



# Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



**24 - 28 February 2025**



**Reflection of the Week**

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

An energetic first week of term 4, with a hearty pat on the back to all our Year 12 students for successfully navigating their practice examination week. This is designed to be a relatively low stakes, there to provide an early progress benchmark before the summer internal examinations that play such a significant role in the university application process. I'm pleased to say that the week went smoothly, and I hope all students have taken away some useful learning points from the experience once they see their scripts returned.

Elsewhere yesterday we had our annual Year 9 Options Evening and my thanks to all teaching and support staff involved in organising and fronting the event. Once again it ran smoothly with excellent attendance and useful conversations across the campus until 8pm. It is an important moment in the academic journey, selecting GCSE options that will be most appropriate and most enjoyable going forward. Speaking to students and parents on the night it was clearly a very useful experience, and I hope all Year 9 students now feel a little better equipped to make those tough subject choices. Thanks also to students across older year groups who helped provide the student view to interested visitors to the various departments on show, and to those that spoke publicly in the main hall during the largest presentations. It takes courage and skill to stand up in front of two hundred people and speak, and they did themselves proud. Well done!

**House Totals**

			
<b>2425</b>	<b>2519</b>	<b>2371</b>	<b>2664</b>

*Totals shown are House Points minus Behaviour Points awarded so far this term*

## Ski Trip

Ms Dorosenko

The annual ski trip took place over the half term, here are reports from some of the students.



### Tia Ely

On the first day of skiing, we had to be down in the lobby by 6:50 in the morning and head down for breakfast at 7. It was a very chaotic, but it was worth it as this was the day that we put our skies in the lockers and didn't have to worry about them for the rest of the trip.



In my group the first day was a bit chaotic but we slowly got into the rhythm of what we needed to learn. As a person who had no one I knew in my group I decided to make some friends; I talked to a few people who were really sweet. We learnt how to parallel ski which was very exciting.

For lunch we had meatballs and pasta- this was so needed after a really tiring morning of skiing. In total we skied 36km in one day so our legs were really exhausted but to cheer us all up we had a karaoke night; this was a night where we could all have a laugh and not be so serious. Some people sang 'call me maybe' others sang 'old town round' and there was laughter along the way. All in all, it was such a good first day of skiing and it just got better and better throughout the week; this was a

trip to remember.

### Hermione Lumb

This ski trip was a once in a lifetime experience and I had so much fun (and falls). The evening activities were fun and the town was beautiful. The ski coaches were friendly and kind; I hope to go again. Ms Dorosenko planned an amazing trip, and I loved it.

### **Freddie Neal**

The second day of skiing was an eventful one! Some people were moved between different groups (me included), but everyone had a great day skiing, with a few spectacular falls. Despite a few bruises as souvenirs, everyone was excited for karaoke, which did not disappoint. Notable performers included Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Sutherland, who sang most of the songs alongside everyone else, as well as a few duets. Amazing day overall!



### **Emma Chantrell and Kate Rees**

Our day of skiing was full of tumbles, laughter and progress. We fell plenty but always got back up with a smile, determined to improve. As the day went on, our confidence grew, turns became smoother and falls less frequent. By the end, our legs ached, but we left the slopes stronger, happier and ready for more. After a long day of skiing, we were

happy to settle down for the evening and enjoy some quality time with our peers.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - Aarnav Bajaj**

Mrs Brett, DofE Manager



Congratulations to Aarnav Bajaj, Y13, who has successfully completed his Gold DofE Award. During Aarnav's progression through his Silver and then Gold Award volunteering activity, he has spent time at his local Scout group, helping to run the meetings and supervise various activities to support the team of volunteers. His commitment has totalled nearly 2 years of volunteering, which has been much appreciated by the group.

For Aarnav's Gold physical section, he developed his tennis prowess and for his residential activity Aarnav travelled to the Nadal Tennis Academy in Mallorca for an intensive course in the sport. Aarnav joined a large group of individuals from across the world, each sharing a love of tennis to develop his own personal tennis playing skills as well as experience living independently for a few weeks.

