

#### Welcome back

28th August 2020 Finally, after more than five months of closure, schools can now fully reopen. During the last two weeks we have celebrated some amazing achievements from our



Throughout this time we have been supporting students to move on to the next phase of their learning or career. Nevertheless, as in any year, some students will be disappointed with their results, and of course would have wanted to sit the actual

examinations if the opportunity had been there. If students do want to sit these exams in Autumn then see Miss Baxter's message later in this newsletter.

This week has seen a successful start, for year 7 joining us for their very first time and our exam years 11 and 13 returning. We have seen many happy students glad to be back learning with more of a return to normality though with lots more safety measures and procedures to follow.

This August we have continued planning methodically for safely reopening with precautionary measures in place. You should have already received our Parent Risk Mitigation Plan and a one page summary for ease of reading. Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. With our new risk

mitigations in place the balance is now overwhelmingly in favour of our students returning to school. During our professional development days this week we have been training our staff on our protective measures to reduce the risk of transmission whilst maintaining a high quality education to enable our students to excel and progress.

School will look and feel a little different from what it was back in March, just like in every other walk of life at the moment. Please be assured that we will be spending some additional time in tutor groups initially to determine how we need to best support every student after such a long time outside of school. Time will be taken to explain to students how important it is that they follow these new procedures fully and safely. Our Key Stage leaders are aware of our vulnerable students and will be risk assessing them to determine whether additional safety measures are required.



We are confident our revised schemes of learning, enhanced hygiene measures and additional academic tutors we have in place are ready to support students who may be feeling anxious about their return. Teachers and support staff are all excited about seeing students once more and are eager to engage them in developing the knowledge, skills and qualities which will help them to thrive in life. As ever, I will endeavour to keep you informed about any changes that might develop and how well students get on during these first weeks back.

Mr. Brown, Head of School

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#### Face masks in school

It was inevitable that the changes in the World Health Organisation's advice on face coverings, followed by the decision on secondary pupils in Scotland wearing masks in public spaces, would mean that the issue would arise in England. At Bosworth our risk mitigation plan we shared last week allowed their use in community spaces such as corridors - now we have had to revise our policy.

From Tuesday 1st September at Bosworth Academy face masks should be worn by staff and students from year 7 and above, when moving around the school, such as in corridors, PE changing rooms, and in communal areas where more than 1m social distancing is difficult to maintain. Though we have one way systems now in place, students will at times, be in narrow corridors passing students from other year group bubbles as they enter classrooms. Now that three year groups have fully returned to school, we have seen that this is now an additional safety measure to introduce.

In classrooms the wearing of face masks is not necessary so students will be asked to safely remove them and sanitise their hands. This is because students are then back in their tutor group bubble or year team bubble and are facing the front of the room. In addition to this face masks in the classroom inhibit learning.

Face masks will not be required in the canteen where students are eating, nor will they be required in outside spaces if students are running around or playing together more than 1m apart. However, for students who congregate in close proximity (less than 1m apart) in communal areas at social time (including outdoors), face masks must be worn.



As communicated in our Risk Mitigation for Parents non-medical or fabric masks must be worn on public or school transport.

#### All face masks;

- Should be disposed of or washed daily
- Must be the type attached behind the ears and not the bandana type
- Must be plain, or simply patterned with no offensive logos (school leaders will have the right to determine this).
- Must be removed on request by any adult for example if used unsafely or if being used to conceal identity

We will provide training to students on safe use to further mitigate risk;

- Washing or sanitising hands before putting on or taking off
- Removing and storing safely in a plastic bag, including before eating or drinking
- Wearing correctly, covering the nose, mouth and chin
- Avoiding touching them around the mouth

If a student requires to wear a face mask at all times, including in lessons, then they will need to be risk assessed in school for this. If a student has a medical exemption to wearing a face mask then please contact their Head of Year.

If a student loses their face mask during the school day or cannot find it before boarding the bus home then disposable ones are available for 70p which can be purchased by students using their sQuid card.

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### **Brilliant First Day**

We were at long last able to welcome our new Year Seven students on their first day at Bosworth Academy.

There were a lot of nervous students on the Laureates playground this morning, ready for their first day at Bosworth. As they met up with friends they hadn't seen for a while and connected with new form tutors the nervousness disappeared and was replaced with excitement and anticipation.

The first day began properly when the students made their way to their new tutor rooms to spend the first part of the day



with their new tutor group and tutors. The aim of these first sessions was for the tutor group to get to know each and find out about the expectations at Bosworth and the way we work together.

