

19th March 2021

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students



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Welcome

This week has seen our students get back into more of a routine. It has been our first full week of having all year groups back since December. The majority of students have returned brilliantly to good learning habits, are following the new safety guidelines brilliantly and enjoying their time back with friends. Kindness has often shone through; students handing in lost items, opening doors for others, picking up litter, or supporting a friend have been happening around our school. A minority of students have required reminders of how they must conduct themselves in school. For those students not responding quickly, we will involve parents in helping them to develop good behaviours and how to be kind towards others. There are many challenges schools now face following children having such an extended time out of school and we are reminding students 'how we do things around here'. We have high behaviour expectations for all students and these should be met so all students can achieve.

With students back in school learning I have really enjoyed seeing year 7 flourish in 'Reading Academy' and observing our year 11 engaging in 'Academic Mentoring' with our fantastic supportive and kind sixth form students. Watching our year 10 learn orienteering skills was a pleasure and our year 9 students on Thursday were so excited in their Biology lessons comparing purity of water samples from our pond, puddles and taps. It was lovely to see our students back in the Compass (our library) at break time, a few reading about the Romans and Julius Caesar. It is so good to have our students back!

Across Leicestershire and Leicester City cases of coronavirus are falling, however, there are still positive cases in our community. Across the county, over 500 students and more than 20 teaching staff have already had to isolate due to being close contacts of positive cases in school. At present we have not had to send any children or staff home to self-isolate, though with cases around in the community this may be inevitable at some point. I understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or because of being in close contact with someone who has tested positive. I know our students dislike having to be sent home too after working remotely for so many weeks. However, self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop. If we can all work together by following our Risk Mitigation Plan we can help reduce the chances of this happening in our school. Twice weekly home testing with reporting of results, and not sending your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms are vital in supporting us. Wearing face coverings, following basic hygiene rules and social distancing will help us all to remain safe. I'd like to thank parents for your efforts in helping and maintaining these routines during this phase of the government 'road map'. More details are included later in this newsletter.

The importance of being back in a social environment like school and showing kindness towards others is such a powerful positive human trait. My visit to our library this week reminded me of the story of a Syrian, brought as a slave to Roman Italy, who focused his life on learning, writing and being kind. Becoming a renowned Latin writer, that slave **Publius Syrus** won his freedom and later was awarded a prize in a literary contest by the great Julius Caesar, stating, **"You can accomplish by kindness what you cannot by force."** That kindness was key to his success. We can all learn from this. **Let's all be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.**



Have a great weekend,
Mr Brown, Headteacher

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Home Testing

All students have now received their home test kits to last until Easter. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart**. We would like students to test on a **Wednesday and Sunday evening**, (or on Thursday or Monday morning before school).

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

If your child has not been tested at school yet, then please get in touch with us so that we can arrange a time for them to be tested on site.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.



Reporting results

Test results should be reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. This should be completed twice, for **school** and for **gov.uk**.

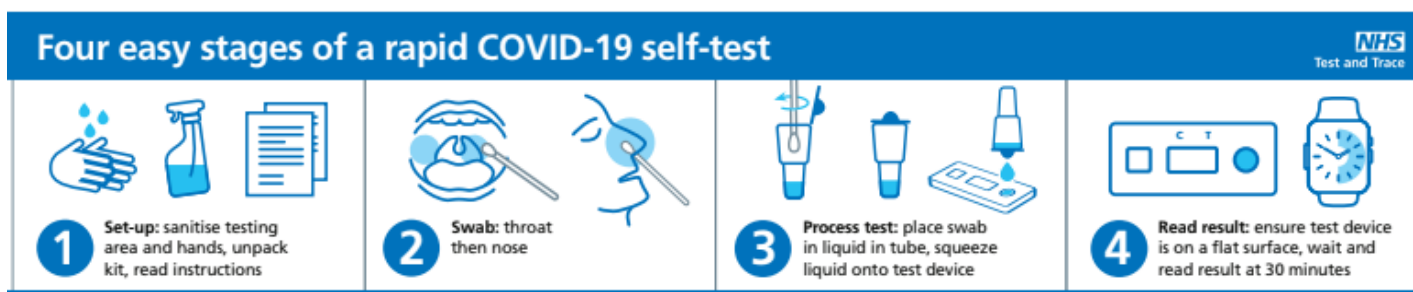
1. For school use our [Test Result google form](#). The link is also on our school website in the student links section.
2. www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by calling 119 (free).

If your **child tests positive** they **must not attend school** (or their siblings) and must be followed up with a **confirmatory PCR test** (as home tests are not conducted in a controlled environment). **Parents MUST then share that result with school via;** attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk use a screen capture or share the email from the NHS.

If the PCR test result is negative then your child may attend school.

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Head and Covid Test Centre Leader

[How to do a Covid-19 Self Test](#)



Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

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Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

Our school will continue to play an important role in contact tracing for the first 6 days of the Easter break and the national effort to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Parents must report to us positive cases where their child developed symptoms within 48 hours of attending school. We will then identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting. Remember any positive result from a home test kit must be followed up with a PCR test at a test centre. Report directly to attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk if your child tests positive so we can contact you directly by email for further details.

If a student develops symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (after 4pm on Sunday 28th March), you are not required to take any action.

A senior staff member will check for positive cases during the first 6 days of the Easter holidays, at which point all positive cases should be dealt with by contacting NHS Test and Trace.
Thank you for your support.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Census Day 2021 - Sunday 21st March

Every 10 years the government conducts a census of the population. This data collection process is vital in supporting the government and their planning of services, infrastructure and spending. For example, information from the census is used to plan for Primary and Secondary school places. Each household should have received a unique code, if you have not received this then visit - <https://census.gov.uk/>. I completed mine this week and from start to finish it takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Mr White, Deputy Head

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Easter: Free School Meals Update

The Government has extended the Free School Meals Voucher scheme to cover the Easter holidays (29th March to 9th April). Please do check your emails next week for a further update from us about when and how these will be issued. If you experience any problems accessing your vouchers once issued, please contact the dedicated email address: fsm@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk. If your child does not currently receive Free School Meals, but you think you may qualify, please contact your local authority:

Leicester: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/>

Leicestershire: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Jane Manning, Associate Senior Leader

Uniform

Having returned from the most recent school closure, I would like to remind parents/carers and students of our uniform expectations. The link to our website can be found here: <https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/uniform/>

Key Points

- Hooded tops should not be worn at all. If students are cold they should bring a jacket that goes over the Blazer or wear a school jumper. Parental and carer support is really needed here as too many students are still wearing hoodies in school.
- Blazers must be worn at all times (KS4)
- Students can wear their PE kit when they have PE P1, but must have a full school uniform to change into.

As we approach Easter, and noticing that some students have been without some parts of the uniform, now is the time to purchase replacement items. The link above will take to our suppliers. If you have any queries, then please contact your child's year head or check the link for full guidelines.

Mr White, Deputy Head



Lockdown Gallery, student-work awards

£10 Faculty prizes

English - Reme Osbourne
Cultural Studies - Anisa Damania
PE - Amninder Kaur,
Naomi Weedall, Connie Taylor and Lily Tonks
Maths - Tymon Kaminski and Demi Ingram
Humanities - Reme Osbourne
Languages - Isaac Bromley
ADT - Anisa Damania
Science - Lara Steele
IT and Business - Fin Martin



£10 Lead practitioner award

Georgia Johnson - French work

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=8d6e30c9a5&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-a:r1224112634983170882&th=1783c763021fb811&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=1782744a99f75b8a6b82>

£10 Special character and citizenship award

Ella McLoughlin - Geography work

£50 student award

Megan Owen (see below)

Well done to everyone who made it into the gallery - you are all winners! Just the Governors awards to go!

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Head



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Happy to be Back

Our Year Seven students have had an assembly this week to welcome them back to school. We chatted to lots of our Year Seven students last week to find out what they liked about being back in school. Obviously seeing their friends was the top answer, but it surprised me that many students said they were glad to be back in a routine. Our students also told us they had missed the food at school and that just being able to ask their teachers questions face to face when they needed help was another positive of being in school

Over the last lockdown students received lots of reward points for their efforts. These have all contributed to the total for their tutor group at the moment the tutor groups in Year Seven with the most reward points are JAL with 2643, EBU with 2343 and in third at the moment is JWI with 1721.

We were able to remind students of our expectations in school and of the routines of the school day. We also remind them that the most important thing was to think about how they treat the people around them.

Mr Moore, Assistant Head KS3

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Wellbeing assembly

This week students had an assembly reflecting on their wellbeing since returning to school. There are lots of different concepts to consider within the assembly as well as suggested places to go to access further support.

Please find our assembly [here](#).

