

# Welcome

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

With so much going on at the start of this academic year I thought you would welcome an early newsletter. A special welcome to some new readers, our new parents and carers of Year 7 children. Since this pandemic began parents have found these newsletters informative and reassuring during some very different and anxious times.

I hope you all managed to have a nice summer and that your children had a well-earned break. I also managed to find time to get away, somehow managing to get onto the film set (accidentally) of Indiana Jones 5, though that's a long story and maybe good future assembly material!

I hope you, like me, enjoyed the Olympics. In our student assembly this week we reflected on some amazing performances of athletes, overcoming the huge pressures of the pandemic and lack of training facilities, yet still many achieved PBs, Olympic or even World Records. We also celebrated the achievements of our Year 11 and 13 students who completed their key stage with many excellent grades, equipping them with the outcomes and values for the next stage in their learning journey.

Our keynote speaker on our second Staff Professional Capital Day (often referred to as a 'teacher day') was Craig Heap OLY. Over the summer, Craig worked as a BBC Commentator for the Olympic Gymnastic events and represented GB as a gymnast himself in the Sydney Olympics as well as being a two time Gold Commonwealth Medallist. He shared with us his own journey of success, in sport and in business, and the barriers which he has to overcome in life and through school. What resonated with us was the point that to succeed in anything in life we need to put in not just many hours of practice but 'purposeful practice', acting and responding to feedback as well as learning from every mistake. A powerful message for all of our staff and our students to learn from. Do listen to Craig commentating on Max Whitlock's Gold pommel horse routine at Tokyo [here](#) - quite inspiring!



Thank you for your support in bringing your child to school for LFD testing. Though this has been a challenge for you and a huge logistical challenge for our school it was the right thing to do. The tests identified five students on Monday/Tuesday who were positive, but asymptomatic, who would have otherwise started school as normal, risking further transmission and the possibility of community members becoming ill. Second tests have now taken place and we will now transition to home testing. Kits are being handed out to students today. Please keep our community safe by supporting your child in testing twice a week (Sunday and Wednesday) and report your result to the NHS and to school through our [website link](#).

I wrote to you last week (letter on our website), about our ongoing risk mitigations in school. Remember if your child has Covid symptoms do not send them to school - please arrange a PCR test and inform our attendance team ( [attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk) ). The rules on self-isolation have also changed. Only those who have tested positive, have symptoms and awaiting a test or if a close contact and are not vaccinated have to self-isolate. Close contacts who are aged under 18 years and 6 months will not be required to self-isolate - which will include most of our students. We strongly encourage students to take up vaccination opportunities when they are offered by the NHS or GP.



Craig Heap with Mrs Robinson and Mrs Blewitt



Students and those staff who are double vaccinated (or are exempt from vaccination) are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact or are in a household with a positive case. If someone in these groups has been a close contact, as advised by Track and Trace, they will be asked to take a PCR test. If the PCR is negative, that person can continue to attend school.

It has been brilliant to see our students back this week, and they are relishing the opportunity to continue to be curious learners.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.  
Mr Brown - Headteacher



Year 13 students celebrate A Level Success during the Summer.



## Bosworth Summer School

During the last week of the holidays we ran our first summer school. A number of students who would be joining us in Year Seven at the start of the year were invited to take part.

The theme of the summer school was active learning and students participated in numeracy and literacy lessons as well as sport and creative activities.

Students had a great week finding their way around the school for the orienteering task and they all managed to make some delicious scones. It was a pleasure seeing students practicing their writing and spelling skills on the playground.

The week finished with our picnic on the field. Talking to students they all seemed much more confident about starting school the next week and lots of them told us they were looking forward to the first day of school.

Mr R Moore, Head of Laureates

## Real LiFE Learning

Exciting times for the LiFE MAT as our first groups of students began their Real LiFE Curriculum journeys this week. At Bosworth we have one class of year 7 students who, under the guidance of Mrs. Wright, will take part in a range of learning missions that immerse the students in real world issues.

Throughout the year our Real LiFE Curriculum students will receive regular personalised coaching from Mrs. Wright that is designed to boost their ability to reflect, refine and redraft in order to produce high quality work. The Real LiFE Curriculum is also designed to encourage students to become proactive and confident citizens that are capable of making a positive difference to the world around them. For more information about our Real LiFE Curriculum visit [bosworthacademy.org.uk/rlc](http://bosworthacademy.org.uk/rlc).

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## Fantastic Start for Year Seven

There was much anticipation on Wednesday morning as our new year seven students began to stream into the Laureate's playground neat and smart in their new purple jumpers. Student's nervousness was soon overcome as they were collected by tutors and taken to their new tutor rooms. Students spent their first two lessons with their tutor getting to know the other students in their new tutor group, having their photos taken and finding out their new timetable. After their first lunch in our canteen they were off to lessons. When visiting lessons I was really pleased with how engaged the students were and how much they seemed to be enjoying their learning. It was really great during break to see some of our summer school students helping their friends who hadn't been to summer school.

There were lots of happy faces on the bus park at the end of the day and lots of students who were keen to tell me all about their day. It was so pleasing that staff were impressed with the students and the fantastic start they had made to their life at Bosworth. Mrs Taylor even told me she thought this was the politest set of students we have ever had.

