



## Pens Down, Speak up!

On Wednesday 13th November, students at Bosworth Academy took part in No Pens Wednesday. During lessons, students had lots of opportunities to put their pens away and take part in activities which encourage verbal communication skills.

In English lessons, students were creating videos about introducing the 6Cs to new students, other students were reading, holding debates and creating their own dystopian worlds by collaging images from magazines and newspapers which they presented to the class. In Maths, Year 8 students started the lesson with a strategy game called 11s which got the whole class thinking on their toes.

Creative subjects often rely on listening skills and Music students had to focus these skills whilst learning to play a tune on the steel pans and staying in time with everyone around them. Employers rate verbal communication skills as one of the top skills that school-leavers need, so encouraging non-written activities adds variety and a new skill set for students across the school.

Students engaged in a lively debate during tutor time.

### No Pens Day Wednesday

## Booktalking Returns



Another exciting school year has started at Bosworth Academy and we have just had our first round of 'booktalking' sessions.

Every Year 7 and 8 student will have a 'booktalking' session during the school year. In these sessions, our link Librarian from Creative Learning Services comes to our school library to introduce students to some of the latest titles which are popular with young people. The books are chosen to appeal to a wide range of tastes and reading abilities. In each session students are read an extract from the books and our link librarian discusses the plot of around ten different books. We then have the books available in the library for students to take out on loan until we have our next sessions in the new year. It's a great way for our library to have even more fantastic books to encourage reading for fun.







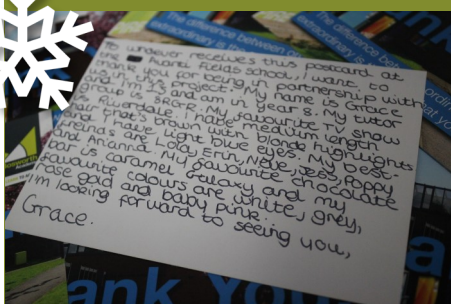
## Understanding Faith

As part of InterFaith Week, a group of Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students visited the Leicester Central Mosque. We had a tour of the Mosque and the Imam explained key Muslim beliefs and practices.

Our students were thoroughly engaged and asked intense questions, such as 'Why do men and women pray separately?' 'What is the significance of Friday prayers?' 'How long does it take to organise an Islamic funeral?'. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to extend their first hand knowledge of other faiths, both for their own understanding and to help with answering GCSE questions. They were made to feel really welcome and we are really grateful to the Imam for the valuable insight into his own experiences as a Muslim and the wider community.

## Friendship Links

Students in Year 8 have been writing to fellow students in a Leicester school hoping to forge new friendships and discover more about each other's lives, faiths and interests as part of our ongoing collaboration with Avanti Fields School. They have written post cards describing themselves and what they like doing as part of Interfaith Week. This aims to increase awareness between different faith communities and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Later in the year the students will be visiting each other's schools and exploring similarities and between their schools.



# Remember Together

In assemblies leading up to Remembrance Sunday this year's theme was 'Remember Together'.

Students recognised the service, sacrifice, and collaboration of the men and women of Britain, the Commonwealth and Allied nations who fought together 75 years ago in WWII in the lead up to D-day. As part of the assembly, Mr. Brown shared the WWII experiences of his own Grandfather who served with the RAF and became a POW. During the 'Last Post', students paid their respects and united to ensure no-one was forgotten and to honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

Our students also created a beautiful display of poppies for our reception area. Every poppy included a message to



someone who made sacrifices for their country who students know, or a general message of thanks.

A Level History students were featured on ITV Central News (East Midlands) about Remembrance and whether they thought a 2 minute silence can still be achieved in a modern age of mobile phones and social media, and also how they felt about the act of Remembrance. Well done to the students who contributed to the interview with really respectful and intelligent responses, and also to the rest of the class who did a great job of creating a normal lesson scenario despite the distraction of the cameraman.

## Desford Sewathon

During this term, students from Bosworth Academy joined keen crafters and sewing enthusiasts from Desford to take part in their annual Sewathon. A Level students were supporting 'Loving Hands' which runs every year where dresses are made to send to different countries in Africa.



On the same day, some of our Year 7 and 9 students took part in a community embroidery project - Desford Tapestry.

It was a really good day and our students really enjoyed getting involved with the local community. We even had two of their grandmas come along and take part!

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