



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



25 - 29 November

Reflection of the Week

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

As the last of the snow departed, and Year 11 mock examinations came to an end, we have been able to celebrate success throughout this week. Our Debating Team successfully won their way through to round two of the English Speaking Union national competition after a competitive evening with Uppingham, Oundle, Stamford and Bishop’s Stortford, and tonight we are set for our annual Speech Night when high performing students are rewarded for their efforts last year. It is great to be able to celebrate success in this way, to see the smiles and the joy on faces as prizes are received, and I hope all those in the Abbey Church tonight have a wonderful time. My thanks to the Music and Drama departments for preparing some entertainment for the evening, and to our site team for assisting with setting things up. And sticking to the theme of success, congratulations to Astrid Fairhead-Abrahams in Year 7 who won a gold and silver medal at the British Open Kickboxing Championships last weekend. A very different activity to debating or academia but every bit as worthy of praise!

Elsewhere my thanks to Ms Creedon and the team of staff who put on a very successful Stay Safe off timetable day for Year 7 on Monday, to Mr Farrow for organising the House Chess competition during lunchtimes this week, to the Drama Department for taking students to see Come From Away in Milton Keynes and to the Geography Department for taking Year 13 students to Nottingham for a conference. More wonderful opportunities for students of our school.

House Totals

8891	9888	10477	10542

House Points earned minus Behaviour Points, from all students in each house for term 2

Oracy 'Talking Points'


Mrs Allen, Assistant Headteacher, Academic

This week, students may have spotted that 'Talking Points' posters have been placed around the school. These posters are an engaging way to foster thoughtful discussions among our students.

Each poster highlights a key question or issue relevant to various subjects, from English to Design Engineering, encouraging students to reflect, share their opinions and spark curiosity.

For example, in the Art corridor, a poster might ask, 'Is art essential to society or is it merely a form of entertainment?' while in the History corridor, another could ask, 'Are Historians more employable because they think critically?'. These prompts not only help students deepen their

understanding of the subject matter but also encourage critical thinking, teamwork, and respectful debates.

 **SOCIOLOGY**

Talking Points

Is the role of education simply to provide good workers for the economy?

What factors shape how well someone does in school?

What might cause people to commit crimes?

Why are some groups represented better than others in the media?

Overall, the initiative is a wonderful tool for promoting active learning and oracy skills, making subjects feel more relevant and dynamic. It's a great way to turn the school environment into a space of inquiry.

Individual Achievements

Astrid Fairhead-Abrahams, Y7, WKO British Open Championship

Astrid fought at the WKO (World Kickboxing Organisation) British Open Championship on Sunday 10 November, representing her club, Inspired Martial Arts.

Astrid fought her way through to the final of her Ken-Do (hands-only) category and won a silver medal in the final. Immediately moving on to her points category where she won three fights in a row to take away the gold medal in the final. Finally, she went straight into her light continuous category where Astrid got off to a good start with a convincing win in the quarter finals. In the semi-final she came up against an opponent who was much larger and heavier. Astrid gave it everything, and courageously took the decision to retire from this fight for her own health and wellbeing, on the advice of her coaches.

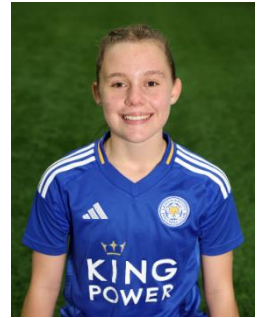


Congratulations Astrid on her impressive performance and attitude, and for bringing home both gold and silver medals.

Harper Graham, Y10, PGA contract at Premier League Club Leicester City

Congratulations to Harper Graham who has been awarded a two-year PGA contract at Premier League Club Leicester City.

Harper has also been called up again to an England training event, which takes place in Sheffield in December.



Best Spanish Spellers

Mrs Baverstock

Reyes y Reinas de la ortografía

Every term the Spanish department celebrates the success of the best spellers in the target language. These are students who have consistently got full marks in their weekly spelling test. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students who have managed to reach this very high standard during Term 1 – we are very proud of you.