Mr R Moore, Head of Laureates

## Job Opportunities

As a part of the LiFE Trust which includes a number of schools across Leicestershire from time to time we have vacancies that arise. Any opportunities at Bosworth Academy, including Parent Governor roles, can be found via our vacancies page: <https://www.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/vacancies/bosworth-academy-vacancies/>





## Bus Travel

We would like to remind parents and carers that bus travel is now handled by Roberts Travel Group. If you have questions regarding routes, passes and travel options please contact Roberts directly (01530 816 424 -

[sales@robertstravelgroup.co.uk](mailto:sales@robertstravelgroup.co.uk)). The deadline for registrations was 2 August, but there are limited places available on some bus routes if you still require a place. The link below will take you to the Bosworth Academy Page: <https://buspass.robertstravelgroup.co.uk/home/SelectedSchool?id=1035>

We would like to remind students that it is strongly recommended that you wear a face mask on public transport to help keep yourself and others safe from possible Covid infections. We appreciate that not everyone wishes to wear a facemask, and there is no requirement to do so. However, we do ask students to be mindful of infection rates and how they can best protect others in their community.

## Open Evening is back!

**SAVE THE DATE!! 23 September 2021 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

With the restrictions lifted nationally, we are pleased to be able to open our doors once again and allow people to visit us to see what our school, our culture, and our value systems are all about. Our theme is The future we want. Our students leave Bosworth Academy confident that they can be future leaders, ready to adapt to an ever-changing world and transition into job sectors that don't even exist yet! If your child is looking to start with us in Year 7 in the next two years, come and visit us on 23 September 2021 and see how we inspire children to be better than they ever thought they could be and help them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live. We also welcome those of you who are looking to join us in Post 16, but we do have a dedicated Sixth Form evening on 28 October 2021 which you might find more useful to attend.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Head of School

## Staff are learners too!

Our staff training days this week focussed on how we could best help prepare all of our students for the future. We looked at the most effective ways to help young people develop their knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them get great outcomes and thrive in a fast-changing world. We also considered how the COVID pandemic had affected our practices and which of these were worth developing further.



Learning Support Staff - Professional Learning Day 2  
From left to right, Mrs Rodgers, Miss Sessions, Mrs Hextall and Miss Woodward- all developing their questioning skills whilst modelling a student team building task - Straw Towers.



## The Laureates | Year 7 & 8

Year 7 students are expected to wear the following school uniform:

- Trousers – must be mid-grey in colour (definitely not charcoal grey or black) and formal style.
- Skirts – must be mid-grey in colour (definitely not charcoal grey or black) and pleated, formal style.
- Shirts – must be formal shirts with a collar and top button must be done up at all times.
- Ties – must be worn at all times.
- Shoes/Trainers – must be completely black, with no colours or logos. Laces must be plain black.
- Socks/tights – must be plain black, grey or white. Knee socks are permitted with skirts but should definitely not come higher than just below the knee.
- Laureates Logo purple jumper.
- Jewellery and makeup is not allowed, a watch and a pair of stud earrings are acceptable. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Unacceptable uniform items are; skinny fit jean style trousers (for boys or girls), skater skirts, patterned tights and large hair decorations. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not permitted in the school building and will be confiscated until the end of the school day. If you are not dressed appropriately for school, you will be required to borrow the correct uniform.

## Key Stage 4 | Year 9, 10 & 11 Uniform

This is a reminder to parents ready for the start of next academic year. The school uniform below is compulsory to year 9, 10 and 11 students. We believe that our uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the positive ethos of our academy, setting an appropriate tone.

- **Blazer** -Grey blazer with green piping and Bosworth Academy badge.
- **Jumper**- Grey jumper with V neck and Bosworth Academy badge.
- **Tie**-Bosworth Academy tie.
- **Trousers**- Light Grey tailored trousers.
- **Skirt**-Grey knee length skirt.
- **Shirt**- Plain white shirt (short or long sleeved), tucked into trousers or skirt, top button buttoned up to take a tie.
- **Tights**- Black or flesh colour.
- **Shoes** -Plain black shoes (no colours or logos visible, all black)

- **Lanyards**-these must be worn at all times for safeguarding purposes.
- **Make up/Jewellery**- No excessive makeup or jewellery is to be worn. Acrylic nails are not permitted and any earrings should be discreet. No facial piercings or ear stretchers are allowed (other than a small, single discreet nose stud).
- **Hair**- **No excessive colouring of hair is permitted. The school reserves the right to decide on the suitability of any colouring.**

Outdoor Coat -Outdoor coats should be an addition to and not instead of the school blazer. Hoodies/ Tracksuit tops are not permitted in the school building and will be confiscated until the end of the school day if they are.

If you are not dressed appropriately for school, you will be required to borrow the correct uniform.

## Sixth Form Dress Code Guidance

The guidance is not unduly restrictive but it is important that students appreciate that the Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy is a serious work environment and that they are in a school with much younger pupils present.

- Students should be clean and well presented (no ripped jeans)
- Shorts may be worn but must be mid-thigh length or longer
- Cleavage should not be visible
- No extreme hairstyles or colours
- Underwear should not be visible
- Garments with offensive slogans should not be worn
- Sandals may be worn (not flip flops) – restrictions apply in some curriculum areas
- Tops which are low cut and/or revealing, including midriffs, should not be seen
- Skirts should be mid thigh length or longer
- Hats, caps and hoods should not be worn inside the building

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Head



## Covid Testing 8/21

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support for the Covid-19 testing programme prior to students returning to school for the Autumn Term. Testing students before they came in on Wednesday or Thursday this week has enabled us to identify 7 students (so far) who were asymptomatic, yet tested positive in our centre. This has helped us to reduce the spread of the virus in school. Once students have completed two tests in school they will be given a home test kit and should now be carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

We would like them to take their tests before school/college on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Please record the results on the Government test tracking -

<http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

**AND** School test tracking -  
<http://bit.ly/BosworthLFT>

Tests are free of charge. There are 7 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.



### Taking the test

There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test. There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If students have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

**Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher**

## 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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