

BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

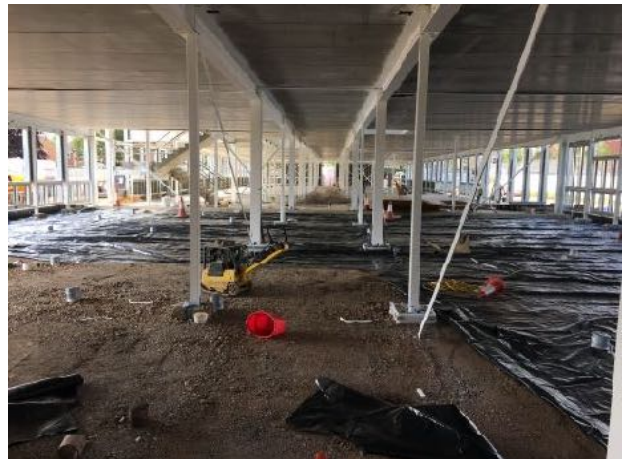
Week ending Friday 26 May 2017

From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher

THIS WEEK

Yesterday we observed the national one-minute silence. Students and staff reflected on Monday's tragedy in Manchester, aware of the fact that three of our students were at the concert at the time of the fatal bombing.

As the students and staff look forward to a week off, I am conscious that for many of our older students the coming week will be clouded by impending examinations and by the need to work a bit of revision into the week's holiday. At this late stage the students are well prepared for their examinations. They will be consolidating, working on timed questions perhaps and preparing things such as revision cards. Not all students work in the same way so there is no set routine that I can recommend. I always do recommend balance; students are tired after Term 5 and those facing examinations need to rest, relax and play as well as work over the course of the week. An early start in the morning can work for many. Get up early, perhaps, do a couple of hours then do something else. I very strongly advise parents/carers against any attempt to force their sons and daughters to work all the time every day. Balance is the key.



Open any national paper and you will see stories about the funding 'crisis' in state-funded schools. I have written on this in some detail in these pages but it is good to be able to reassure parents and carers once again that the School is solvent. Funding per student is being cut for all schools and for many the situation is very grave indeed. But we have a lot of students at BGS; a large and growing number of students means that we are able to balance the books and I, as Headteacher, can focus on leading the School and teaching my classes and not on despairing about money.



On Monday afternoon I was treated to my first proper site visit of the new Science Block. I was able to explore every corner, upstairs and down, and at last to fully appreciate the scale of the project. Even to a casual observer it is clear that the standard of construction is outstanding. With the weather on our side, progress is really quite extraordinary.

As we end Term 5 I am delighted to confirm the annual staffing exercise has been completed most successfully. Each year a few colleagues move on for promotion, to a new part of the country to follow a spouse or partner or for various other reasons. The papers are also full of reports about a crisis in teacher-supply too; it is not always easy but we do not see a crisis here. We have made some really excellent appointments to replace those colleagues who are leaving, and a few further ones as a result of the School's expansion. Students will be well catered for from September.

On Thursday, Ryley Briston (see the next article) came into School in his special wheelchair, with his mother and carer. It was a very special pleasure to see Ryley again, to talk with him and to see him communicating very effectively with his touch-to-text device. We hope to see Ryley in School from time to time as he continues his education elsewhere, where the very special needs that he has at present can be properly catered for.

Good wishes to all for a pleasant week, especially to those who are taking a family holiday. And, once again, very best wishes to those preparing for important public examinations.

ROOT4RYLEY - Mrs Faux - Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)

All fund-raising activities this year have been in aid of *Root4Ryley*, the charity set up to support Year 10 student Ryley Briston. The response from staff and students has been impressive and extremely supportive; we are approximately £1,500 away from our financial target of £10,000 our target for our year of support for Ryley.

The final fund-raising event this year will be to sponsor staff and students to complete 1,000 miles, through running, cycling, sailing or walking, by the end of June. All the funds raised this year will be used to purchase various mobility aids to help Ryley through his ongoing recovery.

Outside of School, a *Race Night* has been planned for tonight at *The Baskervilles* in Baston.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Tickets are selling fast for our *Night of Music from the Stage and Screen*, taking place on Friday 23 June from 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/363538> - they are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for concessions (students, staff and Governors of Bourne Grammar School, and OAPs). As well as performances of iconic pieces from films and musicals by the School's musical ensembles, solo and group performances from students in a range of year-groups will also feature in the evening's programme.

In addition, the Art Department welcomes you to its annual *Summer Showcase* of work produced by A-Level and GCSE students this year. The exhibition will also take place on Friday 23 June from 16:30 to 18:30 - those who purchase tickets for the Concert may view the artwork during the interval.



ARTWORK

The two Gargoyles featured this week were made in 30 minutes by Year 7 students in their first ever clay lesson.



Max Garthwaite

Tilly Manning



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
William Bentley	7	Miss Ellis	Art
Elyza Howard-Chalmers	7	Mr Smith	EPR
Tilly Manning	7	Mr Adamson	Mathematics
Elliott Plant	7	Mr Innocent	Science
Grace Swindell	7	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Dhruva Teja Turaga	7	Miss Dorosenko	Science
Katie Callcut	8	Miss Hempstead	PE
Francesca Fenwick	8	Mrs Mohan	PE
Harry Hinkins	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Louise Jones	8	Mr Topham	History
Georgie Dick	9	Mr Perez	Biology
Max Etherington	9	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Joseph Hobson	9	Miss Cousins	History
Jake Jungmann	9	Mr Binns	PE
Millie Parker	9	Miss Bowtell	PE
Derik Shilju	9	Miss Walters	English
Abbie-May Stubbs	9	Mrs Elliker	English
Martha Watts	9	Mr Brooker	English
Sophie Wooler	9	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Lauren Human	10	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Jacob Kerr-Morgan	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Jenna Taylor	10	Miss Turton	Drama
Isabella Thistlewood	10	Mr Moxley	Drama
Aaron Waters	10	Miss Creedon	Spanish

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Football Last weekend Reuben Cox (Year 10), with the Stamford AFC Under 15s team, won the league and the team will be going up to Division One next year. The whole team trained extremely hard all season, so promotion is well deserved.

