



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 10 May 2024

From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

“Summer has arrived, and so have formal public examinations. Year 11 are well underway and had their final day in lessons on Wednesday: their fabulous attitude, warm thanks and sense of community was evident throughout the day, and we are very conscious of what a wonderful year group they have been. My thanks to Miss Atkinson, Mr Sutherland and the whole tutor team for the hard work that has been put in to get everyone to this key point in the year.

Today is also the final day for our fantastic Year 13 cohort, a group that have shown such commitment to their school and their studies over an extended period of time. We said farewell yesterday to those who had been such impressive ambassadors and leaders as Head Students and today, after much sharing of gifts and celebrations both in and out of School, we will be wishing them all luck as they head into the core period of A Level examinations.

For both Year 11 and Year 13 there are Proms to look forward to at the end of the year, and we look forward to seeing in August for results, but right now it is all about performance in examinations that counts...so to our public examinations students let the words of Henley’s poem *Invictus* ring in your ears:

I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul

And so, it must always be.”

BGS WELCOMES MP GARETH DAVIES – Report by Harrison Smith, Year 12

In the Autumn term, the Debating Society wrote to the MP for Grantham and Stamford, Gareth Davies, inviting him to come into School to share his knowledge and experience of debating in the House of Commons. We were delighted when he not only accepted the invitation, but also helped judge the final of the House Debating Competition. This visit and the final were held last Friday.

The run up to the big day saw the four main Houses compete in semi-finals where they debated the introduction of compulsory ID cards and the introduction of proportional representation in general elections. Both semi-finals were a close-run thing, but Tinbergen ultimately beat Rorschach debating against the compulsory ID cards and Behn beat Meitner debating against the introduction of proportional representation.

The motion for the final was “this House believes the UK should withdraw from the European Convention on human rights”. Mr Davies joined Mr Anderson and Ms Sanders on the judging panel for the final, where they judged the teams on their style, confidence, and strategy. It was a well-researched debate with interesting points presented by both sides. Again, it was a very close debate, but the winners of the House Debating competition were Behn House. Following the debate, Mr Davies



gave a short talk to the audience. He noted the value of debating skills and congratulated all the speakers. He then shared his experiences of debating in Parliament over his career.

It was an honour to have Mr Davies attend the final and we are very grateful to him for sharing knowledge. We are also very grateful to Mr Mitchell for organising the competition, Ms Creedon for helping to organise the MP's visit, Mr Green and Ms Williamson for judging the semi-finals, Mr Anderson and Ms Sanders for judging the final and all the speakers; Andrew Pepper and Arnav Bajaj for Rorschach, Em Vachkov and Connie Bayliss for Meitner, Zara Wildsmith, Noah Pawlett and Cameron Adam for Tinbergen and Sam Edwards and Harrison Smith for Behn.



SUSHI TASTING – Report by Aran Camfield, Year 8

On Tuesday 30 April, Miss Ansell and the Innovate Team arranged for a group of students and staff to taste a possible new product that they may launch soon – sushi! Students who were interested in the opportunity had to fill in a survey to show their interest and around 30 students took part in the afternoon.

The sushi on offer consisted of a wide variety of different vegetable sushi, some with fillings such as peppers or carrots, wrapped in seaweed, and others that were seeded on the outside with seaweed spiralling through them. There was also the exciting possibility of making your own sushi which was extremely popular with all students! We were guided through adding generous portions of rice on top of seaweed before adding the central food and then rolling it into the iconic shape and cutting it up. A range of sauces, such as soy and sweet and spicy, added flavour to the sushi and there was a tasty side slaw to try too.

Between us, we managed to devour all the sushi that was available, and we were even given takeaway boxes to carry some home! This was a great event that was enjoyed by all who were present, and we thank Miss Ansell and her team for making it possible. The flavours and textures of the sushi were very authentic, and we think it would be a very popular addition to the Innovate menu if it is chosen to go on sale in the Chill.



