

#### Welcome

22nd January 2021 I was delighted to see that so many parents and carers had completed our online feedback form about remote learning last week. Over 330 of you shared your thoughts about the provision that we have put in place for our students during this national lockdown. We also received responses from our students via a feedback questionnaire with nearly 400 offering

Yes

No

their thoughts.

On the whole, do you think the amount

of work set during live lessons is right?

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students Van Godh

Great things

This wealth of feedback has allowed us to respond and improve our remote online provision as we aim to ensure

that our students are not disadvantaged through this challenging period. With the many 'live' (synchronous) lessons or interactions we have in place we are maintaining strong student engagement,

motivation and are seeing good learning outcomes. This is vital as we are continuing to follow a curriculum covering important knowledge and concepts that our children need to know.

After just two weeks following the initial model, we have been learning what is an effective remote provision. We are expected by the

Department for Education to provide at 5 hours of learning at secondary level. We do this at Bosworth Academy. By shortening our 1 hour lessons now to 55 minutes it enables students and teachers to have a short break between lessons. We have included a slightly shorter period 3 of 50 minutes to now allow for a 35 minute break and 40 minute lunch break. This maintains our easy to remember lesson start times and our 3 pm finish to the day. Teachers are building into their planning independent learning which at times will promote students moving away from their iPad/laptop screens to engage in other activities. It can never be like being back in the classroom but we are doing our best to ensure our provision is of the highest quality.

#### Revised timings of the day

Tutor time: 8:40 - 8.55 am Period 1: 9 to 9.55 am Period 2: 10 to 10.55 am Break 10.55 to 11.30 am Period 3: 11:30 to 12.20 pm 12:20 to 1pm Lunch Period 4: 1 to 1.55 pm

Period 5: 2 to 3 pm As you will have seen in the news, with the announcement about exams being 'cancelled' there is now a consultation about how grades will be determined this year. Parents and students may also share their views by accessing the consultation via this link. Please read on for Miss Baxter's article about this.

On occasion next week, teachers will provide asynchronous lessons where resources or teaching videos are provided in the google classroom for students

to work on independently. This enables our curriculum leaders to continue to support the professional learning of our teaching staff as we aim to share effective 'live' practice to further

improve our teaching, whilst providing further variety for students.



I wish to thank parents for your positive, lovely comments and offers of support that so many of you provided. It is so nice to be able to share your kind words with our

fantastic staff, as it means so much to them as we look to get this new way of teaching and learning just right. It reminds me of the Goldilocks Enigma. Though our idea being that remote lessons are 'just right' for learning, like the porridge in the fairy tale!

Take care and stay in touch if you need us,

Mr. Brown, Headteacher





#### 3G Artificial Pitch News

The first Student Fundraiser Event "Wear a sports top day" held on Thursday 17th December 2020, raised £618.50. This amount is being matched £4£, bringing the total amount raised from this event to £1237.00.



The total raised so far...including the amount raised on the justgiving site, means The Friends of Bosworth Academy, have so far achieved 44% of the £5,000 total, they are trying to raise towards the 3G Pitch.

We would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations so far. If you have not already donated and would like to, please use the link below. **DONATE HERE** 

Friends of Bosworth Academy

# Holocaust Memorial Day "Be the light in the darkness"

On Wednesday 25th January 2021, the nation remembers the atrocities of genocide events from the past. It is about learning from genocide for a better future. Next week I will be delivering an assembly that outlines how we can learn from these events and be the light in the darkness in everything we do. I will also share a link with students and staff that invites us to a ceremony. The UK Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 ceremony will be streamed online at 7pm. This will be the first fully digital ceremony. The ceremony will run from 7–8pm.

