



# BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 11 February 2022*

*From Alastair Anderson, Headteacher*

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, and I have been impressed by the work done by our Sixth Form Mental Health Committee to add interesting and relevant content to Student Notices over the last few days. Led by Maisie Brownlow, Bhumika Khadka, Scott Merriman, Sanya Narang and Sreya Suresh these notices have provided student led advice on Self Care, Habits, Addiction, the Power of Sleep, Diagnosing Mental Disorders and Misconceptions related to Mental Health and I am grateful for the professional and thoughtful way in which the presentation slides for tutors to discuss with their groups each morning have been put together. The challenges around Mental Health are significant, particularly in a post pandemic context with an ever greater social media emphasis, and it is very important that we work hard to develop greater character and resilience in our students while ensuring that the support offered to those that are in need continues to improve. From September we will have an additional Assistant Headteacher working with the pastoral team, and an additional Safeguarding Officer providing specific support to the Safeguarding Team. Both appointments will increase the resource available to us in helping students address their mental health needs.

Elsewhere I can report that Bourne Grammar's reputation as a centre of Cross Country excellence was maintained at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual King Henry VIII 2022 Relays held last week in the War Memorial Park in Coventry. Our boys' team was placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 48 schools and the girls' team 7<sup>th</sup> out of 34 schools. Harry Hewitt in Year 12 recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest lap of the day (beating Sebastian Coe's 1975 lap time by 4 seconds!), and the conduct of the squad was a credit themselves and to the School throughout the day. My thanks to the PE Department for providing such a valuable opportunity for our runners.

Finally, I hope all members of the School Community find time for rest and recuperation over the holiday week. It has been an intense period since the New Year and both students and staff have done an excellent job in maintaining high standards and driving the quality of the education at Bourne Grammar forward. By the time we return the days will be longer, the sun that bit higher in the sky and the worst of the winter cold will be behind us. Bring on Spring!

## **INFORMATION EVENING - eSAFETY FOR PARENTS**

Led by Mr Brown, our *eSafety for Parents* evening will take place on Tuesday 22 February, starting at 19:00 in the Main Hall (doors open at 18:30). The session will provide an overview of the main social media platforms used by young people, as well as covering sensitive topics, certain to be of great concern to parents, such as 'sexting' and online sexual exploitation. The session also covers suggestions on practical ways that parents can help their children to stay safe online and ways to support them to become responsible digital citizens.

This session is designed specifically for the benefit of parents/carers; due to anticipated demand, it will not be possible for students to attend. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you book your place(s) online on the grounds of practicality. If you wish to attend, please register for up to two tickets by visiting <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bournegrammarschool/t-jejnok>

## **YEAR 9 - GCSE OPTIONS EVENING**

In advance of our Year 9 GCSE Options Evening on Tuesday 22 February (19:00-21:00) a digital copy of the Options Evening booklet was sent to parents/carers last Friday 4 February. If for any reason you have not received this, please find the link to the booklet [via the School website](#).

Further links enabling you to join the talks taking place on the evening will be emailed to parents/carers and sent via MILK to students on Monday 21 February.

## PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS - WHOLE SCHOOL

As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, we have arranged a series of Progress Review Meetings for students in all year groups. This includes an off-timetable day and four subsequent evenings, each of which will provide parents with an opportunity to meet with Subject Teachers.

The schedule of these Progress Review Meetings is as follows:

PRM Day ( <b>Off-timetable</b> ):	Friday 4 March 2022	08:30-18:30
Work will be set for all students to complete at home		
PRM Evening 1:	Tuesday 8 March 2022	17:00-20:30
PRM Evening 2:	Thursday 10 March 2022	17:00-20:30
PRM Evening 3:	Tuesday 15 March 2022	17:00-20:30
PRM Evening 4:	Thursday 17 March 2022	17:00-20:30

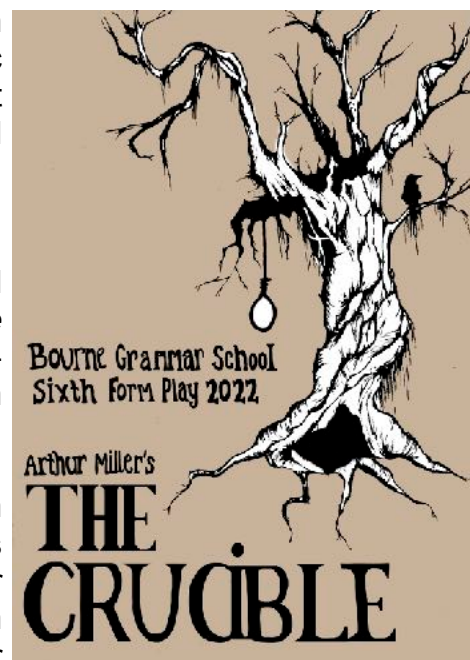
For practical reasons there will be a limit on the number of appointments that can be made in respect of each student. Further details on how to book your appointments through the SchoolCloud booking system will be sent out on Monday 21 February.

## SIXTH FORM PLAY 2022 - *Mr Moxley and Miss Bennett* *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller - 25 and 26 February 2022

Rehearsals are well underway with a very talented cast of Sixth Formers, for our production in the Main Hall of Arthur Miller's classic historical tragedy, *The Crucible*. Under the direction of Miss Bennett and Mr Moxley, the play will be an intimate and intense version, staged in-the-round, in period costume and partly candle-lit.

