

Welcome

26th June 2020

in the loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

Today has seen our first ever Virtual Sports Day take place. We all know that exercise benefits every part of the body, including the mind, so it was vitally important that we maintain this summer term Bosworth tradition even during these unprecedented times. I hope your children got involved in some of the day's activities. If not there is still time to encourage them to enter their score and upload evidence to achieve points for their House. The events and instructions can be found on the [VSD website](#). Personally I'll be completing the 'Plank Challenge' and 'How far can you go?' as soon as I finish my day at school - a real test in the current hot conditions! We had just launched our new 'Houses' in March so we will look to really promote these further on students' return to school.

Another big first ever event today was our [Virtual Sixth Form Taster Day](#), students from our own year 11 and those intending to join our highly achieving sixth form from other schools participated in an event packed day in readiness for joining us in September. A huge thank you to all involved, who we really look forward to seeing in person and to Dr. Stephenson (Head of Year 12) for leading this new event.

Great progress was made by our year 10 students in this week's face-to-face session. In maths foundation tier students have been looking at some of the data behind the restart of the Premier League and comparing this week's matches to the pre-lockdown fixtures. Were the pundits in the fixture-break right about the 5 substitutes change only benefiting the richer teams? Has the lack of crowds led to teams trying less hard and scoring fewer goals? What DO you call a pile of kittens? Ask a year 10 student to find out the answers! English teachers were thrilled to be teaching face-to-face for the first time in quite a while. English sessions focused on 'A Christmas Carol', focusing on an extract from the text and the theme of poverty and redemption, exploring how the themes were developed in the extract and in the novella as a whole. Despite time away from school, it is clear that students have been working hard at home as their enthusiasm and interest was clear to see.



Our year 12 students have been attending a 3 hour A level subject session once a fortnight. One example of a lesson yesterday in Chemistry involved a demonstration of Period 3 elements being combusted in pure oxygen and predicting the pH of solutions then formed! Just the thing on the hottest day of the year so far! Students in eligible year groups are strongly encouraged to attend (where there are no shielding concerns for the child or their household), so that they can gain the educational and wellbeing benefits of being back in school. If your child is in year 10 or 12 and has not yet returned and would like to now then please contact attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

Last weekend, both Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, and Boris Johnson have said that all pupils will return in September. Williamson said 'all children, in all year groups, will go back to school in September' though he failed to say whether this was full or part-time! He promised that the government will publish further guidance in the next two weeks so 'schools have the maximum amount of time to prepare for the next phase of welcoming children back.' We therefore will need to carefully consider the guidance when it is released and we are highly likely to operate quite differently in late August (compared to September) with Leicestershire schools having different term times to most schools nationally. As ever I will aim to keep you 'in the loop' as soon as we know more and have planned safely for our children's full return.

Following the government's announcement on Tuesday about the easing of restrictions from 4th July, in schools it remains that class sizes must be limited to 15 students and that the number of students in schools remains as a quarter of the total of year 10 and 12 pupils. We will continue during this period to follow our risk mitigation plan which was shared previously as our [Widening Participation Plan - Information Booklet](#). With these changes in measures we are planning to try and offer a face to face support session during the final week of term for some year 7 students as evidence shows the particularly detrimental impact which time spent out of education can have upon youngest year groups. Further information is included later in this newsletter by Mr. Moore.



Teachers and Heads of Year are currently organising end of academic year celebration assemblies. Nominations are being made for various student achievements by all teachers - watch out for further communication on this. Take care and best wishes to you all,

Simon Brown
Head of School

The greater the storm,
the brighter the rainbow!

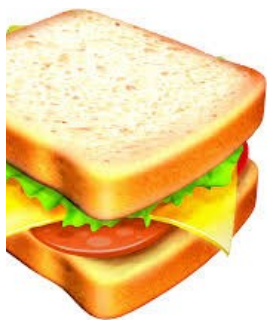


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Free School Meals Support

Some parents and carers may be aware that the Government has extended the Free School Meal voucher system to cover the summer holidays. I am delighted that, at this difficult time, our students and their families will continue to be supported by this measure. Click here for [Leicestershire County Council Information Leaflet on Free School Meals](#).