At 8pm, get ready to Light the Darkness with us. Households across the UK will be lighting candles and safely putting them in their windows to:

- remember those who were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

Light a candle and put it in your window at 8pm on 27 January 2021.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TRUST

Ben White, Deputy Head

#### Summer Exams Update

As you will have seen in the news, the government has cancelled GCSE and A level exams and is in the process of a consultation about how grades will be determined this year. The link to the consultation is <a href="here">here</a>: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021

It is looking highly likely that there will be mini assessments for students in each of their subjects; it is suggested that these should take place in May/ June to allow learning to continue. At the moment we do not know what these assessments will focus on and we hope this will be made clear to schools soon. The consultation also implies that a range of evidence will be used by teachers in forming the student's grade. Teachers at Bosworth Academy have been using a range of ways to assess students this year, this evidence ranges from formal trial exams to end of topic tests. For students who missed their trial exams, we hope for these to take place when students return to school, however, this is dependent on when this may be.

What this means for students is that:

- They should continue to put great effort into their remote learning to prepare them for what may be in their 'mini assessments in the summer.
- Exam boards may request evidence of students' work. This is nothing for students to worry about, they should follow teacher's guidance in lessons and complete the work set.
- Any scheduled trial exam resits will be communicated with parents and students in plenty of time for them to prepare.
- Trial exams grades will be sent out to parents next week. There will be gaps if a student is yet to sit the assessment.

Please do contact me or your Head of Year if you have any concerns or queries and we will continue to keep you updated.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Head of School



# Attendance/Engagement An update from the Local Authority

Since the start of the new academic year, Bosworth Academy has been working hard to implement effective remote education for students during this lockdown. Schools have a duty to provide online learning while government guidelines prevent attendance at school due to the transmission of Covid19. Although students aren't expected to attend school as normal at the moment, there is an expectation that remote learning is accessed everyday and as a school we have systems in place to check this. This gives teachers and students the opportunity to keep in touch and to make sure that all students are safe and well. If students are not accessing the education available to them the school will be contacting parents to discuss this further.

If, after reviewing our remote registers we have noticed that a student has not engaged with the remote learning set for him/her, we will be closely monitoring their attendance during the coming days and hope to see an improvement. If engagement doesn't improve, we will need to refer non-attendance to the Local Authority for them to consider further action. This is very much inline with the attendance process, when students are in school.

We do appreciate that some families will have issues with remote learning and would be grateful if this is the case, that you contact us so that we can work together to help in any way that we can.

Ben White, Deputy Head

#### Fun Stuff

The "Fun Stuff" ideas were well received during the first lockdown. Schoolwork is only part of a great education! It is important that we all keep active, get creative and flex that learning! We encourage students to also look after their well-being by engaging with some of the activities in the linked document. This document will be updated and added to regularly. Link for Fun Stuff is here.

Mrs. Koncarevic, Director of Learning

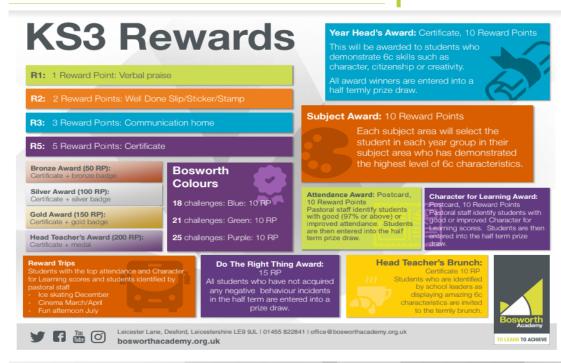
## Year 7 and 8 Rewards

It is testament to our outstanding students that since the start of this term they have been given nearly 2500 individual rewards for their great attitudes and behaviour. We have also rewarded many students for the high quality of their work and the adaptability they have shown in coping with online learning.

Whilst we are very pleased with the high number of students who have been rewarded we are constantly working to ensure all of our students are rewarded regularly. Staff will be taking every opportunity to reward students in the rest of this half term so make sure that

> you are doing the right thing and working to the best of your ability.

Mr R Moore, Head of Key Stage Three/ Assistant Head





# Beautiful Work prize winners

The vouchers, badges and certificates this week go to (drum roll):

Neeta (year 7) Enrichment work - Creativity
Thomas (year 7) English work - Character
Isla (year 7) Enrichment work - Collaboration
Isabella (year 7) Enrichment work - Collaboration
Harry (year 8) French work - Critical Thinking
Finley (year 10) Creative imedia work - Creativity
Sanna (year 10) Maths - Critical thinking

Euan (year 11) Media Studies work - Critical Thinking Katie (year 12) Maths work on integration - Critical Thinking

Evan (year 13) Media presentation - Communication https://sites.google.com/

bosworthacademy.org.uk/beautiful-work-gallery/home

Well done to all of you - the prizes are on their way. Everyone else - keep producing beautiful work for your teachers and I will select the best pieces every week.

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Head

## **Amazing Year 10s**

This week I asked teachers to nominate one student in year 10 for a reward and recognition for consistently having high levels of engagement with online lessons and/or producing outstanding work. I was amazed at the amount of nominations I received from teachers in all subject areas! So a huge well done to the following pupils:

Shayna Patel, Brandon Wallis, Lataya Crewe, Jamie Hobden, Trieve Taylor, Sandra Krawiec, Millie Tyson, Chloe Potter, Zarina Goodwin, Alex Opera, Lara Cooper, Awais Aslam, Kirsty Masakure, Kyle Jones, Morgan Lewis-Parkinson and Amber Haywood.

A special well done to **Bethany Hubbard, Sanna** Raikandalia, Jacob Dakin and Finley Martin who were nominated more than once by two different teachers!

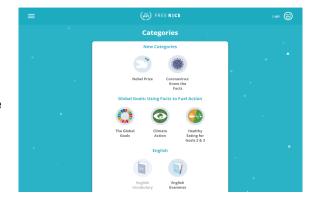
As a reward I will be sending postcards and hot chocolate sachets home in the post as a small token for your superb efforts during remote learning. Keep up the great work, you're all doing amazing!

Miss Clarke, co-Head of Year 10

## Colour's Challenges

Over the next few weeks we will be setting a number of Colour's Challenges for students to complete. The challenges will ensure that our students continue to develop those vital 6C skills while they are not in school.

Our first challenge focuses on the Citizenship area of the 6Cs. We are asking students to sign up for the free rice campaign that is being run by The United Nations World Food Programme which provides food to the world's hungry people.



The website has a wide range of educational games and challenges for students to complete and as they complete the challenges they earn grains of rice for the programme.

As you complete more and more challenges you can gain different badges and achievements. There is also a leaderboard and we will be rewarding our top students with their Citizenship Colour's badge. Our deadline for students to complete the challenges is Sunday 31st January.

You can sign up for the challenges at freerice.com.

Mr R Moore, Head of Key Stage Three/Assistant Head



## **English Superstars**



For	brilliant	effort	with	their	remot	е	learning	١.

Year	Student name/Teacher
7	Tanvi Vijay AMA Chloe Baker AMA Caleb Coleman AMA Alex Hoyler AMA Alex Woods JRI Lucy Joy Heatcote JRI Avreen Kaur (7LMI) JRI Jack Keatley JRI Jack Wright JRI Hanna Kropielnicka JRI Jasmine Dhami HBE Ifrah Zain-Butt HBE Roman Edwards HBE
8	Sienna Walsh-Mayo NSA Gerwyn Dominic NSA Jacob Harris MST Megan Grimwood MST Blanka Swislocka MST Mason Crewe MST Cole Harris MST Rhianna Ram JRI Molly Coldman (8AHE) JRI Koda Easingwood JRI Hermish Patel JRI Megan Wignall JRI Adam Garrett JRI Connie Francombe HBE Dylan Mistry HBE Isabella Marvin KBE
9	Casper Baxter, AMA Finlay Woodward AMA Lincoln Knight AMA Harry Collier NSA Sienna Morjaria KBE Ethan Carvell KBE Matthew Davison MST Matthew Davison NRO Euan Richardson SBL Kyle Prematalake SBL Marley Mintus SBL Georgia Johnson SBL Chloe Hucknall SBL Sam Clarke SBL Max Burns SBL Kinga Rzepecka SBL Khyan Ali NSA Ella McLoughlin JRI Luke Moxley JRI Oliver Pearce JRI Thomas Waterfield JRI Tom Gallagher AMA

Year	Student name/Teacher			
11	Grace Buxton, AMA Neely Gale MST Rowan McCarthy NSA Sophie Smithurst KBE Isabel Mintus SOM Ella Saldana SOM Jessica Scrimshire SOM Evie Lewis SOM Henry Johnson NSA Issy Goodman NSA Leila Deacon HBE Brandon Easingwood HBE Emily Smith HBE Riley Belcher JRI Mayella Rye Holland JRI Eleanor Essex Moore JRI Millie Mae Funnell JRI Leo Hobster JRI Paulina Zwolinska JRI Spencer Ball JRI Caitlin Watt AMA			
12	Jessica Maughan SBL Aimee Bown SBL Ella Mackay SBL Paige Wignall SBL			
13	Alice Edwards - SOM Lily Checklin - SOM Thomas Wells - SOM Eve Coope NRO			

#### English

Home learning Superstars in English;

Miley Graham MST Ryan Allen SBL Shaquille Cank SBL Georgia Johnson SBL Auguste Bagvilaite AMA
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Sam Adamson AMA Bailey Percy RDI Jasmine Remnant RDI
Jake Humphreys, AMA Abbie Papworth NSA Ben Bristlin RDI Aery Podgers SBL Ranveer Sanghera SBL Kevin Vivekross SBL
Neely Gale, AMA
Mikala Mort RDI Georgie Birch RDI
Lucy Cleverly SBL

## Tassamai Leaderboard





Rosie Barber HBE

These are the current top 10 Tassomai users at Bosworth Academy

Congratulations and keep up the amazing work

Remember to complete your daily Tassomai challenge at least four times a week.





## Year 9, 10 and 11 Success

Well done to all of these Key Stage 4 students who have fully engaged in all of their lessons since the start of lockdown 3.0. This means your teachers have told us that you have turned up to your google meetings and completed all work asked of you. We are blown away by how many of you are applying yourselves so brilliantly! Keep it up!

#### Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Head (KS4)

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		Bansee	10 HGO	Yshika	11 RPI
Auguste	9 LSH	Awais	10 SHL	Roshan	11 SMY
Abu	9 JRI	Elyas	10 CWL	Bella	11 KBY
Sienna	9 DMO	Fin	10 DCR	Carolina	11 SMY
Jiya	9 HBE	Dominic	10 SHL	Mollie	11 SMY
Alicia	9 RBA	Jack	10 CWL	Tia	11 JHI
Jack	9 LSH	Finlay	10 SHL	Caleb	11 JHI
Sharon	9 LSH	Lucy	10 EBO	Matt	11 SMY
Beth	9 SBL	Jacob	10 DCR	Nathan	11 VPA
Justin	9 RWA	Minah	10 DCR	Owen	11 RPI
Liliana	9 RBA	Ellouise	10 KME	Ruby	11 SMY
Evan	9 DMO	Ava	10 CWL	Grace	11 RPI
Charlie	9 SBL	Oliver	10 ACW	Amber	11 JHI
Tobi	9 DMO	Owen	10 CWL	Harvey	11 RPI
Ethan	9 RBA	Aryan	10 ACW	Zach	11 SKA
Rose	9 JRI	Zarina	10 ACW	Brandon	11 CBK
Harry	9 GDV	Lewis	10 HGO	Eleanor	11 KMI
Charlie	9 PMA	Amber	10 CWL	Caitlin	11 SKA
Alexandria	9 DMO	Liberty	10 MWI	Millie-Mae	11 CBK
Anisa	9 JRI	Seb	10 DCR	Neely	11 VPA
Amy	9 RBA	Bethany	10 EBO	Lucy	11 KMI
Finley	9 DMO	Jake	10 DCR	Issy	11 GGR
Aran	9 JRI	Ben	10 ACW	Ethan	11 GGR
Thomas	9 RBA	Kyle	10 ACW	Harry	11 KMI
Oliver	9 GDV	Sianna	10 MWI	Soumiya	11 KBY
Vincent	9 RBA	Jay	10 ACW	Henry	11 VPA
Gabbi	9 JRI	Jamie	10 LBE	Willow	11 KMI
Libby	9 PMA	Thabani	10 KME	Nicola	11 GGR
Harry	9 LSH	Freddie	10 DCR Kiya		11 SMY
Myah	9 GDV	Morgan	10 MWI	Sharanjit	11 RPI
Lizzy	9 RWA	Corey	10 MWI	Sarah	11 RPI
Lucy	9 RWA	Dec	10 HGO	Charlotte	11 SMY
Aman	9 HBE	Ruby	10 HGO	Erin	11 KMI
Ellie	9 GDV	Thiravian	10 HGO	Keelan	11 CBK
Jack	9 GDV	Finley	10 LBE	Pippa	11 RPI

