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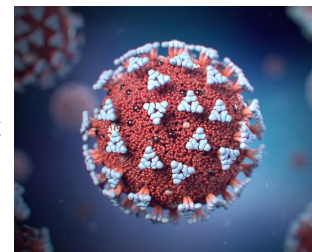
## Welcome

Welcome back everyone - I hope you all managed to have a relaxing half-term in the sun. I know for some of you this may have only been in your own garden. Somehow I managed to visit relatives in the one part of the country that had thick fog during the hottest day of the year so far. On a visit to the seaside, from the beach, I couldn't even see the sea!

I must start by thanking all of you for continuing to support your child in taking LFD tests and [reporting your results to school](#) as well as the NHS. This testing is vitally important in preventing any students from transmitting the virus in school, requiring bubbles to isolate. Monitoring our email address [attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk) over the half-term break showed a number of cases among students towards the end of the weeks holiday from community transmission, likely picked up as measures are lifted nationally. Sadly further positive cases in year 10 this week meant that close contacts have been asked to self-isolate for 10 days. Students isolating must log onto live lessons via the google classroom/Satchel One so they can continue learning with those students in school, (please read the later item).

Please note that our students that have been testing as positive are all reporting similar symptoms. These symptoms include feeling sick and having a headache. Though these are not the recognised Covid symptoms I strongly suggest that if your child feels like this then get them to take one of our issued LFD tests that evening or the morning before school to be sure it is not coronavirus. If you need additional test kits please let us know.

In my contact with Public Health England this week they are confident that Bosworth Academy has extensive measures in place to reduce transmission, whilst maintaining education. **Though an additional risk mitigation measure will be reintroduced on Monday 14th June - wearing face masks in lessons.** We will review this fortnightly. Many cases have been accounted for as community transmission, though there is a risk of in-school transmission during lessons. The Local Authority support us in this additional risk mitigation as it should prevent us having to send home whole year groups to self-isolate which was required with year 11 before half-term. It could be a challenging few weeks with cases in Leicestershire more than doubling across our community. I thank you in advance for all of your support.



If your child does have to isolate you will be contacted to ask if you would be involved in an NHS Clinical Trial through our school. Agreeing involves being sent two additional test kits for testing on day 2 and 7 of the isolation period, which is then sent back to the NHS. The trial results will hopefully provide the necessary evidence to allow schools next academic year to daily test close contacts in school rather than sending them home to self-isolate for 10 days. Please agree to be part of this trial as it is heartbreaking to have to send students home to isolate and miss attending school in person.

This week has also seen a continued focus on completing checkpoints, especially for our year 11 students who missed them just before half-term. Our students have shown a real drive to perform at their best which has been brilliant to see following the most challenging of all exam years. Subject Leaders and teachers have continued to collaborate, moderating assessment evidence to determine grades both within the school, across our Trust and with the Local Authority in some smaller subjects, ready for submission to exam boards this week. This has involved an incredible amount of additional work and time this year, so I thank our dedicated teaching and support staff for their heroic efforts.

As the summer approaches, learning continues to be of vital importance, especially considering the amount of time that students have been out of school. It is vital that all students remain engaged and focused on learning, as we cannot accept any form of disruption to the learning of others. Our year 10 and 12 students should be preparing for their end of year examinations and many students will soon be receiving tracking point reports from their teachers that will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.



A very apt quote for this week would be, **"Even the darkest clouds have the sun behind them."** Let's hope that the challenges posed by this new variant, like clouds, soon pass, just like the fog on a North East beach! Please remind your child to take a test on Sunday evening, and have a great weekend,

Mr Brown, Headteacher



## Have your say about school term and holiday dates from autumn 2022 to summer 2027

Have your say on future school term and holiday dates for Leicestershire.

Leicestershire County Council have launched a public consultation on school term and holiday dates for the five years between Autumn 2022 and Summer 2027.

The consultation aims to capture people's views on three suggested options.

