

Welcome

2nd July 2021

in the loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students



So much has happened over the last week, our penultimate week of term.

We concluded last week with our Sixth Form Taster Day for potential incoming year 12 students. This event, of course, had to take place remotely, making use of our Facebook event page. We had over 800 young people involved with some positive feedback from students who attended in our virtual world. We are looking forward to meeting our new sixth formers in person next academic year on induction day. Thank you to our current students who supported making this event such a success for our hugely popular sixth form, The Oaks.

Late on Monday evening, the Department for Education (DFE) wrote to all school leaders with a sudden announcement about covid testing expectations for the start of the new academic year. This DFE message was only partly reported by the press the following morning who mainly focused on the story that contact tracing in the new academic year may be different.

Frustratingly the announcement itself is quite vague and adds further pressure to school leaders when planning for our new Academic Year. I am told that schools will be provided with fresh guidance, test kits, and PPE so that we can be ready to stand up on-site Asymptomatic Test Sites (ATS) from the start of the autumn term, similar to what we had in place in March when students returned. Given the uncertainties about the Covid situation we will face in the new term, the DFE want secondary schools to be as prepared as possible for all scenarios, including testing on return after the summer holidays and to enable we should prepare a staggered return of students. With Leicestershire schools finishing term next week it is unlikely we will receive updated guidance until sometime during the summer holiday about testing. I guess maybe that after an initial test on return our on-site testing will be used to daily test students who are close contacts of a positive case daily, rather than informing students to self-isolate for 10 days. This will help to keep students in school learning and avoid the huge disruption that schools are currently facing caused by the new variant. We have also been informed that the Regular LFD testing will pause in schools over the summer though families can collect test kits from test sites.

The DFE expectations will likely continue to change, depending on the roadmap and cases nationally throughout this summer. For this reason, I will be sharing our revised risk mitigation plan in late August when we know much more. **The start of term dates for each year group will be shared with parents via WEDUC and our website next week.** I thank you for your patience as understanding as we continue to navigate the challenges put in front of us.

Our attendance in school remains far higher than that seen nationally at 94%, this is only slightly lower than the national average in a 'normal' year. I thank all parents for your support and please note that learning in lessons continues right up to our final day. For the small number of students who have been identified as close contacts, I commend you for your continued determination in engaging from home.

During the final week, each year group will celebrate the special achievements of students across a whole range of curriculum subjects and community contributions.

As in other years on our **final day, Friday 9th July, we will finish school at the end of period 3 at noon** for all students. **Buses will then leave by 12.15 pm.** This earlier finish allows us to meet as a staff to plan for the start of

term and to recognise the achievements of those colleagues who are leaving us, which is an important part of our culture and shared sense of belonging.

Of course, Tuesday evening saw a great football event take place with the second goalscorer Harry Kane proudly wearing a rainbow captain's armband as a display of unity with Germany in supporting the LGBTQ+ community. Germany captain and goalkeeper Manuel Neuer has been wearing a rainbow armband throughout this month – to honour Pride Month, something which we at Bosworth Academy have also been celebrating and raising awareness of.



I refereed our sixth form boys playing their own 'big match' the following day, which even included a penalty save that Jordan Pickford would be proud of!

Nearing the conclusion of this academic year and this sporting theme let's finish with a quote from the legendary Jamaican sprinter **Usain Bolt**, who stated; **"There are better starters than me but I'm a strong finisher."** Let's all encourage our children to finish the final week of this challenging term strongly!

Have a great, safe weekend,

Mr Brown
Headteacher

Year 9/10 Hospitality Practical Exams

This week the year 10 and 9 Hospitality students have been completing their mock practical exams. Year 10 had two hours to complete their exam and year 9 had an hour. They showed as many skills as they could within the time limit. Year 9 had to show at least one high/medium level skill, including making bread, fresh pasta and jointing chickens. Students in year 10 had to make everything from scratch, showing skills such as mayonnaise making, jointing chickens, homemade pastry and breads. The students were brilliant and showed how much they have developed their skills over a difficult year. The images show just a few of the great dishes from the week's practicals and myself and Mrs Brockhouse look forward to what next weeks practicals bring.

Mrs Hewitt, ADT Teacher

Baley Warren Yr10



Sam Yardwood Yr9



Zade Gibson Yr10

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Peer Mentoring Celebration

On Friday morning we recognised the great work and commitment of so many of our Year 12 students who have been supporting students in younger years throughout this year. Trained mentors have been working with year 7 and 8 students as part of our Reading Academy, whilst others mentored Year 11 students as they approached the end of their GCSE year. Every single one of them showed true dedication to supporting others and I know that their efforts were well appreciated by their mentees.

We all shared a celebration breakfast with hot chocolate and croissants. Students were awarded the 6C global competencies badges and certificates in Collaboration, Communication and Citizenship. We hope they will all be mentoring once more next year and modelling this for our new Year 12 students.