The team Gold Expedition took place in the Yorkshire Dales (Easter 2024 - where the main challenges were the weather) and a hot and sunny (at times!) Lake District (July 2024). Aarnav proved to be a confident navigator and adept map reader, actively contributing to the team's navigational decisions that ensured the group remained on course. Aarnav's biggest challenge was organization; whilst the practice saw him last to be ready each morning, he worked hard to make significant changes for the qualifying expedition. This expedition was challenging for Aarnav's team, however, Aarnav was notably supportive and instrumental in fostering unity within the group. He was particularly kind and supportive of an injured team member who had to drop out on day 2.

It has been a pleasure to support Aarnav through his DofE journey and I hope he has a wonderful day at the Palace when it comes. Well done and best wishes from the DofE team!

## Young Person's Award Success

Aryan Nahata, Y11

For the last two years, I have been the Chair of the Peterborough Youth Council and have participated in many initiatives to campaign on issues that affect youth, such as junk food advertising, pressure, and stress.

I was nominated for the Young Person's Award to acknowledge my hard work, resilience and determination. "This award recognises an individual young person or group of young people aged 18 and under who have made a positive contribution to the local community and demonstrated exceptional community spirit and civic responsibility."

On the 19th of February, I found out that the Constitution and Ethics Committee had selected me to receive said award on the 15th of May. I am extremely proud of this award and would

urge more people from our school to participate in such opportunities, as they help with self-growth. [The video can be found here at timestamp of 14:58.](#)

## House Table Tennis – House Leaders

The end of last term saw the popular return of House Table Tennis, a mainstay of the winter House Calendar. Every lunchtime, the Main Hall was full of students from different year groups battling it out to win games and score precious points for their House.



Games were often closely fought, with victories by only one point. For many students it was their first go at playing table tennis, and they went away having learnt the basics of the game, been able to test out their new-found skills in a match or two, and play some games with (and against) their friends. For others who play as a sport outside of school it was about much more serious competition. A chance to test themselves against the best in their year group and see who will reign victorious.



1 <sup>st</sup>	Rorschach	89 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Behn	84 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meitner	82 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tinbergen	74 points

Thank you to everyone who took part over the last week. Some fantastic table tennis resulted in the following standings over the week!

## **BBL Champion**

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Sashwat Thiagarajan Arun Prasath (9H) is this week's BBL Champion for his extensive reading around the subject of History. Sashwat's passion for all things historical has led him to complete an impressive amount of independent reading, far in excess of that expected of a student in Year 9. His teacher, Mr Bainbridge, explains more:

'I am always impressed with Sashwat's questions and enthusiasm for History. Every morning, before the registration bell goes, I can guarantee he will appear at my desk with a fantastic question about a different period of history that he has been researching. These questions have ranged from topics such as: the Korean War;

the Partition of India in 1947; the fighting of the Second World War; Alexander the Great; the Aztec Empire, and countless other events across the world.

What is even more impressive is Sashwat's knowledge on each of these topics. He has clearly spent much time researching them and it inspires fantastic discussion about parts of history we are unable to cover in detail as part of the curriculum.'

10 Achievement Points are awarded to this budding history genius. Well done, Sashwat!

## Year 11 Revision Sessions

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

All students are encouraged to fully take advantage of the extra help available, aimed at helping you recap prior learning, address gaps in knowledge or catch-up with coursework. While some will be required to attend, the sessions are voluntary and there is no need to book -just turn up. As always, a huge word of gratitude to the teaching staff who give up their free time from January until May to offer this extra support.

