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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students



Welcome

Students have continued to focus well in lessons this week, which is important as they develop the knowledge, skills and qualities which will help them to thrive in life, learning and work. At Bosworth Academy, we always continue learning in lessons right up to and including the very last day. Students and staff are then ready for a much-needed summer holiday.

This week and last all stakeholders at the school were involved in our Strategic Planning Days. These days involve Governors, students, senior leaders, teaching and support staff, evaluating the year and planning for the year ahead. Next year is so important for all in education following the disruption to 'normal' learning that has occurred throughout 2020/21. The education recovery commissioner for England, Sir Kevan Collins, resigned in a row over the lack of "credible" Covid catch-up funding. That has left an even greater emphasis on Bosworth leaders working carefully to develop a long-term plan to help students make up for any learning challenges they may have faced during the pandemic. Our students, representing every key stage, presented the collated views from their peers brilliantly, showing true student agency.

Part of our planning will involve slight changes to the timings and structure of the day. A lot of the new systems we have introduced this year have been really effective and the DFE have provided no updates yet on how education needs to operate after the summer. With the possibility of further covid disruption in the winter, we will need to be able to adapt quickly to any changes. I will write to you soon to confirm these details.

The NHS clinical trial that Bosworth Academy has participated in ended today. Our clinical testing results taken by our participants during a coronavirus self-isolation period will hopefully help the government and DFE to rethink their strategy around close contacts and self-isolation. In the next academic year, we hope that close contacts will be able to stay in school and daily test, rather than us having to send close contacts and bubbles home to self-isolate for long periods. I'd like to thank all parents who agreed to be involved in this study - your support will hopefully make a difference to communities on a national scale and prevent large numbers of students nationally from having to isolate.

On Wednesday it was great to see many of our year 11 and 13 students again. Today has been our 'Remote' Year 12 Taster Day - for students who are joining our Sixth Form next academic year. It will be an exciting day with opportunities to prepare for the challenges of A level. Our future Sixth Form students will then be able to spend part of their summer planning their preparation for A level by beginning their 'bridging' work.



As former U.S. President **Dwight D. Eisenhower** said; **"Plans are nothing; planning is everything."** Let's all then set about achieving those well thought out goals. Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Brown, Headteacher



THE OAKS
SIXTH FORM

Rewards

With two full weeks to go Bosworth students have smashed through the 50000 reward points barrier! Students across the whole school have received over 50000 reward points in the last year. In total 53599 rewards have been given with students in Year Eight leading the way with 17354, closely followed by Year Seven who have achieved 16612 reward points.

In Key Stage Three, we have now had thirteen students who have achieved their Head Teacher's Award which students attain when they reach 200 reward points. This is a great achievement especially when considering that students have spent quite a long period not in school. Which means that they have not had those extra opportunities to accumulate reward points that they would have had, had they been in school.

Mr R Moore,
Head of Laureates



Support Offer

We are aware that during the past 15 months COVID has caused disruptions to peoples working lives and finances. With the help of a local charity, we have been given supplies of toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shower gel and sanitary products to help support families and their children who may need assistance with purchasing essential items at this time. If your child currently receives Free School Meals, and you could benefit from any of these items, please do not hesitate to your child's Head of Year so that arrangements can be made for us to get these to you. Any requests for these items will be dealt with confidentiality.

Mrs Manning

Secretary of State for Education Letter to Parents

Today the Secretary of State for Education [Gavin Williamson](#) has written an [open letter to parents](#) encouraging continued regular testing, to support all the hard work schools have been doing to increase participation.

The Prime Minister announced on 14 June that step 4 of the roadmap would have to be paused for up to four weeks because of the spread of the new variant. With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to continue regular testing in order to detect cases of coronavirus, stay ahead of the virus and keep Covid out of the classroom.

This means that regular asymptomatic testing for all will continue, and we need you and your children who are in secondary school or college to carry on testing at home, twice a week.

As you know, testing has been playing a vital role in our response to the virus. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country.

I want to thank you all for your efforts so far. I know that this has been an enormously challenging time for families, who have faced many pressures over the past 18 months. Your continued support in helping us fight the virus has been vital.

Secondary pupils and college students, households and their bubbles, along with school and college staff have now completed more than 50 million tests since these were introduced back in January. That really is an incredible number and we need you to continue your efforts.

It is wonderful to see so many children back in school and through your actions we can work together to keep everyone safe ensuring we can also keep your children in school with their friends.

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP Secretary of State for Education

Year 11 and 13 Celebrate!

On Wednesday 23rd June students in Year 11 and 13 had an opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year with a trip to Alton Towers. The weather was superb and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to experience the thrills of the theme park. We look forward to welcoming many of our year 11 students back in September as they join the sixth form, whilst the majority of students in Year 13 are moving onto university. We wish them all the best whatever their pathway.

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Head



Strategic Planning

Five of our students gave some brilliant feedback to two separate staff meetings this week as we focused on our strategic planning for next year. The students were Jess and Chloe in year 7, Sanna in year 10, and Elizabeth and Shaan in year 12. These students were asked to feedback on the experience the students have had this year and to consider what areas the school could improve on for next year. The adults in the room all found their feedback to be insightful and informative and were very impressed with the research and presentational skills these young people demonstrated. Very well done to all of you!

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Head



Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is on 26th June this year and our students have got involved through the 'Salute Our Forces' campaign.

Bosworth students proudly showed their support for our armed forces by saluting them this week. Armed Forces Day is a national event and there are lots of activities to get involved in to show your support.

You can find more information at <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>

Mr R Moore, Head of Laureates

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.

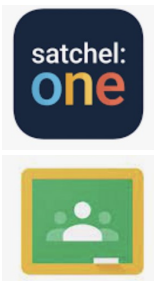
Teachers will be moving around the school, using different classrooms and may take a few minutes to set up. Please be patient.

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



Literacy Update

Our top 'Empathy' read for KS5 and for PARENTS

This remarkable book provides a rare insight into the often baffling world of autism. It's also available as an audiobook from Leicester City public libraries - only 2 hours long!

It is the autobiography of a 13-year-old autistic boy, translated by the author David Mitchell. Naoki Higashida wrote it when he was just thirteen!

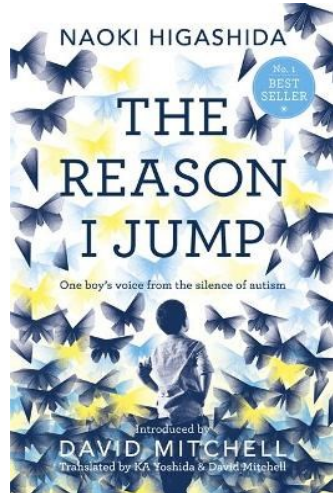
Using a question and answer format, Naoki explains things like why he talks loudly or repeats the same questions, what causes him to have panic attacks, and why he likes to jump. He also shows the way he thinks and feels about his world - other people, nature, time and beauty, and himself.

Displaying real imagination, humour and empathy, Naoki makes clear how badly autistic children need our compassion, patience and understanding.

David Mitchell and his wife translated Naoki's book so that it might help others dealing with autism and generally illuminate a little-understood condition. It gives us an exceptional chance to enter the mind of another and see the world from a new and fascinating perspective.

[Follow the link here for this week's book recommendations.](#)

From Mrs. Griffiths (Librarian)



This week's KS3 recommendations



This week's KS4 Recommendations



BE BETTER THAN YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BE

3G PITCH RAFFLE



Bosworth Academy 3G Artificial Pitch Sponsorship Raffle

LAST FEW TICKETS REMAINING

1 in 50 chance to win a Sponsorship Board

We are encouraging local businesses to take part in a raffle to win a sponsorship board at the side of the new 3G pitch for two years.

Each entrant has a **1 in 50 chance** to win a 1200mm x 600mm advertising board, which includes print, production (from your artwork file) and displayed for 2 years around the side of the 3G pitch and placed in a prominent position, from the pitch opening date (target date Sept 21).

All Entrants who do not win will have the opportunity to buy a board after the draw has taken place with a £25 discount off the full board price.

Further information on purchasing raffle tickets, along with full terms and conditions of the raffle, can be found by clicking the link below

[3G Raffle 21 | Bosworth Academy](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that due to Gambling Commission Rules and the terms and conditions of the raffle, this cannot be promoted via any social media channels. However, please encourage anyone who may be interested in taking part to visit the school website.

JUST GIVING

If you would rather donate to the JustGiving page, please click the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bosworthacademy>

Summer School Holiday Camp

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to invite you to apply for a place on the Bosworth Academy Summer School Holiday & Food Programme Camp. The Camp will take place 10am – 2pm Monday to Thursday during the following weeks of the Summer Holidays: 19th- 22nd July, 26th - 29th July, 2nd - 5th August, 9th - 12th August. The Camps will cater for children from year 3 to year 8 who will be in the care of experienced staff who work within one of the Trust schools or as part of HBSSPAN or a partner organisation. All staff will be checked and there will be a first aid lead on site at all Camps.

We have an exciting programme of activities lined up for your son/daughter to take part in. During the Camp there will be lots of different activities including sports, food preparation and other enriching and engaging activities to excite, challenge and inspire. Activities will be tailored to suit all abilities. All children that are eligible for free school meals can access Camp places for free. This will cover all activities, lunch, refreshments and any food ingredients needed for the food preparation sessions. A smaller number of additional paid places are available at the cost of £13 per day to cover the costs as described above.

To book places please contact Chris Ripley, School Holiday Activities & Food Programme Co-ordinator. Tel. 01455 822841 ext 249, <https://www.activehb.org.uk/sspan>

Mr Ripley, HBSSPAN Manager

Summer Superstars

Only two more weeks to go now! All Laureates students with no negative behaviour points will be placed into a prize draw to win a £10.00 voucher. Alongside this, Laureates students with 100% attendance will be placed into a raffle to win a Pizza Party for themselves and three friends.

Mrs Whitaker,
Year 8 Head



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Risk Mitigation



All schools have been informed by the Department of Education to keep current protective measures in place until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the roadmap.

These measures in education settings will remain in place to help reduce transmission of the virus. As you are aware from our previous communications we have additional measures in place to reduce transmission by wearing face masks in lessons and in communal indoor spaces.

Thank you for continuing to support your child in twice weekly testing, and [reporting the outcome to Bosworth Academy](#) and the NHS. These tests are also effective in identifying positive cases of the new variant so please continue with your heroic efforts and pass on my thanks to your children. If you require more test kits they can be picked up from our reception by students.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Super C Day

Students in Year 12 are busy preparing for Super C Day, Monday 5th July, an opportunity for them to demonstrate the 6C global competencies, (Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Citizenship, Character, Critical Thinking) enhancing CV's and supporting them in their preparation for life. Watch this space to see what they get up to, and which group will be the ultimate winner.

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Head



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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