



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 15 March 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

I began my annual series of visits to local primary schools this week, discussing how to approach the 11+ process and the steps by which a prospective student and their family can join our community. As ever, I was warmly welcomed in particular by Year 5 students keen to ask questions about the School, and to tell me how much they would like to join BGS. I fronted questions about clubs, uniform, sports fixtures, trips and even network security! Questions around the content of the core Key Stage 3 curriculum were limited, and it brought home to me the importance of providing the kind of educational breadth and experience that excites young people in a way that the core academic curriculum will always struggle to match. I told them proudly of our achievements in sport, of our recent West End Wonders show and forthcoming run of High School Musical performances, of our success in Art as part of the recent Rotary Club competitions, and of trips to Spain and Austria and Wales in addition to more local hubs such as Nottingham and London. Most importantly I described for them the positive and happy atmosphere that surrounds our school and the range of experiences both in and out of the classroom that we are keen to provide. A fortnight ago, on National Offer Day, the next cohort of Year 7 students was given the happy news that they have a place at BGS in September, and at the same time I was informed that our waiting list sits, once again, at over 100. We are a School in demand because of the quality of the educational experience we provide, and we should be collectively proud of what is achieved on a daily basis at our School.

However, we must not downplay the importance of the academic bedrock without which our young people could not move on successfully to life beyond school, and the narrative here is equally impressive. On top of 8 Oxbridge offers this year we now also have a confirmed 7 offers to study Medicine and 155 students with confirmed university offers while we await the final tranche of university decisions to complete the university application process. You will have read last week about the fabulous achievements of our Physics students in the Olympiad, and our analysis of mock examination results recently completed at Year 11 and 13 suggests a very fine set of results await in August. As well as providing breadth we provide enormous academic depth, something we are also very proud of.

Finally, good luck to the cast, crew and staff directors of High School Musical. A final weekend of rehearsals awaits followed by a performance to local Year 6 students and a run of 5 performances to parents, students and friends of the School. It is sure to be another wonderful week for the Performing Arts!

YEAR 9 GCSE OPTION CHOICES REMINDER - DEADLINE 09:00 WEDNESDAY 20 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 system was sent to the school email account of each Year 9 student on Wednesday 21 February. 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.

1. Please note that your preferences, and any subsequent changes you make, will only be submitted when you **'Save'** your option selections.
2. The parental consent box does not need to be ticked.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Hall at gcseoptions@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE! Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 March - Mr Moxley, Mrs Pignatiello & Mrs Pickup.

Tickets are selling fast for this year's eagerly-anticipated whole school musical. Next week we present High School Musical, a dazzling stage version of the much-loved movie. Here are some rehearsal photos of the cast going through their paces. The production will be in the main hall, with tiered seating and a cast of sixty students. The show starts at 7pm sharp! Click [here](#) to book your tickets or you can simply scan the QR code below.

We'd love to see you there!







CAREERS WEEK – Mrs Elliot, UCAS and Careers

It has been a busy time this week in School during National Careers Week. As well as seeing how their school subjects link to careers, students have welcomed into School a range of different employers who have shone a spotlight on different industry sectors and the opportunities available. On Monday Year 11 had a talk from the Department for Work and Pensions on using social media effectively in the work place, and on Tuesday Barratt homes came in to talk to the Year 7s about all the different roles that are involved in building a house; from buying the land to its new owners moving in.

On Wednesday it was the turn of our year 10s when Lincolnshire Talent Academy presented the 350 different roles available in the NHS, from medical physicist to dental technician to art therapist.

On Thursday, Anglian Water came in to work with our Year 8s on the Water Challenge; planning, building and testing a water system, and thinking about the job roles that are involved along the way.



Freddie Neal writes: Last week Anglian Water came into School for National Careers Week to educate Year 8 on the certain qualities that are needed to work in the industry and to have great fun in the process. Year 8 had to work together in teams of four to five to try and construct a cost-efficient pipe network to transport water across a map and into different customers' homes. It was a very wet but amazing experience which linked in with the current Year 8 Geography topic of water scarcity. It involved teamwork and demonstrated how companies such as Anglian Water are solving problems and what working there might be like for a year 8 in the future someday. I personally found the day a really interesting experience as it highlighted to me the value of teamwork in areas both outside of school and in a potential future workplace.

