

24th April 2020

# in the loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

## Welcome

This week we welcomed back students for the first week of a very different summer term. During Easter after listening to feedback from students and parents we have adjusted our home learning timetable and the learning set. Students have been provided with an additional day for the deadline for submission to allow for greater flexibility.

For students in year 7 and 8 we have reduced the number of pieces set to three a day with four on a Monday (includes PE). We have also asked teachers to try to plan for one hour of learning as a maximum each time work is set in key stage 3 and made adjustments to core and option home learning in key stage 4. With the introduction now of learning resources from the BBC and The National Oaks Academy there are a lot of additional resources that we encourage you take a look at if you would like to supplement what we are providing as a school (more on this later).

This newsletter is dedicated to some of the great work produced by our students over the last two weeks. During this unprecedented time of disruption our students as well as yourselves, their parents and carers have coped magnificently. One of the major challenges, I am sure, has been getting your child motivated and back into the swing of a routine that builds in some episodes for learning, time for fresh air and exercise, or spending time on a creative hobby, whilst you also cope with your own work or wider family circumstances. As well as support through our assembly that was shared on Monday ([Assembly 20th April](#)) the following link offers some good tips for building in a routine ([Supporting Home Learning Routines](#)).

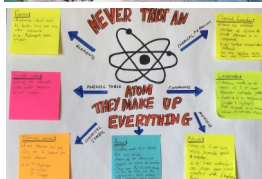


Enjoy this edition of 'in the loop'.  
I wish you and your family good health. Stay safe, stay well.

Yours sincerely,  
**Simon Brown,**  
**Head of School**

## Beautiful Work Gallery

If you'd like to see this work then you should ask your child to show you the gallery of beautiful work the students have produced during school closure. We want to keep this great momentum going this term. Teachers will begin setting on-line learning activities again this week and any amazing pieces they identify are added to our Gallery each week. Look out on social media too.



This week is **CAKE WEEK**, don't forget to send your photos to [bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday, 29th April. Keep a look out on social media for last weeks winners.

## Ramadan 2020

For Muslims worldwide the month of Ramadan (9th month in the Islamic lunar calendar) is due to commence. Ramadan 2020 in United Kingdom will begin in the evening of Thursday, 23 April and ends in the evening of Saturday, 23 May. At the end of the month, when the new moon is once again sighted, Muslims will celebrate Eid (pr, eed). This year Ramadan will be observed very differently, and Muslims will be unable to come together for prayers as a community. Maintaining a healthy community is a fundamental principle in Islam.



For many Muslims Ramadan and Eid are times when families get together and share food and prayers, for most Muslims this will not happen this year so they will approach this time differently. Why not message someone that you might know who is observing Ramadan and wish them well, I am sure they will appreciate this.

A message that Muslims and non-Muslims can take, is that we have an opportunity for self reflection and if you are religious we can use this additional time to pray for others, including key workers and the NHS saving lives.

# Student Wellbeing

Supporting student wellbeing continues to be a fundamental part of what we do at Bosworth Academy, despite us working remotely. It is critical that the main priority of all members of Bosworth Academy during these challenging times is that they practice self care and seek help if things get difficult. There is a document attached [here](#) that shows different ways that students can access support depending on their level of need. We have also added some details of organisations that may be useful for families too. This is available on our website under student health and support. Please also remember that if you require further support with this then you can email your tutor or Head of Year.

**Mrs. Harbour,**  
Assistant Head of School (KS4)

## Social Distancing Advice

The government advice is clear - **stay home** and children should only go out if they need to fetch food or medicine for family or neighbours, attend school (if in an identified group) or to exercise. Students should not be meeting friends, but should do this carefully and safely remotely.

If your child does leave your home please reinforce the need to practise social distancing and keep at least two metres away from other people to protect them from catching coronavirus. So what does the magic 2 metres look like?

- 3 strides
- A length of a broom
- 2 park benches
- Half a car park space
- The length of a bed

Be cautious to observe this 2m distance when exercising, shopping, and on public transport.

We can all do our part to stay safe, save lives in our community and protect our NHS.

