

Welcome

This week has felt like the summer term once more, with students enjoying their break and lunch in the glorious sunshine. It's also been proving good for butterflies too with



some rarer species appearing now instead of in July! It has of course been quite a hot environment to learn in and I know many students will welcome the cooler September temperatures that we are returning to. I must share though how well students have coped as they have continued to focus and learn well in lessons.

Yesterday I wrote to all parents about the increase in COVID cases across Leicestershire and in our school. The letter can be found on our [website](#) and was communicated to parents using the WEDUC app. Due to the rise in new positive cases, we are introducing additional measures as we aim to keep our

students, staff and wider community safe. We are now asking students to **return to wearing face masks in communal areas**. It is especially important that they are worn when students are moving between lessons on busy corridors. Face masks should also be worn **when students are using school transport**. From Monday we will be ensuring that students follow this risk mitigation. Tutors will be able to issue a face mask if they forget to bring one. The Local Health Protection Team are clear that we are not at the stage of requiring face masks in lessons, though students who choose to wear them in classes may do as some students have chosen to since the start of term. Please note if your child was exempt from wearing one last term you do not need to contact the school as we are aware. We will monitor the situation and will write to you again if we are advised to take any further steps or remove measures.

We are reminding all students to **continue twice-weekly testing** and will be strongly encouraging any students who may have stopped home testing to begin once more. It is clear that the LFT tests are picking up asymptomatic cases. I'd like to thank all parents for your support in reporting these results to school and keeping your child at home if the test is positive whilst you await the result of a follow-up PCR test. Students may pick up additional test kits from reception if these are required. If your child has coronavirus symptoms or tests positive please contact our attendance team at attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

On 23rd September we have our Open Day for new year 7 and year 12 students for Academic Year 2022/23. **Our theme this year is 'The future we want'**. We challenge our students to be 'better than they thought they could be', 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! The evening, running from 5-8 pm will be mainly for year 5 and 6 children considering joining our school, we have a dedicated Sixth Form Evening on 28th October. This year we are reducing numbers in each presentation by running three presentations across the evening. Places are being taken up fast and can be booked by following this link [Bosworth Open Evening](#). We are requiring a number of students across different year groups to be Bosworth Ambassadors for the evening to showcase the learning across all subject areas and to be tour guides. Please ask your son or daughter to let their Head of Year know if they would like to be an Ambassador that evening. Even a few weeks in our new year 7 students will have the confidence to show primary aged children around our big building!



As we all continue to rise to the various challenges ahead of us which continue this term, it is worth remembering the great resilience our children are learning. As Maya Angelou said, "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."

Thank you all for your continued support as we continue our great journey to a brighter future together.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

in the loop

10th September 2021

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

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You are invited to our **OPEN EVENING 2021**

at Bosworth Academy on
23rd September 5pm - 8pm

We are really excited to welcome parents and prospective students to our Open Evening event on 23 September 2021. The event is aimed at those in primary school who are looking to attend our school next academic year.

Those looking to join us in Year 12 are also welcome, but we are holding a dedicated Sixth Form event on 28 October 2021 which you may find more useful.

Our theme for the evening is 'The future we want'. We will showcase our curriculum approach which enables our young learners to leave school with the confidence that they can be future leaders and positive change agents in a rapidly evolving world.

Please visit www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/OpenEvening2021 to secure a place in our presentation event and to tour our school. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment - spaces are limited to ensure we operate as safely as possible.



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Please visit **Bosworth Open Evening** to book your place.

Superb September

At Bosworth Academy we are currently searching for all those superb September 100% attenders! Every superb attender in September will win a place in our prize draw, one winner per Year group. Remember attendance matters!

Mrs Whitaker



I am writing to inform you of how the additional bank holiday this academic year will affect our term dates. You may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been recently announced for 3rd June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As on previous similar occasions (e.g. the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has amended the Education Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for schools to 189 days. Schools are, however, already on half term at the time of the bank holiday, and therefore we are required to place the additional day elsewhere in this academic year.

There will never be an ideal time for all schools and all families to adapt to changes in school dates. We feel it is important to situate the day at a point when we will gain the maximum benefit to well-being for staff and students during what has been a highly challenging time for us all. Leicestershire has the longest Autumn term (16 weeks) of any authority nationwide. This leads to fatigue and sometimes more illness in late November and December for both staff and students. We also expect that Covid cases could well be very high at this time. The local authority is yet to decide when they recommend the day is taken. However, the majority of Leicestershire schools are academies and will make their own separate decisions; we are sharing our agreed day now as we believe it is important to give you the maximum notice of this change. Consequently, Bosworth Academy and all schools within the LiFE Multi-Academy Trust have determined that our **schools will be closed for the additional day on Friday 3rd December 2021.**

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Year 11 Receive End of Year 10 Trial Exam Results

This week, your child has had the experience of receiving their end of year 10 trial exam grades much like they will experience in the summer for their real GCSEs. As a parent/carer these grades have been uploaded to WEDUC and available to see from 9th September.

Some students will be happy with their grades yet know they still have more to learn and others may be disappointed with their performance. The reason for year 10 trial exams is not only to help teachers understand the gaps in learning but to enable the student to see exactly what grade they are working at through the form of an exam-style assessment. Whatever the experience, there is still enough time for all students to succeed and achieve the best outcomes with the right mindset and work ethic.

At school, we will be continuing to work with students by providing excellent lessons and there will be many opportunities for revision sessions.

Year 11 Trial Exams Evening

All students will sit a year 11 trial exam in *each of their subjects*, these will take place between **3rd November - 25th November**.

We would like to invite you to an **Aspire, Aim and Achieve** evening on **Tuesday 28th September** where we will share with you:

- Any up to date information we have regarding examinations this year
- The year ahead - upcoming assessments and key dates
- How you can support your child as parents/carers
- What your child needs to do to achieve their best
- Detailed Maths and English input
- The student's trial exam timetable

This evening is 5 weeks before the trial exams begin and we hope that it will both motivate students and give them the information they need to achieve their best. **Trial exam results have been used as part of the evidence for a student's grade both this year and last year as exams were cancelled due to Coronavirus. This is why it is vital that all students revise and take these assessments seriously.** To book a place at this event please follow this link: [book tickets here](#)

Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher



COVID-19 Testing

By the end of this week we will have offered in school COVID-19 testing to all year groups. **The next step is that we ask students to continue testing at home until at least the end of September.** By testing regularly we can help to prevent the spread of infection within the academy.

All students should have been given a box of tests for home use and should upload their results in two places;

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

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

Reminders are sent twice weekly to students and we are grateful for the support we have received so far in preventing transmission and keeping our community safe.

Covid-19 vaccinations for students

As we return to school this term it is crucial that as many of our students aged 16 and over get vaccinated to provide vital protection from COVID-19.

There are a series of drop-in clinics available across the county where an appointment is not required. Details can be [found here](#).

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Head



3G Pitch Construction latest

To see how the 3G pitch work progressed over the first 4 weeks please see below link to time lapse footage of the 3G construction up to the end of week 4 - <https://vimeo.com/592215032/5f0a3cf7f5>

Below is a photo taken on Friday 10th September showing the progress to date of the 3G pitch construction. Work is on schedule with a completion date expected to be on or around the 19th October. The actual 3G carpet will be arriving on Monday and the tarmac later on in the week. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation with parking to allow construction lorries to have access on and off the site. On another note, a reminder to parents and community users that the correct footwear will be needed for all users wanting or needing to use the pitch, your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

Chris Ripley
LiFE MAT Facility &
Programme Development
Leader



“L’shanah tovah” to all of our Jewish community...

Rosh Hashanah is a two day festival, celebrating the Jewish new year. This year, this festival was celebrated on the 6-8th September.

What does it symbolise?

Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start.

It is a time for people to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done.

They can also think about their priorities in life and what is important to them.

The festival also marks a time of judgment, when Jewish people believe that God balances a person's good acts over the last year with their bad acts, and decides what the coming 12 months will be like for them.

And, next week, Yom Kippur will be celebrated on the **15th and 16th September**.

Yom Kippur means **Day of Atonement**. It is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar.

When is Yom Kippur?

Yom Kippur is celebrated in September or October in the UK. In 2021 Yom Kippur will begin in the evening of **Wednesday 15 September**.

Yom Kippur is ten days after **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year, which celebrates the anniversary of the creation of the world.



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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Bosworth Academy in the Community

In my new role of creating community links within the academy and our locality there are some exciting projects being developed to enrich the experience of our students whilst working with sectors of the local community. Firstly, we are recruiting Post-16 students to volunteer at Desford Library in their study periods to work alongside the volunteers in charge of the running of the library. There are also plans underway for a year 8 enrichment group, the Bosworth Wombles, to work with the Parish Council on helping keep the village clean, tidy and 'in bloom'. Within the school we have an increasing number of staff taking part in our 'well-being Wednesday' fitness sessions. Staff, in small groups, run around the village of Desford and we hope to encourage others to join and later on in the term will complete the Braunstone Parkrun with the intention of getting as many staff, students and parents there to take part. Also, look out for our 'Movember' charity fundraiser which we will be doing as a school throughout the month of November in support of men's mental health and cancer awareness.

As projects develop and new ones flourish, I look forward to feeding back to our community through *In the Loop* as well as through our social media channels.

Mr Grest, Associate SLT

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swedish Meatballs served in a Tomato and Basil sauce served with Pasta, Garlic Bread and sweetcorn	Cajun Chicken served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Garden Peas	Chicken and Mushroom Pie with a Puff Pastry Lid served with Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Veg	Beef Rogan Josh served with Basmati Rice, Naan Bread and Mint Yoghurt	Chilli Beef Tacos served with Vegetable Rice and Salad
Vegan Bolognese served with Pasta and sweetcorn	Vegetable And Cheese Bake served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Peas	Creamy Vegetable Pie With Puff Pastry Mashed Potatoes and Veg	Sweet Potato and Spinach Korma served with Basmati Rice and Naan Bread	Mixed Bean Chilli served with Vegetable Rice and Salad
Jacket Potato & Fillings	Jacket Potato & Fillings	Jacket Potato & Fillings	Jacket Potato & Fillings	Jacket Potato & Fillings
Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day	Dessert of the Day



Filled Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily

If you would like information on which foods contain allergens please ask a member of the catering team who will be happy to help



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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Autumn Term 2021

Be better than you thought you could be