



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 15 September 2017*

*From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

## **MR BRUNKER KICKS OFF HIS ROLE AS DEPUTY HEADTEACHER - Ffion Simpson (Year 13)**

There is a new player on the Leadership Team at School this year as we welcome Mr Mark Brunker as Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral). Mr Brunker is responsible for pastoral care but is also sticking to his roots as a PE teacher as he takes on Year 8 PE, Year 7 rugby and helping Year 13 Sports Studies students with their coursework.



Growing up in Bedford and attending Bedford Modern School, he developed a keen interest in sports, particularly rugby. Becoming a teacher was the last thing he wanted to do, especially as captaining the first team took priority and he

consequently received “very average” A-Level grades but, of course, an A in PE. Staffordshire University accepted his admission and he then graduated with an impressive first-class honours in Sports and Exercise Science leading him into a career as a freelance personal trainer. However, after an injury put an unfortunate and unexpected end to his rugby career, it was his work at a weight loss centre and his role as a coach that edged him towards teaching. ‘It was rewarding but I started to think that in order to actually solve the problem I would need to support people who are a lot younger, before they start struggling’. To do this, he completed his teacher training in 2006 and began as a PE teacher at The Bishop Stortford High School. It was here that he quickly progressed up to Head of Sixth Form. Mr Brunker’s passion for pastoral care attracted him to the opportunity here at Bourne Grammar.

“Pastoral care is the backbone to any school - if you can get this right, you will get the best outcomes, and that’s not just results”. As well as spending quality time with his family, he has a lot on his plate but is determined to assist the School in developing a safe atmosphere where students feel they have all the support they need in a school community.

Just two weeks into his role as a Deputy Head, he has already made an impression with students saying, “He is approachable and easy to talk to” and “He seemed keen to engage with us and has many innovative ideas”.

We welcome him and look forward to having him on our team!

## ARTWORK

The artwork featured this week was created by Sixth Form students who have been working on their 'Sense of Place' projects.



*Bea Allen*



*Ema Zilenaite*

## FIND YOUR VOICE SUCCESS

Some students at our School take *Find Your Voice* lessons with a specialist tutor, Cathy Mellor. Over the summer, they entered LAMDA exams and achieved the following results:

Exam	Level	Name	Year	Award
Speaking in Public	1	Helena-Katie Scholes Grace Swindell Alex Ewart-Malcolm Akshath Nambala	8	Pass
		Diya Dinesh Elizabeth Hall Lea Chauhan Eleanor Langman Callum Marshall Mia Pietrzak Benedict Everist Daniel Yates Rishma Chanda		Merit
	Phoebe Bardwell Lily Brear Ben Lambe Harikrishna Elakoochy Aaron Risk Esme Thorley Jessica Mahoney Roman Everist Kaavya Guhan	Distinction		
	2	Verity Toulson Alexander Shaw Rithvik Sanga Harry Moyle	9	Distinction

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Exams** Amélie Murphy (Year 7) recently passed her ABRSM Grade 3 Singing exam, and her LAMDA Grade 3 Musical Theatre exam.

**Theatre** Louise Curran (Year 9) has been cast as *Aurora* in the Key Theatre's production of *Sleeping Beauty*.

**Football** On Saturday 9 September, Charlie Wise (Year 7) had the opportunity to be a mascot for Leicester City Football Club for their match against Chelsea. Before the match he was able to go into the home changing room, ask for autographs from the players and take a photograph with his favourite player, Jamie Vardy.

Charlie then led the players onto the pitch and shook hands with the opposing team. Unfortunately, Leicester lost the match 2-1, but being a mascot was an enjoyable experience for Charlie.

