

Welcome

1st October 2021 Weekly Newsletter for parents & Students At last, today the DfE and Ofgual announced their plans for GCSEs, AS levels and A levels, giving us some clarity about changes and standards. There will be some adaptations made to examinations which is explained in much greater detail by Miss Baxter later in this newsletter. They explain that 2022 will be a 'transition year' to reflect the fact that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. Ofgual will aim for grades in 2022 to reflect a midway point between 2021 and 2019. This means that overall national results next

year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2020. This should ensure students are treated more fairly than they would be without any changes to the usual processes. It is frustrating to all of us that we have had to wait so long for this news. We have informed exam year students, though it would be useful for you to discuss these changes with them too.

The government has also launched a two-week consultation on what contingency plans should be put in place if GCSE, AS and A level exams can't go ahead as planned. They propose

planned assessment points during each term to gather evidence, replicating exam board papers. We will as ever share more information when we receive it, and continue to focus on preparing our students to achieve excellent outcomes.

This week I have had the pleasure of showing a variety of visitors around our school. The atmosphere around the school has been brilliant. Strong engagement was seen in lessons, with true creativity and focused learning seen across all year groups. Students were responding to feedback from their teachers and looking to redraft and improve their work to even greater standards. I was very proud of our Sixth Form students, who during their study periods on a Tuesday morning were

all completing work or revision across the school; in the Oaks, The Compass, PC Hubs and in classrooms. I know this will prepare them well for the challenging AS/A levels ahead.

On Wednesday we had visitors from one of our research networks, the International Centre for Educational

Enhancement, which included educational leaders and Headteachers from Gothenburg and Stockholm, as well as educational experts from around the UK. During their visits to

lessons, our visitors were impressed by the global competencies that students were developing (the 6Cs) and were fascinated by the engagement and use of technology being used across our school. They also recognised

the strong culture evident among our teaching staff who readily welcome visitors into their classrooms to gather feedback and continually look to improve. Mr Hall, Senior Leader, explains more in a later story.

Gaining feedback from others supports all of us to continually improve. As the Zen proverb states, "It takes a wise man to learn from his mistakes but an even wiser man to learn from others." I know at Bosworth that all of our staff and students aspire towards a growth

Enjoy your weekend. Mr Brown, Headteacher







mindset culture.

Actions to take if your child tests positive for COVID-19

If someone in your household has a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test taken at home:

- they should self-isolate straightaway and <u>report their test result</u> (to the NHS and to school)
- they should book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible, either <u>online</u>, through the NHS COVID-19 app, or by calling 119 and continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting results of the PCR test
- any unvaccinated adults in their household should self-isolate whilst awaiting their PCR result, unless they are exempt

(Exempt means; you are fully vaccinated, you are below the age of 18 years and 6 months, you are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, or you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons)

Risk Mitigation Reminder

Bosworth Academy has been working alongside Leicestershire County Council and Public Health England to consider measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 within the school community. Students and staff are now to wear face masks in classrooms, on transport and in communal spaces.

This will be reviewed again on Friday 11th October.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

European Recognition

On Wednesday we welcomed visitors from ICEE (International Centre for Educational Enhancement), and Kunskapsskolan, Sweden. Bosworth is held in high esteem within their global network and this visit was an opportunity to showcase our work as well as pick up fresh ideas about how we can continue to evolve. The visitors were amazed by the range of beautiful lockdown work that is on display around the site as well as the vibrant buzz and engagement that was evident in such a wide range of lessons throughout the day.

Our Swedish quests are experts in educating students to be more proactive, confident and articulate and they were very complimentary of our strategies to achieve this through our use of the 6C's (Character, Communication, Collaboration, Citizenship, Critical Thinking and Creativity) as well as our new initiative, the Real LiFE Curriculum which is already proving a big hit with the staff and students of our first cohort in year 7. As ever we should be proud of the willingness of our staff to be reflective. innovative and bold in order to make the Bosworth experience so engaging and rewarding.