**Mr Brown**

## Illness

If you are ill during the school closure please report this by calling school as you would under usual circumstances

**NHS:** Advice for everyone on Coronavirus

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

**Mind:** Confidential support for people with mental health problems

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

Phone: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9am-6pm)

**Samaritans:** confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress

Phone 0116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)

[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

**UAVA:** support for anyone who has been affected by domestic abuse and or sexual violence

Phone 0808 80200 28 (Mon- Sat 8am-8pm)

Text support: 07715 994962

**Talk to Sort Mediation:** supports families to resolve conflict

[www.thebridge-eastmidlands.org.uk/services/talk2sort](http://www.thebridge-eastmidlands.org.uk/services/talk2sort)

or contact Bosworth Academy MLT  
(mlt@bosworthacademy.org.uk)

**Childline:** supporting children and young people with a variety of issues with 1 to 1 counsellors & online support

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Freephone: 0800 1111

## Next Steps For year 11 and 13 students

We wrote to students and parents earlier this week with an update about exam results and the support we will be providing for the remainder of the year. Project work has been set for the first two weeks of term which will then be followed by 'Bridging' work for students progressing to Sixth Form and 'Branching' work for students moving to college or apprenticeships. A google form has been shared with students which they **MUST** complete so that we can tailor work specifically to guide them onto their next stage of learning. Since the form was shared on Thursday 105 students out of 250 have so far completed it. The deadline is 10am Monday 27th April.

For Year 13, work will be set for all students to help bridge the change from Sixth Form to either university or for those moving into apprenticeships/employment.

We also aim to support students who may be considering taking an exam in the Autumn or Summer term. To ensure that all students practise their skills within each subject and continue to develop their knowledge, teachers will be setting a variety of revision resources so that all students can be as prepared as possible should the need arise to take an exam in a subject. This should be indicated again on the google form shared earlier this week.

Please read the letter on our website: [Letter Re: GCSE and A Level Grades 22nd April 2020](#)

**Look out**  
for the release next week of....

# Fun Stuff

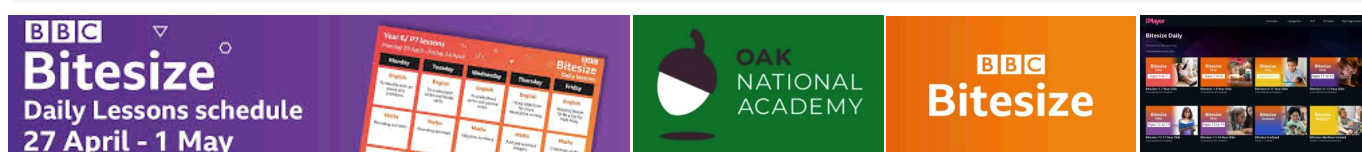
*Schoolwork is only part of a great education!*

# Bosworth Academy 'Nutshell' Guide to National Online Learning



You may have seen on the news that BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy have launched new programmes to support learning during school closure. Bosworth Academy teachers have stirring plans already in place, with details on Show My Homework for years 7-11 or Google Classroom for Post 16. We have been reviewing the national resources as well, and sometimes we will be directing our students to them, alongside existing work. If you would like to extend your learning further, you might like to use some of these new materials on your own, so we have produced this handy guide.

Website and links	Content	Style of Learning	How to use
<b>BBC Bitesize Daily on BBC Red Button or iplayer</b> <a href="#">BBC Bitesize Daily</a>	20 mins 'magazine style' TV programme, one per day per age group (ages 5-14). You can catch up on BBC iplayer.	Lively TV presenters and celebrities deliver 'nuggets' of learning in several subjects, plus motivating home study tips for these times.	Recommended as a daily chance to connect with real teachers. It's free, but you have to create an account.
<b>BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>	3-4 lessons a day for each year (years 1-10). Core subjects, plus music and well-being. There's a schedule, but you can dip in any time.	No teacher here, so you go at your own pace. You read the webpage, watch the engaging video clips, then do an activity or two to extend your learning.	Very useful way of brushing up on the key skills in each subject. No login required. Also, follow this link to: <a href="#">Parents' Toolkit SEND</a>
<b>Oak National Academy</b> <a href="#">Curriculum overview</a> <a href="#">Schedule and lessons</a>	3-6 lessons a day for each year (reception- year 10). Covers core, languages, RE and art. Lessons are in a sequence with a topic per week, but you can access them any time.	Hour long lessons, each starting and finishing with a mini quiz. The main part is delivered by a teacher on a video, who you may or may not see. There are pauses for you to do activities along the way.	In depth learning of key topics. No login required. Updated weekly with SEND materials on their way. <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/">https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/</a>



## Accessing Government support

The Education Secretary, announced recently that Schools will soon be able to get access to laptops and tablets as part of a push to make remote education accessible for pupils staying at home during the coronavirus outbreak. At Bosworth Academy all students are already provided with an iPad as part of our approach to learning. However, we believe that some children in Year 10 may still qualify for government support if the household has no access to a PC or laptop, or an issue with 4G access. When exact details have been released we will contact parents to see if you qualify.