



BOSWORTH ACADEMY
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Welcome

15th May 2020

in the loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

This week has been an incredible week to work in education and I am certain this has been a similar experience across many other professions. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May about the government's aspiration to re-open schools to more pupils (in exam years 10 and 12), some guidance papers for education and childcare settings have been shared for widening participation, though we await the details. Our school has never been closed, we have remained open throughout the 'lockdown' for specific groups of students and children of key workers. This provision continues so do contact us (attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk) if you are a key worker and have returned to work and require supervised childcare.

We know as parents and carers you are doing your very best to support home learning, (and doing magnificently well), but we also understand that being at school is a great place to learn and enables those important social interactions for your child with their peers.

We do want to see children back in school but this must be at a time when scientific advice confirms that this is safe for all. Since I wrote to you on 12th May we have made some progress with our possible planning of scenarios for more children returning to school and in developing a risk mitigation plan. We are not preparing for a specific date to widen student participation, this will be guided by science, but are directly addressing risks associated with coronavirus so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise those risks for our young people and staff.

This week we have set out some of our classroom blocks with a socially distanced seating plan, so that all single classrooms sit no more than 10 students, (though the government advice is 15). We have started to introduce a one way system in our corridors for movement around our building, with regular 2m apart floor markings. In the canteen we have set-up a different table arrangement to allow for 2m social distancing, and taped lines for queuing like in supermarkets. We are well-stocked with sanitisers, soap, cleaning materials and of course toilet roll.

We are currently looking at scenarios for widening the numbers of year 10 and 12 students that can have some face to face support in school. We are hoping we can bring every student in those year groups into school at least once a week for a session, possibly for a morning or an afternoon. Whole year groups will not be in school at one time. Once in school we aim to evaluate their progress with home learning, and provide expert curriculum input on key learning points to enable improved progress once they return to home learning for the remainder of their week. Depending again on the government, backed by scientific advice, we would love to be able to offer this wider provision to years 7, 8 and 9 but at present unfortunately there are no plans for this.



We will endeavour to do all we can to provide high quality home learning for all. Next week we intend to issue a google form to collect some parental feedback on how we can improve our provision further to continually strengthen how we meet the needs of our children.

I'll conclude where I began, with this apt quote, **"There are decades where nothing happens; there are weeks where decades happen."** Vladimir Lenin, Russian politician, (for our Historian students). I think you'll know what that means - it's been an eventful week in our history!

Yours sincerely,
Simon Brown,
Head of School



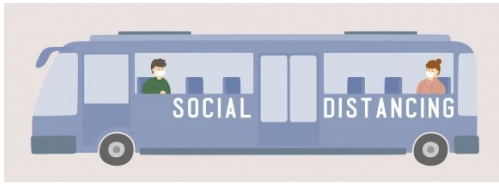
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Widening Participation Transport

If or when we are able to announce a date for widening participation for face to face work with year

10 and 12 students we will issue information about travel to school, as well as start and end times to the session. At present the government is urging society not to travel by public transport. A bus service would not include staffing to ensure that students remain socially distanced like we are able to do in school. We will be recommending that the vast majority of students are brought to school safely by parents. More information will follow in due course.



Mr. White,
Deputy Head of School

Heartfelt Message for our Students



This week we have put together a heart warming message video for our students, to remember, whether we are students working face to face or remotely learning, or teachers setting work from home or supervising key worker's children; '[Together we Achieve](#)'. Thank you to our brilliant Kat Henshaw for pulling this message together for us all.

Please remember you can contact any member of staff for help with home learning or to discuss your general wellbeing.

Just remember; Be resilient. Be determined. Be kind. Be there for one another. Be there for your family. And remember - you still belong to our Bosworth community. This time shall pass.

Stay safe and stay in touch.

Simon Brown, Head of School

Joke of the Week

I invented a new word!

Plagiarism!

Student Wellbeing

I hope you are all doing well in these highly unusual times. You know what? I think it is probably likely that some of you are not doing so well. These times are hard for lots of reasons. You are not spending time with your friends. Life may feel boring and repetitive and you may be worried about all sorts of things and may be feeling out of control. This may make you feel moody, demotivated and worried!