The proposals cover term dates running for five years and include:

- Keeping the 'traditional' county term time pattern, which offers an earlier summer holiday but means a longer autumn term
- Aligning the autumn and spring breaks in line with most other authorities, including Leicester City, but again means a longer autumn term
- Introducing a two-week autumn half-term break. This would leave terms 'more balanced' across the whole year but would result in shorter Easter break

More detailed information on these proposals and a chance to have your say via a short questionnaire can be accessed here [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation)

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\*Leicester City Council is also running its own consultation on school term and holiday dates in the city at the same time. <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sce/termdates> To request a paper copy, call 0116 454 1000.

Both authorities' proposals reflect the same dates and we're both asking for views on whether the term patterns followed by the city and county should match. The closing date for both consultations is midnight on Sunday, July 18.

The Cabinet is set to consider the responses and make a decision for the county in the autumn.

Mr Brown, Headteacher



## Remote Learning

With so many Year 10 students now isolating, we are keen to ensure that all students, regardless of where they are working, can engage in the same way as the students who are learning in the physical classroom.

Students at home WILL be able to access the same high-quality learning as their peers.

Teachers will be moving around the school, using different classrooms and may take a few minutes to set up. Please be patient.

Teachers will post details of how to access each lesson to Satchel One or the Google Classroom.

It is important that students log on at tutor time (8.45am) and at the start of lessons in the usual way, with cameras on, ready to learn.

*Teachers will be registering students working from home and any missed lessons will be followed up with after school support once students return to school.*

Mrs O'Malley, Associate SLT

## Safe Online Behaviour at Home

Leicestershire County Council - Safeguarding Development Team has created this presentation for parents to support and encourage safe online behaviour at home. With so many students making use of technology it is vital that we as parents can talk to them about staying safe. This video can be watched by [clicking on this link](#).

Mr Brown, Headteacher

## Wheelchair Basketball

On Tuesday 8th June we welcomed Ian Richards from Express Coaching Services to Bosworth Academy to run a wheelchair basketball intervention with tutor group 7RGR. During the day Ian ran a variety of activities to firstly, familiarise the students with the mechanics of a wheelchair. He then had them moving to music before introducing a ball and developing their wheelchair basketball skill before finishing with some games at the end.

It was a fantastic experience for the students and the character and engagement was outstanding from all participants. Ian was very complimentary about the students that he worked with and it was great to see the supporting teachers getting involved in the sessions too.

Mr Grest, Curriculum Leader PE



## Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire for Year 8 & 10 Students

We are working with the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU), who are used by hundreds of schools each year ([www.sheu.org.uk](http://www.sheu.org.uk)) to carry out a health-related behaviour questionnaire with our children in year 8 & 10. This will take place in a tutor intervention on Tuesday 29 June.

This survey is totally anonymous and we encourage our children/young people to be honest as possible with their answers. The survey will ask a series of validated questions about the health experiences of individual children and young people. The topics covered are emotional wellbeing, healthy eating, healthy relationships, substances, physical activity etc.

This will allow us to better understand the health needs of our children and help with our planning to make sure we have the right topics covered in our PSHE curriculum. The information is also a valuable source of evidence for school improvement work and valuable evidence for OFSTED. This will help us identify any changes we may need to make when we roll this out next academic year. This will also support the collection of good baseline data on children's and young people's health-related behaviour.

The Public Health team will also use this information to commission a 0-19 service which will work with schools too.

As this is an anonymous survey there is nothing you need to do, however, there is an example held by your Head of Year if you would like to see a copy. If you do not want your child to participate please contact the school.

Mrs Harbour, Assistant Head

## Uniform Worn Every Day Again

After half term, students will be required once more to change into their PE kit. Your child will require their full PE kit for every lesson. If they have not received an order from Liss Sport, we ask that your child bring an alternative PE kit for the remainder of this school year.

