



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

Week ending Friday 24 May 2024
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

As we head into a well-earned break, we have seen a flurry of trips take place. The History Department went to the Tower of London and Churchill's War Rooms with A Level students on Monday, and on Tuesday the Biology Department travelled with another cohort of A Level students to London, successfully conducting valuable (if slightly soggy) research at Kew Gardens. We also wished two residential groups the best of luck as they set off on Wednesday, firstly the London Theatre Tour group who had a wonderful time and secondly those on the Geography Field Work expedition to Snowdonia. They too had a wonderful time though they picked some of the wettest weather seen in May for a long while. Come rain or shine, we believe in learning outside the classroom!

For everyone else there has been plenty going on. The House Spelling Bee kept the competitive juices flowing, and our Year 8 No Pens Day was a triumph for learning away from paper. There is so much that we need young people to be able to do away from formal paper and pen learning, and a well led experience like this enhances oracy, practical skills and teamwork. We are committed to oracy development over the long term and we will be doing more to enhance speaking skills and learning by speaking in the future.

Finally, well done to all four of our athletics teams who have qualified for the regional stage of the English Schools competition, and we hope those in Year 8 travelling to Spain in the first week back after the break have a great time. To all members of the BGS community; rest up over the next week and enjoy time with family and friends. Those with exams; stay fresh and energised. We look forward to seeing you all again in June.

VIRTUAL PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS

As outlined in the letter sent to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 parents on Monday 20 May the SchoolCloud booking system is opening today (Friday 24 May) at 20:00.

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. 8 appointments per student.

The booking system will close on **Sunday 9 June (23:55)**.

Due to supporting the Year 8 Spanish trip we have several teachers unavailable for certain PRM dates: All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall at **prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk**

YEAR 8 NO PENS DAY – Report by Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic

On Monday, Year 8s had an unusual day at school. To promote the importance of Oracy (the ability to speak clearly, confidently, and correctly and to listen intently) Year 8s attended their regular lessons but were not permitted to write anything. This day - No Pens Day - shows our students that effective learning can take place without having to write; throughout the day teachers delivered lessons full of learning with

the onus on students speaking and listening. This gave the students the perfect opportunity to use the skills they were taught the previous week on the *Talk-the-Talk Oracy Day*.

I hope the accounts written by some of the students involved, and photos below, give a sense of what a wonderful day it was. The students threw themselves into it and their teachers ensured that the quality of learning was as exceptionally high, as it always is. Well done to everyone involved!

Ellie Moore, 8A

For our first lesson of the day, English, we were put into groups and asked whether we agreed or disagreed with a particular statement. We presented at the front of the class, which developed oracy skills and confidence.

Next was Geography and we argued in a class debate on whether we should save the oceans from plastic now or leave it to future generations. Everyone took part and this activity was very fun.

In our French lesson, we debated which educational system was the best: the English or the French. As well as this, we learnt new vocabulary and completed small activities with our partners.

In Science, we performed group presentations on a given topic, for example, my group discussed erosion. Everyone contributed and took part in these.

PSHE was the last lesson of the day and here we learnt about online dangers and how to stay safe on social media. We did lots of talking and listening to each other.

No Pens Day definitely built my confidence with public speaking, and it was really fun. It was such a joyful day.

Amelia Giblin & Bella Hill, 8D

Throughout No Pens Day we took part in many different lessons with oracy as a focus.

All of the different activities gave us chance to improve our oracy, thinking about how we could learn without producing written work, and communicate effectively with each other. We developed strong arguments within debates and worked on listening skills, using a placeholder to do so.

We will be able to use these skills in our future learning, when giving constructive feedback and improving our confidence in speaking. We also thought about how these skills will be helpful to communicate effectively in our future workplaces.

It was great not to have to write anything down and become more involved in our learning, having the opportunity to develop our debating skills, and not to forget having lighter bags without our pencil cases!

