

# Welcome

10th July 2020

# Loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

It is quite unbelievable to realise that we have reached the end of the academic year for 2020/21 without having the opportunity to welcome back all students. We would never have expected this when the announcement was made that schools would close from 20th March. Students, staff and parents have all had to adapt so quickly to working remotely without any time to plan or prepare as we would have wished for. I'd like to thank you all for your support, patience and sense of community that you have all shown throughout the last 13 weeks of school. I do hope your child has been able to watch or join the end of year celebration assemblies this week.

Yesterday I joined a Google Meet with a Year 7 tutor group who were catching up with their tutor and Head of Year. It was great to see our students remaining positive about learning and describing the things they were looking forward to when Bosworth Academy opens to all students in the Autumn Term. Earlier today I wrote to all parents, outlining specifically our planning and arrangements for the start of term. This continues to be a complex challenge as there are many specific risk mitigations that we need to put in place whilst maintaining a vibrant, engaging learning experience for our students. Here is the link if you have not read this letter about [school full opening](#).

We are planning to open as follows:

**Mon 24 Aug:** Teacher Training Day  
**Tue 25 Aug:** Teacher Training Day  
**Wed 26 Aug:** Year 7 only - Induction Day  
**Thu 27 Aug:** Year 7, 11, 13  
**Fri 28 Aug:** Year 7, 11, 13  
**Mon 31 Aug:** Bank Holiday  
**Tue 1 Sept:** Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13  
**Wed 2 Sept:** Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, Year 12 Induction (PM)  
**Thu 3 Sept:** All Years

School will start at 8.45am with all key stage 3 and 4 students (Year 7-11) expected in full uniform and Sixth Form students meeting their dress code requirements.

School will still be very different when all students return for the Autumn term. Minimising contacts and mixing between people reduces transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). Our planning aims to minimise contacts and mixing of year groups of students in school while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. We will implement an adapted form of the system of protective measures that we are familiar with from Bosworth Academy remaining open to students since 20th March and then to Year 10 and 12 students from 15th June during face-to-face sessions. I aim to share our detailed plans with parents on 21st August.

My thoughts are with those very many students and families who, like me, live in the restricted area of Leicester so can't go on holiday, visit those venues opening elsewhere or travel to see family at present. I urge you to continue to do the right thing, be creative with your time and remain positive like you have done so brilliantly to date. Everyone in our community deserves a well earned break over the summer so we can return to school rejuvenated and full of energy for what the academic year 2020/21 will bring.



I am so proud of all we have achieved together during these challenging times. Stay strong and take care,

**Simon Brown**  
Head of School

The greater the storm,  
the brighter the rainbow!



# TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

## Saying Farewell

This afternoon we celebrated the commitment and work of our staff who are leaving us this summer. They have all coped admirably during these difficult times and it is hard to leave school under such unusual circumstances, unable to say farewells in person to everyone. The staff working in school gathered socially distanced and everyone else joined remotely to watch our YouTube Live broadcast as we recognised our staff for their important roles played in supporting our students. Staff leaving this term:

<b>Susanna Draycott</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Emerald Woodward</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Lizzie Robb</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Fran Hoy</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Janet Farmer</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>Carole Bailey</b>	Curriculum Support Assistant
<b>Simon Ashworth</b>	Teacher of Science
<b>Chris Norris</b>	Teacher of Computer Science

We are fully staffed with some more brilliant colleagues joining us for next academic year. I aim to introduce these new staff to you all in our next 'In the Loop' newsletter at the start of the year.

## Long Time Service Awards

Today we recognised many staff who reached significant milestones in their time spent at Bosworth Academy and across our LIFE Multi-Academy Trust. Collar badges are presented to colleagues to celebrate their great service and dedication, passion and for providing stable consistency so important for our young people at Bosworth. This year we shared honours with the following staff;

### 5 years service

Charlotte Dench, Lidia Arias Franco, Helen Barrowcliffe, Richard Wallace, Fran Overton, Ewelina Krawiec, Jo Redhead



### 10 years service

Alison Brewster, Alison Woolley, Matt Dover, Kirsty Hayton, Jane Manning, Lisa Ravel, Susan Stanbridge, Alice Abbott



### 15 years service

Kerri Adams, Tina Daly

### 20 years service

Matt Blackmore



**Incredible dedication** to our school over a long period of **25 years service**: Dave Claricotes

**Mr. Brown, Head of School**

## Summer Advice

Looking forward to the summer break? Don't feel like it's going to be that different? However you may be feeling it is important that you continue to look after yourself during this time!

### Here are a few ideas of how to do this:

Feel proud of yourself. Reflect on what you have overcome and achieved during this academic year. It is important to see your successes however big or small.

Rest and relax! You have worked hard whether you have been working remotely or in school. Make sure you use this time to recharge your batteries and spend some time connecting with those around you and doing things you enjoy and give you pleasure! Keep a routine. A routine can be really comforting to those of us who need to feel like we have a plan. It can also help those of us who struggle with our sleep. Have fun! Laughing is really good for us. There is even such a thing as laughing yoga! Google it! Do things that make you laugh out loud.

Get outdoors! Being outside in the fresh air is so good for your physical and mental health. Keep active. Walking, dancing, running, cycling are all great for our happiness. Try and do something every day.

Do something new! Use this extra time to learn something new. There are lots of art tutorials on you tube and even free apps to learn to play the piano. Learning something new really boosts our self esteem.



**Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Head of School**

"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned."

**Richard Feynman**  
(theoretical physicist)



## Quote of the week

Science teachers are sharing their favourite quotes. Here is our first from **Mr. Baker, Physics Specialist Teacher.**



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## 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**

## Transport Update



Letters for securing dedicated bus school bus travel next year will be sent out next week. Please be assured that myself and the transport team will be working throughout the summer, periodically checking emails and messages, and

responding to any queries, even though the school will be closed for the summer. Can I once again, thank all parents for their support and patience with this particular aspect of the school closure and our safe return to school. The contact email for all transport enquiries during the summer will be: [transport@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:transport@bosworthacademy.org.uk)

**Ben White, Deputy Head of School**

## Student Winner!

One of our students, Neeley Gale, won the Challenge prize in week 4 of Future Me (Virtual Careers Programme). Not only did this win her a £25 Amazon voucher, but also our school £500 in IT equipment and resources! What you buy is really up to you and we envisage doing this in 1 of 2 ways – either you

Congratulations again to Neeley, for her amazing work and for representing Bosworth Academy.

**Mrs. Koncarevic, Director of Learning, Teaching & Assessment**

## Summer holiday camps

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions around Leicester we have not been able to secure the provision we hoped for summer provision. It is complex with the level of risk mitigation required and even more so for external companies to adequately meet the detail required. Students will receive some guidance for continued summer learning in the tracking letters issued this week. A small amount of important homework may be set for your child as would usually be the case over the holidays - this will be indicated on Show my Homework.

All subject areas have shared some suggested recommendations for ongoing summer learning for those students and parents who may choose to spend some of their time engaging with this.

Remember too to take a break and get a well earned rest!

**Mr. Brown, Head of School**

## Summer Bake Off Challenge

During our period of working from home and remote learning, the Bosworth Bake Off was launched. Following the success of both Series 1 and 2, the Bosworth Bake Off wants to give students, staff and families a little bit of competitive fun over the summer too. So here is our NEW SUMMER CHALLENGE.

If you didn't get involved last time...now is your chance. New challenges lie ahead....

Cooking is therapeutic and I'd love to share images of creations made by students, staff and family members at Bosworth Academy.

To find out more about the challenges and specific entry details follow this link: [Summer Bake Off](#)

Happy baking!

**Mrs. Brockhouse, Curriculum Leader ADT**

## Joke of the Week



**What's the best thing about Switzerland?**

**I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.**

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# Careers @ Bosworth Academy

An important reminder to all Year 11s to check your PS16 and take appropriate actions to secure a place at college. On week beginning 29/06, our year 10 students, as part of their face to face provision, had a career lesson delivered by our staff. Students were reminded about the wealth of pathways available at the end of KS4 and they were encouraged to start researching options over the summer. We also sent the video link and a Google form for students to fill in to help us plan our career provision for next academic year. Parents will also be sent an email communication with advice on how to support their children and useful websites. This is a link to the video our students accessed during the lesson: <https://youtu.be/JpHYr5w0gXU>

An assembly called 'Are you future proof?' was also sent to students that same week and can be accessed here: <http://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/assembly-29-06-2020/>

**Mrs. Morar, Careers Coordinator**

## Seneca Support for Parents

Seneca is an online revision tool we have been using for a number of years and has helped us deliver some of our remote learning lessons during the COVID lockdown period. Seneca uses dynamic adjusting questions to help students learn and identifies topics they should return to after a period of time.



Seneca is offering parents the opportunity to understand how it can be used to help their children learn more. There is a **free webinar for parents/carers** on **Monday 13th July at 6pm**. The webinar covers:

- How you can use Seneca to monitor your child's progress for free
- Why Seneca helps students learn 2x faster
- What your child can study on Seneca for free
- What we offer as part of our Premium packages

**Spaces are limited** but if you are interested, you can register for a place by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/parentseneca> **Seneca Learning**

**Andy Dolinski, Assistant Head of School**

## Say 'Thankyou@'

It was wonderful to see so many of you taking time to thank Bosworth Academy staff for their support during this period of school closures. Yesterday our fantastic support team copied each message onto a 'Thank you' postcard which we are then sending to every member of staff mentioned. Your kind words gave everyone who received them a really positive boost, thank you. It meant so much, even bringing a tear to the eye for some of our staff! If you missed the opportunity then this is the address to send a message, including the name of who you would like to receive the message;



[thankyou@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:thankyou@bosworthacademy.org.uk).

I will aim to share these with staff whilst I'm in school next week.  
Many thanks,

**Mr. Brown**

## New Fun Stuff

Schoolwork is only part of a great education. Experiencing different things is also really important. It helps us to 'connect the dots' and makes learning generally easier! Check out this list of possible activities you could try during your long summer, or whilst some of us continue to live and work from home! Find 'Fun Stuff' on our website or using this link; [Funstuff](#)



**Mrs. Koncarevic,**  
**Director of Learning, Teaching & Assessment**



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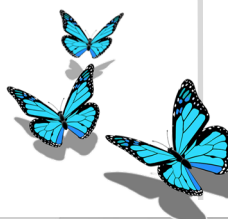
# Supporting a child returning to school after extended closures

When the summer break draws to a close it is important that young people are prepared for the return to school after, what for many has been a very long period of time.

Many parents and carers may be wondering how they can support their child. We have collated a few tips which we hope you find useful.

1. **Talk to your child about how they are feeling** about going back to school and try not to make assumptions. Ask them if they are worried or feel scared about anything, but also if they are excited about or looking forward to something. No matter how your child feels, let them know that it is completely normal to feel a mixture of emotions and that everyone will be in the same boat. Have a look at more advice on [starting a conversation with your child](#).
2. **Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can.** This will help them to prepare for any changes that have been made to the timings of their day, the layout of their classroom, their peer groups and break times. For years 7 and 12 - reflect back on the virtual induction and taster days on our website.
3. **Reassure your child.** During the lockdown we have been told to stay at home, remain socially distant from others and wash our hands regularly. This means children may find it difficult to go back to school because it will be a huge change from what they have been asked to do during the pandemic. Talk with your child about ways they can stay safe at school, such as washing their hands before and after eating, and reassure them that the school are putting measures in place to keep them safe, (full details will be shared mid-August to look through).
4. **Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life.** During school closures it is understandable that your family's routine may have changed. Children are likely to have been waking up later or going to bed later. To help them get ready for school, try to gradually get them back into their usual morning and bedtime routines as they get closer to their return date.
5. **Don't put pressure on yourself.** The transition back into school is likely to take some time. Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straightaway.
6. **Think ahead.** As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, but identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won't last forever and their feelings will change.
7. **Seek support if you need it.** Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they're at school. If this is the case, reach out to your child's school as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child. If you are concerned about your child's mental health and you think they need professional support, speak to the school and your GP about the best next step.

Mrs. Holdback, Assistant Head of School



## Sunflower Competition! (Yr6 & 7)

Hopefully you've now planted your seeds and they've started growing. This is when the exciting bit happens, they start to get bigger! Since planting I've been checking on my plants every morning to see how they're doing, it's become part of my daily routine.

My sunflowers have had a huge growth spurt this week, so much so that I've had to repot them into larger pots! It's also fascinating how a plant can form from such a tiny seed in a process called germination. I have made a quick YouTube video to teach you all about this process as well as how to repot your plants. Just follow the link below.

Link - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cYb8vRva7FA>

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for our next few videos over the summer holidays as these will be full of hints and tips so that you can grow the biggest sunflower!

Remember there are goodie bag prizes for the following:

Largest sunflower  
Biggest sunflower  
Sunflower grown in the most unique place  
Best staff sunflower

Keep sharing your pictures with us as we love to see what you're up to!

Facebook - Bosworth Academy

Twitter - @lifematscience

Instagram - @lifematscience

Have a wonderful summer break & happy sunflower growing!

Miss Boyall, Science Leader

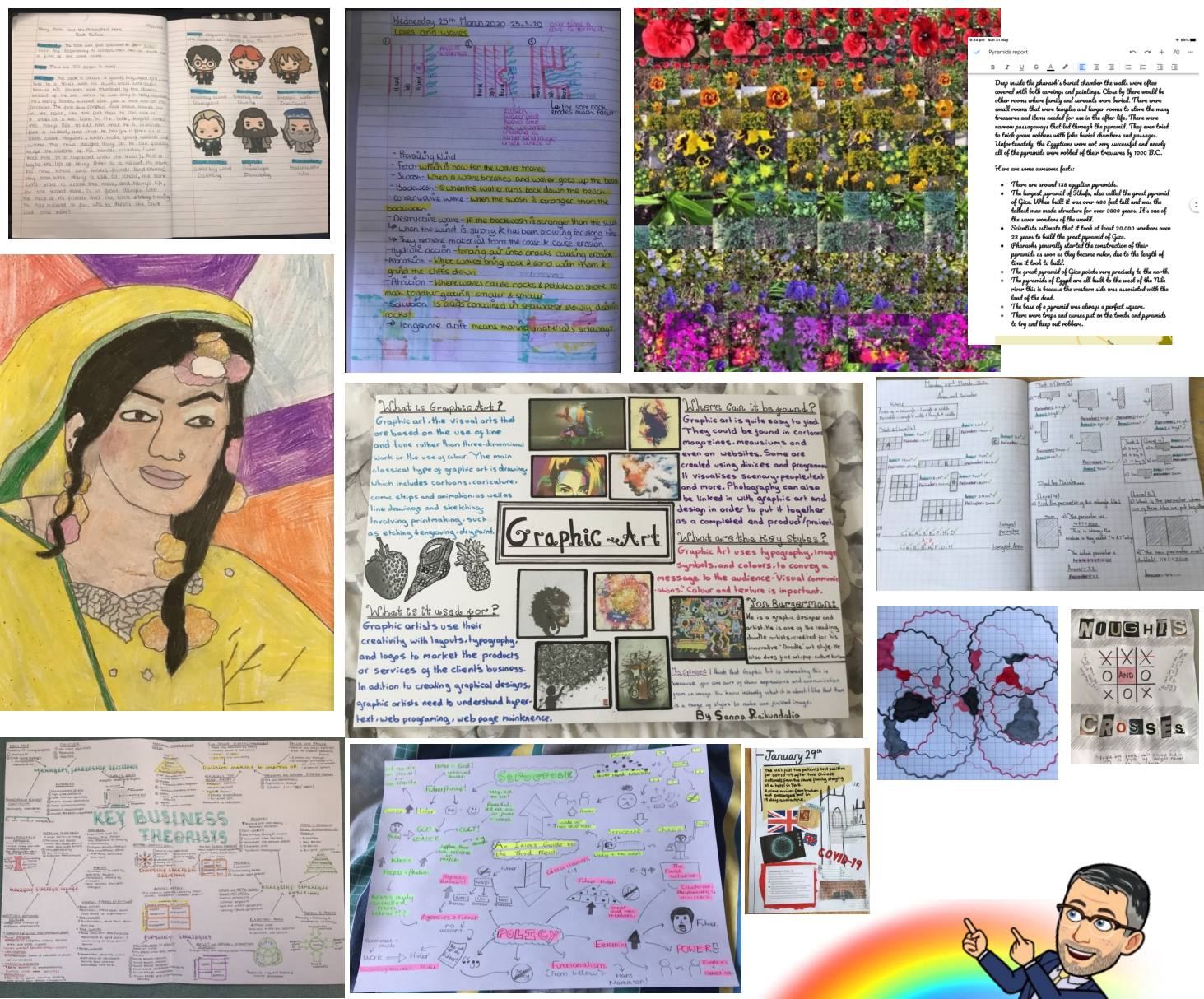


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# Beautiful Work Gallery

Here are a few of the wonderful pieces of home learning from recent months. You can look at our Gallery [here](#) of other amazing work.



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