

Welcome

This week we saw an end to the second set of national restrictions, though our region remains in the highest tier 3 to ensure we reduce transmission of coronavirus. It is vital as a school and wider community we continue to follow the guidance, ultimately we wish to keep our children safe in school and avoid having to isolate close contacts. I welcome the great news that our world leading scientists have created a vaccine, though we must not get complacent in our mitigating risk measures. It will take many months before we can return to normal. Please reinforce with your child the importance of continuing to wear a face mask, wash hands frequently and to socially distance particularly.

As we approach Christmas, engaging learning continues, and will do as ever at Bosworth Academy, right up to and including the final day of term, Friday 18th December. During these next two weeks I urge you to monitor your child's health and your own. If you believe they have symptoms of coronavirus or other illness then please be cautious and book a test. Our experience over the last two weeks is that testing sites in Leicestershire are issuing results within 24 hours which is helpful to all of us. If we can avoid cases in school that will benefit our whole community in the run up to Christmas.

This week we began our Trial (Mock) Exams for students in exam years 11, 12 and 13. We have been impressed by students' approach and attitudes to these examinations, revising well in advance and following our new safe guidelines brilliantly. Student conduct has remained exceptional so I commend all involved. Expect a 'mock' results day to be held in January and results shared with parents. This week we 'finally' welcomed news of a decision about summer exams for 2020/21 from the Secretary of State for Education. Though we won't receive the detail until January, we welcome further news about the structure of exams and how more flexibility may reflect the needs of different cohorts who will have missed different amounts of teaching. There will be no perfect solution I am certain. I will update parents further in January on the examination situation.

Today our children and families showed true compassion towards Leicestershire's most vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Boxes and boxes of food and toiletries were shared with the charity 'Open Hands' ready for them to distribute over the Christmas period. A huge well done to all involved and To Mrs. Boyce for organising our efforts.



Attendance in school continues to be high, with 96% of children in school, which is higher than the normal national average. This genuinely reflects the huge efforts made by our staff, our students and you as parents and carers in supporting one another during this challenging period. There continues to be a real focus on providing engaging lessons for our students and we have planned a series of covid-safe Christmas activities. I would welcome any parents who would like to thank any staff members for their support during this time by emailing their message to us like we did in the summer term.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr. Brown, Headteacher

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



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 who I'm sure will be delighted to receive them.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

Winter is Coming

As we enter the colder months, students are going to want to keep warm. Can I please remind parents that HOODIES are not to be worn. We have seen a growing number of students wearing hoodies underneath their Blazer, this is not school uniform. If you click on the link [here](#) you will see the school jumpers we have on offer. These jumpers are of excellent quality and will support students in keeping warm. In addition to this, we also encourage students to wear outdoor jackets, which can be worn over the Blazer or the jumper (in the Laureates). Many thanks for your support with this, but hoodies under the blazer are just not in keeping with the school uniform.

Ben White, Deputy Head



3G Artificial Pitch News

Help us to reach our goal with the First Student Fundraising Event

Wear A Sports Shirt/Sporty Top Day

On **Friday 18 December** students may choose to come to school in a Sports shirt, Sporty top or Sports Club hoody to help to raise funds towards the 3G pitch.

This event has £4£ matching up to the first £1,000 raised. This means that for every £1 that you donate, £2 is raised for the pitch.

This is not a non-school uniform day and so students would be expected to wear their school uniform with the only exception being they can wear a sporty top rather than their shirt/blouse and tie and jumper or blazer.

Existing rules on shoes, jewellery, and clothing suitable for school must be followed and school lanyards must be worn.

Students will be asked to contribute a minimum of £1 towards our goal.

How to donate to this event

Payments can be made via your child's sQuid account.

Click [Here](#) to log into your sQuid account

Click on the Offers available in the Trips and Offers purse

Add the Kick off the Fundraising and Pitch In to your basket

Click on Change Amount and enter your donation amount (minimum £1) and then save and checkout.