Mr Brown, Mr Mainard, Miss Masih, Mrs Holdback



Super C Day

We're very excited to announce Bosworth Academy's very first Super C Day! This brand new version of Enterprise Day, based on developing the 6 Cs, will involve all of year 12 being off timetable for the whole day on Monday 5th July. This year's task is to plan, design and promote a brand new hospitality venue for the current market. We hope that this event will be enriching, educational and fun for our year 12s, after such a difficult year.

Dr Stephenson, Head of Year 12



Sports Leaders

Over the last few weeks we are delighted that some of our students have been Sports Leaders at some of the local Primary Schools assisting the Hinckley & Bosworth School Sports & Physical Activity Network with their events programme.

The feedback from the Primary Schools and the HBSSPAN Team about our students has been really positive. School Games Organiser Martin Lynch said. "It was amazing to see the Sports Leaders grow in confidence as the events progressed. They really got involved with the event and what I am really proud of is how encouraging they are to all of the primary school students. Every school we have taken them to, the teachers have said how brilliant our Sports Leaders are and that they show a great reflection of Bosworth Academy.

Next academic year there will be more opportunities for Sports Leaders to assist at local sporting events. There are spaces for Year 8 9 10 & 11 students to become a Sports Leader, if you are interested please contact School Games Organiser Mr Lynch on Mlynch@bosworthacademy.org.uk to get involved.

Left to Right are Year 7 sports Leaders Roman E, Lola C M, Georgina S & Isabel T helping at a Primary Quad Kids Athletics competition at Ravenhurst Primary School.

Martin Lynch, School Games Organiser



KS3 Summer Reading Challenge

In our library lessons this week, we have set our year 7 students a challenge to read FIVE books over the Summer break - more or less a book a week. They have had the opportunity to select their holiday reads from a wonderful collection of book boxes in The Compass. Some groups of students are reading the same books as each other so they can discuss and compare what they think of them.

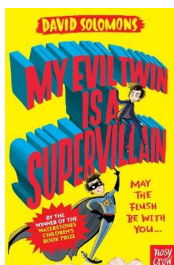


The holiday is a great chance to try out some new authors, and to get lost in a good book. Please encourage your children to keep reading - whichever year they are in!

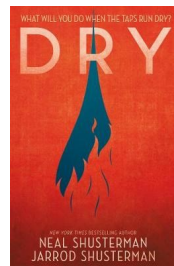
[Follow the link here for some more book recommendations, as featured below.](#)

From Mrs.Griffiths (Librarian)

This week's KS3 recommendations



This week's KS4 recommendations



Mrs Griffiths, Librarian (The Compass)

Personal Bests

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



Taylor M
Walked 35000 steps in one day!



Alice D
Got 60/90 in her AS Media Studies mock



Oisen M
Gone from a U to an A in AS Sociology



Isabelle R
Gone from a D to a B in AS Sociology



Nikita M
Squatted 30k in the gym



Aimee C
Walked her first ever half marathon



Aislyn F
Completed her best-ever English work in class

Small Year 6 Visits

It has been lovely to have some of the Y6 children who will be joining us in August visit this week. We have had visits from 7 Primary Schools to the OP, our Learning Support classroom. The students made stain glass decorations, wrote 'all about me' and planted sunflower seeds so that they can watch them grow over the summer months. We look forward to welcoming everyone into Y7 in the academic year.

Mrs Croucher, SENCO, Mrs Donohue and Miss Sessions.

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Year 7 Sports

On Tuesday, during tutor intervention, Year 7 were able to have their own mini-sports day! This was a challenge to pull off with a risk mitigation plan required, though our year 7s have missed out on so much they were our priority year group for this event. We were able to use our tutor intervention to get active and enjoy a range of activities from 50m shuttle sprint to target throw. Whilst rain stopped us getting out onto the field, Year 7 showed resilience and we found different areas of the school to work in our tutor groups and complete as many of the events as possible.

All of the students got themselves enthusiastically involved, helping each other complete the events, time keep and officiate. There were some impressive sporting achievements including a 257 second plank from Yousef A (7EPY), 24 sock keepy uppies by Chloe B (7EPY) and Alex T (7EBU) managed 114 speed bounces. It was great to see such fantastic attitude and teamwork and I look forward to seeing more of this from a great year group.

Mr Mowbray - Head of Year



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



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Testing Message



With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to detect cases of coronavirus to keep covid out of the classroom. While robust measures remain in place to

keep students and staff safe, it is vitally important that young people at our school continue to test twice weekly until the end of term and report their results.

The Secretary of State for Education has written an open letter to parents to encourage them to continue supporting their children to test twice a week. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void, but results should always be reported [to Bosworth Academy](#) and the NHS. If your child tests positive please contact us directly using

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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.

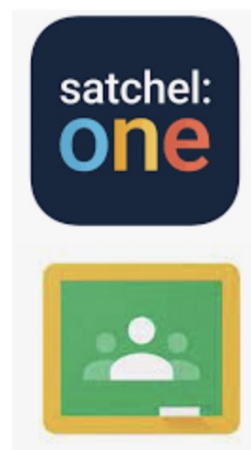
Teachers will be moving around the school, using different classrooms and may take a few minutes to set up. Please be patient.

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



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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