Otto Forkin, 8G

The most fun lesson of the day was Design Engineering, as it was so practical and involved lots of testing and experimenting. We had to work together, communicating as a team. This meant we were exposed to stressful environments while still having to maintain a strong clear voice to manage and direct the rest of your team. This was why the lesson was so much fun.

Another good lesson was Science. We learnt about different types of waves (x-rays, microwaves, infrared light waves etc). We were then asked to present, in groups, our findings to the rest of the class. This was a great way to learn and develop oracy skills at the same time. I was actually quite nervous before presenting as Physics isn't one of my best subjects but I felt comfortable in the environment. I really enjoy speaking in front of others so the fact that I had to overcome nerves was a great challenge and further boosted my confidence when I overcame it.

All in all, the No Pens Day was a great success and taught me lots about public speaking. Particularly the fact that everyone has very different styles of public speaking but no matter how you do it, it's important to seem confident and keep the audience engaged. I know that this day really taught my friends and me how public speaking is helpful and can be used in life.



GIRLS U13 AND U15 BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT – *Report by Miss Bowtell, PE*

The Girls U13 tournament was held on Monday 20 May with 20 girls excitedly attending the event. For many of the group this was their first ever experience of a full game of Tennis and everyone left learning so much more about Tennis than when they came.

The group was split into three leagues and then each pair played each other within their league to produce a final league of all of the group winners. Georgia Summerfield and Freya Stewart made it through to this final group to play against tournament favourites Lucy Cottam and Samaira Bajaj and Bea Amos and Ria Gupta.

The finals league was dominated by the more experienced Lucy and Samaira who came out tournament winners not dropping any game at all throughout the evening. There was a play off for fourth, fifth and sixth place which was also fiercely contested with fourth place going to Jess Daniels and Francesca Jones, closely followed by Jess Richardson and Harriet Templeman with Caoimhe Healey and Jessie Desborough coming sixth.

The final league was contested with the excited beginner group of Natalia Borowiak and Lily-Anna Teillant, Anoushka Bartram and Eloise Boyce and Immie Turner and Divyana Patel. It was a wonderful evening and there was a lot of laughter throughout.

The boys had fewer entry numbers which is very surprising, despite this there was a dominant pairing in Rohan Lesiw and Ted Mylchreest who swept all other competitors away.

The U15 Girls event was equally as popular as the U13s and proved to be a very close affair with all pairings playing the best tennis I have ever seen.



U15's play across the whole event. Kiki Timmins and Honor Moore deserve a special mention as they have both shown so much improvement since Year 7 in terms of their rallying consistency and choice of shot. The event was very close but the power and competitive determination of the two Year 7 girls pulled them through to the final to face the defending champions of three years Shiksha Kaur and Poppy Mclearnon.

This was the expected showdown of the newcomers and the experienced and coolly composed Year 10 girls. Samaira had been tormenting opponents all week with her wonderful combination of power and brave aggressive placement but this time it was matched by Poppy and an inspired Shiksha who was volleying as though her life depended on it. Despite all the best efforts of Lucy and Samaira the communication and extra expertise under pressure of the Year 10's paid off and they won 6-1.

Then the fight was on for the third place position between Honor and Kiki and Hamsini Raja and Hannah Simpson but in the last game Honor and Kiki found their rhythm together and managed to get the win. Fifth place was taken by Alice Barratt and Samyutha Puppala with the final position being given to Aleena Malik and Eloise Hull. Their game was very close and had to be decided by an extra singles game between Aleena and Alice. Superb display by all girls and I am super proud of them all.



SPORTS LEADERS – Report by Mr Ray, PE

On Monday and Wednesday morning, 12 Sports leaders travelled to Elsea Park Astroturf to assist with Willoughby School sports days. The Leaders organised a range of different activities that included an obstacle course, javelin throwing, parachute games, domes and dishes, football and hockey shooting and the 'tails' game. The Leaders were outstanding and grew in confidence during the course of the two mornings, increasingly engaging with students, explaining, leading and joining in with the variety of activities. It was a delight to see how, over the space of these two mornings, the leaders were able to rapidly adapt to a variety of different individual needs required by the students participating.