Alternatively, a donation can be placed in a collection tin in the students' tutor room on the day.

We hope to raise as much as we can through fundraising events at the Academy, but we also have a Just Giving fundraising page. If you have not already donated and would like to, please use the link below.

[JustGiving Page](#)

Thank you

Friends of Bosworth Academy



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



MOVEMBER®

During November around 20 members of staff and students took part in Movember working together with the aim of raising £500 as #TeamBosworth. Encouraging young people to openly talk about and address important health issues is key to our values at Bosworth Academy. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men. Some staff grew moustaches throughout the month and others 'Moved for Movember' by completing 60 km across the month to raise awareness of the 60 males who take their own life across the globe each hour. We are thrilled that our school community smashed our early £500 target and it is incredible that we have now raised £12,170. One of our year 12 students, Samuel Wright, has raised an incredible £8396 as he aimed to run 100 miles in November. This incredible achievement has truly shone a light on working towards a world where all boys and men take action to be mentally well, and are supported by those around them.

L to R - Jack Stapley, Ben White, Zak Wilkins, Andy Dolinski, Emma Pye, Steve Hall, Sam Hall, David Mowbray, Liam Grest, Becky Harbour, Dave Claricoates, Simon Brown, Luke Hodgson, William Hollier



Not in the picture but other fundraisers were: Samuel Wright, Gary Fox, Neely Gale, Will Malsbury, Phil Gough, Will Hollier, Luca Michalowski, Susan O'Dea, Igor Mirković



Congratulations to **7JAL** for the top performing tutor group in Bedrock learning for November and Mrs Cooper's Year 8 group **8FS/En** for progress. A number of students have shown strong progress and attainment in November which is fantastic! Here are the results:

Progress: Roman Pearson, Taylor Jordon (Year 8) Callum McHugh, Ted Harrison (Year 7), and Ekam Kaur (Year 9)

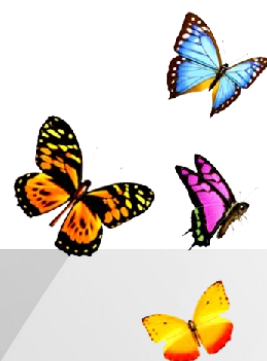
Top performers: Amelia Mysliwiec and Tanvi Vijay (Year 7) Aaron Blaney (Year 8) Stefan Vickers and Leyton Walker (Year 9)

Warner Brothers Film Making Lesson

On Tuesday 8th December our Year Seven and Eight students will experience a virtual lesson from Warner Brothers Studios. They will get to learn about the filmmaking process and will see behind the scenes at a big Hollywood studio and explore the stages in the making of a film.

Students will then use this work as a stimulus for their English learning.

Mr R Moore
Head of Laureates



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Christmas Cheer and End of Term Arrangements

To ensure we sprinkle some festive cheer around the school in these challenging times, there will be a number of activities throughout the last couple of weeks. These include:

- Harry Potter Experience (Year 7 and 8)
- Christmas 'up' your uniform (Tinsel, Baubles)
- Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 15th December - £2:35
- A visit from Santa for amazing classes!
- A Christmas 'Welcome' on the last day!
- Year 7 Santa Run (Monday 14th December)

Finer details to follow so keep an eye out for festive updates.

On the last day individual tutor groups will organise plans for the final lesson. The timings for the day will be:

Friday 18th December 2020

Tutor Time - Normal

Lesson 1 - Normal

Lesson 2 - Normal

Lesson 3 - Tutor Intervention

Buses to arrive at 11:55 for a festive farewell at 12:15

Please Note - The kitchen will not be serving any food on the last day of term. Your child may bring a snack or drink for their Period 3 tutor lesson.

Ben White, Deputy Head



Weekend Covid Results

If during the weekend your child receives a positive test result for Covid-19 then it is vital that you contact us via our email; attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk . I thank you for your support with this.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

Covid-19 and Staying Safe

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

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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