

# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 15 December 2023*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

It has been a marvellous term, and in this final bulletin of the calendar year we have so much to celebrate. Last night's Winter Showcase was a triumph: high quality performances from so many enthusiastic and talented performers, once again ably organised by Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones. A packed audience was treated to everything from Elgar to The Pogues, and each item was delivered by students with such passion. On the back of the Sixth Form play last week it was a tremendous way to bring the term (nearly) to a close and we are all very much looking forward to the ambitious three-night run of the West End Wonders project in March. There is always something happening here in the Music Department.

We also say a huge well done to Ben Pennycook who won the 1 Million Minutes award on GMTV this morning for the impact of his "Build Your Confidence Club" designed to support new students as they adjust to senior school. Ben has run this club for over two years now, and we are incredibly proud of his initiative and the quality of the work he does. The award was announced at 08:27 on GMTV which you can watch on demand. To gain national recognition for this is wonderful: he certainly looked the part and conducted himself superbly while being interviewed! Great stuff.

And finally, I would like to congratulate Rishita Dutta in Year 7 and Ella Barrett in Year 9 for their entries into the competition to design our new school tie. Rishita won the competition with Ella coming runner up. The new tie, pictured, will come into use for all new students from September 2024. Both have been given a generous reward from Uniform Direct, our new supplier based in Lincoln, because of the care and attention given to design entries that were cleverly thought out and presented. Very well done indeed.

I hope the whole community has a lovely holiday and that those who celebrate Christmas enjoy a festive time full of family fun and friendship. BGS is in fine fettle, and we can all look forward to 2024 with justified enthusiasm!









## **A VISIT FROM ITV - Report by Ben Pennycook, Year 12**

On Wednesday 15 November, we had some very special guests come to the school; a film crew from ITV, who came to record a short film on Ben Pennycook's 'Build Your Confidence' BYC club.

My name is Ben Pennycook, and this is the story.

On the 22 November, I started the day with a tricky maths test. Full of differentiation and graphs, it was definitely an interesting start to the morning. Soon after, a physics test was awaiting me, which was a challenge, but it kept me on my toes for the upcoming event.

Following a quick sandwich at lunch, our film crew guests arrived in school, and after introducing myself, we moved to the classroom that we would end up filming in. After some more introductions, we started straight away and got to work, and I was interviewed in front of a big, fancy camera. While I was slightly nervous, the crew made me feel very comfortable, and clipped a small microphone to my blazer.

In my interview, I was asked a few questions about the club, why I started it, etc, and it was really exciting knowing I'd be on film.

Soon after, the students who attend the BYC club arrived and were introduced to the film crew, and before any further ado, we started on a mock club session for the camera. Starting by showing the attendees some magic tricks with playing cards, a skill I had used at the club in the past, the afternoon of recording began. During the mock BYC club, some students were interviewed, allowing them to share their individual standpoint on the club and how it benefits them. The next activity we did was making balloon animals as a group, another activity we had done in the actual club previously.

The students who attended this filmed session were great, and acted as their normal, natural selves, which really helped to make the film look authentic, and give a spot-on representation of the club for those who don't attend, or are simply interested in how the club works.

By the end of the school day, the ITV crew had left, and I was left to reflect on how the day had panned out. Firstly, it was great to meet the crew who came and filmed the club, and it was also fantastic to be able to share this experience with the students who constantly attend and support my BYC club, and so deserve a big thank you. And a big thank you goes to Mrs Shales who coordinated it all, supported me throughout, and helped me to keep it a secret for so long.

This short film was made for a very important reason, as I was a finalist for ITV's One Million Minutes award, and by the time you're reading this, my film was aired on ITV's Good Morning Britain this morning, Friday 15 December.

As I always say, volunteering makes you feel great, and is really rewarding. I would recommend it to anyone that is able to spare some time to help others. Have a great weekend.



## CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK APPEAL – *Eva Harris, Year 10*

On Friday 8 December students were able to contribute to a collection in support of Bourne Food Bank, helping fill the School minibus in the morning with groceries, toiletries and Christmas treats. Later that day, we went to Bourne Food Bank to help drop off and unload the donations, which took just under an hour due to the amount of food we had collected. We helped bring in the donations with trolleys and carry bags of food and we filled the whole stock room with bags.