The staff from Willoughby school were hugely appreciative of the support given by our students and in particular highlighted Zach Bojang-Brett for his enthusiasm and support throughout the course of the morning. It was an absolute pleasure to take the students and credit must be given to all 12 of them without which, students may have struggled to complete the activities.



LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOL COMBINED EVENT TRIALS – Report by Mr Ray, PE

On Tuesday and Thursday of this week both the Junior and Intermediate boys and girls participated in the County Trials for the combined events competition. At Junior level (Year 8 & 9), athletes are required to compete a pentathlon consisting of hurdles, shot put, long jump, high jump and 800m, whilst at Intermediate level (Years 10 & 11), an increased number of events are undertaken, this time over two days. The Intermediate girls complete a heptathlon consisting of those five events with the addition of the 200m and Javelin whilst the boys undertake an Octathlon which sees the addition of the discus.

The five Junior boys competed well in all five disciplines and whilst we await results it is hoped that at least one will qualify to represent Lincolnshire at the East Anglian combined event championships in the latter part of June. The Junior girls competed in their events on Thursday and again we will await their results. For the five Intermediate boys and Intermediate girls, competition was strong over the two afternoons and undoubtedly required a great deal of resilience for these events.

Standout results came from Charlotte Smith in the 800m which would have put her in touching distance of winning the event, but certainly in a qualifying position. Jack Carruthers in his favoured high jump will have scored him well and Noah Humphries in the hurdles showed his class. Noah Henderson went out quick in a front battle of two competitors in the 1500m and will again have secured him a strong points tally to add to his all-round display.

Well done to all who competed, they were:

Junior boys:	Keiran Selby, Jack Caffrey, Leo Hornan, Monty Wild and Eli Saralis
Junior girls:	Izzy Hughes, Isla Cummins, Ella Barratt and Neve Brackenbury
Intermediate boys:	Callum Selby, Noah Henderson, Noah Humphries, Jack Carruthers and Harrison Ward
Intermediate girls:	Bea Ford, Macey Hemmings and Charlotte Smith



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY TRIP TO LISBON

MONDAY 13 MAY - *Report by Clara Lytle*

2.30am was our arrival time for school on Monday for the trip to Lisbon. Upon arrival, we were informed that our flight was delayed by 7 hours. Regardless, we got on the bus and made our way to Luton airport. Once we arrived, we tried checking in our luggage. Unfortunately, due to easyJet's delay, this was not possible, and we had to wait 6 hours before being able to check in our luggage and go through security. We had the choice of making ourselves comfortable in either Burger King, Café Nero or WHSmith's. Many of us played card games, read books, watched Netflix or even did some Biology revision. At 10.00am we were ready for attempt two at checking in our luggage to only be misinformed by the staff that the plane had already left (which it clearly had not!). Mr Marsden had a few stern words with the staff and eventually we were able to proceed. At 2.00pm we got onto our flight and arrived safely in Lisbon: 10 hours later than anticipated! 30 tired students (and 3 staff) checked into our accommodation, and we were given some free time to roam around Lisbon, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

TUESDAY 14 MAY - *Report by Imogen Leaton and Anica Andali*

On the morning of day two we went to the Champalimaud Foundation and we were surprised to be greeted by Dr Hobbiss' sister – another Dr Hobbis. The Champalimaud Foundation primarily focuses on advanced biomedical research (predominantly neuroscience and cancer research) and providing translational, interdisciplinary clinical care. We were given a talk about the work they do, treating cancer and research that is undertaken all in the same building. This provides the doctors and researchers the opportunity to collaborate. We were given a tour around some of the labs including the lab where they prepare *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruit flies) for their research.