	Monday 03.03.25	Tuesday 04.03.25	Wednesday 05.03.25	Thursday 06.03.25	Friday 07.03.25
<b>Subject</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Design Engineering</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Music (lunchtime)</b>
<b>Room</b>	H1 - Dr Barmby	DE2 – Mr Delport	Students to attend their usual classroom	E1- Ms Bennett	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
<b>Revision Topic</b>	WW1 – Causes of the War	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	<b>Higher:</b> The Photo Card <b>Foundation:</b> General Conversation Prac. Theme 1	Q4 – Paper 1- Language	Coursework Catch-up
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>EPR</b>	<b>PE</b>	
<b>Room</b>	G2 Miss Lindley	Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	PE1 Mr Bowers (Paper 2 – Yr 11 work)	
<b>Revision Topic</b>	A LIDC city, Lagos	Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Paper 1: Holy Communion	Technology, Engagement Patterns and PEDs	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Computer Science (lunchtime)</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)</b>	<b>Drama (lunchtime)</b>	
<b>Room</b>	CS2 – Mr Osborne	MFL3 - Mrs Cowell	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	Studio – Mr Moxley	
<b>Revision Topic</b>	Theory Revision / Practice Exam Qs	Essay Writing: 150 word essays	Completing the Square	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	
<b>Subject</b>		<b>German (lunchtime)</b>	<b>Maths Set 4 / 5 (Lunchtime)</b>		
<b>Room</b>		MFL7 - Ms Currier	Maths 7 - Mr Andy		
<b>Revision Topic</b>		150 Word Essays	Revision Booklets		
<b>Subject</b>			<b>Geography (lunchtime)</b>		
<b>Room</b>			G3		
<b>Revision Topic</b>			A LIDC city, Lagos		

## Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Vincent Bradley	7	Mr Bainbridge	History
Amelia Cody	7	Mrs Evans	Geography
Srijan Reddy	7	Miss Lindley	Geography
Ananya Sahoo	7	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Holly Aiken	7	Mr Green	History
Brandon Bull	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Caspian Grew	7	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Amelie Bodmer	7	Mr Willis	Science
Martha Saralis	7	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Muniba Muhammad	8	Mr Roche	Mathematics
Divyana Patel	8	Miss Patman	Spanish
Aarya Raghavan	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Naomi Crowther	8	Mr Green	History
Harriet Hudson	8	Mr Bainbridge	History
Hetty Bell	8	Mrs Allen	English
Olivia Laud	8	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Natalia Swatowska	8	Ms Bennett	English
Riya Trivedi	8	Mr Green	History
Sian Beeken	9	Mr Bainbridge	Personal Development
Elodie Collins	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Hazel Delpont	9	Mr Willis	Physics
Begum Kurtoglu	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Mayowa Olufeyisan	9	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Doogie Shorrock	9	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Olivia Sloan	9	Mr Willis	Physics
Jack Townsend	9	Mr Osborne	Computer Science
Toby Bell	9	Ms Creedon	Pastoral
Natalie James	9	Mr Motley	Computer Science
Amelia Giblin	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Gabriela Korbylo	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Saffron Steen	9	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Lois Cox	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Emily Lawson	10	Mrs Williamson	English
Adeena Sajid	10	Miss Mizen	Biology
Harper Graham	10	Mr Sheppard	Mathematics
Diyaan Trivedi	10	Mrs Allen	English
Zade Tizi	10	Miss Smallshaw	Chemistry
Connor Brenchley	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Alice Chauvaux	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Chloe Cox	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Annabel Parkes	11	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Destinee Muriritirwa	12	Miss Sanders	Sociology
Pauline Samusz	12	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Ria Thampy	12	Mr Osborne	Computer Science

## SPORT

### England Athletics Open U20/U17/U15 Indoor Championships

Mr Ray, Director of PE and Sport



Lawson Capes (Lewis Capes, Peterborough and Nene Valley) effectively ended the shot competition with his very first throw. His 17.01 established a commanding lead and allowed him to give it his all with a later throw. He did just that, reaching 17.60 in the third round and then a very impressive 18.59 for a PB and the third furthest of all-time, one round later.

Continuing on the big numbers theme, that throw was the best in Europe and also Capes's seventh national title meaning he now has seven Lenny the Lion mascots in his display cabinet at home – a pride in every sense.

This report (and photo) is taken from England Athletics. [The full article can be found here.](#)