AND, THE ALMA GOES TO.....- Report by Mr Williamson, Media Studies

To celebrate their last week at Bourne-Grammar School, Year 13 Media Studies students were out in force to attend the department's annual star-studded awards ceremony. There were 9 ALMA (A-Level Media Awards) categories in total, recognising a variety of academic and creative achievements over the past two years.

The 'Best in Category' award winners were Kaitlyn Baron (Intertextuality), Keyon Snoek (Contribution to Media), Ellie Hall (Mise-en-Scene Design), Emilia Hall (Dialogue), Sophia Bull (Print Design), Lucas Brown (Writer), Abbie Colwell (Supporting Role), Zack Newham (Original Character) and Annabel Hope (Audio/Video Production).



GEOGRAPHY SHEFFIELD TRIP – Report by Libby Moore, Year 12

On Thursday 2 May, the two Year 12 Geography A Level classes ventured to Sheffield, on a data collection trip. After a relaxing coach journey, we had reached our destination – Kelham Island.

The aim of the trip was to collect data regarding our current topic (Changing Spaces; Making Places.) Hence, we spent a couple of hours meeting this brief, utilising numerous data collection techniques: filling in questionnaires by asking locals numerous questions; undertaking environmental quality surveys; observing how buildings were used in the past, in comparison to the present; and many other techniques.

We visited Kelham Island Museum to get a flavour of life in this area in the past. Kelham Island had once been the beating heart of industry but has recently been transformed (into a prospering neighbourhood with an array of unique and vibrant independent pubs, shops and restaurants – following the decline in industry. When the data collection was complete, we were given time visit the local cafes and restaurants for lunch. In the early afternoon, we set off for home after an enjoyable day of geography fieldwork, with our data collected and our brief fulfilled.



CROSS COUNTRY SEASON CONCLUDES! – Report by Mr Ray, PE

On Wednesday 8 May, the most protracted cross-country season known, finally came to a close with the ever-popular Fenland relays. The event normally undertaken in March has been postponed on two previous occasions due to poor weather but the sun finally appeared for the conclusion of the season.

The event, much the same as the 4x100m relay, constitutes teams of 4 runners but this time completing a 1500m lap of Hampton College field. With Junior boys and girls starting at the same time and runners arriving and departing at a frenetic pace, it was at times, difficult to recognise leaders. However, after a strong start from both our 'A' teams, it became apparent that both were challenging for the top position. Kieran Selby started well, Caleb Omitiran held a strong position before Zack Browne closed the gap and took the lead for Cayden Mackay to hold onto for the remainder of the race. For the girls, Martha Shackell started well in a strong field, handed over to Madeleine Hobson who worked hard to stay in touch with the leaders. As Edith Kaberry picked up the pace, the lead was gained and offered Sophie Alliston the opportunity to complete the final leg simply extending the lead further. This success added to the Junior girls victory in the Fenland League.

In the Year 9 & 10 races a similar pattern would emerge with both also looking to add the Fenland relay title to the League that both claimed earlier in the season. Noah Henderson and Charlotte Smith started well for their respective teams, both in contention for top spot but as the race developed, it was evident

that the boys of Toby Staines, Monty Bage and Artur Bubula would not be able to stay in contention for the title, ultimately finishing nevertheless in a very creditable 3rd position behind Spalding Grammar and Stamford. The girls (of Lois and Cecilia Watson and Leah Graham) however, would manage to hold on to the lead that developed and walk away with the League and Relay double.

Well done to all who participated in the 44 strong BGS Squad. Another excellent cross-country year with 6 of 8 Fenland titles, 7 of 8 South Lincs titles and 2 ESAA National Final teams.





For those wishing to start, continue or develop their running, Mr Sheppard continues to lead his running club on Monday and Wednesdays after School.

Finally, for those wishing to purchase one of the School cross county/athletic vests, today (Friday 10 May) is the final chance to do so via ParentMail.





HOUSE TOTALS

			
<p>47485</p>	<p>46698</p>	<p>48775</p>	<p>45859</p>

**These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 9/5/2024**

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to Romilly Sondh, Year 7, who competed at Galaxy Invitational gymnastics competition last weekend. She placed 1st on Bars and 3rd on beam, floor and vault. Overall, she came in 1st place!