We then had the opportunity to speak to Maureen, one of the volunteers who runs the Food Bank, about how the food bank works and what they do to help people in the local area. The food bank not only gives out food but also toiletries, toothbrushes and shower gel, basic living necessities such as washing powder and fairy liquid to families in the local area. They also help homeless people too, by giving them tents, warm blankets, candles and food.

The Bourne food bank runs completely from donations and relies on other people and their generosity. They also work with lots of other charities that help people deal with struggles such as debt. To get help from the food bank you have to get vouchers from local places such as school, doctors' surgeries, local churches and other public services.

Our visit to the Food Bank was really eye opening, as Maureen explained how many local people are supported by this service and how they need to support more and more people, such as the elderly, many of whom do not know they have this option of support. It was really nice to see how much our School community can come together to help other people and how much impact it will have on the community.

For more information about Bourne Food Bank see: <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/>





## SHOEBOX APPEAL – *Report by The House Leaders*

The House Leaders were once again delighted to visit the Evergreen Care Trust (in Stamford), Jefferson House Children's Home and YMCA Timestop (both in Peterborough) this week to drop off just shy of the 100 shoeboxes, cuddly toys, games, food and selection boxes kindly donated to the School's Christmas Charity Campaigns. Every year these deserving charities are extremely grateful for the donations made by our whole school community and it is a wonderful opportunity to support our wider community.

Thank you to our Head Students, Charlie and Catie who helped unload and deliver the boxes to Evergreen, and a massive thank you to everyone who donated so generously for these wonderful causes, your generosity has such a big impact on so many people.



## **ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADOR TRAINING - Report by Abi Buzzel, Year 10**

VIP! The 3 U's! The 3 C's! Are just some of the phrases the (new) anti-bullying ambassadors learnt about on Tuesday the 12 December.

Starting off the day we were showcased what the next few months may have in store for us whilst we complete the Diana award, to hopefully have a positive impact in our school. Whilst incorporating lots of BSL (British Sign Language) features we did a few sorting activities differentiating between the three different types of bullying: Verbal, Indirect and Physical. "How do you know if someone is being affected by bullying?" is a question we answered as a group by listing signs such as hunched shoulders, head down, withdraw from activities etc.



And one of the key bits of information was what bullying behaviour is which is any "repeated (more than once), negative and intended" behaviour.

Throughout the day we also engaged in a number of activities with all the other anti-bullying ambassadors like human bingo and just dance!!! Furthermore, we were challenged with different scenarios of bullying behaviour and how to handle it. Towards the end we were given time to create ideas for our first upcoming project. Shhhh...! 'Young people can change the world!'

## **STUDENT FIRST AID – Report by Mr Gatland, Head of Year 10**

Twelve students from Year 10 were awarded certificates last week for successfully completing their Level 2 Student First Aid Course. The course was delivered on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November by Eli Colman, a former student of BGS who has subsequently qualified as an Emergency Care Assistant for the NHS.

During the three-hour course, the students learned how to perform CPR on adults, children and infants, the Heimlich manoeuvre, how to recognise signs of anaphylactic shock, how to use an EpiPen, how to use a defibrillator, and more.

The students were shortlisted for the course because they were awarded outstandingly high engagement scores in Term 2. Congratulations on this impressive achievement and well done for completing the course successfully!

Well done to Ned Gervis, Zach Bojang-Brett, Calem Healey, Ella Snart, Miles Garrido, Connor Dunn Hamsini Raja, Emma Hodson, Merryn Baldock, Jack Cotuk, Bronte Wyvil, Livvy Bodmer





## **U16 SISTERS 'N' SPORT NETBALL COMPETITION. LAST 32 MATCH VS RGS WORCESTER – Report by Ms Bradley, PE**

On Tuesday 5 December, the U16 Netball team travelled to RGS Worcester for their last 32 match in the National Sisters 'n' Sport plate competition. It is a great achievement for the girls to have made it this far and it was amazing to see them be so competitive with an established 'netball school' who have previously won the National Netball Cup amongst other accolades.