Mr Hall, LiFE & Bosworth Senior Leader



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 28th October from 5.00 pm until 7.30 pm we will be encouraging students considering their next steps after GCSE to join us on our Sixth Form Open Evening to see how we help prepare and support A level students to thrive in an ever-changing world. As restrictions have now been lifted we are once more opening our doors with opportunities for students and their families to tour the academy and attend one of three presentations in the evening which will be held at 5.10, 5.50 and 6.15 pm. We are very proud of the success of our sixth form and the range of pathways that students pursue following A level courses at Bosworth Academy.

During the evening there will be an opportunity to find out more about the courses we have on offer and to speak to staff and students about how Bosworth can support them to achieve their goals and aspirations.

Due to the need to monitor the number of people attending the event tickets should be requested in advance Book tickets here



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Year 11 Exams and Grading

Ofqual have, this week, released some information on exams and grading this summer. A student blog can be found here: https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/30/exams-and-assessments-2022-fairness-and-clarity/

Some key points are:

- There will be optional topics and content in GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography.
- Centres will be allowed to deliver practical work by demonstration.
- Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects except GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography by 7 February 2022 at the latest.
- Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science.

Grading

- 2022 will be a 'transition year' to reflect the fact that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted.
- Ofqual will therefore aim for grades in 2022 to reflect a midway point between 2021 and 2019.
 This means that results overall next year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2020.
- Exam boards will use data as a starting point, to align their standards in a subject. But the grade boundaries for each specification will be set by the senior examiners after they have reviewed the work produced by students.
- Grades for students sitting exams in autumn 2021 will be aligned with grading in summer 2021.
- When predicting grades for UCAS this year,
 Ofqual recommends that teachers use the 2019
 standard as the basis, but that they give borderline students the benefit of any doubt.



Results days

Results for exams next year will return to their normal format, with AS and A levels being released on 18 August, and GCSEs on 25 August. VTQs used to progress in a similar way will be issued on or before the same days, and other VTQ results will continue to be issued throughout the year.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 Trial Exams Evening

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the trial exam support evening. We hope that this both motivated students to begin their revision as well as giving practical tips on how to begin.

Top tips for any student who was unable to attend are to:

- Create a revision timetable
- Make sure you are TRANSFORMING information (this could be onto flash cards, mind maps etc) do not simply read through work
- Revisit topics
- Gets parents and friends to test you
- Make sure you have the revision guides you need. Orders can be placed at our reception

Many parents were keen to get a copy of their child's RAG rated document from Maths - this will be posted onto Satchel One (SMHW) so that you can see a copy of target areas for revision.

Revision classes are taking place after school for subjects and students can revise in their morning tutor time as they arrive, before the tutor lesson, and during breaks if they wish to do so.

We will also be supporting students about staying healthy and managing workload during this time as mental health is also equally important.

The powerpoint that was delivered on the evening has been sent home to year 11 parents and the resources will be available at the Parent's Consultation Evening for you to take away.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher



GL assessment - Year 7 and 8

A reminder for all parents of year 7 and 8 that students will be sitting assessments next week to help the school to identify gaps in knowledge and to inform teachers about each student's strengths and areas to improve. These will be:

Year 7 - English, Maths, Science, Pupil's Attitude to School (PASS tests)

Year 8 - English, Maths, Pupil's Attitude to School (PASS tests)

Students do not need to revise for these assessments and, as a school, we will ensure these are carried out in such a

way that they do not feel high stakes. Students should simply do their best and that will then inform our teaching of certain topics.



Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher

Hello Yellow Day - Friday 8 October Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day

On Friday 8 October we will be supporting Young Minds with their Hello Yellow day. Students and staff are invited to wear an item of clothing that is yellow or bright socks for a suggested donation of $\mathfrak{L}2$ to Young Minds. Donations can be made on SQuid or your child can bring cash to your tutor group on Friday.

In tutor time all year groups will be focusing on mental health completing an activity from a variety of ideas. The main concepts are around raising awareness of our mental health and creating strategies to manage our mental health as well as being aware of where we can go to for support.

Follow this <u>link</u> for where to get more support and remember your child can talk to their tutor or Head of Year if they have any concerns or worries.

Mrs Harbour, Assistant Head



Year 11 - Next Steps

This half term our students have continued researching their options for study after Year 11 and have been supported in doing so in their tutor group.

The next few interventions will give students more information about the different pathways available to them. Students will also be able to reflect on their mock exam results and formulate a plan in readiness for their applications.

Students will be applying via a new online application form for Bosworth Academy courses and the usual PS16 website (www.ps16.co.uk) for courses outside Bosworth Academy. The formal application process will start after half term and the internal deadline will be 10th of December.

There will be a dedicated Post 16 evening at Bosworth Academy on 28th October for parents and students to find out what is on offer at Bosworth Academy at 16+

The Bosworth Careers team and tutors will support our students through this process and we will send more information and logins in the week after half term.

Marie Delage Martin - PSHE and Careers lead Emily Gillespie - Careers coordinator

Additional Funding

If your child is a Previously Looked After Child (PLAC) or adopted, or under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), we may be able to apply for additional funding to support them at school. Please contact Lorna Croucher (Icroucher@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk) or Beth Ladkin

(bethl6@bosworthacademy.org.uk) at School to let us know. We need to know by <u>Friday</u> 15th October.

Mrs Croucher, SENDCo



COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

For young people aged 12 to 15 to be offered a COVID -19 vaccine.

As I stated in the newsletter on 17th September I have now received further information to share about offering the COVID-19 vaccination to our young people aged 12 to 15. The NHS vaccination programme will be offered on Thursday, 14th October 2021, at Bosworth Academy, to those students aged 12 to 15 years old.

To complete a consent form refer to the NHS letter sent to you on Thursday or visit www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk, select COVID-19 then add the code for Bosworth Academy which is LE137969. You will receive a confirmation email when the form is submitted. The system will close one working day before the vaccination session.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population. Healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will primarily receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school.

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccine will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who are trained in the vaccination of children and young people.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination programme and how it will work, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions, can be found with this letter.

If you have any questions then please contact the NHS through their website, www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/immunisations or call their clinics booking team on 0116 4975700.

More details will be shared with you about the vaccination closer to the date.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

16 and 17-year-olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment online.

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- <u>find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site</u> to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the NHS website.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Brilliant Bosworth Laureates Students - Colours Evening

It was great to see so many of our Laureates students helping at our Open Evening last Thursday.

Students helped out in different subject areas and lots of them acted as ambassadors and gave our visitors a tour of the school. Many of the parents who were being shown around commented on how brilliant the students were and the great job they did.

On 14th October we will be hosting our first Colours Evening when many of our helpers on Open Evening will be receiving their first colours badge and we will be sharing with parents the details of our colours awards. Look out for information coming out in the next few days.

Mr R Moore, Head of Laureates



Parkrun

On Saturday 2nd October we are inviting staff, students and parents to



join the Braunstone Parkrun. The Parkrun is a free 5km run at 9am around Braunstone Park, Leicester. It would be great to see as many people from our school community there to participate or just to support. If you wish to do the run then you need to sign up on the Parkrun website and print off your barcode - no time can be confirmed without a barcode.

It is not a race, just a great, weekly, community event aimed at getting as many people active as they can. The meeting place for the start is the Hinckley Road side of Winstanley House. If you are lost, just follow the crowds of runners.

Movember

After last year's monumental fundraising effort for Movember, we are ready to do it again to help raise awareness of men's mental health and suicide awareness as well as prostate and testicular cancer. The school team raised over $\mathfrak{L}12,000$ with current year 13 student, Samuel Wright raising $\mathfrak{L}8,500$ of that total; the biggest single contributor to the UK Movember schools challenge.

In the build up to 'Movember', which runs for the 30 days of the month of November we will be running assemblies and tutor time lessons to help raise awareness of why Movember is such an important charity. During the month we will be asking our school community, students, staff and parents to get involved in one of two ways - 'Move for Movember' or 'Grow for Movember'.

To 'move' you are asked to commit to run, walk, row or cycle 60km throughout the month - the number 60 represents the number of males who globally take their own life each hour. To 'grow' we ask that you are cleanly shaven on the 1st of November and throughout the month cultivate the best moustache you can grow.

I will be sharing our #TeamBosworth fundraising page and I will be inviting all members of our school community to join if you wish to do so to see how much we can raise and also, most importantly, spread the word of these vital causes.

Mr Grest, Senior Leader



Mentoring for achieving

The peer mentoring project has started again this year and it has been running for the last 4 weeks. But what is peer mentoring exactly? "Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship between a young person and a caring individual who offers guidance, support and encouragement"

In this project, it is 20 year 13 students who mentor 20 year 11 students twice a week, for ½ hour during tutor time.

The sessions take place in the canteen around a hot chocolate. There is a fantastic and studious atmosphere, our year 11 students enjoy working with their mentor and value the one to one support. It is an opportunity for them to learn and revise key topics and gain practice on exam questions. It is also a chance to learn from the experience of an older student who has been in the same situation not so long ago. Trust is everything and the peer mentors use this to connect their students to learning.

This project has made a real difference for the year 11 last year. Students improved academically, they achieved better grades, and most of all they improved their attitude towards learning. Teachers noticed better participation in lessons and homework got more consistent.

Based on this success, the project has recruited 30 more year 12 students this year who are being trained for their new role in our School community. Those students should start in 2 weeks time and join the year 13. This will make around 50 year 11 students who get the extra support to achieve at GCSE and considerably improve their prospect for their future.

Mr Mainard, Senior Leader





Bosworth Academy 3G Pitch Update

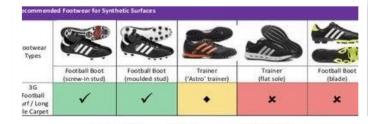
Construction Progress

The 3G Pitch construction continues with the carpet being laid and the fencing completed. Unfortunately rain and heavy winds will impede progress, so fingers crossed for a prolonged spell of good weather so that work can be completed in the next few weeks.



3G Footwear Update

Please be aware of the footwear restrictions on the 3G Pitch. Flat soled trainers & blades are prohibited, we would also prefer that Astro Turf trainers are not worn either. If you wear the incorrect footwear you will not be able to play. A 3G surface is also found within our Dome facility, where similar footwear restrictions will also shortly be introduced to protect the newly laid surface.



Bosworth Boot Bank - Donate your boots and help community football

Bosworth Academy has purchased 25 sets of football boots to enable all students at Bosworth Academy to be able to access both our 3G pithc and Dome facilities. The Academy has also set up a 'boot bank' for people to donate football boots for others to be able to play. The boots will be used by people who want to play football on the 3G pitch and in the Dome but are unable to afford the footwear which has to meet a certain standard for the surface. We are looking for all sizes of children's and adult boots. They must be clean and undamaged and ideally have moulded studs. Screw studs can also be used.

You can drop off your unwanted and outgrown boots at our main reception or PE department. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Mr Ripley, Facility & Programme Development Leader



The Friends of Bosworth Academy

We are currently a small group of people, made up of parents and staff. Our main purpose is fundraising throughout the school year and having fun along the way! Currently we are focused on raising funds for the new 3G pitch. This has included crowdfunding, nonschool uniform day and a sponsorship board raffle. We are constantly trying to come up with new ideas to raise funds and would welcome any input.

Our goal in the future is to enable the school to have funds above its current budget and to be able to provide additional equipment/resources, whilst bringing the community together.

How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways you can support the school through FBA. Whether it is running an event, providing an idea, perhaps your company would be willing to make a donation, buy a sponsorship board, provide prizes/ resources or maybe offer match funding. It could be that you have a skill set that would be useful or that you are a willing pair of hands to help out.

Contact us

We are friendly group who would welcome new members and ideas. If you are interested, please contact

rcollier@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Thank you







Book Buzz 2021 Free Books For All Our Year 7 Students

We have had a wonderful atmosphere in The Compass (our library) this week due to the launch of this year's 'Book Buzz'.

As usual, we have signed up to the National Booktrust scheme which enables us to buy the best recent fiction so cheaply that we can afford to give a free book to all our Year 7 students. In their library lessons, our students watched a film where 17 top authors presented their latest books. Afterwards, students got to look at the books, and then they had to make the difficult choice of which one they would like to be given as a present from the school.

The books have been selected by an expert panel of school librarians, teachers and booksellers, and with 17 fantastic titles to choose from, we hope every student will find something they will enjoy, whatever their interest or ability. Students will get their chosen book to bring home after half term. And for those who found it hard to choose just one, the other 16 titles will be available to borrow from The Compass, along with the thousands of other amazing books we have on our shelves.

Mrs.Griffiths, Librarian and Mrs.Starr, Lead Practitioner



Chromebooks for year 12 students

Over the summer Bosworth Academy has purchased some google Chromebooks to help support Post 16 students with their studies. We believe that students having access to technology is a key element for supporting students with their education. Therefore, we are offering year 12 students the chance to source a Chromebook from the school. Parents/carers can sign up to the scheme on a first come, first served basis and commit to making a total contribution of £145 for a Lenovo Chromebook 100e. These payments can be made as either a one off payment of £145 or 3 payments of £45, £50 and £50 over a 3-month period. Further information can be found visiting the site below:

https://bit.ly/2Y7I5jb

Mr Johnson, MAT Network Manager

Heads of Year Contact Details

If you have any concerns about your child that can not be sorted with their form tutor or class teacher then please contact their Head of Year.

Year 7: Vee Wake vdebolster@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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Nikki Whittaker nwhitaker@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Year 12: Matt Dover mdover@bosworthacademy.org.uk



Home Testing for Covid-19

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection of Covid-19 within schools. That is why, whilst some measures have been relaxed, others will remain, including twice-weekly testing for staff and students. Students should undertake twice-weekly home tests on a Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and Sunday evening or Monday morning until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.

Students with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms. Students should not come into school if they have symptoms. Please remember that if students have had coronavirus within the last 90 days they will not be required to test, but should return to regular testing following that period of time.

Results should be uploaded to Government test tracking - http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

School test tracking - http://bit.ly/BosworthLFT



Be better than you thought you could be

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK? Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday bbq swedish Creamy chicken sausage and mash neatballs served cajun chicken served stroganoff, served served with mashed with steamed rice with herby diced served with potato with steamed rice potatoes, fresh veg wedges and beans and broccoli and gravy green beans vegetable and Mushroom vegan sausages bbq quorn pieces vegan quorn fillet stroganoff cheese bake roast chicken breast beef chilli served gammon steak served with potato Sweet and sour served with mashed with steamed rice served with herby wedges and beans chicken served with potatoes, fresh veg and green beans diced potatoes and peas steamed rice and and gravy broccoli Pasta Bar Rice Bar Pasta Bar Rice Bar Pasta Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings Fillings Fillings Fillings Fillings NOW OPEN AT SECOND SECOND SECOND SECOND SECOND COUNTER COUNTER COUNTER COUNTER COUNTER Dessert of the Day Filled Baquettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily

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

Charity collection

Covid has made life very hard for some people in our area, for example they may have lost their jobs or had their working hours reduced and therefore have less money. In these difficult times charities have been unable to run events and people have donated less than usual. However, many people have paid for most things on their debit cards leaving spare change in their pockets. Real LiFE curriculum pupils, in year 7, want to help and are collecting spare change to this end which we will donate to local charities to help our community. We will be visiting tutor groups to collect spare change over the last two weeks of term. Please give what you can.

Mrs Wright, Real LiFE Lead Teacher

Communication with Parents/Carers

Our preferred method of communication to parents is using an app called 'Weduc'. Our letters are shared via this app. You should by now have received an enrolment code. If you have not please email

weduc@bosworthacademy.org.uk and we can arrange for you to receive one.

The benefits of using the app are that you will be able to view attendance data, tracking data, exam timetables, parents evening bookings, personal details held by the school i.e address, contact details etc

More information will be rolled out from January 21 so we encourage you to download the Weduc app and start using it as soon as possible to stay in touch.



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