Another well done for Henry Locke, Year 9, who was selected to represent the under 14's county rugby team - Huntingdon and Peterborough. They played three games against other counties and he played three full games at scrum half. The coaching team singled his performances out as some of the best they have seen at his age group.



Finally, well done to Faye Scott, Year 10, who last Sunday ran the Langtoft Fun Run having only made the decision a week earlier. She raised £200 of Lymphoma Action in memory of her Uncle Ian. She finished in a respectable 19 minutes which for a self-confessed "not long distance" is a great achievement.

BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher – Academic

Harshil Kadire of Form 7F is the BBL Champion for this week in recognition of his incredible commitment to his Maths studies. His independent learning has been relentless, and he has shown incredible determination to improve and push himself further and further.

His teacher writes: 'Harshil has completed an enormous amount of work on the Dr Frost platform since January, putting him clear at the top of the school leaderboard. He has amassed an incredible 15,897 points, answering 4,358 questions and has also watched almost three hours of video to help improve his understanding. The Dr Frost leaderboard ranks students based on their level of mastery which takes into account the difficulty of the questions being attempted. Harshil's impressive mastery score of 10,528 shows that he is regularly challenging himself with high levels of difficulty.'



Well done to Harshil. There are some impressive names on that leaderboard and to score the most points of any student in the School is a great achievement. Well done.

YEAR 8 SUMMER LEAGUES

Introducing the Year 8 Summer League competition! The Year 8s have been divided into 12 leagues across the year group. They are then competing against each other to earn the most House Points possible. At the end of the year there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each league, as well as Weekly Winners (those who earned the most House Points that week).

Well done to all the Year 8s for being involved, and good luck for the summer competition!

Congratulations to our Week 1 Weekly Winners

League	Week 1
League 20	Fryer Lewis
League 19	Pitchford James
League 18	Ramprasad Riya
League 17	Yu Casper
League 16	Atkinson Isabella
League 15	Moulds Maisie
League 14	Wu Angelia
League 13	Kye-Nyarko Chanelle
League 12	Bullen Isaac
League 11	Redshaw Laila
League 10	Gray Rowanne
League 9	Edwards Elliott =1st
	Vladimir Grigorov =1st
	Zac Farrington = 1st
	Cassidy Thornton =1st



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Fatima Abbas	7	Miss Pollard	Geography
Evelyn Bostock	7	Mr Jones	Music
Erika Bryson	7	Miss Hodge	History
Robin Daniels	7	Mrs Allen	English
William Didsbury	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Charlotte Foster	7	Mrs Allen	English
Kodi Gloster	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Caoimhe Healy	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Ethan Renehan	7	Mr Moxley	Drama
Aarya Tirchunapalli	7	Miss Hodge	History
Isabelle Bradley	7	Miss Hurl	English
Immy Joyner	7	Miss Hurl	English
Wonu Oluwasanmi	7	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Archie Gilbert	8	Ms Creedon	PSHE
Begum Kurtoglu	8	Mrs Allen	English
Maisie Moulds	8	Miss Hodge	History
Hattie Symondson	8	Mr Farrow	Mathematics
Carlota Verdu	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Angelia Wu	8	Mrs Allen	English
Harry Cameron	9	Mrs Edwards	English
Dominic James	9	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Umaiza Gilani	9	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Munachukwuso Anike	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Freya Dahlgaard-Sigsworth	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Aryan Odedra	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Daniel Partridge	10	Mr Perez	Biology
Marco Perna	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Ben Bennett	11	Mr Perez	Biology
Aleena John	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Sophie Simpson	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Polly Parry-Arch	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oliver Trumble	11	Mrs Evans	Geography
Emma Chantrell	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies
Sai Kandikattu	12	Mr Perez	Biology
Sam Linfoot	12	Mr Perez	Biology
Tia Mizen	12	Miss Mizen	Biology
Tia Moger	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Eliana Russo	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Lorien Selby	12	Miss Mizen	Biology
Lexi Clarke-McLeish	13	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry