

Welcome

As we enter the beautiful month of October there has been so much happening at our school. This month we are celebrating the great achievements and contributions of Black people here in Britain and across all of society. Led by a group of our students; Kirsty Masakure, Lexine Masuku, Anotida Nyatsanza and Emily Smith, with Mrs. Boyce's support, they have put together an assembly for all students showing that there is so much more 'to black history than slavery and struggling', by telling many untold Black Briton's stories. The aim is to inspire all of our young people to develop a full understanding of the struggle for equality.

Every morning this week we have also been celebrating the fantastic achievements of students in 'Headteacher's Breakfasts'. Students excelling this term were nominated by tutors and joined their Head of Year and I for hot chocolate and croissants. Each student also received a certificate of recognition. We will continue this celebration each half-term so hopefully we'll see many more students recognised. Sadly, with Parkrun still postponed I'll need to get on my bike to burn off those extra calories this weekend!

This week and next, the senior leadership team have been visiting tutor groups to talk about our expected safe culture and to remind students of our high expectations. Following the government announcement on Wednesday it is important that as parents we talk to our children about the guidance on social distancing. The key points to reinforce being to wash or sanitise hands regularly, staying 2m away from anyone they don't live with and if you can't make sure you're '1m plus' apart. The 'plus' means doing something else to limit possible exposure - like wearing a face covering. At Bosworth Academy students frequently sanitise their hands and wipe surfaces, and wear face masks on transport, in corridors, in communal spaces, and when they are outside if they do not keep 2m apart. As ever the vast majority of our students are showing real social responsibility and ensuring that we can all stay safe.



Over the last few months our school, along with Desford FC, have been working tirelessly with the Football Foundation and the FA to raise funding and sponsorship to install a full-size floodlit 3G football pitch. We are close to being able to send off our application, but will need to involve our community in some fundraising activities to reach our 'total'. If successful, this amazing state of the art facility will bring such a great benefit to our students for their physical education as well as being a great asset to our community. Our parent fundraising group will be sharing their ideas with you all soon.



As we approach the half-term holidays I'd like to remind you of our planned teacher training day on Friday 16th October. Students are not to attend school on that day. On that day our staff will be focusing on improving our 'hybrid learning' offer; to support our students having missed so many weeks last year, whilst also providing for any students who are having to self-isolate.

I'd like to conclude with a quote by the great **Maya Angelou**, taken from our student assembly, **'The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are'**. Our history and our diversity at Bosworth is a great strength, which we should all make time to celebrate.

Have a great weekend, and stay safe.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

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



Covid-19 Tests

Public Health England has produced a [letter for schools and colleges to share with parents](#) which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are.

The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing. As always get in touch with us at school if you need to discuss illness, either by telephone or email; attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

A cold, flu or coronavirus - which one do I have?

A blocked or runny nose, a sore throat and a cough are common, especially in the winter. But how do you know if you have coronavirus? Check your symptoms in this [BBC video](#).

Dedicated School Transport/Public Transport

As we approach half term just a quick message to update the school bus situation. Firstly, thank you to our students and parents who have made dedicated school transport feel safe. Following our expectations is critical in making this work. Secondly, I just want to emphasise the point about sitting in the same seat where possible. This week, the government has reissued guidelines and highlighted this as key in continuing to keep students safe. So, could I ask parents to reiterate this point of sitting in the same seat to and from school. Please also remind them to remain socially distanced when waiting at the bus stop.

For those students who travel on the S153, I now have a direct contact with the operations manager at Arriva for this area, so please filter any concerns to me. I have been aware of recent issues and have been working with Arriva to resolve these.

Mr. White, Deputy Head

Sunflower Competition! (Yr7 & 8)

Now that summer is over it's time to measure your sunflowers! Mine finally flowered this week! The categories are as follows:

- Tallest sunflower
- Biggest flower
- Strangest place to grow a sunflower
- Best staff sunflower

Please take a photo of your sunflower and email it to Miss Boyall, eboyall@bosworthacademy.org.uk with the category/categories you would like to enter and prizes (amazon vouchers) will be announced 16.10.20. All photos must be sent to me by 09.10.20 to be entered! Can't wait to see what you've grown!

Miss Boyall, Science Leader

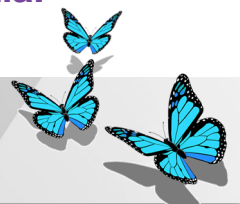


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Black History Month/Black Lives Matter

This week, students and colleagues have launched a wide range of activities and events to celebrate the iconic Black people who have helped shape our society. The assembly in particular is an excellent resource which will help our school community begin to understand the importance of celebrating diversity in our community. From next week, we will be selling BLM and Anti-Racist badges; students will be able to purchase these through their tutors. Information to follow.

As part of the celebration, we are encouraging students to engage with this competition, as well as researching a Black Icon in their tutor group. <https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html>

Mr. White, Deputy Head



Year Seven Rewards

We were able to trial our first socially distanced assembly in Key Stage Three this week. Year Seven had a Bosworth Expectations/Rewards presentation, three tutor groups at a time in the main hall. It was lovely to see all of our Year Seven students looking smart in their Bosworth purple jumpers and uniform.