After a long 2.5 hour journey there, the girls came out with purpose in their warm-up with Tula Harvey ably captaining them to get their heads in the right zone. The opposition looked tall and athletic, but the team were not cowed by this and started the first quarter really strongly matching them centre pass for centre pass. They were a very physical side and their shooters were phenomenal which meant they finished the first quarter 5 up. Our team talk focused on not letting them get into a stride, and trying to match their physicality – Millie Herrick setting an excellent example in the middle in this vein.

Despite RGS Worcester extending their lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, we were still creating many shooting opportunities with Millie, Flo Dexter and Lucy Taylor working particularly well in the Centre court to link up play. Emma Dennis and Tula had a tough challenge marking their outstanding GS and GA, but worked tirelessly and continued to gain tips and interceptions throughout the match. Unfortunately for us though, they could shoot from anywhere in the D!

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was a really tight affair, with the team giving it one final push. Annie Hayes had come on as GA and really caused some issues for their GD, with her and Evie Griffin working hard in the D to get as many shooting opportunities as they could. Throughout the match, we showed we were capable of turning over their centre passes, and this accelerated in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We were leading at points and making Worcester work hard for the win, which they did come away with 34-20. This was a phenomenal achievement from our U16 Netball team, and they really pushed the opposition despite differences in stature and experience. The Head of Netball commented at the end on what a good team we were, particularly without the resources of a private school.

I am incredibly proud of this U16 team and their journey in the Sisters 'n' Sport competition; these are the experiences students remember when they leave school and so my thanks go to LT and the Art

department for some flexibility which allowed all the girls to participate, and to Mr Bowers for driving the 5.5 hour round trip!

Team:

Tula Harvey ©  
Emma Dennis  
Lucy Taylor  
Poppy Fasulo  
Millie Herrick  
Flo Dexter

Annie Hayes  
Bella Burton  
Erin Larter  
Evie Griffin



### **U13 HOCKEY MATCH – Report by Sophie Alliston, Year 7**

On Tuesday 5 of December, the under 13 girls hockey team travelled to Leicestershire to play the Welland Park Academy hockey team. The game started slowly, as it took a couple of minutes to warm up in the wintry conditions.

The Academy took advantage of this, and despite great defence from Jess Richardson and Georgia Summerfields, the ball skimmed past our goalie. This fuelled revenge. Our team responded with good passing into space lead by Harriet Templeman and Sophie Alliston, opening up opportunities to score. From this point onwards, Bourne Grammar dominated the game, with a steady flow of goals from Ella Staff, Harriet Templeman and Sophie Alliston. In right mid, Rebeca Board played an active role in setting up the goals. Ella Staff in left mid, scored twice and this was closely followed by Harriet Templeman. Jess Richardson, also scored an amazing goal, but unfortunately there had been a Bourne foot in the D that had been put on advantage, so it was a 'no' goal.

There were numerous short corners and finally the last goal of the match came along to finish the game on 5:1 to Bourne Grammar. Our player of the match was Harriet Templeman, who had a great game, and there were some awesome saves from our goalie Jasmine Wilkinson.





## U15 HOCKEY MATCH – *Report by Alice Barratt, Year 10*

On Tuesday 5 December, the Bourne Grammar U15 Hockey Team played Welland City in Market Harborough for the first time. After a slow start with neither school scoring in the first of the four 10-minute quarters, Bourne Grammar got a team talk from Miss Bowtell and was raring to go back and beat their new opponents.

In the second quarter, BGS got their heads in the game with Honor Moore sprinting the ball down to Welland's goal and passing to Stella McDermott who smashed it in, putting BGS into the lead. A few defensive short corners later, with BGS preventing Welland from getting any chances to get a goal, Annabel Parkes ran the ball back into the opponent's half. After a fast pass to Honor Moore, who crossed to Eloise Hull, surprising us all with a lifted shot on goal. This attempt nearly missed, but Stella McDermott lifted her stick and whacked it into the back of the net, bringing the score to 2-0 for BGS.