Grace	9 GDV	Kirsty	10 KME	Daniel	11 GGR
Lily	9 PMA	Рорру	10 MWI	Kian	11 SKA
Alicia	9 GDV	Sienna	10 MWI	Sophie	11 VPA
Lentzy 9 RW		Abbie	10 MWI Joseph		11 RPI
Freya	9 PMA	Shaylan	10 KME	Isabel	11 VPA
Elliot	9 JRI	Shayna	10 DCR	Judith	11 KBY
Lewis	9 LSH	Billy	10 LBE	Cameron	11 KBY
Riam	9 PMA	Chloe	10 MWI	Enoch	11 KBY
Medha	9 RBA	Sanna	10 HGO	Emmanuel	11 JHI
Ebony	9 RWA	Honey	10 EBO	Isobel	11 JHI
Enya	9 PMA	Ava	10 LBE	Jacob	11 VPA
Nakhita	9 LSH	Jiya	10 EBO	Tanaya	11 GGR
Lois	9 RWA	Eleanor	10 MWI	Aleks	11 VPA
Riley	9 RBA	Tariro	10 ACW	Jayjay	11 KMI
Anushka	9 HBE	Pierre-Luis	10 HGO	Euan	11 SKA
Jake	9 DMO	Gagandeep	10 EBO	Olivia	11 VPA
Kyle	9 RWA	Grace	10 EBO	Macie	11 KBY
Aiden	9 RBA	Amelie	10 ACW	Mayella	11 GGR
Alise	9 GDV	Spencer	10 DCR	Rosie	11 SKA
Isabelle	9 GDV	Baley	10 KME	Rhianna	11 VPA
Ryan	Ryan 9 DMO J		10 MWI	Daniel	11 JHI
Harley	9 DMO			Phoebe	11 JHI
Ruby	9 DMO	Siobhan	9 DMO	Caitlin	11 CBK
Finley	9 RWA	Owen	9 RWA	Lauren	11 SKA
Ella	9 PMA	Erin	9 RBA	Paulina	11 VPA
Sam	9 PMA	Simran	9 SBL		
Sienna	9 PMA	Thomas	9 PMA	Gracie	9 JRI
Ellie	9 RWA	Ed	9 HBE	Finley	9 DMO
Luke	9 GDV	Rebecca	9 DMO Lottie		9 LSH
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Roxanne	9 RWA	Nathan	9 PMA	Theo	9 LSH
Drew	9 RWA	Millie	9 JRI	Grace	9 RBA
Kayla	9 GDV	Lily	9 RBA	Hiba	9 LSH
Puja	9 GDV	Amber	9 PMA	Nathan	9 SBL
Riana	9 HBE	Ellie	9 PMA	Oliver	9 HBE
Suraj	9 RWA	Jordan	9 SBL	Layla	9 RBA

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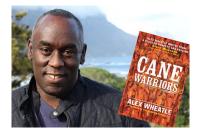
## National Literacy Events for All Next Week!

