



BOSWORTH ACADEMY
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Welcome

This week I was deeply pained and emotionally disturbed to see the video clip of the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. We, as well as our children, will have no doubt witnessed the tragic racial injustices and consequent



demonstrations across the USA, in Britain and the wider world over recent days. My heart goes out to George's family and loved ones and all who feel hopeless and angry in the face of pervasive racial discrimination and cruelty.

Members of staff and students at Bosworth Academy have expressed solidarity with the peaceful demonstrations taking place and we must continue to shine a light on the immorality of racial discrimination and injustice. At Bosworth Academy, we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. We are determined to not just show solidarity, but to work with our community to enact change. As a school we can be a powerful influence across our wide community to do more to address racial inequality, racism and injustice. Please find a link here to a [statement](#) on our website and please discuss these matters with your child as we would do under 'normal' circumstances in assemblies and our tutor groups if students were in school.



In the 1960s Martin Luther King, Jr said, **"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."** Now in the 2020s we must all ensure that we do not remain silent when we are still witness to social and racial injustice.

Take care and stay safe,

Simon Brown
Head of School



Parental Support Years 7 to 12



As we are now ending our 11th week of this new way of working, I thought I would share some of the ways we are supporting our students.

Alongside setting and marking imaginative work for our students, our teachers are providing feedback that ensures all pupils are making progress - even during remote learning - we really do believe that no student shall underachieve!

The LiFE MAT has also been supporting some of our families to receive vouchers to replace school meals, or delivering food hampers to their homes. I know that staff have really enjoyed getting around our catchment area and having socially distanced chats with our students and their families.

I am also aware that, during this time, some students may have used up a lot of your resources at home - paper, pens, books etc. With that in mind, we are preparing resource packs for a number of students from Year 7, 8 and 9 for whom the school is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. If your child currently receives free school meals, or has at any time in the last 6 years, you will be able to collect a resource pack early next week - further details of this will be placed on the school website.



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Mrs. Manning,
Deputy Leader of Academy KS4

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'Face to face' support for Year 10/12

Following recent Government announcements for schools to provide some face to face support for year 10 and 12 students we are making plans in readiness of the government confirming it is safe to go ahead. We have written a Risk Mitigation Plan and introduced many new safety measures across our school to ensure that the safety of our children, staff and families is paramount and we reduce the risk of transmission.

We have been planning extensively for an increasing number of students in attendance and are confident that we can provide a safe and effective learning environment; our school will look very different to what students remember. On 21st May we ran in situ training with our staff so that they can confidently work with our students socially distanced and understand, as well as reinforce, our hygiene protocols. This week nearly 40 students have been in school as part of our 'Supervised Childcare' provision for key worker children.

It is our intention to widen our opening to year 10 and 12 students from Monday 15th June 2020 unless government guidance moves away from this date. To ensure social distancing is maintained we will be staggering starts and ends of the day, breaks and lunches, so it will not be a normal school day. Please find further details in this link to the [letter on our website](#).

At the start of next week I will confirm more definite arrangements with parents of Year 10 and 12 students, along with a questionnaire and our Risk Mitigation Plan. Please be aware that these plans are conditional upon government announcements next week. This programme of support still provides only limited provision in school as we follow government advice, our home learning programme still remains an essential part of continued learning as it is for students in years 7 to 9.

Thank you for your support and your patience in waiting for further details.

Mr. Brown, Head of School



Staying Safe Online

The impact of C-19 means that most of us will be at home for an extended period and are likely to be spending increasing amounts of time online.

The online world is a necessity for our children in accessing school work and it delivers huge benefits, not least in enabling us to stay connected to family and friends during this period. However, many parents may feel concerned about the content their children are accessing. Although rare, there is a risk that increased online activity and feelings of stress and isolation may be exploited by negative influences and online groomers of all kinds to target vulnerable children and young people directly.

An understanding of digital safety will help parents and carers safeguard loved ones from a range of harms. Here are some resources available to help you understand and protect your child from different harms online.

- [Educate Against Hate](#) Parents' Hub provides resources and government advice for parents and carers on keeping young people safe from extremism.
- [Let's Talk About It](#) provides support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation.
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has guides on the privacy settings, parental controls and internet safety features of the major internet service providers.
- [Parent Zone](#) works with Prevent to provide digital safety advice for parents.
- [Thinkuknow](#) provides resources for parents and carers to help keep children safe online.
- [Parent Info](#) provides digital support and guidance for parents and carers from leading experts and organisations
- [Childline](#) can provide advice and support if your child is worried, from dialling 0800 1111 or downloading the 'For Me' app.



Life Under Lockdown

We asked our students and staff to send us photos which captured how different life has been under 'lockdown'. This is the first display the students have created and we hope to do even more. It is on display outside the Main Hall. Do keep emailing me anything appropriate to your experiences during these times at davec5@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Thanks very much.

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Head of School



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Consultation

Autumn Series GCSE, AS/A level

Ofqual are consulting on proposed arrangements for an additional GCSE, AS and A level exam series to take place in Autumn 2020. This was announced by the government when it cancelled the summer 2020 exam series for Year 11, 12 and 13 students.



For parents of students in these year groups you will find it interesting to understand what the proposals are for those students who may choose to sit these exams in Autumn. Proposals around coursework and whether this will be taken into account are also included - which you may feel strongly about. The consultation can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-an-additional-gcse-as-and-a-level-exam-series-in-autumn-2020>

You can respond online before 11.45pm on 8th June 2020 using this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KX3VER/>

Once we know the outcomes of this survey we will be sharing what this means to our students following the release of exam grades in August.