The tutors were very impressed with the way all of the students engaged with the activities and also that they asked some excellent questions. The students all

had photographs taken during the day for their new id cards and went on a tour of the school to help them find their way around our one way system and to find all the different areas they would be learning in.

Staff were very impressed with not only the way the students responded in lessons but also the way they conducted themselves at both lunch and break times. It was really wonderful to see all of the students on the field at break socialising and enjoying themselves.

The timetabled lessons for the afternoon were enrichment and students were involved in a variety of activities from producing tv adverts for chocolate bars to a crime scene investigation.

It was a real pleasure to be on the bus park at the end of the day as students emerged to board buses or to walk home. Students were eager to share their highlights of their



day and to tell us about the new friends they had made.

All of our Year Seven students have made a great start to their time at Bosworth and all of their tutors were pleased about how quickly the students seemed to have settled in and how enthusiastic they all were about learning and how they all worked really well together as tutor group teams.

If any student does have any issues please make sure you contact the Year Seven Team who will try to resolve any issues.

Mr. Moore, Head of Laureates



able to see pupils progress onto the next step but also to welcome back all of our students, many of whom we had not seen since March.

As you will have heard in the news, exam boards are running an Autumn Series for all subjects. These examinations are for students who may still want to sit an exam in a certain subject. Details of these can be found on the specific board's website. The Bosworth Academy deadline for entry is: 28th August for AS/A Level and 14th September for GCSE (except English Language and Mathematics). GCSE English Language and Mathematics has a later deadline of 4th October. Please contact the exams officer for an entry form.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Head of School

## **TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE**

### **Transport update**

Our work with bus companies has continued throughout the summer and you should have now received the information regarding routes and payment. Please do not worry if you have missed any of the information or deposit payments; you can still get in touch with transport using the <a href="mailto:transport@bosworthacademy.org.uk">transport@bosworthacademy.org.uk</a> email.

For students using dedicated school transport, the key messages are:

- Ensure you queue up and board the bus sensibly
- Wear a face mask
- Sanitise hands when boarding and disembarking the bus
- Sit in the same seat for both journeys

Once again, thank you for your support and patience with dedicated school transport in 2020.

Mr. White, Deputy Head of School

### **Equipment/uniform**

To ensure that our students can access a full and rich curriculum, they will need to be fully equipped for their lessons. The equipment needed for each lesson is:

- Pencil case
- GLUE STICK (NEW 2020)
- Pens (at least 2)
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- Purple pens
- Highlighters Green and Pink
- Calculator this is essential for many lessons not just maths!
- Ruler
- iPad fully charged to start the day
- · Reading book

Students must continue to wear school uniforms as usual, including a blazer (for KS4 students). Our uniform helps join our students together in their community, and also means they have a clearly defined set of clothes which are only worn for school.

If you are experiencing difficulty in purchasing your child's uniform, or a delay, please contact their Head of Year who will be happy to help and advise you. The full uniform policy can be found on the school website <a href="here">here</a>. Students are expected to wear their lanyards

which hold their ID card at all times. ID cards should face forward clearly showing the student's name and face.

Thank you in advance for supporting us to ensure your child has a smooth and happy return to school.





### Making school safe

Leaders and staff have been consulting on our Risk Mitigation Plan to ensure the school is safe for everyone. Here are the links for both the <u>one page summary</u> and the <u>FULL Parental Risk Mitigation Plan</u>

The whole ethos of the plan is to ensure we can offer a vibrant and exciting curriculum as well keep students safe. It is important to note, to enable staff at the school to adhere to the mitigation plan and keep all of our community, our approach towards students meeting our high expectations will be firm. We welcome parents/ carers to support us with this and where issues arise you work with us rather than against us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. White, Deputy Head of School

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#### The School Day

Our timetable is quite different from previous years. Lessons will now start with their tutor. All students are expected to report directly to tutor when they arrive. Their tutor will greet them from 8:20am. Tutor time officially starts at 8:45am. Students will then follow a rich and full curriculum with subject specialists. All students will have two 30 minute breaks. They will have access to the canteen once a day where they can purchase both hot and cold food. Students are encouraged to bring packed lunches and two water bottles.

Students on break will be in one part of the school whilst students on lunch will be in another part of the school. Students will, of course, be able to access toilets during their lessons but might be asked to make up the time during break or lunch.

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