Finally, and by no means least, Friday was International Women's Day and Katie Pogan, an engineer from Caterpillar in Peterborough, came in to talk to Year 9 students about the opportunities available in engineering - thank you also to year 13 Sophia Leaton and the sixth form girls who put together a fantastic video conveying their enthusiasm for engineering and STEM subjects. A massive thank you to all our speakers this week!



WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 7 MARCH – Report by Ms Clark

Our annual book swap took place last Thursday to mark World Book Day. The Outreach and Activities committee alongside some of our Head Students did a great job of organising and running the event. It was fantastic to see students exchanging books and sharing recommendations for their next read. Students also took part in discussions during tutor time about the value of reading.

It is encouraging to see increasing numbers of our students accessing the E-library. Students in years 7-9 also have access to the Reading Room in MFL5 from Monday-Wednesday lunchtime where there are over 200 high-quality books to browse and borrow.



YEAR 8 SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE TOURNAMENT - *Report by Ms Bradley, PE*

The Year 8 Netball team arrived at this tournament as defending champions, but they weren't going to be resting on their laurels as the league matches had already demonstrated that this year-group plays a good standard of netball across the schools.

We started the tournament brilliantly with two dominant wins over Spalding Academy and Deepings with Darcie Trawford and Georgia Summerfield producing excellent shot rates. Our next match against University Academy Holbeach was a little trickier – we played the better netball but struggled against their physicality and could only manage a 1-1 draw. Another solid victory against Cowley Academy meant we were going into the second half of the tournament in a good position.



Our next match was against Bourne Academy, our local rivals. A very close and tense game ensued, with fantastic netball from both teams being played. Bourne Academy took away the points after they scored in the last seconds of the game. This seemed to knock our confidence and energy levels, and we only won one of our remaining three games. Lots to learn from another experience of tournament netball, which can be very unforgiving, but the girls did themselves proud and should be really happy with a third placed finish!

DAVID ROSS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (DRET) - NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY - *Report written by Emily Wright-Lakin, Year 8*

On Friday 8 March the Year 8 netball team got the opportunity to attend the DRET tournament at Nottingham University. The tournament was made up of different stages, with our first match against Nottingham Girls High School. We beat them and we also won our next match which was against Priory Ruskin Academy. We had a really strong start to the day although, we lost our next match against DRET All Stars.

Our two wins in the group stage meant that we qualified for the semi-finals of the Cup Tournament, playing against Kesteven and Grantham Girl's School. Unfortunately, we lost this game, but we still had a chance for a medal position in the third/fourth place play-off.

With tensions rising, we made an explosive start against DRET All Stars, being 4-0 up after the first few minutes. Having lost against them in the group stage we knew it was going to be a challenging match. Despite a huge effort made by everyone in the team, it wasn't to be our day on this occasion with DRET All Stars claiming the victory.

The whole team was very proud of our efforts and pleased with fourth position. Overall, it was a great day and everyone in the team thoroughly enjoyed themselves.







YEAR 9 RUGBY – *Mr Bowers, PE*

The Year 9 rugby team made their way to Market Rasen for the Lincolnshire County 7s Rugby tournament on Thursday of this week. In swampy conditions the boys showed superb footwork and handling to win all three games of their morning group, placing them in the Cup competition for the afternoon. Coming up against some strong athletic competition, the boys put up a good fight, weaving their way through a number of defensive lines to counter the attacking strength of their competitors in the top afternoon group. A fantastic day out and some excellent rugby on show, particularly in the morning session, but a tough afternoon group saw results go against them. Well done boys.



