



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 21 June 2024
From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

BGS OPEN EVENING – Report by Mr Brown, Deputy Headteacher

Last night, we hosted our annual Bourne Grammar School Open Evening, welcoming families from Bourne, Peterborough, Stamford, and beyond. Despite the allure of the England game, a queue of visitors extending to the front gates had built by the time we opened the doors to over 1,200 visitors throughout the course of the night.

Across the School, a stunning variety of exhibits could be seen from all our academic departments, often led by BGS students: hands-on activities in areas such as PE and Computer Science, dissections in Biology, live performances in Music, assembling gearboxes in Design Engineering, food tasting in The Chill... The list goes on. Over 400 students volunteered to come back into school on a humid summer evening to welcome our guests alongside our staff.

Visitors were effusive in their praise, remarking on the energy and enthusiasm of our staff and students—our best ambassadors—as they escorted visitors around the site and worked tirelessly throughout the evening. We pride ourselves on offering the best atmosphere, abundantly visible throughout the event.

My heartfelt thanks go to all staff and students involved in this wonderful evening





SCHOOL OFF-TIMETABLE DAY – FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024

Parents/carers have been informed of the School closing on Friday 28 June (Off-timetable day) to enable the teaching staff to conduct the KS3 (Years 7,8 & 9) and Year 10 Progress Review Meetings.

Academic work will be sent directly to your child from their teachers via SatchelOne to complete on the day.

YEAR 8 SPANISH TRIP – Report by Amelia Giblin, Year 8

During the early hours of Sunday 2 June, the first group of year eight students (from 8D, 8E and 8F) began the trip to Cantabria, in the north of Spain.

After a plane ride and two coach journeys to the hotel, we had a chance to settle in and unpack before going to the beach and playing some games by the sea! We then came back to the hotel, had our dinner and went to bed early, ready for a day full of fun activities on the Monday.

On our first full day in Spain, we had the privilege of going to a national park, Picos de Europa. On the way there we had the chance to go to a market in a small town called Potes to experience some Spanish culture and practice our Spanish speaking skills. We then went to the Picos de Europa and rode the cable car to the one of the highest peaks, which was twice the height of the highest point in England! We spent some time admiring the picturesque views and having our packed lunch, and then came back down and drove back to Potes where we enjoyed some sight-seeing and most of us bought a delicious ice cream!



Afterwards, we made our way back to our hotel for dinner and then took a walk around Suance to enjoy some beautiful views and to burn off some energy before bedtime.

On Tuesday, we began the day with a Spanish lesson from some local teachers before taking an amazing boat trip in the sunny weather along the Santander coast. Later we made our way to the Altamira cave museum where we learnt about the history of a prehistoric Spanish cave and how its use evolved over time which also helped our knowledge on how we, as humans, have evolved. We then went back to the hotel for a quiz and then dinner before going for an evening walk where we met some lovely donkeys!

On our final full day in Spain, we had a lovely time exploring the historic and beautiful town of Santillana, with most of us taking the opportunity to try some local churros, buy souvenirs, or eat more ice cream. For lunch we were taken to a restaurant for a tapas tasting session where there were many different traditional Spanish dishes to try, including tortillas, calamari, croquetas and chorizo. There really was something for everyone! To end the day, we went to the beach and played some games whilst soaking up the sun.



On the final day of the trip (the Thursday) we made our way to the world-famous Guggenheim modern art museum where we would spend the morning, admiring the thought-provoking exhibits and the beautiful sculptures surrounding the museum. Afterwards we made our way to the airport to journey back to be reunited with our parents after a fun-filled, once in a lifetime trip that we will never forget and will always have fond memories of. Thank you so much to all of the teachers that made this trip so special and fun!



THE ANTHEA BELL TRANSLATION PRIZE – Report by Mrs Clark

We were delighted to receive the news that Holly Potts in Year 11 has been selected for an award for the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. Holly was highly commended for her translation of “Aviso de Correos” by Aurora Luque who won Spain's prestigious National Poetry Award in 2022.

The Anthea Bell prize is run by the Queen’s College Oxford and hopes to inspire students to bring translation to life and promote language learning beyond the classroom. This year over 16,000 students submitted entries, so we are really proud of Holly’s achievement. An extract of Holly’s creative translation can be read below:

‘Sorry We Missed You’

They could knock at your door on any afternoon,
And you won’t know what they’ll have left
There on the ground, a package for you:
VERY FRAGILE it says on the back.

Sender: PANDORA,
c/o Mount Olympus,
Ancient Greece.

Yes, it looks like her other box,
The box of allure, of scorn,
the one no-one ever opened,
the one lost in time in some pit,
the one passed pristine in myth,
the one untouched by ancient treasure-seekers,
nor even sought by illustrious poets,
And which - behold! - appears at your doorstep out of the blue.

GCSE GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO HUNSTANTON - Mrs Greenfield, Geography

Over the past four days all Year 10 Geographer’s have completed their Physical Geography fieldwork trip to Hunstanton. Each group spent a day completing beach profiles, sediment analysis, groyne surveys and investigating the process of longshore drift. Students will then have to answer questions on this fieldwork in their external exam. Bronte Wyvill has written the following report on her experience of the fieldwork.

HUNSTANTON TRIP - Bronte Wyvill, Year 10

We developed our understanding of Physical Geography by carrying out our fieldwork along the North Norfolk Coast, exploring how geomorphic processes affected the coastline of Hunstanton to aid us with our GCSE learning.

Leaving school bright and early at 08:00, we arrived at ‘Sunny Hunny,’ even though we were in fact met with brisk and windy weather. Our first data collection method took us to the Sea Wall section of the beach where we carried out a Beach Profile and a Sediment Survey.

For our Beach Profile we used equipment such as clinometers and ranging poles to measure the angles of the beach at 2m intervals, starting at the Sea Wall. Additionally, at each interval, we randomly selected 10 different pieces of sediment and measured their size using callipers.





We repeated these two methods further down the beach, however this time near to the distinct striped chalk cliffs of the North Norfolk coastline. This data allowed us to answer one of our key questions (What evidence of erosion, transportation and deposition is there at Hunstanton?).

We also used this as an opportunity to take photographs and carry out a fieldwork sketch. Furthermore, we went on to carry out a Groyne Survey to answer question 3 (How does human activity influence the geomorphic processes at Hunstanton) as Groynes are implemented to slow down processes such as Longshore Drift. However, due to stormy weather conditions over the previous months, 2m worth of sediment has been lost from the beach, therefore the Groynes were very ineffective. Finally, we carried out a Longshore Drift survey, and unlike other groups, we were fortunate enough to see noticeable results due to the wind speed and direction on the day.

Overall, we had a very pleasant trip and collected a lot of valuable data that we have since been able to present and analyse in order to support our Physical Geography fieldwork.



WILLOUGHBY SCHOOL SCIENCE DAY – Report by Ben Pennycook, Year 12

As part of our role as science prefects we get to help out with the Willoughby School Science Day, where we show the students of the school different science experiments! These range from making slime, to using red cabbage as a chemical indicator and flower dissections to magnets.

On the morning of Wednesday 19 June, the Science Prefects gathered in Bourne Grammar School's Sixth Form Centre prepared to make the long haul to the Willoughby school! With three trollies of science experiment equipment we made the journey to the school next door.

Upon arrival we were promptly given visitor stickers, and even a colourful science prefect badge! Since we had visited the Willoughby last week and were kindly given a tour, the Science Prefects knew their way around.

Depending on our assigned experiment, we were either in the school hall, or outside near the playground. Luckily for me, the sun was beaming and I was outside! Two brilliant prefects and I were assigned to the stomp rockets.

The stomp rockets were very fun, which helped students to correlate the stomping action with the rocket flying high into the sky. Everyone had a blast!

Also, outside at Science day was a table with sound shakers, another table with a vinegar volcano, and plenty more sensory activities!

As time flies by when you're having fun, the morning of science came to an end. After only losing two rockets out of the 12 we brought - sadly those two were lost to the roof - the rocketeers and I were happy with our efforts.

As the students left to continue their day at the wonderful Willoughby School, our experiments were packed away and we headed back to BGS.

Overall, we had a great morning and enjoyed having the privilege of visiting the Willoughby School, and to be able to see their impressive facilities and lovely students.

Finally, thanks to Mr Marsden who organised and supervised the great event.

Mr Marsden adds: Thanks also go to Andrea, Jayne and Freddie – our wonderful technicians for putting a whole moveable science lab together for us and also to Gemma at the Willoughby School for continuing to offer this wonderful opportunity to our prefects.

ANGLIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - SATURDAY 15 JUNE, NORWICH - Report by Mr Ray, PE

Following the success at the County Championships on 5 June, a number of students travelled to Norwich to represent Lincolnshire at the Anglian Athletics Championships last weekend.

This provided for some, another level of competition against a number of athletes who will travel to the English Schools in early July. Isla Cummings competed in the Junior Girls 75m hurdles, finishing in fifth place with a time of 13.2 seconds, an excellent achievement given that most others were Year 9 students. Izzy Hughes in the shotput claimed third place with a throw of 8.75m just 21 cm behind the second placed athlete from Norfolk, again an excellent performance. In the boys competitions at junior level Jack Caffrey ran well in the 200m finishing in a time of 25.2seconds whilst in the sprint hurdles an excellent performance from Monty Wild saw him take second position with time of 14.0 seconds exactly.

In the Intermediate age group, Charlotte Smith, again a year young from many of her competitors, took third place in 200m and in the sprint hurdles superb third place for Bea Ford saw her finish in 14.6 seconds. Charlotte went one better in the long jump with a leap of 4.88 m to finish in second place whilst Annabel Hayes in the triple jump performed admirably with a leap of 8.56m, a great credit to her having tried to fit her training in around her GCSE exams. In the boys competition, Alex Watson ran well in the 200m with a with a time of 25.1 seconds Whilst in the high jump, Jack Carruthers finished in second place clearing a 1.70m, again another excellent performance and his first time at this level of competition. In the long jump an Anesu Fashitidu performed a best jump of 5.31m to finish in a very credible fourth position, with Ned Gervis throwing just shy of 30m in the javelin.

Our soul competitor in the senior age group was Thomas Preston in the 3000m. Here he became Anglian Champion finishing in a time of 8 minutes 49.3 seconds, achieving yet another personal best and securing him a place at the English Schools Championships in July, and outstanding achievement and a target that Thomas has been targeting for some time. Well done to all who participated and made the long trip

trek to Norwich for the competitions.

A special mention also to Mrs Hayes who kindly provided the photographs for the bulletin.



TENNIS NEWS – Report by Miss Bowtell, PE

U13 MIXED TEAM vs THE HIGH SCHOOL PETERBOROUGH

Our team consisted of Alex Allen, Jess Richardson, Jess Daniels and Emily Wright Lakin playing against a combination of some boys and some girls from the High School.

All games were played in a wonderful manner. Overall result was a draw with three wins for BGS and three wins for Peterborough High school. A Superb display of sportsmanship throughout the evening and a wonderful experience all round.



U15 BOYS AND GIRLS MATCH vs KING EDWARD V1 LOUTH

Day two of this week's tennis adventure took the U15 boys and girls team all the way to Louth. After a wonderful hour and a half trip following tractors and seeing all that that the beautiful Wolds have to offer

we arrived at King Edward the sixth school. This is a wonderfully historic school with an excellent record for Tennis.

The format for the day is that each player competes in one singles game and one doubles game and play matches against their own seedings. In the boys' team we had playing number one, Zeke Young , number two Ned Gervis, number three Donald McGeorge, number four Saul Avis and number five Alf Larter.

The singles event started with Ned Gervis facing an extremely talented boy who would've made the division one team and was a member of the county squad. He had a very hard job but gave it his best with lots of very good rallies, but unfortunately, his opponent had a bit more power and better placement than Ned.

Playing as number one Zeke had again another very competitive game playing in the beautiful sunshine with a backdrop of the church steeples but again was defeated by the Louth team player.

This meant all eyes were on Saul and Donald singles matches and they didn't disappoint, winning both games with supreme confidence. The next match was doubles involving Alf and Donald and was to be a superb display of serve and volley by BGS with Alf dominating the net and totally intimidating the opponents with his power and precision of shot and Donald sweeping up any shots that went around Alf. Due to an earlier doubles loss the scores were now tied at 2-2 and led to a super set, like a tie break occurring with our No 4 and No 2 playing against their opposite numbers with the first team to 10 winning.

The boys broke into an early lead but their opponents came back swiftly. The game was very tense, ebbing one way and then the other but always with BGS one point ahead. We received serve at 9-8 but, the county player served an ace levelling the game, we went ahead again and again, they pulled it back and finally had a spell of two good shots leading to an extremely narrow victory to Louth

The girls match was to be a different story although the beauty of the location was a distraction to a few of them commenting on how lovely it was on the elevated courts and how nice the grass smelt. Despite this they narrowed their attention and got down to the work at hand.

In this match we took four girls: Number one was Poppy McLearnon playing against a division one player, so the actual outcome of the game was already given to BGS. Our Number two Shiksha Kaur was as usual having a very consistent and fantastic game with her level of aggression having really improved this year particularly in her doubles net play. Our Number three was Alice Barrett and Number four was Mary Pepper, an incredibly steady and reliable pairing. Throughout the game Mary was using her height to dominate the net and intimidate the opposition and cruised to victory along with Alice with her consistent powerful deep shots.

In the doubles, Poppy and Shiksha had a great game leading to each game going to 40-30 and often Deuces, but the girls just lost to a more experienced player. Alice maintained her steady consistency into the singles and won convincingly 6-2 and Mary pounded her opponent with her power drives down the line and superbly placed serves leading to a 6-0 victory obtained in her usual modest fashion.