IT IS OK TO NOT FEEL NORMAL! WE ARE NOT LIVING A NORMAL LIFE RIGHT NOW!

If this is you then please consider doing the following:

- Talk to someone about how you are feeling. Even if they can't fix it for you, we all feel better for talking about how we feel.
- Try and name the emotion you are feeling. This helps you understand yourself better and also allows you to try and figure out some strategies that may help you.
- Give yourself a break! Don't be hard on yourself. Consider what you would say to a friend who was feeling this way. Be kind to yourself as you would to a close friend.
- Contact your head of year or a teacher you trust. We can still help you manage these feelings at times like these.
- There is a great booklet called [Teen Guide to Surviving Lockdown](#). Have a read of it!

Take care of yourselves. This won't be forever!

Mrs Harbour, Assistant Head of Year

National thank a teacher day



The Department for Education is promoting the celebration of teachers, senior leaders, support staff and all those working in education settings who are making a difference to their schools and communities during the coronavirus outbreak on Wednesday 20th May.

Students should watch out for a template from school so they can show their support.

More information and your own templates can be found here: [Thank A Teacher](#)

It would be great if some of our students could make a teacher or support staff's day!

Simon Brown

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Bosworth Bake Off celebrates VE Day

Last week's Bosworth Bake Off theme was Afternoon Tea, which coincided with the 75th VE Day celebrations. Our students, staff and wider community all took the opportunity to put their baking skills to the test. We saw perfectly flaky puff pastry sausage rolls, well risen scones and beautifully decorated Union Jack cakes, all taking their place on tables across Leicestershire. With many people taking part in socially distant celebrations on their streets and it was the perfect time to bake and share in the party spirit of VE Day. Thank you to everyone who took part. This week's winners gallery can be viewed here, [Bosworth Bake Off!! Winners Gallery!! Afternoon Tea Week!!](#)

The Bosworth Bake Off - Series 2, has been launched this week. So now is your chance to get involved. This week's challenge is "NHS Rainbow Bakes". We can not wait to see what everyone creates. Entries to be sent to bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk by 5pm on the Wednesday of each week. See here for all the information, [Bosworth Bake Off - Series 2](#)

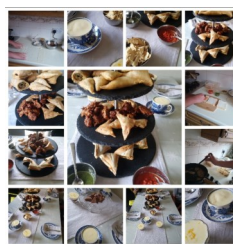
Happy Baking.
Mrs Brockhouse



Miss Toon and her family.
Lime and white chocolate eclairs, rough puff sausage rolls, caramelised onion chutney with coconut and raspberry scones.



Evie, Yr 7, and Keira, Yr 11. Best Presented



Keelan, Yr 10.
Asian Inspired Tea Party

Florence Nightingale



On 16th March I spoke to all staff in our weekly Monday morning briefing about this remarkable woman, Florence Nightingale. I shared this quote from Florence;

"How very little can be done under the spirit of fear."

My aim, like Florence's in the mid-19th century, was as a rally cry as her nurses faced the spread of disease during the Crimean War. Back in March our teachers and support staff were bravely aiming to keep our children safe whilst at school, continuing to love learning, with all the angst and trauma growing around us because of coronavirus.

This week it was the 200th Anniversary of Florence's birth. Florence is remembered as the founder of modern nursing, but she was so much more; a female icon in her own lifetime, a healthcare pioneer, an influential statistician, a trailblazer and a leader. To find out more please look at: <https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/nightingale-2020/>

Florence Nightingale's influence and legacy can still be felt today, especially as the world tackles COVID-19. Thank you to all of our NHS staff, carers and key workers as they continue this amazing work.



Simon Brown, Head of School

Over the Moon!

I would like to say a huge well done to Fabien, a year 12 Physics student, who has been successful in obtaining a Nuffield Research Placement at the University of Leicester this summer.



Nuffield Research Placements are engaging, hands-on research projects, where students have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the work of a host organisation. They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school and work alongside researchers and industry professionals.

