

Welcome

After what has been quite an incredible term in so many ways we have finally reached the last week of term. The school, our staff, our students and you as parents and carers have needed to adapt to covid-safe behaviours and routines in so many new ways. I'd like to thank you all for your incredible support, and our students have been simply amazing! Far too often young people get a bad name.

This week I met with County Council members and Regional Public Health Staff and was able to proudly share how the vast majority of our young people continue to follow our safe procedures; wearing face masks, following one way systems, sanitising hands and wiping desks, and much more, to ensure that they minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus. They have been pleased to see everything that we are doing to keep our community safe. It is vital that our students continue to follow steps to stay safe over the Christmas period. We have now rescheduled our arrangements for the final week of term following the announcement from the Department for Education and our decision to finish the term on Thursday 17th December at 3pm. School buses will leave as normal at 3.15pm that day, if you are intending to pick up children in a car then please avoid this busy time by arriving at 3.20pm. Our library, The Compass and Oaks Study Area (for Sixth Form) is always open to students at that time after school. Students who receive free school meals can collect a 'grab bag' at the end of the day on Thursday for Friday from the canteen. The voucher scheme begins on Monday 21st December so parents should watch out for an email for details.

Christmas Lunch will remain on Tuesday 15th December and the 'Wear a Sports Shirt/Sporty Top' day has moved to Thursday 17th December to raise funds towards our 3G pitch. (Please note this is not a non-uniform day) with details later in this newsletter. I am looking forward to our Headteacher Reward Brunches planned for Year 9 and 11 students to recognise those students who are consistently meeting our very high expectations throughout the term. Our Laureates' students thoroughly enjoyed their Virtual Harry Potter Day - though I still think they would have preferred to have been able to visit the studios!

Trial exams that were scheduled to take place on Friday have now been rearranged and students have all been informed. Student conduct in these important examinations has been exemplary and I would like to thank all of our year 11, 12 and 13 students for their continued support and efforts at this stage in the term. It will be good for them to be able to have a break from revision over Christmas. They eagerly await results which will be received in January just like the 'real' results day in the summer.

It remains vital that all children continue to attend school up to the last day of teaching on Thursday 17th December as we will continue to provide new learning up to the final lesson, including for the small number of students at the moment who are unfortunately having to self-isolate.



To conclude; we often tell our students when times get tough, it's important to power through to the end. Whether this be completing a difficult piece of work, finishing a long race, completing a challenging work project, or simply completing a long school term through a global pandemic. Let's endeavour to follow my old running coach's advice; **"Many will start fast, 'few' will finish strong."** Let's all be part of 'the few' next week!

Have a great weekend,
Mr. Brown, Headteacher

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



Local Authority Message

As COVID cases around parts of Leicestershire and particularly Blaby District continue to be high the Public Health Team is seeking support from schools in reaching parents and carers across the county. In Tier 3:

- Please continue to remind children to wear face masks on public transport and to socially distance.
- You must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any garden.
- They must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks

Important Reminder

As we shared back in September in our Risk Mitigation Plans, I am afraid parents are only allowed on site with an appointment. You will not be allowed into reception if you don't have an appointment. Please call the member of staff you need to see and we will look to arrange an appointment with safe measures put in place where we can.

Our first Virtual Parents' Evening was successful and there are more opportunities in the coming term to discuss your child's progress with staff. Look out for further details in January.

14 to 10 days for close contacts

Today the UK Chief Medical Officer announced that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened across the UK from Monday. This afternoon we have responded quickly to alert parents who have children isolating to inform them of the earlier return date to school. If you have any queries then please email us at: attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mr. Brown,
Headteacher



Christmas support for students and parents/carers

Difficult feelings about Christmas during coronavirus?

Many of us may find Christmas difficult this year, for lots of different reasons.

It might be that you usually enjoy the festive period, but you're worried about how coronavirus will affect things. Or you may have found Christmas tough in the past. This year might feel no different, or it may still feel harder than previous years. See this link to [mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-coronavirus/) for some advice on looking after your wellbeing during the festive period.

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Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Headteacher

Head of School Brunch for Years 9 & 11

Students in year 9 & year 11, with the top 50 Character for Learning scores in their most recent tracking, will be invited to a Head of School brunch next week in the canteen.

Monday - y9 Head of School brunch 8.30-9am for 25 students

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Wednesday - y11 Head of School brunch 8.30-9am for 25 students

Thursday - y11 Head of School brunch 8.30-9am for 25 students

Congratulations to all of those students who continue to work hard and regularly do the right thing to ensure we remain focused on learning and helping us all be the best we can be. We will be celebrating the fantastic achievements, efforts and resilience in all years in our end of term Head of Year assemblies.

Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Headteacher



Working Remotely

Thank you to parents and teachers, and a big WELL DONE to isolating students for keeping up with home learning whilst working remotely. We know that there were distractions - younger siblings, television and home cooked lunches - but the vast majority of students were able to return to school feeling up to date and ready to get back to lessons. Well done!

Remember for those of you who need to catch up with work missed, The Compass is open every evening (Mon-Thurs) and everyone is welcome.

Mrs. O'Malley, Associate Senior Leader

3G Pitch Fundraising Event

Wear A Sports Shirt/Sporty Top Day

On **Thursday 17th 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.

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

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

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



Henrichment

Henrichment is a valuable opportunity for some of our quieter students to relax and enjoy a more informal way of learning whilst employing their creative skills. This is also a chance for them to develop an understanding of other diversity and other cultures, whilst enhancing their literacy and oracy skills. Following a focus on Diwali we are now actively working on Christmas festivities. Keep up the great work!

Miss Sessions



Virtual author visit

Y9 students taking part in '9 for 9 reading challenge' had the pleasure of attending a virtual author talk by Savita Kalhan, the author of 'That Asian kid'. She told the students about getting into writing and her inspirations. Savita talked about writing 'That Asian kid' and also the other two published books she has - 'The long weekend' and 'The girl in the broken mirror'. All our students present for the talk really enjoyed it.

Mrs. Griffiths, Librarian



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Results of the Laureates Dino Competition

Our year 7 students were challenged to create a Bosworth Academy specific dinosaur - don't ask why, but possibly linked to our reptilian theme? Our winners were judged by Mr Brown and Mr Moore - the winners were:

Artistic creation first place: Arthur Lewis 7RGR
Artistic creation second place: Elisker Gardner 7SMC
Artistic creation Third place: Rebecca Knowles 7SMC

Best Name first place: Ollie Sharp 7SMC
Best Name Second place: Aryian Patel 7EPY
Best Name Third place: Parker Bailey 7SMC

Mr. Moore, Head of Laureates



Say 'Thankyou@'

Here is your opportunity to send a nice thank you email, 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 will share these messages with staff on the final day of term who I'm sure will be delighted to receive them.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

3G Artificial Pitch News

Generous donation to 3G pitch Fundraising campaign

This week we received a very generous donation to our 3G pitch fundraising campaign of £500 from the Over 50s (O.F.) Rugby Club, the first community users of our Dome facility when it opened 10 years ago.

"If the facility gets young people outside and off their phones, I am all for it", Dave Manship, Committee Member, commented. The club meet weekly to play hybrid touch rugby and has enabled retired players and teachers to stay in contact and stay active, important both in terms of staying connected and enjoying being physical. We hope the 3G pitch will provide similar opportunities and supports the O.F. Rugby Club to continue to bring this community together through sport.

I would like to thank the Club for its generosity and wish the Club continued prosperity in the years to come on behalf of everyone involved with Bosworth Academy. It is fantastic to see long standing connected members of our community looking to support our young people and wider community.

We hope to raise as much as we can through fundraising events at Bosworth 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](#)

Mr. Brown, Headteacher



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

School Track and Trace over Christmas

To keep our community safe is important that all parents follow the guidance below from the end of term on Thursday 17th December;

- If your child has coronavirus symptoms (or similar) you should book a test immediately. Test centres are frequently turning around results within 24 hours.
- If symptoms began within 48 hours of 4pm on Thursday 17th December and a positive test result is received then you MUST contact our specific email address; attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk to alert us quickly. This is because your child may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Bosworth Academy leaders will then track and trace close contacts from lessons, exams, and school buses and inform parents by email/Weduc if their child needs to self-isolate.
- Parents must inform NHS Track and Trace of social contacts.
- Parents DO NOT need to inform the school of any cases where symptoms began outside of the first 48 hrs as they will not have been infectious whilst in school.
- If your child tests positive during the rest of the Christmas break you do not need to inform us until the first day of term.

By following the guidance above it will ensure that we can give families as much notice as possible over the Christmas period if plans need to be altered because of children or staff needing to self-isolate.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

Uniform January 2021

Last week I sent out a message regarding hooded tops and this is a further reminder of our expectations for uniform in 2021. The uniform policy is summarised below. **We will be talking to students this term and reiterating the importance of following the rules on this.**

After Christmas please be aware that these expectations must be adhered to. In the cold weather of January/February we want all students to wear coats on the way to and from school. Hooded tops are not an acceptable substitute and have never been allowed in school. Teachers will ventilate classrooms more this winter than usual to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission. We have turned our thermostats up, though the temperature of classrooms does vary. Because of this in the cold weather students should wear a branded school jumper, which is of fantastic quality and be purchased online from our Uniform retailer, Price and Buckland, under their blazers, **but they should not be wearing hoodies or branded clothing.** They may wear plain white T-shirts/thermals under their white shirt if they are still feeling cold.

Teachers will use their discretion and be the judge of whether a student may put on a coat during a lesson. For example, a student who is wearing their school sweater and sitting close to the window who is cold may be allowed by the teacher to keep their coat on. It is important that they do not have hoods up if this permission is granted. In some classrooms such as ADT/ Science coats may not ever be worn because of health and safety risks during practicals.

Students should be wearing grey skirts or trousers - they should not be wearing leggings. Footwear should be black trainers or black shoes. Students are allowed one pair of discrete earrings and a discrete stud in the nose and there should be no false nails. The lanyard and identity card are vital parts of the uniform and should be worn at all times. On PE days students may wear their PE kit only if they have PE period 1. After which they must change into their full school uniform. All other students must bring their PE kit with them and change for the lesson.

Mr. White, Deputy Head



Trial Exams

A huge well done to all students who have sat their trial exams in the last two weeks and now there's just one more week to go! It has been clear that students have been well prepared for these and we are proud of the mature approach to these from all year 11, 12 and 13 students.

Next week's exam schedule has changed slightly due to the school now being closed on Friday (in response to the Government's advice). Please ensure your child has checked this revised timetable which has been emailed to all students today.

For students who have missed trial exams due to having to isolate, there will be a catch up week which will begin on Monday 11th January.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Head

November 2020 is done and dusted!

Today, Mr. Grest and I received a wonderful message from the charity Movember.com. The leaderboards closed at the end of November, and that means **the results from Movember.uk are in... Congratulations, Bosworth Academy are officially the third highest fundraisers in the UK Schools Challenge!** Raising £12,363, through your awesome activities and efforts, is an absolutely incredible achievement, you should be extremely proud.

One of our year 12 students Samuel Wright placed an incredible 14th in the UK wide leaderboard raising an astounding £8509. That is simply amazing! In a year where men needed it most, #TeamBosworth were crucial in helping to raise vital awareness and funds for men's health. Thank you so much.

An official thank you will be coming our way shortly. Well done to all staff, students and community members who engaged in our efforts and of course to all of you who donated.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Grest

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 10 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 10 days if they have been in close contact with someone who has a positive test result.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher



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