 1970s, a successful journey from humble Lincolnshire beginnings to national leader *via* a training in science was worthy of attention, regardless of our take on her policies and politics. A good debate, and hats off to those in Year 13 who felt strongly enough to state their opinion.

The discussion around this led me to consider the subject of female role models at a time when equality is such a significant topic in society from a multitude of angles, not just from the perspective of gender. We have a duty in School to promote equality: it is enshrined in the British Values that we promote, and when we consider the impact of the pandemic on women it sharpens the focus further. The EU commission has reported that women have disproportionately borne the burden of front line health care in the last year, at the same time experienced a sharp rise in domestic violence and have been disproportionately affected in the labour market as retail and hospitality have struggled. Now more than ever we need good role models for girls in school.

If Thatcher's rise to power is a case study in dynamic leadership perhaps we might look at Jacinda Ardern as a case study in the successful delivery of 21st century progressive politics. As New Zealand's Prime Minister, Ardern is a committed social democrat, a champion of women's rights, and is unafraid to question political orthodoxy. Prepared to challenge the Chinese government over human rights abuses, willing to criticise Australia's deportation policy, a supporter of same-sex marriage and a pride parade marcher, Ardern represents the reawakening of an approach that prioritises social equality grounded in an "ethos of kindness", and whether we agree or not with the specifics of her policy platform we must acknowledge the impact she is having on the world stage. She brought her 3 month old baby into the UN General Assembly in 2018, she publicly wore the hijab as she comforted New Zealand's Muslims after the Christchurch massacre and in 2020 a landslide victory in New Zealand's General Election demonstrated that a politician steeped in humanity and empathy could grab the attention of the electorate.

So...to the students in Year 13 who expressed their views so eloquently to me last week I hope this Bulletin serves to provide balance. As a historian I find Thatcher's career every bit as interesting as Ardern's growing profile: different people living in different contexts, different political platforms and different impacts but with one thing in common. Both demonstrate that women can thrive on the global political stage and be successful leaders in their own right. At Bourne Grammar we will develop our commitment to equality in the months and years ahead, and we will ensure that all members of our School play an equal role in the development of our community and its goals. In doing this, role models such as Ardern have a crucial role to play.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students, who achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award in recent weeks: Arabella Allen, Archit Kumar, Alexandra Weston, Holly Weston, Jack Bannister, Joe Haynes and Joe Manning.

SIXTH FORM LECTURE PROGRAMME - Mrs Lattimer

As part of their Sixth Form experience, our Year 12 students enjoy a weekly lecture series on a wide range of topics. Our speakers come from a wide variety of backgrounds such as professional organisations, charity workers, former students and business owners. We are beginning to plan our programme for September 2021 onwards and we would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in delivering a talk to our students on a Tuesday morning from 09:15 to 10:15.

If you, or someone you know, might be able to support our programme then please contact us via sixthform@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

KS3 OXPLORE BOOK CLUB - Dr Barmby

April was poetry month for the Oxplore Book Club and students were lucky enough to be joined by celebrated poet Mary Jean Chan during our monthly Zoom call with the University of Oxford. Mary Jean offered fantastic advice to the students and was wonderfully open and generous in discussing her life and the influence it has had on her writing. Students left the session armed with tips for writing their own poetry and were encouraged by the University to submit either a review of Mary Jean's poetry, or to have a go at creating their own masterpiece.

I am delighted to report that Maitham Mavani (Year 7) took up the challenge and his poem was selected as a winning entry. Congratulations to Maitham, who won a copy of Amanda Gorman's *The Hill We Climb* and a £10 Amazon voucher. A copy of Maitham's winning poem can be read below.

Art

Lots of creations,
Loads more decorations,
Infinite patterns,
Huge ranges of colour.
Imagination comes to life,
Nature and abstract,
Sky and animals
Little cute dogs
Or 'The Scream'
Lots of colours
Or not many colours
Everything has a picture
If you use your
IMAGINATION!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music The following students have recently passed Piano exams:

- Sanjana Padmanabhan (Year 8) - Grade 1
- Marco Perna (Year 7) - Grade 3 with Merit
- Leila Silkstone (Year 9) - Grade 3 with Merit
- Leo Clack (Year 13) - Grade 3
- Gemma Parker (Year 13) - Grade 5 with Distinction
- Henry Wickham (Year 9) - Grade 6 with Merit

Mr Black, who teaches Piano at the School, said "When you consider that these students have had all their lessons online for the last year, these results are doubly impressive. Now that instrumental lessons have resumed at the School face-to-face, we can expect even greater results."

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Jay-Jay Bradshaw	7	Miss Turton	Drama
Hannah Lawson	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Maitham Mavani	7	Miss Patman	Spanish
Poppy McLearnon	7	Ms Bowtell	PE
Tanish Patel	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Jesire Richardson	7	Miss Bradley	PE
Alex Dougall	8	Mr Perez	Science
Violet Griffiths-Barrasso	8	Miss Watson	English
Isabella Marriott	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Jack Sheppard	8	Miss Hurrell	Spanish
Huw Ballard	9	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Kacey Chen	9	Miss Capper	History
Evie Lound	9	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Misha Moodley	9	Ms Kemp	English
Melissa Parker	9	Mr Moxley	Drama
Ollie Provost	9	Mr Williamson	English
Caleb Yates	9	Mr Perez	Computing
Owen Butcher	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Rupert Clark	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Emily Clipson-Cox	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Marie Cranch	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
George Groom	10	Mr Farrow	Statistics
Frankie Handley	10	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Freya Hawsworth	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Alex Smith	10	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Hafsah Asad	11	Miss Smithson	English
Dhruva Teja Turaga	11	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Modupe Somoye	13	Mr Brown	Computing

HOUSE POINT TOTALS - House Leaders

			
5,030	5,099	5,072	5,030

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 19/04/2021 and 14/05/2021.*

SPORTS CLUBS

TERM 5	Lunchtime (Astroturf) <i>12:45 - 13:20</i>	After School <i>16:50 finish, 17:00 to collect</i>
MONDAY	Year 7 Cricket (SC/ACG)	Year 7 & 9 Athletics (CJR/JTB/CEB/AS) Year 8 & 10 Cricket (SC/ACG) Year 7-10 Cross Country* (SJS)
TUESDAY	Year 8 Rounders (AS)	Year 7 & 9 Cricket (SC/ACG) Year 10 Tennis (Courts) (CEB) Year 9 Rounders (AS)
WEDNESDAY	Year 8 Cricket (SC/ACG)	Year 8 & 10 Athletics (CJR/JTB/CEB/AS) Year 9 Tennis (Courts) (CPB) Year 7-10 Cross Country* (SJS)
THURSDAY	Year 7 Long Jump, Hurdles and High Jump (CJR/JTB/AS)	Year 7 Rounders (AS) Year 10 Tennis (Courts) (CPB)
FRIDAY	-	-

Clubs will take place weekly - should there be a need to cancel any club, as much notice as possible will be given. PE Department Meetings will affect clubs occasionally. If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff leading the club.

Students attending a club should ensure they come to School in their PE Kit on that day, ideally with a packed lunch. Please wait in your outside bubble area and the member of staff leading the club will collect you.

Please note that Shin Pads must be worn for both Football and Hockey.

**Please note that Cross Country will finish by 16:30.*