The overall result was a win to both BGS teams due to both teams fielding county players due to school absences in their usual team members. The boys and girls teams were a credit to travel with and watch as even when faced with players obviously more experienced than usual they gave their best and persisted in positive play and never moaned.



KEW GARDENS '24 – Report by Lorien Selby and Nabeeha Saeed, Year 12

After a long journey consisting of a few early morning delays, we arrived at Kew Gardens in Richmond. To start the day, we split into groups and began to explore the enormous site. Our group walked through several greenhouses which varied in appearance, size and conditions; some were very humid to accommodate for plants from more tropical regions, and some were maintained at a low temperature. We came across a wide range of species including waterlilies, pitcher plants, and banana plants. To help complete our PAG (research assignment) we took numerous photos to refer back to.

Our PAG consisted of locating specific species of plants and taking photos, which we could later present in our books. We were tasked with researching the binomial name and category of plant that the species fell into. Another section of our PAG instructed us to produce a biological drawing of a plant in the temperate house.

After collecting pictures for our PAG we were given several hours to split off and visit parts of the garden with friends. Despite the gloomy weather and light (but continuous) rain, many of us enjoyed walking through the vast green space and exploring different aspects of the gardens. We tended to particularly enjoy the rainforest and lily pad areas, as well as the treetop walkway, where you could get a gorgeous view of the massive area. In this time we also had the opportunity to grab a bite to eat.

Many people also took part in the David Attenborough photo competition, which lots of us took very seriously, attempting to replicate his old photos from a previous visit to the gardens, finding the exact locations and perfectly replicating his stance and facial expressions.

Overall, we had a fun and educational day which related to many aspects of our A-level biology course.



BBL CHAMPION AWARD – Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher, Academic

Not for the first time, the impressive Peyton Teague is this week's BBL Champion. Year 7 students have recently been working on Tetris projects in Mathematics, exploring the various shapes that can be made with four cubes and learning a multitude of drawing techniques for representing them visually.

Peyton has once again gone above and beyond with her independent work, creating a real-life game of Tetris that uses shapes she made from the nets that she designed in the lesson. A huge effort from a fantastic student. Well done!



YEAR 8 SUMMER LEAGUES - Year 8 Summer League – Week 6

Another closely contested week has passed by in the Year 8 Summer League with all but two leagues being won by only one or two points. So, it really could be anybody that takes the Weekly Win! Congratulations to Christopher Louzolo for earning the most House Points across the year group last week 😊

Weekly Winners are below; a number were not present for the photo due to being on the last of the Spanish trips.

| League | Week 6 |
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| League 20 | Palmer Izzy |
| League 19 | Moverley Dylan & Tanna Aum |
| League 18 | Bosworth Corey |
| League 17 | Haylock-Cox Toby & Farukh Mohammad |
| League 16 | Ward Lucy |
| League 15 | Dragota Brogan |
| League 14 | Majeed Zahra |
| League 13 | Harrison Finley |
| League 12 | Louzolo Christopher |
| League 11 | Divers Rose & Bates Tyler |
| League 10 | Chopra Shivam |
| League 9 | Stubbs Ethan & Allen Alex |







INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students have recently completed their DofE Silver Awards. Congratulations!

DofE Silver Success - Year 12

Theo Bryson
Shaan Damani

HOUSE TOTALS

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| 56840 | 56185 | 58729 | 53156 |

***These totals show all House Points earned minus Behaviour Points.
It includes points from all students in each house between 4/9/2023 - 20/6/2024.***

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| Name | Year | Staff | Subject |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Emeli Butcher | 7 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Alicja Odrobinska | 7 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Chanelle Kye-Nyarko | 8 | Mr Brown | Computer Science |
| Zahra Majeed | 8 | Mrs Evans | Geography |
| Isaac McLaren | 8 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Eleanor Twinley | 8 | Mr Graves | PE |
| Finn Murphy | 8 | Miss Mizen | Biology |
| Arthur Turner | 8 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Matthew Foster | 9 | Mr Howard | EPR |
| Monty Wild | 9 | Ms Bowtell | Spanish |
| Ava Hodge | 9 | Miss Hodge | History |
| Ella Barratt | 9 | Mr Ray | PE |
| Nathan Bisalla | 10 | Miss Bradley | PE |
| Archie Gaunt | 10 | Miss Patman | Spanish |
| Flynn Knight | 10 | Mr Walklin | Statistics |
| Isabella Mahoney | 10 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Jacob Sandom | 10 | Mrs Bolitho | English |
| Faye Scott | 10 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Ella Snart | 10 | Mr Bainbridge | History |
| Oliver Walker | 10 | Miss Hurl | PSHE |
| April Thorley | 10 | Miss Smith | PE |