# BCET Awards 2022

# Bourne Grammar School

I would like to nominate Bourne Grammar School, in Lincolnshire.

We have had one Pupil join Peterborough Chess Club,

one of their Pupils won the Cambridgeshire Rapidplay Minor Section, Gabriel John Carver.

he only joined Peterborough Chess Club in September 2021. now has a published ratings for Bourne Grammar School and Peterborough Chess Club.

we had to further Pupils take part in the Cambridgeshire County Chess Championships

Nicholas Lees 1533 rating who score 2 1/2 out of 5

and Scott Merriman 1510 who scored 2 1/2 out of 5

both go to Bourne Grammar Schoool

I hear they enter schools’ events in Nottingham etc.

Francis Bowers

Peterborough Chess Club

Dear John

That is great to hear about Bourne Grammar School students having fantastic results at external tournaments.

This is my first year running the club with it was previously run by Mr L Flight pre-pandemic.

The details of our club are:

* The club has run every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime since the start of the academic year often being well attended by both male and female students.
  + Next year we will be looking to put forward 3 teams for the U19’s National Chess championship and hopefully 2 girls’ teams for the Girls’ Championships

* We are inclusive of players of all abilities. Often the more experienced players take it upon themselves to aid newer players and help develop their skills.

* We have had a good showing for the U19’s National Chess championship this year.
  + Having entered two teams initially we had the A team qualify for the regional stages beating Nottingham HS C 4½ - 1½ and Nottingham HS D 5 – 1, we did unfortunately lose one game to Nottingham HS B 2 – 4.
  + Bourne B unfortunately lost all their matches; however, this was still a good first outing for both teams
  + In the regional stages we reached the semi-finals first beating Nottingham HS C again 3½ - 2½ but unfortunately losing to Nottingham HS A 0 – 6.
  + Unfortunately were also unable to secure a place in the finals via the repechage events.

* In addition to external competitions we have held a couple of internal competitions too.
  + At the start of the year we held a team qualifier competition to try and achieve accurate seating for both the A and B teams
  + We have also held a house chess competition attended by around 50-60 students.

I hope this information gives a positive view of our club, I really appreciate the nomination of the club and I am sure the students will be thrilled to know that their achievements have been recognized.

Matthew Farrow