For some families, their circumstances may have changed during the Covid 19 lockdown. If you think you may now qualify for support, I have added a letter here for you to follow - [Information about Free School Meals criteria and application process](#).



Our school has also been supporting some families with food hampers as an alternative. It is vital that if you are one of these families you now switch to the national voucher scheme run by Edenred so that you can receive vouchers over the summer break. If you do receive a school hamper, please follow this link for advice on how to move over to the voucher scheme [How to switch from hampers to National Free School Meal voucher scheme](#).

If you have any concerns, or would like more information, please email jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk or office@bosworthacademy.org.uk. Alternatively you can email us at fsm@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

Jane Manning, Associate Assistant Head of School

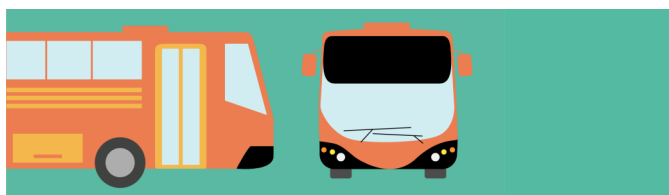
Transport Update - Buses 2020/2021

Many thanks to all parents and carers that have completed the surveys about school transport. I am pleased to confirm that we are able to hold transport costs at the same level for next year. Despite a slight increase in the contract with our bus providers, the school wants to keep the costs at 2019/2020 levels for next academic year by continuing to subsidise the overall cost. We are in unprecedented times, and we always look to make decisions that will secure sustainable and cost effective transport in the future.

The deadline for completing the 'Intention of Interest' for school transport next year has been extended to Tuesday 30th June.

More detailed information about the arrangements for next year will be sent out w/b 6th July.
Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Ben White, Deputy Head of School and The Transport Team



Year Seven Face to Face Session



Responding to ongoing updates and school guidance during school closures means we can potentially welcome back some more students to school for support. We are exploring the possibility of some of our Year Seven students returning to school for a face to face session with a teacher during the final week of term.

Our Year Sevens are the year group that has had the shortest amount of time at Bosworth and we are anxious to give them whatever support we can before they return after the summer for Year Eight.

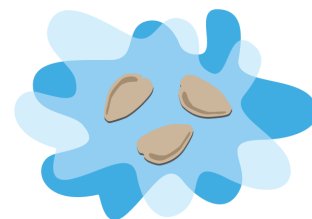
We would like to put on some face to face support sessions for these students with their tutors. These sessions would be to get students to share their experiences of the last few months and their hopes and concerns about the next year in school. Hopefully these sessions will dispel any concerns they might have and focus them on preparing for Year Eight, especially if they are feeling quite unsettled or vulnerable. We have contacted our Year Seven parents to offer them the opportunity to sign their child up for a face to face session. The link to the form is given below. If you are a parent or carer for a Year Seven child use the link to sign up if you haven't already.

<https://forms.gle/j87iXasiSgtfsX4s7>

Mr R Moore, Head of Laureates

Sunflower Competition Week 1, Time to Plant (Year 6 & 7)

Hopefully you have received your sunflower seeds in the post. With all this lovely weather it is the perfect time to get your seeds planted.



Follow the link for a 'How to Plant' video.

Remember to share pictures of your planted seeds! Use this link [here](#).

Miss Boyall, Science Leader



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Year 10 and 12

'Face-to-face' Support Update

If your child would like to take up their place in face-to-face sessions that began last week please contact attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

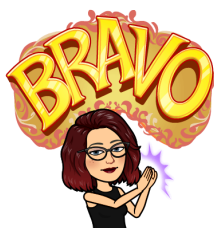
Sessions are allocated with only one quarter of students attending each day from year 10 and 12 so your child must only attend on the allocated day. If you cannot find your original email we will let you know if you email this address.

Bitmoji quiz - WINNERS!

A huge well done to everyone who entered the quiz. Everybody did very well.

If you would like to have a look at the answers please follow the link below.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uBT9CgXuudz79rOLKWe_BrVaz5Oj5LnNRIAnDS1uZdY/edit?usp=sharing



The most recognised member of staff was Mr Grest, a big congratulations to him for making a spitting image Bitmoji.

We had a lot of staff entries, but unfortunately, they could not quite identify as many as the students. The top-scoring teacher was Mr Gohil, a huge round of applause to him.

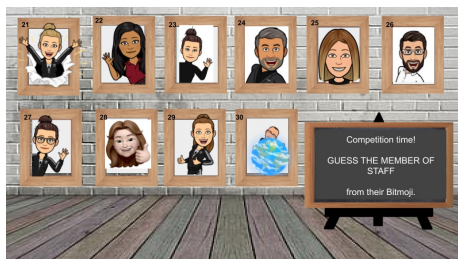
Onto the actual winners!

FIRST PLACE: Oliver Peel, Year 8
Wins a Bitmoji mug!

SECOND PLACE: Jess Scrimshire,
Year 10
Wins a Bitmoji Bag!

I will email the winners with details on how to claim their prize.

Mrs Coulson
Lead Practitioner,
Science



Answers

1. Ms Coulson	11. Ms Baxter	21. Ms Duncan	31. Ms Harper
2. Ms Slusarczuk	12. Ms Alexander	22. Ms Patel	32. Ms Wilkins
3. Mr Brown	13. Mr White	23. Ms Bolton	33. Ms Croucher
4. Ms Mills	14. Ms Ridley	24. Mr Gohil	34. Mr Mainard
5. Ms Berkely	15. Ms Bedford	25. Ms Green	35. Ms Robinson
6. Ms Cooksey	16. Mr Aston	26. Mr Dolinski	
7. Ms Masih	17. Ms Pye	27. Ms Hall	
8. Ms Hewitt	18. Mr Hall	28. Ms Manning	
9. Ms Starr	19. Mr Grest	29. Ms Highton	
10. Mr Winterton	20. Ms O'Malley	30. Mr Blackmore	

Year 11 iPad Return

Parents of Year 11 should have received a letter regarding the return of the school iPads issued to students at the start of year 7 (dated 23 June). These devices have been a valuable learning resource for students whilst at Bosworth Academy and we hope students have appreciated the unique opportunity they have had in using them both in school and at home.

Obviously, when the lockdown came into force we were forced to close our doors to many students before the collection of these iPads which would have taken place at the end of the examination period. We now ask that these iPads are returned to the school. If you would like to purchase the iPad, then you can do so by paying £50 to the school. If you are unable to return the iPad to the school, then you will also need to pay £50. Please get in touch with us if you have any issues with this. Please could you [fill in the google form](#) so we know if you would like to purchase the iPad or not?

All iPads need to be returned to school so that they can be wiped and restored to factory settings. Purchased iPads will then be returned.

If the iPad is not returned or bought from the school this may result in the possible delay of the student's results being issued on GCSE results day in August as we will ask students to return home and bring it back to school with them. Obviously we wish for this not to occur and hope that there should be no reason for this to happen. If you are struggling with the allocated date please let us know and we will try and arrange another suitable time.

If your child is returning to Bosworth Academy in our Sixth Form, then they will need to return the iPad to us and we will completely wipe the iPad. Once they start in year 12, we will give them the option of having the iPad gifted over to them to help support their studies. This will become the property of the student.

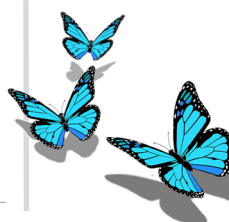
Andy Dolinski,
Assistant Head of School



Joke of the Week

What kind of music do planets like?

Neptunes.



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Tracking for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Over the last few weeks teachers have been assessing how each student in their class has been working, what they have been doing well at, in terms of remote learning, and thinking about what targets individuals need to further improve.

Just before the term ends you will receive the latest tracking sheet through the post. In light of the current situation, teachers have filled this out slightly differently. A summary is below but you will also receive a cover letter with your tracking which will explain in further detail.

Character for Learning (CFL) - Character for learning ranges from 2 to -2. Details of what these numbers mean will be with your child's individual tracking. It has been decided that teachers will base this on the student's pre-lockdown CFL. This was considered a fairer approach as some students may be a little behind in their remote studies and this is not necessarily because of decline in attitude but because



of circumstances out of their control. If a parent wishes to understand how much remote learning has been submitted, this information is all clearly shown in the Show My Homework app which all parents have access to. If you have not previously logged on to this, then do contact us, so we can give you the login information.

Working at Grades WAGs - Teachers have been carefully assessing what grade your child is working at through the work they have been submitting via remote learning. No WAG will be decreased at this point as it could demotivate our students when they have been working hard to engage with the resources and lessons set by their teachers. WAGs may be increased where a student has thrived at independent working and continually submitted work above their previous 'working at grade'.

Targets - All students will be set two targets. One will be subject specific about how they can further improve



their knowledge and skills. The second target will be about how to build upon their character for learning (eg. independence, resilience etc).

Year 12

On August 13th, year 12 students will receive their Centre Assessed grades for subjects they should have taken an AS exam in had the Coronavirus been present. Alongside this Centre Assessed Grade, all students will receive a 'predicted grade' for any subject that does not have an AS exam. In essence, students will have grades for all subjects they studied in year 12. This will enable them to carefully consider their options for year 13 and life beyond, whether this be university, apprenticeship or seeking employment.

Year 11 and 13

Results days for both year 11 and year 13 will go ahead this year but with a slightly different set up. Even though students didn't have the opportunity to sit their exams, it is still an important event that signifies the end to their Key Stage 4 and 5 education. We will celebrate with our students as we always have done but more socially distanced! Details of these days will be sent shortly. A level results day will be on August 13th and GCSE results day is August 20th.

If you have any queries about tracking for your child do not hesitate to contact me at kbaxter@bosworthacademy.org.uk



Pre lockdown photos.

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Beautiful Work Gallery

Here are a few of the wonderful pieces of home learning this week taken from the Religious Studies section.

Maybe your learning will feature next week?

You can look at our Gallery [here](#) of other amazing work.



Bosworth Houses

It seems a long time ago, but in the term we went into lockdown we re-launched our Bosworth Houses.

The houses were introduced when we had our first intake of students to The Laureates and were named after Nobel Laureates. We have stayed with that tradition and after much consultation with students and staff we chose our new Nobel Laureates and relaunched them with much fanfare.

Each house now has its own leadership team, led by a staff member, but with student representation from across the school. There were some great ideas for activities and challenges, linking to Sport's Day and other events that would have taken place in the Spring and Summer terms.

However lockdown happened and everything was put on hold, but I know all of the house teams are raring to go and to put their ideas into action.

Our four houses are Malala, Obama, Curie and Winter. Malala is Malala Yousafzai, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. Malala has been a passionate activist for education, in particular the education of young women. She has recently graduated from Oxford University. Obama House is named for Barack Obama, the 44th president of the USA and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009. He is remembered for the work he did in his time as president for improving the lives of millions of Americans.

Curie House was one of our original houses and is the house of Marie Curie the Polish scientist who was awarded not one but two Nobel Prizes for Chemistry and Physics. Our final house is also named after a scientist, local scientist Gregory Winter. Winter, originally from Leicester, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1988.

We have thought about the qualities that each of our Laureates possess and our house emblems represent those qualities.



MALALA HOUSE, HOUSE LEADER:
MISS GREEN



OBAMA HOUSE HOUSE LEADER:
MR MOWBRAY



CURIE HOUSE, HOUSE LEADER:
MISS HALL



WINTER HOUSE, HOUSE LEADER:
MISS BOLTON

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