PE Team



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# Literacy Update

## Congratulations to our Reading Academy Graduates!

Well Done to the year 7 students below. They have made such good progress with their reading over the last 3 months that they have now graduated from Reading Academy:

Bella Baker-Eames  
Hanna Kropielnicka  
Harrison Bird  
Ronnie Blankley  
Dylan Solanki  
Lois Severson  
Keira-Mai Wilson  
Flynn Wright

READING ACADEMY



Also, BIG Thank you to our amazing Post 16 coaches who supported these students by reading with them in tutor time since February. The photos below are from our graduation ceremony with Mr. Brown. You can see how delighted we all were! Meanwhile, Reading Academy continues each morning, and we are looking forward to the graduation of another 40 students in July.

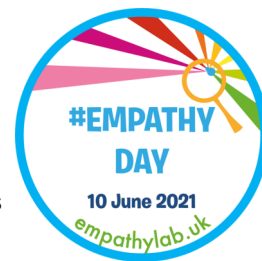
Ms. Masih and Mrs.Griffiths



## Reading for Empathy Day! June 10th 2021

### What is empathy anyway?

Empathy is imagining and sharing someone else's feelings. Empathy Day focuses on understanding and listening to each other, and using books to step into someone else's shoes.



### Reading is an empathy workout!

The more you empathise with characters' feelings, the more you understand how other people work. In books, we can get to know other people, places, and times. We can ask ourselves, "What was life like for this person, in these circumstances?" Train your brain with stories!

### A world with more empathy.

Empathy is a powerful force for good. The pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement have shown how important it is that we understand what other people are going through, and how powerful it is when we look out for each other. More empathy means happier young people, stronger communities, a better world.

"Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world." Barack Obama

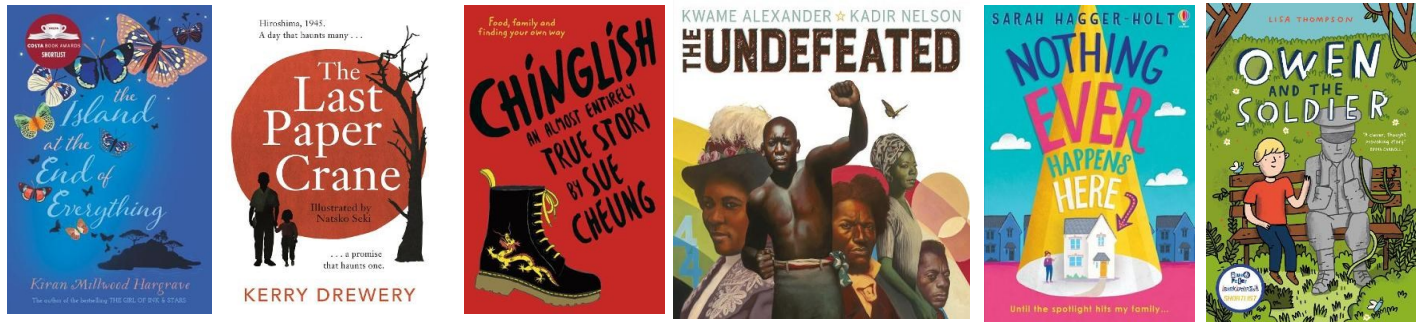
"Reading allows us to view the world through another's eyes and to walk in their shoes for a while." Neil Gaiman

- Find out more about Empathy Day activities for all the family here: <https://www.empathylab.uk/empathyday-2021>
- We are encouraging our students to focus on other people's feelings and perspectives in their reading this week, so [our recommendations for this week are all 'empathy' reads](#). See next page for details.