After an inspiring half-time talk from Miss Bowtell, BGS went into the third quarter playing competitively. Welland made a number of unsuccessful attempts at goal but couldn't get past the dangerous Kiki Timmins. In the final minutes, BGS was getting restless and needed another goal. This was delivered by Honor Moore, swiping the ball into Welland's goal once again, giving BGS a 3-point lead into the last quarter.

BGS tired in quarter four, letting their guard down, allowing Welland to get a goal, giving them renewed energy to chase BGS' score. BGS spirits were not dampened, however, and they still fought for the ball with Honor Moore passing to

Alice Barratt who passed up to Eloise Hull, who attempted another goal but unfortunately missed. In the game's dying minutes, BGS again dropped their guard, enabling Welland the opportunity to score, bringing the tally to 3-2.

Thankfully, BGS held their nerve, with no further goals being scored. Therefore, BGS beat Welland 3 goals to 2.

## YEAR 9 FOOTBALL – *Report by Mr Ray, PE*

The Year 9 boys team have had a remarkably busy and successful season to date in the 4 competitions they compete in. Their 9 fixtures (including 1 Futsal tournament) have seen them lose just 1 match this academic year.

After a lively and tense start to the season in September with a 5-5 draw against The Deepings School in the South Lincs League, the team has since added 41 goals, conceding just 13. In the League, they brushed aside UALS and Bourne Academy, whilst in the ESFA National Cup, victories over Casterton CC, Boston Grammar and William Farr, saw them into the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the competition. Here again, they would face Northampton School for Boys in a re-match of the fixture from two years ago. Sadly, the strength and depth of Northampton (with 220 boys in each Year group) and a significant catchment area, saw the boys succumb once again to the school that almost annually appears in the top 10 State Schools for Sport in the country.

Sandwiched in between these games, an away fixture against Deeping in the County Cup offered another opportunity to progress in the competition in which the team made the Final last year. However, a poor start in torrential rain left what seemed to be a 2-0 deficit at half-time ... until a last gasp goal from Ollie

Desborough pulled one back prior to the break. Following the 'discussion' at half time, a new team appeared for the second half, ultimately winning 5-2 and awaiting the next round in the New Year.

The final football this side of Christmas was the Year 9 South Lincs Futsal tournament. After a draw in the first game against a strong Haven High team, it would be goal difference that would prove key to top spot in the league and a place in the final. Sadly, this came at the expense of local rivals Bourne Academy who were overcome with the speed and power of play from the team who ran out 9-1 winners. The Final saw a comfortable 5-1 victory against University Academy Long Sutton and a trophy to end the year. Well done to all who have participated and in particular to the winning team of; Luca Christoudias (Capt.), Olin Steen, Seb McLean, Charlie Norris, Harry Cameron, Harper Graham, Ollie Desborough and Louis Longden.



### **YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS BADMINTON VS ORMISTON BUSHFIELD ACADEMY – *Report by Mr Ray, PE***

It was a delight to take 10 boys to south Peterborough to face OBA in the final boys badminton fixture of 2023.

In a well organised event of more than 20 boys from the two schools, a fantastic, competitive tournament produced some excellent badminton played throughout in good spirits. Split into four leagues, all boys played a minimum of four matches, with the top two from each progressing to the quarter finals. Those not progressing were then free to watch the final stages or challenge others who had been knocked out at the league stages.

Three Bourne Grammar students made the quarter finals with Georbin Biloy comfortably progressing to the semi-final. Munachukwuso Anike faced Bhargav Elakoochy at the quarter final stage and succumbed to his range of shots and agility around the court. Avoiding each other in the semi-finals enabled both Georbin and Bhargav to ultimately meet in the final. Playing to 11 points (and needing to win by 2 clear points), saw this match go the distance and beyond.

Whilst Georbin managed to open an early lead, Bhargav closed steadily until, at 9-9, the boys swapped blows point for point until at 15-14, Georbin's power for once was his downfall, narrowly hitting the shuttle out the back of the court to gift Bhargav the 16-14 victory. Well done to all the boys who played in such a good spirited tournament.