Mrs. Harbour, Assistant Head



**YEAR 7
BOOK
TALKING**
Follow the
link to read
the reviews

Year 7 Booktalking

Our Y7 students have had video booktalks this week from the Creative Learning Services (library services for schools, service that we subscribe to). Each class heard about a selection of 10 books, to give them new ideas for their reading. There are links to the whole lists on our library catalogue, Accessit, (which can be accessed once students are logged into our school website under the links for The Compass) but here is a little taste:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13bFDX-ACD5rh-TFAkF4AARLdmNMUaN4jY3xwUw5EV5M/edit?usp=sharing>

Mrs Griffiths, School Librarian



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Easter Holiday Activities & Food Programme Camps (for students eligible for free school meals in Y7/8)

I am excited to inform parents and carers that Bosworth Academy has been successful with its application to deliver an Easter School Holiday Activities & Food Programme. The LiFE MAT Trust has secured funding to be able to offer up to 150 places across the schools with camps taking place at Bosworth Academy, The Winstanley School and Countesthorpe Academy. Camps will take place between 10am and 2pm from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th April. There is no cost to the camps and each day a lunch will be provided. During the four days there will be a variety of different activities on offer including sports, art and crafts and food preparation to name a few. The Camp will be open to students eligible to receive free school meals from years 5 to 8 but please note that places will be allocated as a priority to year 6 and year 7 students, with any spare places will be filled by year 5 and 8 pupils on a first come first serve basis. All eligible students and their parents/carers will have received an email inviting them to apply for a place. Applications are due by 9 am on Tuesday 16th March so please do not wait to book your place!

For more information please contact Mr Ripley - chris9@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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Literacy Update

A Real Book Buzz

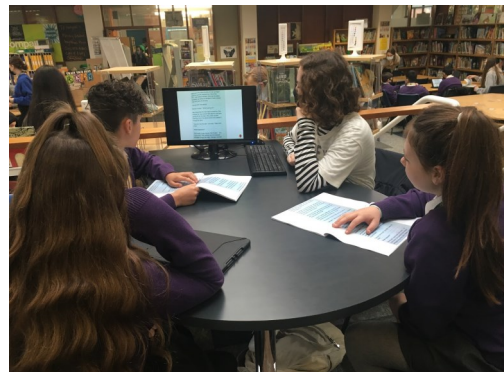
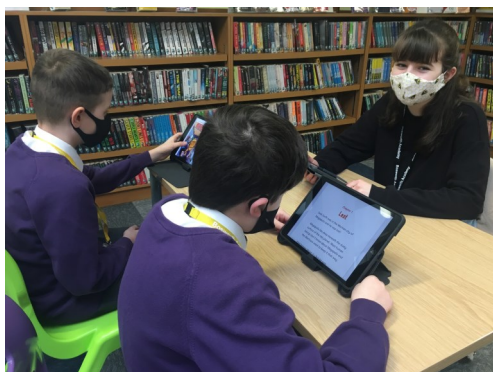
READING ACADEMY



Remote Reading Academy has become real! It has been lovely to see our Year 7 Reading Academy students in The Compass this week, meeting their Post 16 coaches for the first time in 'real life', as opposed to on a 'Google Meet'. Around 70 students have been involved, and all have participated brilliantly in group reading and discussion. Massive thanks to our Post 16 students for their leadership, and Well Done to Year 7s for turning up and taking part during morning registration. The atmosphere has been superb!



Our Y7 students working on their reading skills during tutor time at Reading Academy, led by our wonderful Post 16 reading coaches.



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Bosworth Bake Off - World Book Day Special - Winners Gallery

Year 7 Winner: Georgina Shaw 7JAL - 3 layer chocolate cake inspired by the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Year 8 Winners:

Dylan Mistry 8RGO - 'Dennis the Menace' red velvet cake

Lilia Cartledge-Splitt - Plane crash/swiss roll cake based on the 'The Explorer'

Staff Winner : Ms. Barrowcliffe - 'Harry Potter' themed book cake



Useful Contacts

Attendance Support

If your child is ill or has a medical appointment and may miss remote learning, please contact:

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Technology Support

If your child requires any support with IT issues around remote learning then email:

ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk

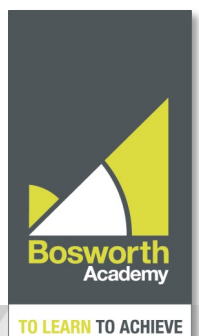


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