Famously, the play tells the story of the witch hunts in 1690s Salem, Massachusetts. The drama is one of suspicion and mistrust in a small community and the resulting division that is created. For Miller, *The Crucible* was an allegory of the McCarthy investigations into 'un-American tendencies' of Communist sympathisers in the 1950s, an investigation which Miller himself was called before.

Performance are on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 February, in the Main Hall at 7pm. Tickets are available [here](#), priced at £7 - the play is suitable for ages 11 and above. The play is particularly relevant for Year 10 and 11 Drama students for the live theatre element of their written exam. We hope you will come and support this company of our senior students and some of our most talented dramatists in the School.



## YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 REVISION - *Mr Hewitt, Deputy Headteacher (Academic)*

Immediately after this half-term break the lunchtime and after-school COVID catch-up sessions will stop and be replaced with a comprehensive revision programme for Year 11 and Year 13 students.

The programme will offer a menu of revision activities, which all students on the course can voluntarily attend if they wish. Subjects will inevitably run sessions at the same time as other subjects; there are only 5 days in a week and there are 26 subjects offered by the School. However the schedule will be designed to minimise clashes for students. Students will be informed of the topic being revised in advance and this should help them to decide which session would be most worthwhile to attend.

A copy of the programme will be sent to students via MILK during the holiday and attached to a letter sent out to parents. I hope as many students attend and take advantage of the extra learning opportunities as possible.

Finally, a well done to all students for their dedication and hard work this term, especially to students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 13, who have sat internal examinations. Your hard work will pay off!

## ANGLIAN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS - Mr Ray, Director of PE & Sport

On Saturday 5 February, 16 of our students competed in the Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships, having been selected as some of the top runners from the county championships earlier in the term. Donning their green Lincolnshire vests students were tested by Woodbridge School's grounds in Suffolk which offered a challenge far removed from the manicured rolling hills of Burghley.

The course started with a prolonged downhill, pitching uphill from a sharp turn before dropping again to what appeared like the base of a cliff. The students' mental strength was tested by the patchwork of woodland and field and their approach to managing their effort was crucial to their success.

The younger years were up first and had to turn their relative inexperience to bear on the course. Of the first race it was Faith Harwood who led our contingent home and ran a strong race to finish 45th across the competitors from the 5 counties. Faith was followed home by Ellie Barrett and Lois Cox also in Year 7. Ben Allison was the sole representative in the boys Year 7 race and despite a strong start struggled later in to the race as he tackled the hills multiple times.

The Junior Girls, with their recent National Cup experience, began and despite a strong start by Yvette Annis, it was Faith Perkins finishing in 34th who was a class above her usual team mates of Yvette (59th) and Millie Doud (65th). Throughout the year it's been a regular rotation of positions between those three students and enjoyable as ever to see the battles between them.

Our team quality really started to show in particular with the Inter Girls. Erin Cox who was the fastest of our girls in the relay race earlier in the week, showed her quality again with the run of the day and our top position of the day to finish in 5th. It was an aggressively ran race from start to finish where Erin's quality mentality was backed up by her current form. Behind her the regular battle of Hannah Taylor (10th) and Aoife Glasswell (14th) fell Hannah's way with a great last lap charge to pick off a couple of positions before the finish. Charlotte Cullen showed the continuing progression of her recent form, also running a quality race to wrap it up in 36th.



The remaining two races were the Intermediate and Senior Boys. The Inter Boys ran to the very best of their ability with Thomas Preston presenting quality form and strategy throughout to finish 29th and the 5th runner home for Lincolnshire, which hopefully will see him into a place representing Lincolnshire in the National Finals. Owen James also showed his recent improvements with good technique and pacing from start to finish seeing him very close to Thomas in 33rd. George Groom hit lactic early but nonetheless held his pacing throughout. In the Senior Boys was Harry Hewitt, who was our second highest placing runner of the day in 9th and led the Lincolnshire contingent behind him home.



Well done to all students, who by their mere selection for the event were highlighted as amongst the top runners in Lincolnshire. Following their performances in this event, it is hoped that Thomas Preston, Faith Perkins and Charlotte Cullen will be selected to join Harry Hewitt, Seb Beedell (injured for this race), Erin Cox, Hannah Taylor and Aoife Glasswell for the English Schools National Final taking place on Saturday 19 March in Kent, forming one sixth of the county team.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Poppy Drake	7	Mr Brown	Computing
Carrie Gibson	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Akshith Pandian	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Adeena Sajid	7	Mrs Welling	Art
Basil Senny	7	Mr Green	History
Arthur Crawford	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Thomas Duff	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Hannah Lawson	8	Mr Perez	Science
James Risebrow	8	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Jonathan Wang	8	Mr Perez	Science
Bronte Wyvill	8	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Chiara Pacitti	9	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Akshaya Tirchunapalli	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Paul Young	9	Miss Watson	English
Jyoti Bista	9	Mr Green	History
Archie Bointon	10	Miss Doerpinghaus	German
Eva Larter	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Lorien Selby	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Harrison Smith	10	Miss Atkinson	EPR
Tiffany Olivares-Alvarez	10	Mr Adams	Mathematics
Nathan Adeluwoye	11	Mrs Lattimer	Statistics
Owen Butcher	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Sophie Brown	11	Ms Bennett	English
Nina Thelwell	11	Ms Bennett	English
Ubayd Mahmood	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Jo Mandin	12	Miss Doerpinghaus	Registration
Jack Redhead	12	Mrs Shales	Mathematics