They separate them into vials based on their gender and particular phenotypes. A PhD student also showed us some of her research where she observed the phenomenon of freezing in fruit flies when they are exposed to a threat – a rapidly expanding dot on a monitor

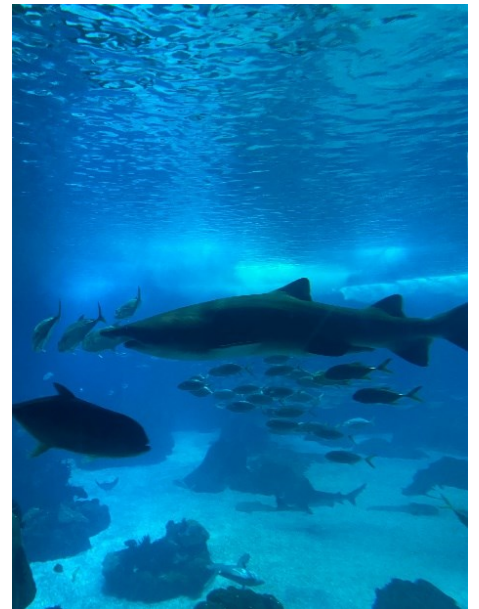


that they perceive as being threatening. She discovered how a particular channel in motor neurones was responsible for the movement in muscles she had observed. Finally, we had the opportunity to discover for ourselves the plasticity of neurones in our brain which we all enjoyed, especially Mr Perez (see photo)!



Following a brisk trek from the metro station to the aquarium, accompanied by the occasional yell from Mr Perez demanding us to “Close the gap!”, while walking as a group, it was safe to say we were all ecstatic to encounter some aquatic creatures!

From puffins and sharks to sea otters and penguins, along with a casual quiz from Mr Perez on our Biology knowledge, it was an entrancing experience to be surrounded with beautiful sea life. The sheer magnitude of the tanks was remarkable, as the animals gracefully swam through their home. We even saw some amphibians, such as frogs and other reptiles, each embellished with detailed patterns on their back for camouflage and to deter predators. We were also able to apply our biology knowledge to the sights, such as how sea otters are keystone species.



Dr Hanson’s fondness for sharks could not be mistaken as we made our way to the gift shop, where many purchased key rings, postcards and pins to commemorate our visit.

One thing is for definite, it would be difficult to walk out of there without a greater appreciation for not only the ocean, but for the world too.

After the aquarium and a rapid metro ride back to the hostel, we were allocated some free time to explore Lisbon; some went shopping, while some went to eat. One group went to a ramen restaurant across from the hostel, named ‘Buga Ramen’, where they ate authentic ramen while being served by a robot!

DESIGN ENGINEERING RACING PROJECT – *Report by Mr Delpont, Design Engineering*

Design Engineering students have over the past term been learning about Bourne’s rich racing heritage and the history of the electric car with its development over many years.

As a project, students were asked to design an electric race car to compete in a knockout style race at the end of the project. Students needed to choose



the best pulley ratios for their car to achieve the desired acceleration vs top speed over a marked race distance. The excitement of competing in the race can be seen in the picture.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to Oscar Bell, Year 10 who has won gold medals in both individual and team sparring at the Welsh Tae Kwon Do championships last weekend.

Congratulations to Lily-Anna Teillant and Jasmine Wilkinson, Year 7 who were part of the Stamford AFC U12 Girls double-winning football team. Stamford Young Daniels travelled to Sleaford for the Lincolnshire FA U12 Girls County Cup final at Eslaforde Park, Sleaford.



The final score was 0-0 after extra-time with Jasmine scoring the winning penalty in a 5-3 shootout to lift the trophy. The following weekend they played Boston United U12 in the Lincolnshire Women & Girls

Football League Cup final held in Grimsby coming away 2-1 winners.