Mrs.Griffiths and Mrs.Starr

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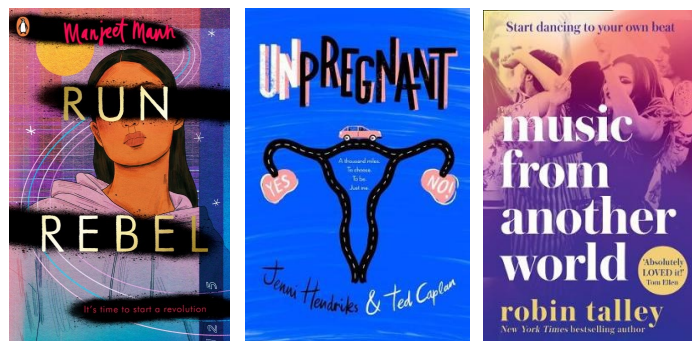
## KS3 'Empathy' recommendations



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## KS5 'Empathy' Recommendations



## Year 10 Trial Exams- June 2020

Our year 10 students will be taking part in **end of year exams in June**. This will be a great opportunity for students to see where they are in their learning as well as informing their teachers, allowing them to plan effectively. It also helps our students practice their independent learning and organisation skills.

A student (socially distanced and divided up) assembly has made expected exam behaviour and conduct clear to them and we have spent some time in tutor time exploring effective revision techniques. We strongly recommend that students start to do revision at home. It may be useful to create a revision timetable to organise themselves along with a quiet space to study, away from distractions.

Be the best you can be year 10!!

Mrs Harbour and Mr Blackmore, Head of Year 10

## Home to School Transport 2021/22

Bookings now being taken for our bus travel for next academic year.

To purchase a pass, visit <https://buspass.robertstravelgroup.co.uk/>

Here you can view timetables, costs and apply for a bus pass. Various payment options are available. To take advantage of the 10 payment option, please apply before the 12th June, as the first payment for this option will be taken on the 15th June. Places are filling up on many of the services - so act quickly.

Mrs Richardson, Transport Manager

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# Olympian Swim Programme Launched!

We are delighted to announce our new partnership with Total Swimming Academies, which will be in place of the Bosworth Academy Learn to Swim Scheme. Our extensive changing room refurbishment is now complete and our new swimming programme begins next week. Total Swimming Academies comes with a wealth of experience offering the highest quality lessons with a maximum of 6 children in each class. All swimmers will gain access to an online account to track their child's journey and will receive their certificates and badges through a personalised mailing system. Starting from Monday 14th June 2021, Total Swimming Academies will run weekly lessons. Their lessons will run for 50 weeks of the year.

To book a place, please visit [www.totalswimming.co.uk/find\\_a\\_class/](http://www.totalswimming.co.uk/find_a_class/)

To watch a welcome video from Founder and Olympic Medallist Steve Parry, click here: [https://youtu.be/7Jl\\_iU8txgo](https://youtu.be/7Jl_iU8txgo)

If you have any queries or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact their team at [info@totalswimming.co.uk](mailto:info@totalswimming.co.uk)

**Don't forget** we are still looking for **lifeguards**. If you are interested please send a CV to [info@totalswimming.co.uk](mailto:info@totalswimming.co.uk) or if you wish to contact us by phone, please call 0161 764 2224. Please find the full advert of requirements for the role by [clicking this link](#).


Mr Brown,  
Headteacher










## Beat your best!

Here are this week's personal bests. Very well done to these students. Keep emailing these to Mr Claricoates. All students featured get a 6C badge.

### Beat YOUR Best at Bosworth Academy



TO LEARN TO ACHIEVE

	<b>Hayden A</b> Solved the Rubiks Cube in 10.6 seconds
	<b>Sarah W</b> Swam 10m in 6 seconds fully clothed
	<b>Jasmine J</b> Achieved 75 reward points
	<b>Reme O</b> 1st journalistic interview with writer Tim Butcher
	<b>Lataya C</b> Did her best ever work in English with Ms Baxter
	<b>Summer E</b> Got 92/100 for her A Level Design Coursework
	<b>Kelly H</b> Got her best ever marks in AS Sociology & Psychology

## 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](mailto:attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk)

### Technology Support

If your child requires any support with IT issues around remote learning then email: [ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk)



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