Mr. Brown

Bosworth Academy becomes Cashless

In view of the current Covid-19 situation, we will no longer be accepting cash in school, and would kindly request that parents make all payments to the school through the sQuidcard on-line payment portal. This will eliminate the need for students to use and congregate around revaluation machines, it will also help to safeguard our staff who have to empty and reconcile the cash from the machines, and improve efficiencies within the school.

We currently use the payment portal for adding funds to be spent in the school's canteen, this will now be extended further to include payments for trips, resources, buses, materials and so on.

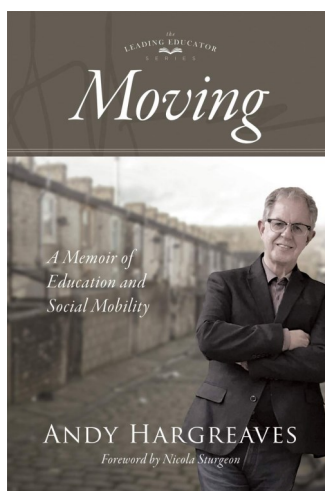
Many of you have already registered with sQuidcard, however, for those that haven't we are in the process of sending out emails to provide you with your registration number to enable you to create a sQuid account. More information about sQuidcard can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.squidcard.com/support/parents>



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Bosworth Academy written about in a book!

For the past 6 years we have worked closely with the internationally - renowned educationalist Professor Hargreaves at Boston University, USA, to develop our provision for students in line with his book 'The Fourth Way' (2009). We are very pleased to say that our work has now been recognised in his latest book 'Moving'. In this book the prestigious professor, government adviser, and global change agent Andy Hargreaves discusses social mobility - the chance, through education, to achieve greater success compared to one's parents - is one of the most



compelling issues of our time. He shares candid, poignant and occasionally hilarious personal experiences of social mobility. Deeply revealing, emotionally direct, and intellectually insightful, the book begins in 1950s Northwest England and takes readers up to Hargreaves's university education in the late 1960s and early 1970s. An image from the book featuring Bosworth Academy is captured here. Abridged quote from the book 'Others extend this

community connection to the curriculum. For instance, Bosworth Academy ... has taken learning beyond the school gate and into the local community. It has fostered interdisciplinary enquiry into local historical issues such as the impact of the Norman Conquest on the surrounding area... The school has also supported local charities and helped to save the village public library from closure.'

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Head of School

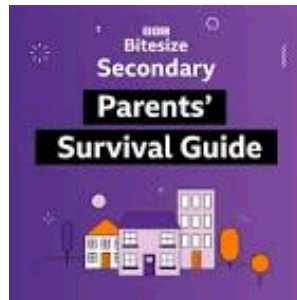
Joke of the Week

The numbers 19 and 20 got into a fight.

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Home Learning Support for Parents!

During this period of closure for most students, our team of teaching and support staff have been working hard to send your son or daughter exciting and engaging work to develop their learning whilst they study from home. Teaching staff have put together a guide to individual subjects. It sets out topics studied in each subject in each year, and also directs you to some useful learning resources, such as BBC Bitesize. The document can be found on our website here; <http://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/parentsupportdocumentremoteteaching/>



This guide also shows parents the curriculum topics which are being taught with each year group which you should find very useful and who knows - you may suddenly discover a long lost fondness for Shakespeare or learn the structure and bonding of alcohols!

Mrs Manning,
Deputy Leader of Academy KS4



Supervised Childcare Provision

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.

Mr White, Deputy Head of School

Please follow this link for [additional learning activities](#) to support home learning.



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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



For Parents

The BBC Bitesize Toolkit has super tips and practical advice for supporting the well-being of Primary and Secondary pupils, and for looking after your own mental health. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znsxmxc>

Margaret Starr, Lead Practitioner

Here are a few of the wonderful pieces of home learning seen this week by our students. Maybe your learning will feature next week? You can look at our Gallery [here](#).

Lesson 6 – 1908 to the present day – Landmark issues			
a. What was the purpose of the 1908 Old Age Pension? b. How did the 1908 Old Age Pension differ from the 1908 Poor Law? c. How did the 1908 Old Age Pension differ from the 1908 Poor Law? d. How did the 1908 Old Age Pension differ from the 1908 Poor Law?			
1908 Old Age Pension	1908 free school meals for very poor children	1908 Old Age Pension for the over 70s	
	1902 regulation and training of midwives	1911 medical inspections at school – people who work at schools and children	1911 national insurance – provision for sick, old and unemployed people
	Pregnant Women		

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You may have seen that your child has been set work by their teachers on something called Seneca Learn. But what is this? Seneca Learn is an online learning platform that covers national curriculum. It uses strategies that are proven to make students better. If a student gets a question wrong, the content is shown again but in a different way. If the content is shown again at a third time, the content is shown again at a third time to help students to learn it. Seneca Learn is a platform that has the best GIFs and memes on the internet. It makes students laugh instead of



The great news for parents is that they have just released a free parent monitoring platform. This lets you see how long your child has spent on different subjects, their average score and number of questions they've answered. To sign up click the following link: [Seneca Learn instructions](#).

If you have any questions about this please email cnorris@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mr. Norris

As teachers at Bosworth Academy, we have been delighted by the quality of much of the work produced in lockdown by our students. If you haven't yet investigated our 'Gallery' take a look - the work showcased there is amazing!

At the start of a new half term, here's a reminder that as well as completing our own lessons, students can also take advantage of the online lessons put together by BBC Bitesize and the National Oak Academy to develop their skills further. If you have found other online learning resources 'out there' which you'd like to recommend, please let us know!



Here are some useful links:

Bitesize Daily Show <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p089nk5f>

Bitesize Daily Lessons <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

National Oak National Academy lessons with a teacher taking you through <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule/#schedule>

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