



BOSWORTH ACADEMY
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

Welcome

I would like to thank all students, staff and parents/carers for all of your amazing support through what has been such a challenging term. Everyone has truly worked together as a community to ensure we stay safe during these difficult times. Attendance has remained high, at over 95%, above normal national averages, which is supporting students in getting back into good learning routines. Students at home isolating have also engaged well with remote learning. A recently published report analysed the data on the health and wellbeing of children and young people's experiences during the coronavirus outbreak. This report suggests that returning to schools is likely to be playing a vital role in improving the mental wellbeing of many pupils by easing some of the main worries identified in the research: time off from education, being isolated from friends, fewer opportunities to be more physically active and access to pastoral support.

Last Friday we promoted #HelloYellow Young Minds Awareness Day. Students and staff wore items of yellow clothing to promote and support young people's mental health, raising money for this charity. Mentally Healthy Schools have created a [toolkit of resources](#) that focus on inclusivity and celebrating our differences. The resources in this toolkit are designed to help schools support pupils who may need more help with their mental health and celebrate the unique and different qualities that each child brings to our school community. You may find these resources useful and want to discuss them with your child.



In assemblies this week we have focused on the importance of our Six Global Competencies, the 6Cs. These describe the skills and attributes needed for learners to flourish as citizens of the world. In our definition, Deep Learning is the process of acquiring these six Competencies: Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking. When learners are immersed in the 6Cs, they learn more than content, and this learning contributes to their own futures and often to the betterment of their communities and beyond. Students are working towards our 6C colours to achieve recognition and are rewarded with 6C lapel badges at different levels. See the section later by Mr. Moore for more information.

With the new three tier system of Covid-19 restrictions now in place in England it is vital that we all continue to follow good hygiene procedures as well as our risk mitigation plans in school. Over half-term it will be important to remind children to continue to stay safe whilst out with friends, adhering to the 'rule of six' maintaining 2m social distance whenever they can and using other precautions like wearing a face mask. Please remind them of the quote by C.S. Lewis, **"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching"**. Here is a nice video that serves as a good reminder of [Hands Face Space](#).



Finally, I hope you all have a well-deserved half-term break. Enjoy time as a family and we'll hope to see everyone back on Monday 26th October.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

The greater the storm,
the brighter the rainbow!



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Open Evening 2020

On Wednesday 14th October, Bosworth Academy hosted its first ever Virtual 'live' Open Evening Event. Parents and students were able to ask questions and learn about the ethos and values of the school. Parents of Year 6 parents will need to make their decision about applying for Secondary school places by the 31st October. The links below, which include a recording of the event, our new promotional video and subject information pages, will help parents and students make the decision regarding the next step!

<http://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/virtual-open-evening-14th-october-2020/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BosworthAcademy>

Ben White, Deputy Head of School

Sad News

On Thursday, all tutor groups paid their respects to Oliver Wright, one of our much loved Year 12 students who sadly passed away last week. Oliver was a wonderful young man, with a unique personality, well liked and respected by everyone who knew him and a keen, talented cricketer. His teachers considered Oliver to be a pleasure to teach and he was excelling in his new A levels. In the coming weeks we will be talking to Oliver's family and close friends to determine how best to remember him and celebrate his life.



I would encourage you to talk to your own child if they were affected by this sad news. It is important to listen to your child when they are ready to talk to acknowledge, validate and sensitively try and normalise their feelings of grief. We cannot take away their sadness but can support them through this over the next few weeks and months. Please get in touch with us if you need any further support. Those we love can never be more than a thought away; for as long as there's a memory, they live on in our hearts. Oliver will be remembered.

Mr. Brown and all of the Bosworth Academy community.

Black History Month

During the first couple of weeks of October, tutor groups and teachers have been celebrating the Black icons that have shaped the world we live in today. Some faculties have incorporated activities into every day lessons to celebrate Black History. There have also been some amazing presentations/assemblies developed for tutors to share with students. One of these presentations talked about the importance of Black Lives Matter and why this notion is so critical for young people to understand. In the last week of term we have been selling BLM badges. Already the school has sold over 100 of these. When we return after half term we will be exploring the research each tutor group has undertaken and ensuring that the celebration of diversity continues beyond October.

Ben White, Deputy Head of School

Parking

Once more I would like to ask parents picking up students from school in cars at the end of the day to respect our local residents. Car pick-ups should take place safely via entry from the top gate queuing in the fifth bus lane. As has been stated before, if you aim to arrive at 3.20am all buses will have left and students can be picked up extremely quickly with no waiting.

We are working with the local police force to ensure that the roads around our school remain safe for all children travelling home from school.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

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Reward Points and Houses

Our students have had a very successful half term, collecting lots of reward points. In total students have been given over 13,000 reward points in this half term. A number of students are already reaching our Bronze level and are on their way to achieving the Silver level.

Leading the way in terms of rewards are our Year Seven, followed closely by Year Eight. Competition in Key Stage Four is much tighter with all three years very close together in points totals. In Key Stage Five our new Year Twelve students have settled really well and have a strong lead over Year Thirteen.

The reward points students are given all contribute to the total for their house. At present in our house competition Obama is leading the way with 3853 reward points, followed closely by Malala on 3634. Winter House has 3500 reward points and Curie 2689.

In the next half term we will begin our house competitions where students can compete for their house to gain reward points and prizes.