HOUSE TOTALS

			
38893	38637	40945	38515

These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 14/3/2024.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Evelyn Bostock	7	Mrs Allen	English
Wilbur Crawford	7	Mrs Allen	English
Robin Daniels	7	Mrs Allen	English
Jace Gwiti	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Ruwanthi Hasan	7	Mrs Allen	English
Jules Kelsey	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Jules Kelsey	7	Miss Hurl	English
Maya Pascan	7	Miss Hurl	English
Viganth RG	7	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Will Sloss	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Juliette King	7	Mrs Baverstock	Spanish
Charlie Biggs	8	Mrs Allen	English
Emily Bridges	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Ria Gupta	8	Mrs Allen	English
Seb Kay	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Aarav Poshala	8	Mrs Allen	English
Toby Bell	8	Ms Creedon	PSHE
Ben Alliston	9	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Zach Clayton	9	Miss Lindley	Geography
Daisy Willimer	9	Mr Bainbridge	History
Arthur Crawford	10	Mr Smith	Mathematics
Archie Gaunt	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Jesse Kimani	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Tanish Patel	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Yuvi Ranaut	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Oliver Hill	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Amelia Reilly	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Faye Scott	10	Miss Hodge	Registration
Mae Cole	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Victoria Paine	11	Mrs Holbrook	Pastoral
Polly Parry-Arch	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Elliot Southwood	11	Mrs Bolitho	English

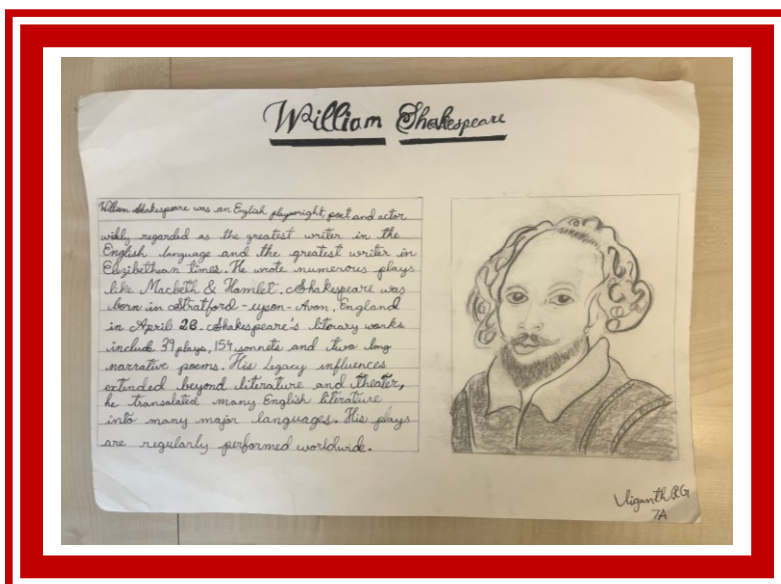
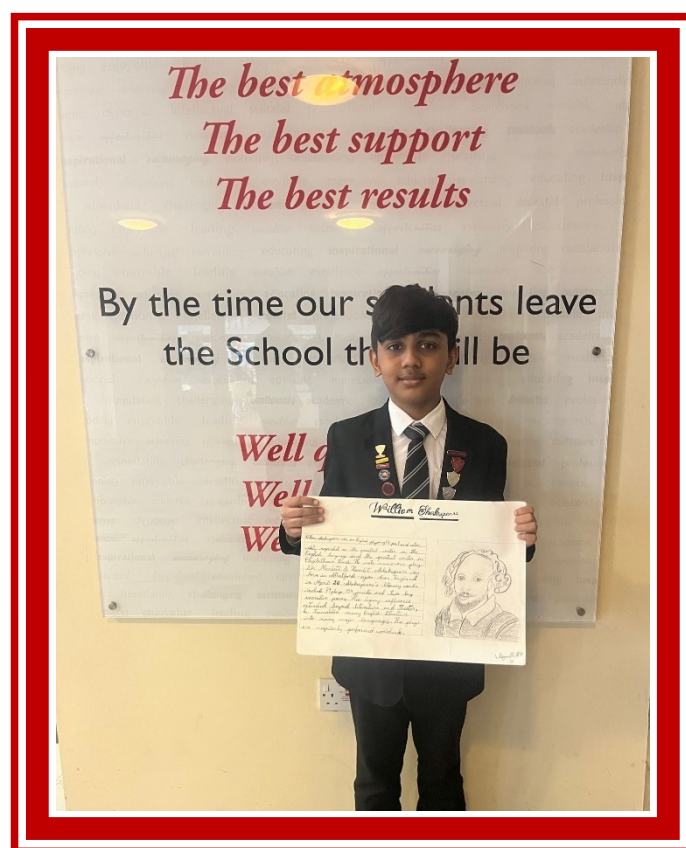
Jacob Townsend	11	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Hasini Vijayasankar	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Levi Watt	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Zara Goode	11	Miss Pollard	Geography
Theo Anniss	12	Mr Williamson	Registration
Leo Christoudias	12	Miss Patman	Spanish
Benji Edgar	12	Miss Patman	Spanish
Samuel Edwards	12	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Nuala Goodson	12	Mrs Evans	Registration
Eva Larter	12	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Briony Nelson	12	Dr Hobbiss	Registration
Harrison Smith	12	Mr Moxley	Registration
Tia Mizen	12	Miss Mizen	Biology
Ellie Hall	13	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Ben Simpson	13	Miss Lindley	Geography
Rhea Joshi	13	Miss Bradley	Pastoral
Sumehra Rowza	13	Miss Bradley	Pastoral
Harrison Rudkin	13	Mr Perez	Biology
Hafsa Saghir	13	Miss Bradley	Pastoral

