

Welcome

26th June 2020

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

This certainly has been another one of those unimaginable weeks during these unprecedented times. It was deeply saddening to discover, late Monday evening, that due to the rise in coronavirus cases reported per population by Public Health England across Leicester that new restriction measures would be introduced. As a school in Desford outside of the ['red line' zone](#) marked on the Leicestershire map, we are in the difficult position of not being able to continue our support in school for students who reside within the restricted area. I am really sorry about this for our students and families in that area as it brings even further challenges to your daily lives. However, we must all ensure our children fully understand that they are playing a significant part in preventing the transmission of coronavirus.

As I stated in my letter on [29th June](#) and follow up on the [30th June](#) we do continue to be open for children of key-workers and vulnerable students from all areas who attend our 'Supervised Childcare' provision.

Yesterday, as expected Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, announced the government plans for full opening of schools in the Autumn term. It is immediately apparent that this 80+ page document of guidance will be enormously challenging to implement. He was challenged in Parliament by the new Shadow Secretary, Kate Green about leaving schools only 3 weeks before summer to plan - for Leicestershire schools we have only 6 days! As I am sure you understand, with 1600 students in our Academy our Leadership Team and Governing Body will need time to make detailed risk mitigation plans during the summer holiday. The most complex part of our challenge will be how we can safely organise transport with over 90% of our students travelling from a distance away. Our further complication is that with the Leicester restrictions in place we know that our planning will need to be adaptable. As ever, just like when school closures began, we are ambitious, and will be doing all we can to bring all of our students back for September, as long as it is deemed safe to do so. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus, and we will develop further our safe practices and hygiene measures which we have had in place for Year 10/12 and Supervised Childcare students in readiness for full opening.

With the coronavirus situation in the UK and wider World changing daily, and another government announcement expected on 11th August, I aim to share with you our Risk Mitigation Plan and full details about how our school will function soon after this date. We will begin the process next week so I will be able to state when this information will be shared with parents in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please rest assured that in the Autumn term we will be aiming to continue our broad ranging curriculum, which is vitally important to students' development. At the same time we will be supporting all students to deepen their learning, reform social friendships and continue to encourage them to excel. It is important not to talk about 'catch-up' as all schools nationally have had similar experiences and we do believe our students have taken real advantage of their technological learning skills during this extended period of home learning, to really shine.

I hope you enjoy reading about everything else that has continued in our community though most of us remain remote. It is a true reflection of our culture and ethos that we remain connected through these tumultuous times!

Please make sure your children are reminded of and follow all of the new government guidelines to remain safe. Take care.



Simon Brown
Head of School

**The greater the storm,
the brighter the rainbow!**



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Safeguarding Update

As the summer holidays approach and we find ourselves in a different run in to the end of term, I feel it is timely to update you on safeguarding procedures. Firstly, it is important to remember that the school, Bosworth Academy, is your first port of call if you have any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of a child who attends here. To support parents during this extended period of school closure the government have issued some further advice and signposts. This guidance brings together sources of information about the main risks children may be particularly vulnerable to during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and signposts you to help and support available. The essential measures to control coronavirus can potentially increase risks to children and this can cause concern for parents and carers. This guide also includes information on the support providers who can help you have effective conversations with a young person, especially if you are concerned for their safety.

Click here for our [School COVID-19 Addendum](#) and [Government Signposting and Advice](#).

'Safeguarding young people is everyone's business'. If you have any concerns, please use the attached documents to seek further support.

**Ben White, Deputy Head of School,
Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Summer holiday arrangements

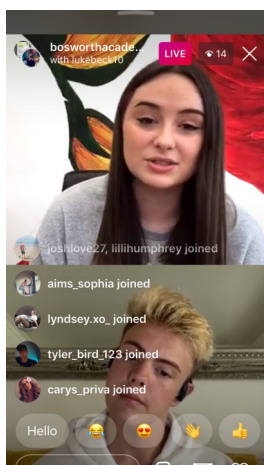


The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that schools are not expected to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Therefore Bosworth Academy will close for the summer on Friday 10th July. Some of the summer break will be spent by leaders planning and preparing for a full opening in September, following the government guidance. During the summer break we are looking to hopefully host 'Just Camps' on our site over the summer break and will later next week write to some parents whose children may benefit from attending. You will be offered a chance to send your child if you believe that this will be beneficial to them. We will look to support this provision using part of our 'catch-up' premium announced by the government in June. Unfortunately at the present moment in time, children from inside the restricted area will not be able to attend until those restrictions have been removed. This is due to the current guidance around travelling in and out of that part of the Leicester area. Once we have shared details provided by parents, Just Camps will liaise directly with you.

Our teachers are also preparing recommendations for ongoing summer learning for those students and parents who would like to spend some of their time engaging with this.

Mr. Brown, Head of School

Post 16 (Sixth Form) Taster Day

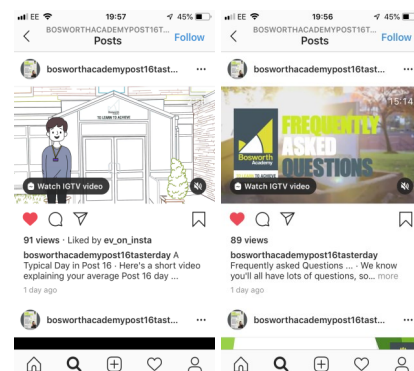


Friday 26th June saw our first Virtual Post 16 Taster Day. The event proved to be a great success with students from a variety of schools getting involved on a range of platforms, with over 200 enrolled into a private facebook group.

Thank you to all staff, current students and students in year 11 who have applied to us who contributed to the day but especially to Dr Chloe Stephenson Head of Year 12 for coordinating and Luke Beck and Issy Cooley, both Year 13 media students, who truly embody student agency. Luke and Issy created a range of student view films, organised staff and their peers and even ran a livestream Q&A session on Instagram on Saturday. Click on the link to see their film on [Top Tips for success in Post 16](#).

We are gathering feedback from a survey sent to everyone who took part to help us improve on delivering any future events in Post 16. The deadline for the taskmaster challenges and Compass competition is Friday 3rd July. All winners and teacher nominations for impressive work will be shared with those involved via a special taster day roundup newsletter.

Mrs. Holdback, Assistant Head of School (Sixth Form)



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Junior Maths Challenge

On Tuesday this week (30th June) over 130 year 7 and year 8 students took part in the first ever online Junior Maths Challenge. The challenge is designed to inspire a love of problem solving and mathematics through a series of 25 increasingly difficult problems. It is a 60 minute multiple choice competition and is taken by students all over the UK. The challenge is written with the aim of making the students think, thereby developing both the character and critical thinking elements of the 6C's as students have to persevere in order to solve more difficult problems and also be critical with their solutions in an attempt to be more time efficient.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

An example of the type of questions that students tackle: What is the smallest possible difference between two different nine-digit integers, each of which includes all of the digits 1 to 9?

The results will be available soon after the 8th of July. Well done to all students that took part, we are really proud of you.

**Miss Parkin,
Mathematics Lead Practitioner**

Year 7 Virtual Meetings Thursday 9th July 2020

We are disappointed that we have had to cancel our face to face meetings next week with our Year Seven students. With Leicester on lockdown it has meant that we are unable to have additional students in school.

However the Year Seven Team will be having google meets with all of the Year Seven tutor groups on Thursday 9th July. The meeting will focus on preparing students for their return to school after the Summer break. The meetings will help students to reconnect with their peers and also with the Year Seven Team. We are getting students to think about what they are looking forward to about returning to school and a little about the differences they will see when they return to school. Each tutor group will have their own slot and student invitations will have been sent out on Friday 3rd July. Also on Friday students will be emailed a number of questions to help them prepare for their meeting.

We will also have our rewards assembly on the final day of term where we will be rewarding Key Stage Three students for the great work they have done this year.

Mr. Moore, Head of Laureates

Receiving your GCSE, AS and A level results

On Wednesday we sent a google form to find out how students would like to receive their exam results. Ideally, we would love students to come in to collect results to enable us to celebrate their successes with them. As this year is very different, centre assessed grades received by the students may have been changed by the exam boards and students may have questions about the grade they have received. Staff will be on hand to deal with any queries. For this reason we feel it is best that students come in to collect to enable us to support and advise.



We have organised the collection of results with social distancing in mind and details of this will be communicated once we have an idea of numbers.



However, if for health reasons or shielding a student is not able to come in, we can email results directly to the student. This can be requested via the google form. The google form has been sent to parents of

GCSE student and directly to year 12 and 13 students. **Please ensure this sort form is completed so we know how you would like to receive your results.**

With lock procedures changing weekly, we will obviously continue to review this with everybody's safety in mind.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Head of School

Joke of the Week



**Did you hear
about the
restaurant on
the moon?**

**Great food,
no atmosphere.**

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Sunflower Competition! (Year 6 & 7)

With all this sunshine and rain our seeds have been growing brilliantly! Here are a few from our staff and those of you who have sent in pictures so far. It's been really exciting to see how much bigger they get each day - we'll be ready to repot them soon!

Hopefully you've planted yours too. If not, then watch our YouTube video about planting and see if you can do them this weekend!

Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owQgbvXakVA&t=3s>

Also, keep your eyes out for our video about germination. This is the process of the seed developing into a plant. Make sure you share your pictures with us on:

Facebook - Bosworth Academy . Instagram - @lifematscience . Twitter - @lifematscience

Time to celebrate our magnificent Year 11

2020 Yearbook - Be part of it - Capture the memories

Saying 'Goodbye' is always bittersweet. This year it was a premature 'goodbye' to our wonderful year 11 who left school on March 20th. We can't say how much we value the contribution they have made to the school over the last five years, and we will miss them all. So for this year's year 11 at Bosworth Academy we have launched a 'Yearbook', to record the journey of our students, and we are hoping that all year 11 will contribute a message or a memory to make this an extra special edition. You will look back on this, and it will make you smile! To that end, please take note of two key requests from Mrs. Duncan, head of year 11:

Year 11 Please submit your message for the Yearbook on this [Google Form](#) that has also been sent to you.

Parents/Carers Please return the permission form emailed to you. We need this in order for your child's message/ photo to appear in the Yearbook. Thank you.



2020 Year 11 Prom plans

The Year 11 Prom is a highlight of the Bosworth school calendar, and we are looking at how we can run this safely at some point, hopefully in the Autumn. Regrettably, we have had to cancel our plans for September, and all who have paid will receive a full refund. The Year 11 team is on standby however, to organise a fitting celebration as soon as that is possible, and in accordance with Government guidelines. When we know any more, we will send out invites and all the relevant details.



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Year 10 and 12 'Face-to-face' Support Update

Unfortunately due to the restrictions now introduced in Leicester about travel and school attendance, students living within the 'red' restriction area are no longer able to attend their final session in school next week. This session would have focused on English and mathematics. The curriculum leaders for English and maths will ensure that all students have the resources and learning shared with them so that they do not miss out.

We are all saddened to have to prevent students from attending when we had been making such great progress, however we must all do our part in reducing the transmission of coronavirus.

Mr. Brown, Head of School

Year 11 iPad Return

The school-issued iPads 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.



We now ask that year 11 iPads are returned to the school so that they can be wiped and repurposed for future learning purposes. If you wish to purchase the iPad you may do so, but you'll still need to return it so that we can restore the devices to factory settings and remove any locked in restrictions.

If the iPad is not returned to 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, collect their iPad and bring it back to school with them. Please could you [fill in the google form](#) so we know if you would like to purchase the iPad or not?

Andy Dolinski, Assistant Head of School

Say 'Thankyou@'

Here is your opportunity to send a nice thank you email, ahead of the final week of term, to any teachers or support staff you wish to show your appreciation of. The message can be sent by students, parents or carers, just include the person's name you are thanking, the short message and then your name. Please email to thankyou@bosworthacademy.org.uk. I aim to then share these with staff on the final day of term next week.

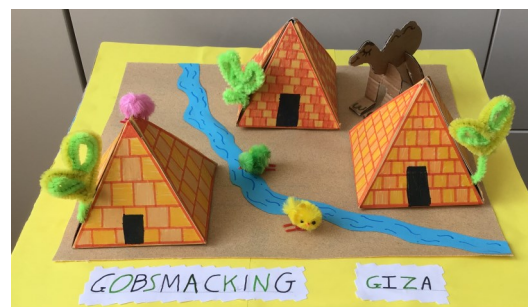
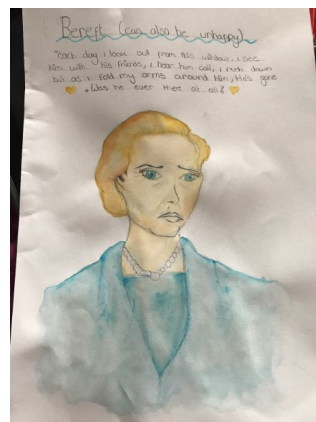


Many thanks,
Mr. Brown

Beautiful Work Gallery

Here are a few of the wonderful pieces of home learning this week By Evie Robinson, Dylan Mistry and Ryan M.

Maybe your learning will feature next week? You can look at our Gallery [here](#) of other amazing work.



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Discover the Joy of Reading this Summer!

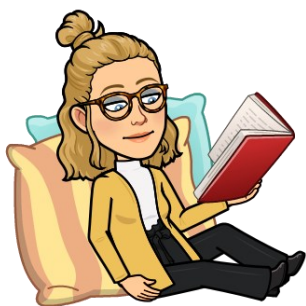
Are you bored of lockdown life yet? For many of us, staying at home has led to a slightly slower pace of life as we have been forced to suspend our usual routines of activities, clubs and social schedules. All this extra time stuck at home can be pretty tedious! Thankfully, there are some benefits to lockdown; like never before, we finally have time to invest in our own wellbeing and take control of our learning.

The [benefits of escaping into books](#) are pretty extensive. It can make you [happier](#), [more successful](#) and more empathetic too. Not to mention of course, coming back to school in August with a [wider vocabulary](#) and a broader understanding of the world! [According to research](#), just six minutes of reading can decrease stress levels by up to 60%. Since it doesn't involve leaving the house, breaking social distancing rules or fighting over the TV, it might be worth a try this summer.

Many of us will be feeling more alone at the moment, particularly if we have found ourselves isolated from our friends. One of the wonderful things about stories is that they teach us that we are not alone. Whatever you're feeling or experiencing, it's likely that there's a story out there about a similar struggle. It can be so comforting to know that you're not the first person to feel this way, particularly when everyone keeps using the word 'unprecedented' to explain our situation! Books can often act as superheroes when it comes to their healing powers.

If reading a huge book feels a little overwhelming, or you'd prefer to listen to a story when you're moving around, you could always try an audio book. In fact, [some research published this week](#) has found that nearly a quarter of young people have listened to audiobooks more during lockdown than they did before. More importantly, at least a third of those people have said that listening to the books helped them feel better too. You can access lots of them for free through [Audible Stories](#). I'd really recommend Stephen Fry's narration of the Harry Potter series as a starting point, particularly as he does all the voices!

Or perhaps you've read all the books in your house and you're hungry for more? In addition to Miss Bedford's book review emails, I'd really encourage you to look at [LoveReadingUK](#) or [LoveReading4Kids](#) (up to age 13) for some helpful recommendations and downloadable extracts. You can also now borrow an ebook from our school library! For more information about how to access them, [click here](#). Details about summer reading challenges will be shared with you next week, so keep an eye on your emails...



So, if your summer plans have all but vanished, try travelling the world virtually instead. Perhaps you could even try to cover it all in 'Around the World in Eighty Days'? If the story is good enough, you could explore different continents, planets or times, all from the comfort of your bedroom. Now, that sounds like a great way to spend the rest of lockdown!

Mrs. Berkley, English Teacher



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.

With the announcements yesterday, I will be working with the transport team and bus companies to ensure we are able to provide safe travel to school. This will be more complex than usual as we will need to develop a model that meets the new government guidance for full opening of schools as well as the model for operating under 'normal' circumstances. More detailed information about these arrangements for next year will now be sent out mid-August. Many thanks for your patience and ongoing support.

The link to the transport google form is <https://forms.gle/J4L6u1E53DT3ixTY9>

Ben White, Deputy Head of School and The Transport Team



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Supporting our students, supporting you, our parents and carers

As the landscape of lockdown slowly changes, with some areas restrictions easing and others tightening, it is only natural for there to be some anxiety about what comes next. But whether you are a young person or a parent or carer, you are not alone. Throughout this challenging time there have been some

"A lot of people are finding things tricky at the moment, and allowing myself to recognise that these are difficult times for everyone, and that it's okay to struggle has really helped my anxiety surrounding this situation."

Madeleine, 19

wonderful resources for teachers,

parents and students; please find below some links from the fantastic charity Young Minds.

students and parents/carers. It is so important to keep talking during this difficult time, hopefully these resources will help facilitate this.

"As hard as it can be when you have no deadlines, it is important to try and keep a regular routine."

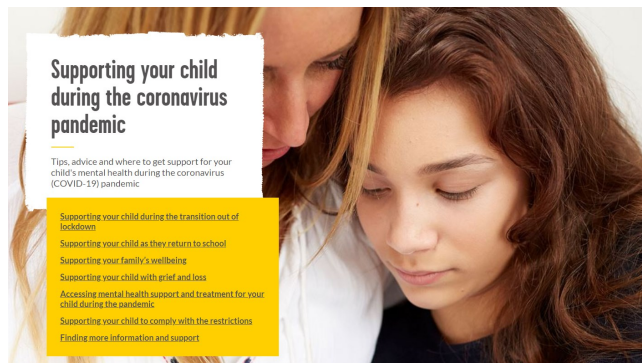
Dhyana, 18

Take care, Keep strong, Keep Safe

Parents/Carers - <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Students - <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

Ben White, Deputy Head of School and The Maximising Learning Team (MLT)

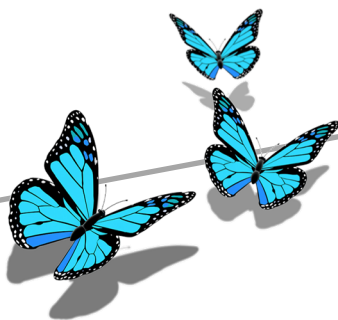


"Your wellbeing is always the most important thing to take care of, particularly at times like this. It is okay to be upset now but remember that we're all in this together, and there are always going to be people who will listen and who you can talk to."

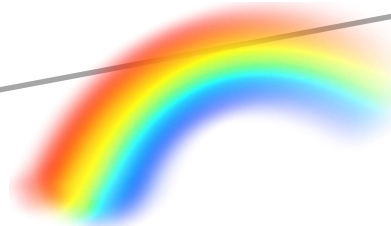
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