Mr. Moore, Head of Laureates



Exam Date Changes

You may have heard on Monday that the government has made some changes to the exam dates for this summer. This is to give students more time to prepare and help them make up for the disruption caused by the pandemic.

Most exams will now be three weeks later than usual. The summer exam series will now start on 7th June and end on 2nd July for almost all AS, A Level and GCSE subjects.

One GCSE English paper and one Maths paper will be scheduled before the summer half term in May.

JCQ will shortly be consulting on a provisional version of this timetable and once this is finalised we will share this directly with you.

Results days

Results days will also be slightly later than usual.

- Tuesday 24th August for AS and A level
- Friday 27th August for GCSE

We will keep both parents and students updated about these changes in forthcoming newsletters and the website.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Head

Joke of the Week

**How many times
can you subtract
10 from 100?**

**Once. The next
time you would be
subtracting 10 from 90.**

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Year 7 and 8 Parents

Support Your Child's Reading



AcceleratedTM
Reader

Our Year 7 and 8 students are now set up with the amazing Accelerated Reader programme. You should have received your letter (via your child's bag!) detailing how the programme works, and how you can support your child in using it.

How does the programme work?

Your child has taken a 'Star Reader' test to determine their current reading level, and to find out which books are suitable for them. Recommended Accelerated Reader books will push students beyond their reading age, and help them make the progress which will be vital for accessing GCSE exam papers later on. Once they have finished a book, students log onto the AR database of over 31,000 book quizzes and complete the relevant one. These regular quizzes determine a student's reading progress and provide instant feedback.

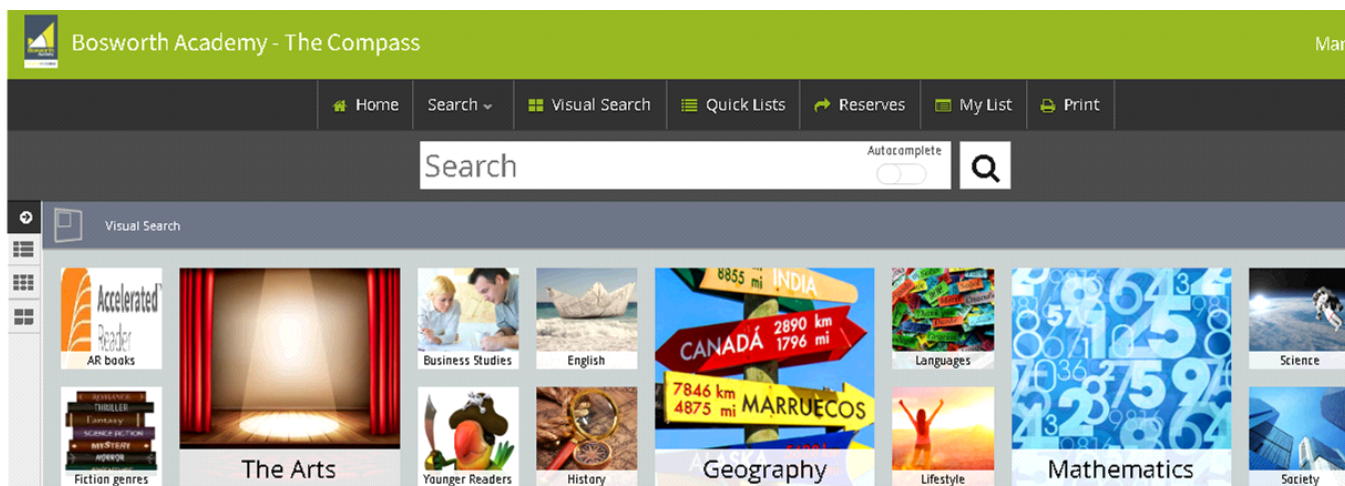
How can you support your child's reading?

Research shows that students need to read at least 20 mins a day to make significant progress. Ideally, your child should aim to read at least a book a fortnight. To help them establish this routine, your child has been issued with a reading record booklet, checked fortnightly by English teachers, where we would ask you to sign to show that they are reading the required amount. It would be absolutely fantastic if you can help your child to find a regular time for reading each day, if you can talk to your child about their current book, and best of all, listen to them read!

Access to thousands of free books!

In addition to our wonderful library (The Compass), Bosworth Academy provides an online library system found under 'The Compass' heading on the Bosworth cloud homepage. As well as reserving actual books here, students can download E books. Click on 'Accessit', to find inspiring book information, and then click on 'Visual Search' to find a link to all the Accelerated Reader books in our library. Lastly, for even more choice, please encourage your son/daughter to join your local library which is Leicestershire Public Libraries, Leicester City Public Libraries, or both.

Thanks for your support, from The Literacy Team Ms Masih, Mrs. Blewitt, Mrs. Starr



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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

If your **son/daughter has Covid symptoms these rules must be followed:**

- They must **NOT** come into school
- You must **contact the school and inform us of their illness.**
- You must **organise a test immediately**
- You must **inform the school of the result of the test**

If a member of your household has Covid symptoms these rules must be followed:

- Everyone who lives in the house must **self isolate immediately so your son/daughter must not come into school**
- The person should **book a test immediately**
- If the test is **negative** your son/daughter may come back to school
- If the test is **positive** all members of the household must spend 14 days in self isolation.



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