Bosworth Academy is signed up to the prestigious National Literacy Conference which runs virtually from Thursday 21st - Friday 29th Jan. This means that all of us - staff, students, parents - have the opportunity to get involved in any of the amazing workshops for free. Don't miss out on the chance to hear from a range of academics, leading practitioners, award winning authors and champions from the business sector, with literacy at the heart of the conversation. Full details are on the pdf below, and there is unlimited access to events. To register, simply click on the workshop you are interested in, and complete the registration form, giving details of Bosworth Academy as your school: Literacy for Learning Conference Programme 21-29th January

#### Some highlights:

Tuesday 16.00-19.00 Alex Wheatle - Discussion of

his latest novel Cane Warriors, based on the true story of an eighteenth-century slave uprising in Jamaica. Alex was winner of the Guardian Children's



Fiction Prize, and was awarded an MBE for services to literature in 2008.

Thursday 16-19.00 Sarah
Crossan - Discussion of her
latest YA novel Toffee. Sarah is
a multi-award winning author
and Irish Children's Laureate
2018-2020. She is the go-to
writer of the free verse novel in the UK
and Ireland.



Literacy in the workplace events for students aged 14-19.

Post 16 students with free lessons will benefit hugely from attending the



business masterclasses with leading employer PwC and the Henry Boot Development team. These workshops promote the importance of literacy in the workplace, and include two Words for Work workshops to develop CV writing and interview skills. This is a great chance to pick up tips for the virtual mock interviews we are holding for years 11 and 12 in Feb/March with a real employer.

Teachers will be joining in too with events to explore how to develop the reading, research and writing skills of our students! This will be a fabulous opportunity to tap into the latest research and best practice nationally.



More fabulous materials for all ages from the National Literacy Trust

Words for Life provides children aged 0-13 years with activities and

support to improve their language, literacy and communication skills from home.

Zone In has a range of resources for young people aged 13-24 to help them feel more confident reading, writing, speaking and listening.

The Literacy Team



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# Rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in school

Routine lateral flow testing of students is now taking place at Bosworth Academy. Students in school had their first Lateral Flow Tests on Monday. Some were a little nervous to begin with but all of them realised how quick and easy it all was. Following the recent government announcement this week our staff too will now be tested twice a week. We will not be daily testing staff or students who are close contacts of a positive case and will continue to ask them to self-isolate for 10 days.

The tests provide students and staff with added reassurance that the school is a safe environment for them to work and study. Ideally we would like to have everyone in school tested regularly for the peace of mind of everyone at Bosworth. This regular testing helps to break chains of transmission and identifies individuals who may be asymptomatic.

We will be testing vulnerable children and children of critical workers who are in school twice a week, three to five days apart. As long as their results are negative, they will be able to continue to access school as usual. If your child is in school please ensure that you have completed and returned the consent form which has been sent to you to enable them to be tested.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher and Mrs. Holdback, SLT COVID Co-ordinator

#### Head of Year Support

If you require support then please contact your child's tutor or their Head of Year:

Year 7 Mr. Mowbray dmowbray@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 8 Mrs. Wake vdebolster@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 9 Miss Green bgreen1@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 10 Mr Blackmore matthewb153@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 11 Ms Manning <u>jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk</u>

Year 12 Dr Stephenson chloes3@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 13 Dr Dover mdover@bosworthacademy.org.uk

#### **Technology Support**

If your child requires any support with IT issues around remote learning then email: <a href="mailto:ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk">ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk</a>

#### Attendance Support

If your child is ill or has a medical appointment and may miss remote learning, please contact: attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

#### Student Expectations

Teachers and students have been working well over the last three weeks and have enjoyed participating in online live lessons through Google Meet. With our continual adaptation to achieve the best ways of working, we are confident that our provision is helping students get the best education possible during this national lockdown. What used to be 'unusual times' now very much seem to be the norm and we are continuing to evolve our practice to help students get the best possible outcomes. Through staff and student feedback, we have updated our expectations of students during live lessons. You can access these expectations by visiting our policy page on our school website or by clicking here.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any concerns or questions.

Mr Dolinski. Assistant Head of School



# Great things are done by a series of small things brought together. Van Gogh







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