The Year Seven rewards show that 7JAL has taken an early lead with 413 reward points, followed by 7EBU with 317 and then 7RGR with 312. At the moment in the house competition Malala are ahead with 750 reward points. The three students with the most house points so far will be rewarded with high street vouchers.

Covid-19 and Staying Safe

Parents and carers must **carefully follow procedures around COVID-19.**

If your **child develops coronavirus symptoms** in school we will contact parents so you can immediately pick them up. **You must get your child tested as soon as possible and inform us of a positive result.**

This allows us to begin our own track and trace system in school to identify close contacts.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 however mild, you must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. Go to [testing](#) website link to arrange a test. **You must not send children in your household to school** - please call the school to inform us. Members of the household are required to self-isolate for 14 days unless a negative test result is received and then you can end isolation. Contact

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk with any queries.

Please follow this advice - it is vital to ensure that we keep our communities safe and avoid school having to send home many students to self-isolate for 14 days if they have been in close contact with someone who has a positive test result.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher



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Uniform Reminder

As the weather begins to change and the days become colder it is important that students are coming to school with suitable coats. No student should be wearing a hoodie in school, but it is even more important as we approach winter. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform. The details of uniform can be found on our [website](#), but just to remind you of our expectations as regards uniform:

Key Stage Three Uniform

- **Trousers** – must be mid grey in colour (definitely not charcoal grey or black) and formal style
- **Skirts** – must be mid grey in colour (definitely not charcoal grey or black) and pleated, formal style
- **Shirts** – must be formal shirts with a collar and top buttons must be done up at all times
- **Ties** – must be worn at all times
- **Shoes** – must be completely black, polishable or patent leather type material, definitely no trainers or canvas shoes
- **Socks / tights** – must be black, grey or white. Knee socks are permitted with skirts but should definitely not come higher than just below the knee
- Laureates Logo **purple jumper**
- Laureates Logo **PE kit**

Key Stage Four Uniform

- **Blazer** - Grey Blazer with green piping and Bosworth Academy badge
- **Jumper** - Grey jumper with V neck and Bosworth Academy badge
- **Tie** - Bosworth Academy tie. Proper tie rather than clip-on
- **Trousers** - Grey tailored trousers
- **Skirt** - Grey knee length skirt.
- **Shirt** - Plain white shirt (short or long sleeved) tucked into trousers or skirt, top button fastened to take a tie.
- **Tights** - plain or flesh coloured
- **Shoes** - plain black shoes
- **Outdoor Coat** - Outdoor coats should be worn in addition to and not instead of a blazer. Outdoor coats are not to be worn in the building. Hoodies are not permitted.



- **Head Coverings** - Head coverings for religious reasons must be plain black or white only.
- **Bags** - Bags must be suitable for carrying A4 books or folders.
- **Lanyards** - Lanyards must be worn at all times for safeguarding purposes.
- **Make Up/Jewellery** - No excessive makeup or jewellery is to be worn. Acrylic nails are not permitted and any earrings should be discreet. No facial piercings or ear stretchers are allowed (other than a small, single discreet nose stud). All jewellery must be removed for PE.
- **Hair** - No excessive colouring of hair is permitted. The school reserves the right to decide on the suitability of any colouring.

Post 16 Dress Code

- Students should be clean and well presented (no ripped jeans)
- Shorts may be worn but must be mid-thigh length or longer
- Cleavage should not be visible
- Baggy jogging bottoms are not permitted
- No extreme hairstyles or colours
- Underwear should not be visible
- No offensive slogans
- Sandals may be worn (not flip flops) – restrictions apply in some curriculum areas
- Clear studs/retainers must be worn in facial piercings
- Top which are low cut and/or revealing, including midriffs should not be worn
- Items of clothing that are designed to conceal identity are not permitted in school at any time. (An example of this type of clothing includes Jackets with hoods that include goggles)
- Girls skirts should be mid thigh length or longer
- Hats, caps and hoods should not be worn inside the building

If there are any questions relating to uniform or if we can provide any support or assistance relating to any uniform matter please contact the relevant Year Head, who will be happy to assist you.

Mr. Moore, Assistant Head of School

Our wonderful librarian!

I have started teaching English again this term (after many years teaching Media Studies instead) and I have been really impressed by the excellent support our librarian Mrs Griffiths gives our students. She teaches them how to use a library (the Compass), encourages every student to take out a book and then checks they have all read it and reviewed it in their reading records within a fortnight. At the moment she is teaching my class how to use the on-line catalogue and complete the book quizzes. There is even a personalised electronic profile of every student which establishes their reading levels! She is always cheerful and friendly and informative and she encourages all the students to read more through competitions, sticker charts and prizes. No English teacher could ask for more!

Mr Claricoates, Head of Teaching and Learning



Young Minds "Hello Yellow" Day- Friday 9 October

On Friday 9 October, Bosworth Academy will be supporting Young Minds "Hello Yellow" Day. On this day, students and staff will be invited to **wear an item of yellow** along with their usual school uniform for a £1 donation to Young Minds. In tutor time we will be reflecting on our mental health and sharing strategies that we each use when we find things a bit tough, as well as additional #helloyellow kindness challenges and the opportunity to thank staff and students around us that make our lives a bit brighter with SHOUTOUT cards.

Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Head of School



Joke of the Week

What do you get when you drop a piano down a mine shaft?

A flat minor.



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