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic

Year 7 students are currently studying A Midsummer's Night Dream in their English lessons. In addition to his BBL work, this week's winner decided to create a research poster about William Shakespeare to see what he could find out for himself without any teacher input.

Vigant RG in 7A is the first student to ever become the BBL Champion for a second time following his award in November. There is no doubting this student's thirst for knowledge and he will surely achieve great success during his time at our School.

Well done to Vigant, who continues to impress his teachers.




YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below the revision timetable for next week. Year 11 students can choose the session they'd find most useful and simply turn up. No booking is required.

Not all subjects are listed; some, such as Mathematics, are offering bespoke lunchtime revision sessions and details have been communicated to students directly. All revision sessions will finish at 16:30.

Spanish revision will focus on the speaking exam and will operate slightly differently from all other subjects, as each Spanish teacher will organise a bespoke small-group session. Every student will have the opportunity to sign up in advance with their Spanish teacher.

	Monday 18 March	Tuesday 19 March	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March
Subject	Geography	Art	EPR	English
Room	G3 (Mrs Greenfield)	Art 2 (Mrs Welling and Ms Wright)	EPR3 (Mr Tighe)	E1 (Ms Kemp)
Revision Topic	Sustainable management in rainforest – Mayan Biosphere Reserve	External Exam Unit – Preparatory Work	Theme C: The Argument from Miracles	Language: Approaching analysis and evaluation of reading texts
Subject	Design Engineering	French	Computer Science	Music
Room	DE1 (Mr Dougall)	MFL3 (Mrs Cowell)	CS1 (Mr Clark)	Mu1 (Mr Tomlinson & Mr Jones)
Revision Topic	Coursework/NEA catch up	Speaking: Role Play	Networks: TCP/IP, Protocols	Coursework catchup
Subject	History	German (Lunchtime)		
Room	H1 (Dr Barmby)	MFL6 (Ms Raebel)		
Revision Topic	The First World War – Key Battles and developments to tactics and technologies	Speaking		
Subject	Spanish	PE		
Room	MFL Classrooms	PE1 (Mr Ray)		
Revision Topic	Speaking Practice	Paper 1 – Principles and methods of training		
Subject		Drama (Lunchtime)		
Room		Drama Studio (Mr Moxley)		
Revision Topic		Blood Brothers – key themes, characters and dramatic structure		



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