Badminton at the school continues to grow in popularity, offering many students the opportunity to simply come and play on a recreational basis, whilst challenging the more able. The club will recommence in the



New Year with just a short break during the Year 10 exam period. Thanks must go to Miss Bowtell who continues to offer the opportunity to a wide range of students, many of whom see badminton as their sport of choice to represent the school.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Krithik Mohan, 7F who did really well in a BBC creative writing competition and has been selected for the second round.

## DOFE SUCCESS – GOLD AWARD ACHIEVED – Cerys Edwards, Year 13

Huge congratulations to Cerys who recently completed her DofE Gold award. Over the last 12 months, Cerys has volunteered to help look after the animals at her local farm. Together with the team at the farm she has devised new ways to enrich the lifestyles of all breeds.

To fulfil her Physical section requirements, Cerys has spent the last year developing her netball skills and improving her fitness to help prepare for her DofE Gold Expeditions in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District last summer. For her Skills section, Cerys decided to learn to drive and was successful in passing her test recently.

For Cerys's DofE Residential, she travelled to Figueira da Foz, Portugal to learn how to surf. Together with a group formed of individuals from across the world, Cerys enjoyed the surf and learned about the local culture and language.



Cerys has successfully achieved all levels of the DofE award scheme and thoroughly enjoyed the experiences it has afforded her. Cerys now looks forward to receiving her invite to Buckingham Place to celebrate her DofE Gold success. Well Done!

The DofE team would like to wish Cerys the very best for her future.

Congratulations also, to the following students who have recently achieved their DofE Silver awards:

Year 12 – Silver Success

Aarnav Bajaj  
Cloda O’Boyle

YEAR 11 – PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS BOOKING SYSTEM

The SchoolCloud booking system is open.





You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The system will ensure that each video appointment will commence and end at the scheduled time so please ensure you have logged into the system in good time to commence your appointment.  
The online booking system can be accessed [here](#).

A login code is not required; the system has been set up using the details of the Priority 1 parent and your son/daughter’s preferred forename (as used in School), surname and date of birth as recorded on our database. **Please ensure only one Priority 1 parent makes the bookings to avoid duplicated appointments.**

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs B Hall via [prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)

The booking system will close on **Friday 5 January 2024 at 23:55.**

HOUSE TOTALS

			
22561	22293	25329	22718

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.  
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 14/12/2023.*



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Danny Davison	7	Mr Delpert	Design Engineering
Kieran James	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Kieran James	7	Mrs Welling	Art
Romilly Sondh	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Thomas Burrows	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Tamsin Bates	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Bri O'Boyle	8	Mr Hewitt	German
Riya Ramprasad	8	Miss Roberts	English
Carlota Verdu	8	Ms Bowtell	PE
Chidera Anike	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Alfie Bird	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Hannah Burke	9	Mr Green	History
Brooke Olivares-Alvarez	9	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Jack Pepper	9	Ms Jones	English
Weronika Skrzynecka	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ellis Lester	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Oliver Byrne	10	Mrs Bolitho	English
Ned Dangerfield	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Aayan Farid	10	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Eva Harris	10	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Aryan Nahata	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Artur Bubula	10	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Leo Abis	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Lily-Kate Derrick	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Isla Earth	11	Miss Patman	Spanish
Isla Baker	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
George Bell	12	Mrs Evans	Registration
Grace Burrows	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Eva Corrigan	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Hermione King	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Briony Nelson	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Emily Thomas	12	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Zak Willoughby	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Poppy Johnson	13	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Millie Scott	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies
Charlotte Cullen	13	Mrs Clark	Spanish

## **BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic**

Weronika Skrzynecka, a wonderful student in 9B, is this week's BBL Champion for producing an amazing piece of Geography homework that far surpassed the teacher's expectations. Instead of creating a fact file on a tornado to have struck Tornado Alley since 2010, Weronika incorporated her knowledge into a beautiful A3 story board on the event and she did so with incredible flair and creativity.

Miss Lindley, her Geography teacher, says that this is not the first time Weronika has produced work outside of the classroom to such a high standard; Weronika takes real, genuine pride in her work. Miss Lindley is currently displaying this wonderful piece of work on a wall in her classroom to inspire other students.

Well done, Weronika. A fantastic effort!