A list of these students is published at the end of this bulletin.

¡Enhorabuena! ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de vosotros!

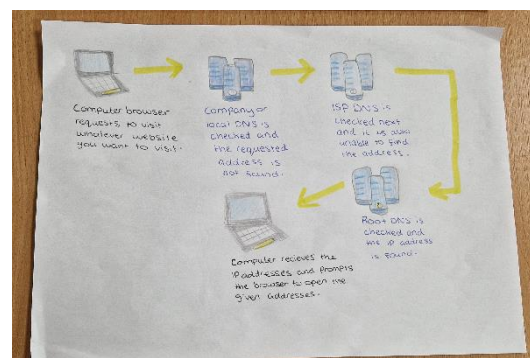
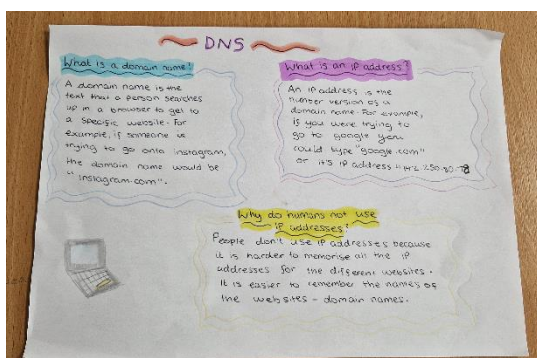
BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Grace Pearce-Higginson, 7A, is the worthy BBL Champion this week, and she receives 10 Achievement Points for her efforts. Grace's Computer Science teacher, Mr Osborne, was impressed with her independent work at home on DNS (Domain Name Servers). Grace consolidated her learning by creating a poster explaining the meaning of Domain Names and IP Addresses and drawing a clear diagram of the process.

Well done Grace for your hard work and for displaying such good learning.



Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Bethan Drewett	7	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Rishith Inukollu	7	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Rishith Inukollu	7	Mrs Greenfield	Geography
Emma Kemp	7	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Kornelia Korbylo	7	Miss Hodge	History
Ted Machin	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Oscar Newman	7	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Ava Papworth	7	Mrs Pignatiello	Drama
Sofia Christoudias	8	Miss Davis-Williams	EPR
Uzair Ehjaz	8	Mrs Allen	English
Elias Gyamfi	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Flavia Hoxha	8	Miss Davis-Williams	History
Advith Kallepally	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Hermione Lumb	8	Miss Lindley	Geography
Mckenzie Watt	8	Miss Roberts	English
Finn Huddart	8	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Ewan Atkins	9	Mrs Pickup	Drama
Yojit Bodduluri	9	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Elodie Collins	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Ayaz Khan	9	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Finn Murphy	9	Miss Summerfield	Drama
Laila Redshaw	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Hattie Symondson	9	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Monty Bage	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Lani Clark	10	Miss Patman	Spanish
Timothy Parsons	10	Ms Bowtell	PE
Adeena Sajid	10	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Fatima-Zahra Nadeem	10	Mrs Allen	English
Evan Bates	11	Mrs Woolf	Chemistry
Harvey Milner	11	Mrs Bolitho	English
Archie Blackburn	12	Dr Barmby	History
Millie Doud	12	Mrs Bolitho	English
Efe Eta	12	Miss McAleese	Registration
Paa-Yaw Gyan	12	Ms Bennett	English Language
Lucie Lund	12	Dr Barmby	History
Isaac Reid	12	Dr Barmby	History
Jed Longden	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Charlie Sherwin	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
George Unwin	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Eve Blackler	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Lauren Brawn	12	Mr Mitchell	Law
Millie Doud	12	Miss McAleese	Psychology
Isabelle Hull	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Isla Jenkins	12	Mr Mitchell	Law

