

Welcome

As we reach the end of another week of distance learning we reach an unwanted milestone of students having been away from school for longer than our usual summer holiday. Our staff have really been missing students. We have missed their energy, missed seeing them learn, missed our daily joyful interactions. I am certain too that most of your children are missing school too, (although many might never admit it!) Whilst students are away from their usual lessons it is vitally important that they continue to do their very best with all home learning set. We will have support measures in place for students who have not engaged and are falling well behind when we reopen. Students' Heads of Year will have been in touch with any parents where we have concerns. As I said last week, do get in touch if you have any problems with home learning.

We await, like you, the expected announcement from the government on Sunday about when lockdown restrictions might be eased, when schools might reopen, and under what timescales or conditions. At present there is only speculation, school leaders know no more than the wider public. What I can state is that when we do open, we will be ensuring that the school is safe for children, safe for parents, safe for staff and safe for the wider community. We have been assured that any decisions will be led by scientific and medical advice. We know that any return to school, including a phased or partial return, will involve us overcoming a wide range of logistical and practical challenges - not to mention building confidence in our young people and staff. I will, of course, keep you updated at all times.

This week one of our staff, Steve Hall (Lead Practitioner and PE teacher), has coordinated a fantastic, heart-warming message for all students to show how much we miss you all. Steve sings and plays his very own acoustic version of the 'Live Lounge All Stars' recent hit and truly gives the great Dave Grohl, of Foo Fighters, a run for his money! See how many of the seventy Bosworth staff (and pets) you recognise! Follow this link to ['Bosworth Academy: Times like These'](#). Thank you to our talented IT Technician, Kat Henshaw for pulling this together.



And remember, 'the greater the storm, the brighter the rainbow!'.
Stay safe and keep in contact.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Brown,
Head of School

Run for Heroes

Many of our staff are getting involved in this charity challenge to raise money for the NHS (and to stay fit!). We'll keep you posted on our progress. The mission is to:



Run 5K (or walk/cycle/
climb the stairs!)
Donate £5 ([here](#))
Nominate (more
people to take part)

Mrs. Starr,
Lead Practitioner

Uniform Plea

To support students and parents having the right uniform for the last few weeks of school (*if we are able to lift the closure*) it would be really helpful and supportive for students and parents of Year 11 Leavers (or any other year groups) to donate any uniform that has been outgrown!

Uniform can be dropped off at main reception, where it will be sorted and distributed to those who need it, (observing social distancing on arrival). If uniform could be laundered and bagged, that would support the organisation of redistribution.



On our return it is vital we return to 'where we were' as quickly as possible, and getting the uniform right is critical in this.

Thank you for your support,
Ben White, Deputy Head of School



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Year 11 and the future

Students in year 11 have been completing a 'VESPA' Skills Project over the last 2 weeks. A task is set daily for students to complete. We have had some amazing work from our students. Next week students will enter the last week of their project and will then be set new learning depending on the pathway they will be taking next year.

Two pathways; a BRIDGING group for students whose aim is to study at A-level, and a BRANCHING group for students who hope to study on college courses or on an apprenticeship. Students have nearly all now completed a google survey so we can see which pathway they are following. Please ensure that your child has completed this so that we can ensure that we have your child in the correct group. In addition to this some students have opted to continue their GCSE studies, supported by a subject specialist, as they might wish to challenge themselves in the new Autumn Exam series (further information should be shared in the coming weeks by Ofqual).

If your child has been set specific transition work for a new college or Sixth Form please ask them to inform their Year 11 tutor.

Mrs. Holdback,
Assistant Head of School
& Head of Sixth Form



VE Day Poem

This is a poem written by Amy and Imogen in Year 9 about VE day, reflecting on how a soldier might have felt returning home in 1945.

VE DAY - Old War Memories

*The signal goes, our hearts beat loud
The army is off, leaving behind a crowd
Whistles and mud, the sky is grey
This definitely is no happy day*

*Bangs surround us from every direction
The pressure is on, everyone can feel the tension
Screaming and yells for mercy sound
For at the end only the victor will be crowned*

*The ground is black, covered in ash and soot
Underneath the rubble, a hand and boot
My hands are bloody, I'm a killer in the flesh
There is no way out, no time to refresh*

*Once so innocent, now a violent beast
Thirsty for the enemy to back down and cease
What was once a place for laughter and smiles
Now a graveyard of soldiers, bodies lie for miles*

*Four years in and all the rush comes to a stop
With the adrenaline gone, wounds start to throb
Years of fighting, just trying to survive
I'm just relieved I came out of the other end alive*