The programme has had to be fine-tuned due to the current situation and has been rebranded as The Nuffield Future Researcher programme. It will provide a meaningful and rewarding research experience where students will develop essential science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) skills by working with a professional researcher on a live research question and embark on new and innovative ways of working within a virtual learning environment.

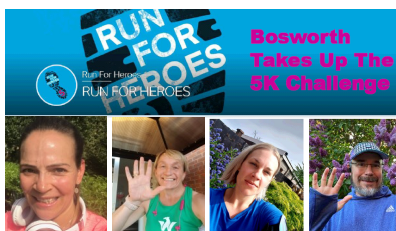
Fabien is very excited to be working with the PhD researcher, Simon Joyce, and the lecturer Dr Johnathan Nichols, on a project entitled 'How do stars affect the chances of life on exoplanets?'. This is an area of current research and also links to the A2 Physics specification.

Well done Fabian, I look forward to reading your findings!
Mrs Coulson - Lead Practitioner - Science

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NHS Fundraiser

So far, almost 40 of our staff have got involved in this popular fundraiser to raise money for the NHS Charities Together (and to stay fit!). Nationally, over £5 million has been raised by people taking up the challenge to:



Run 5K
Donate £5
Nominate 5

Faster 5K Friday is a new spin on the challenge which encourages people to run **5km**, donate **£5** and then try to beat their time every **Friday** over five consecutive weeks. However, the best thing about the original challenge is that it is accessible for everyone. If running is not for you, you can cycle or just walk 5K, and anyone can donate via the fund raising site below. We'll keep you in the loop.

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.

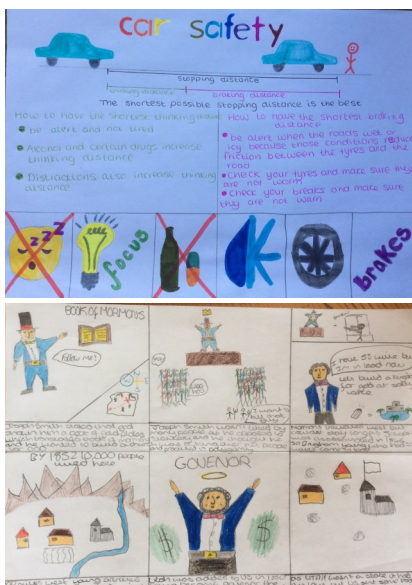


On our return it is vital we return to 'where we were' as quickly as possible, and getting the uniform right is critical in this.

Thank you for your support,
Mr. White, Deputy Head of School


Beautiful Work

Students have been creating some amazing work during lockdown. Visit our [Beautiful Work Gallery](#) to see what they've been up to.



Bosworth Bake Off is back for Series 2!

Check it out, along with other fun activities in our [FunStuff](#) pack!!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Virtual Talks Everyday there are a range of talks from people involved in different industries. If you want to learn more about them and how they have achieved their success, watch their short live talks!	Check out upcoming virtual talks suitable for a range of students and subject interests. https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/talks/upcoming-talks/				
Quizzes and brain teasers	Daily quiz and brain teaser activities shared with you by Mr Hall. Just check your school email and the first to reply with the most correct answers wins!				
Bosworth Bake Off Fancy yourself as a baker? Enter the Bake Off and show off your skills! Season 2 Presentation!!	BAKE BAKE BAKE!! Don't forget to take a picture before you eat it!		DEADLINE Submit your entry to bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk	New Event The bake off launches the new event today! Start planning!	Winners Gallery sent out! Did you win??
Theatre and Dance Productions Watch live recorded shows from the National Theatre Collection. Different shows weekly!	Visit https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home and watch a show. At the time of writing, the show is Polly Findlay's acclaimed production of Treasure Island featuring Arthur Darvill (companion to Doctor Who). "The show must go on, Andrew Lloyd Webber is showing one of his famous musicals every Friday 7pm on YouTube." Available for 24 hrs only. A different musical each week. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmpHkMaXNNeCr1FjUvYag				



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