Spanish Spellers

YEAR 7

Martina Llames Amore
Iduna Richardson-Fernandez
Jack Brock
Brandon Bull
Augusto Dascanio
Amelia Nicholson
Ava Steward
Fraser Williamson
Sammy Hullock
Simra Imra
Maryam Seit
Ellie Fryer
Emi Wood
Basem Awadallah
Amalie Keegan
Harvey Weston
Chesley Yeung
Robert Sandy

YEAR 8

Poppy Pawlett
Aarikhya Arunkumar
Liam Forman
Finley Bate
Hemione Lumb
Peyton Teague
Evelyn Bostock
Robin Daniels
Zina Nwamarah
Ava Bembridge
Jorgie Binns
Maisie Coulson
Andrejs Zinkevics
Kamsy Anike
Berri Baristo
Aarya Tirchunapalli
Mckenzie Watt
Samaira Bajaj
Erika Bryson
William Duffy
Olivia Laud

Kumayls Meghji
Viganth RG

YEAR 9

Zinedine Ali
Toby Garrido
Dylan Moverley
Kirit Banda
Saihaan Damai
Jensen Homewood
Musfirah Bano
Lamar Farahat
Adina Hamid
Aleksander Wiza
Grace Rayner
Rebecca Board
Maisie Moulds
Jessica Nicholson
Sophie Robinson
Noah Skinner
Seb Kay
Liam Prue
Geerthana Elango
Ria Gupta
Johnny Hullock
Samuel Santos
Nicole Mancheva
Rya Ramprosad

YEAR 10

William Blades
Evie Burford
Luca Christoudias
Izzy Hughes
Eloise Hull
Daniel Komives
Honor Moore
Brooke Olivares-Alvarez
Rhys Bekteshi
Amelia Comben
Charlotte Edwards
Umaiza Gilani

Riley Haw
Ellis Lester
Aleena Malik
Akshith Pandian
Toby Udeaja
Bella Ward
Alex Zinkevics
Angad Sandhu
Lois Cox
Zahra Ravji
Luisella Pacitti
Tia Ely
Mary Pepper

YEAR 11

William Brown
Finn Gillespie
Evie Mabey
Arjun Raghavan
Hannah Simpson
Petra Szoboszlai-Kendrick
Bronte Wyvill

YEAR 12

Jyoti Bista
Matilda Eagle-Brown
Madeline Keightley
Atte Maaranen
Isabelle Mason
Eliasz Polak
Amy Watkinson

YEAR 13

Poppy Bevan
Alexanne Bradley
Vivienne Chen
Hemione King
Chloe Kirman
Eva Larter
Vicky Lulczynska
Trista Ng
Courtney Pudney

SPORT

Live coverage: ESAA Cross Country Cup National Final, The Grammar School at Leeds.

Mr Ray, Director of Physical Education and Sport

Next Saturday (7 December) our Intermediate Boys and Intermediate Girls cross country teams will be taking part in the National Final of the Cross Country Cup. We are one of just 24 schools from the country that have qualified in each age group. The event is once again being shown live on Vinco (free of charge).

Should you wish to watch it, please use the QR code below to access the site. The Intermediate Girls will start at 12.55pm and the Boys at 1.20pm. Students will be wearing the customary Bourne Grammar red vests with a green horizontal stripe. Well done and good luck to those participating.

Girls: Leah Graham, Edith Kaberry, Lucy Preston, Bri O'Boyle, Lois Cox, Ellen Richardson

Boys: Ben Alliston, Cayden Mackey, Zack Browne, Noah Skinner, Freddie Neal, Monty Bage,



VINCO SCAN TO WATCH
LIVE AND ON DEMAND

VINCO IS PROUD TO BE PROVIDING LIVE AND ON DEMAND COVERAGE OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CROSS CUP, INCLUDING A LIVE STREAM, ON DEMAND HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH RACE AND INTERVIEWS.

FOOTAGE IS AVAILABLE TO TO ALL +PLUS SUBSCRIBERS, OUR MONTHLY PASS THAT CAN BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME, AND INCLUDES COVERAGE OVER 150 EVENTS ACROSS THE UK, US AND CANADA.