*Now I am off home to my family and friends
I just hope that we can tie old ends
I left a soldier, I come back a killer
Yet they still see me as a strong and supportive pillar*

*People are cheering, showering us in praise
We have almost certainly seen better days
For Four Years I've been violent and shown no mercy
My Old War Memories have me in utter controversy*

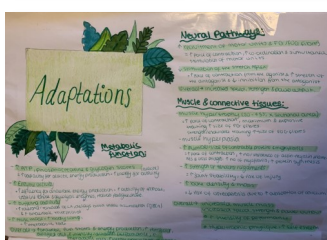
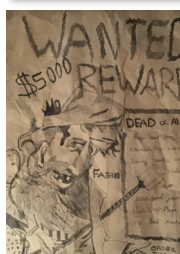
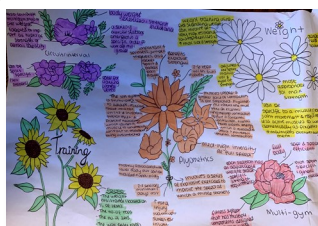


Mental Health

As we are now into week 8 of lockdown it would certainly be common to be feeling the effects of this situation, whether we are a parent/carer, student or member of staff. Please continue to practice self care and compassion. Don't forget our signposting document on the website that shows where you can access a variety of different advice and support and let your Head of Year know if you would like the school to help in some way. Also check out the NHS Every Mind Matters website for some great advice at; www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

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Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Head of School



Amazing Work Gallery

A week after school closures began we created a virtual gallery of the best student work being produced during this crisis. We have been blown away by the quality of the work so far! Many students seem to be really enjoying having the chance to focus, uninterrupted, on one piece of work - away from the hustle and bustle of daily school life. At present the teachers are selecting which work is exhibited; but if a student is particularly proud of what they have done, and would like it to be viewed publicly, they should mention it to their teacher. The most effective way to get selected, of course, is to produce the best work they possibly can! If you want to look at the gallery then the student link is: Amazing Lockdown Gallery

Mr. Claricoates,
Assistant Head of School

Connect with the Community....

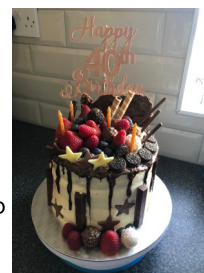
You have made your delicious Bake Off treats, but now what...? Take part in the **Young Minds Give and Cake**. The idea is that you make contact with a loved one, have a chat and enjoy your treat at the same time. Ideally they would do the same. Cheer each other up and stay connected with those important people around you. Go to www.youngminds.org.uk for more details and some conversation starters. Donate what you would spend on a cake & hot drink to Young Minds to enable them to continue to support those who need it. Take a photo of your chat and share it with harbour@bosworthacademy.org.uk and maybe you'll feature in next week's edition.



Mrs. Brockhouse, Curriculum Leader ADT

Bosworth Bake Off

The Bosworth Bake Off has proved to be a massive hit with students, staff and their families. Entries have grown in number every week, with "Cake Week" being the best yet with around 80 entries. We have had submissions from students in Year 7 to 13 and staff from every area of the Academy. We have seen bakes from families and carers all showing off their skills and entering into the Bosworth Bake Off spirit. The standard of the skills shown has been really impressive and it has been wonderful to see everyone come together to share their love of baking during this difficult and unusual time. It is such a therapeutic activity, good for our wellbeing and at the same time incorporates numeracy, literacy and science skills. Thank you all for getting involved. Look out for news about "Series 2" being released on Tuesday 12th May.



If you haven't got involved, then maybe this is your chance to show us what you can do! Please do not forget to send your entries for the Afternoon Tea final by Monday 11th May at 5pm, to bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

Mrs. Brockhouse, Curriculum Leader ADT



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Learn to code using Codecademy You can also learn to 'think like a coder' by watching the Ted-Ed playlist here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJcmE8K0EgogMaDYMcADT1j5t811or	Learn to create your own website from scratch using HTML or dabble in a programming language like Python, Java or C++.				Put into practice what you have learnt and create your own website or write your first program!
TED Ed Visit the student section and watch what interests you. Here are some of the newer ones.	 Which is better. Soap or Hand Sanitizer?	 What happens if you cut down all of a city's trees?	 How do vaccines work?	 How can one anus in the ocean be so important?	 You are probably scared of all the wrong things...

Amazing activities to supplement home learning and widen your mind and love of learning! Check out this list of possibilities you could try whilst we continue to live and work from home! Find 'Fun Stuff' on our website or using this link; [Fun Stuff](#)

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

Joke of the Week!

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TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