There was further success in Sleaford for BGS students Flossy Swift and Cassidy Thornton, Year 8 as they were also Lincolnshire FA U13 Girls County Cup winners when the Stamford AFC U13 Girls won their final 3-2. After going 0-2 down to Cleethorpes U13s two goals from Flossy brought Stamford back to 2-2 in normal time. A Stamford third in extra-time saw them retain the trophy.

Congratulations to Cerys who attended a Buckingham Palace DofE Presentation and Celebration event recently to mark the completion of her Gold DofE Award.

Cerys had a fabulous day exploring the gardens and meeting lots of other DofE Gold participants from across the world. Receiving the Gold award is a fantastic achievement, and I am especially pleased to share this news as very few students manage to complete their award before leaving the school. The DofE team wish Cerys every success for her future.



BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic



Our BBL Champion for this week is Rosie Evans from 8A. For Oracy day in the Geography Department, we practiced our key geography skills by engaging in a topical class debate. The lessons included the students contributing to a success-criteria they would then use to work in teams to argue either for or against a class voted debate question, displaying effective communication, and listening skills.

While the classes excelled in these tasks, Rosie Evans in 8A stood out in her peer group with her determination during the group and paired tasks, making sure she had access to what her fellow students were discussing while also making sure her voice was being heard while organising the 'Act Now' debate points. This is something we know that she has been working incredibly hard on developing the confidence to do, so it was exciting to see Rosie in a setting that allowed her to display these well-earned Oracy skills standing up in front of the class to deliver her debate contribution.

YEAR 8 SUMMER LEAGUES

Week 3 of the Summer League saw many students increase their weekly total of House Points. Well done in particular to Zoe Roberts 8C who earned the most in the year group with 30, closely followed by Hamish Wood on 29!

See below for our Weekly Winners – great effort shown from all of you 😊

League	Week 3
League 20	Bartram Anoushka
League 19	Bundock Macy
League 18	Roberts Zoe
League 17	Yu Casper
League 16	Ward Lucy
League 15	Wood Hamish
League 14	Unwin Henry, Zahra Majeed and Haleema Ali
League 13	Ranjith Aakash
League 12	Hempstead Charlie
League 11	Ali Zinedine
League 10	McGruer Louis
League 9	Farrington Zac



HOUSE POINTS

50294	49406	51929	47757

*These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 23/5/2024.*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Imaan Adil Zaka	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Finley Bate	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Emeli Butcher	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Fred Candy	7	Mr Somerville	Computer Science
Hazel Cheng	7	Mr Somerville	Design Engineering
Sofia Christoudias	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Rishita Dutta	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Anish Katha	7	Miss Hurl	English
Riley Keith	7	Miss Roberts	EPR
Autumn Kiely	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
George Payton	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Peyton Teague	7	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Leo Hornan	8	Mr Brown	Computer Science
Iustin Rusalim	8	Mr Clark	Computer Science
Hattie Symondson	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Darcie Trawford	8	Miss Bradley	PE
Saihaan Damani	8	Miss Bradley	PE
Elodie Collins	8	Mr Bowhill	Geography
Ryan Price	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Hamish Wood	8	Ms Henson	History
Joseph Knowles	9	Ms Kemp	English
Chloe Cox	10	Mrs Cowell	French
Taha Dad Azam	10	Mr Tighe	EPR
Bhargav Elakoochy	10	Mrs Bolitho	Registration
Sophie Gombault	10	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Hannah Simpson	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Samyutha Puppala	10	Mr Bainbridge	History
Catrinel Acasandri	12	Dr Barmby	History
Theo Anniss	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Bella Atkin	12	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Nuala Goodson	12	Dr Hobbiss	Psychology
Eleanor Hilliard	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Eva Larter	12	Mr Harris	Chemistry
Bailey Scott	12	Mrs Evans	Registration
Max Sketch	12	Mr Jones	Business Studies