

Welcome

So much can happen in a week. With the government's cabinet reshuffle we no longer have Gavin Williamson as Education Secretary and instead, have Nadim Zahawi the Vaccines Minister who himself announced this week a vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year-olds. At present schools do not have any further information about the childhood COVID vaccination programme though I explain more in a separate article in this newsletter.

Our school continues to be a vibrant hub of learning and enjoyment. There has been so much going on this week; year 8 went on a Humanities trip to Beacon Hill, Sixth Form mentoring of year 11 is well underway, early morning swimming relaunched, and we hosted our Year 12 Welcome Evening. Next week is action-packed too especially as we hold our Open Evening on Thursday 23rd September for parents of years 5, 6 and 11 parents and children looking at places for the academic year 2022/23. Our dedicated Sixth Form Evening for year 11 students is later this term on Thursday 28th October.

I have continued to be impressed with how well our students have adapted to our increase in risk mitigation measures. Face masks are being worn on corridors, buses and communal areas, and frequent testing and sanitising of hands is taking place. It would be helpful if parents and carers can please remind your child each day to bring their own face mask as we cannot keep giving them out to the same few students each day. I continue to work closely with the Local Health Protection Team about the measures we have in place in school. If the number of cases increases further, as they are in our wider community our next stage would be to return to face masks in lessons. Hopefully this will not be necessary though it has already occurred in other Leicestershire schools. If students do wish to wear a face covering in lessons then just email their Head of Year so we are aware. For Covid related queries or if your child does test positive on a lateral flow test then we would prefer you to share full details on an email to attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk rather than call us.

On Saturday, **Emma Raducanu** became the first British woman to win a major tennis title in 44 years, and the first qualifier in history to lift a grand slam. Her parents had been unable to watch their daughter triumph in person as they could

not secure the visas needed to fly to New York. Emma said her parents were "proud and happy" following her win, adding: **"They're my toughest critics and so hard to please - but I got them this time!"** I'm sure all of you are similarly so proud of your own children and their many achievements. **Do take the time to be curious** and find out what they've been up to. Rather than ask what they did at school, try a curious question; **What great questions did you ask? What did you learn about today? What did you accomplish today? What were you most proud of?**

I continue to feel so proud of our students and how they continue to have the willingness, intelligence and ability to adapt to change.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Brown, Headteacher



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OPEN EVENING 2021

23rd September 5pm - 8pm



We are really excited to be opening our doors to prospective students and their families next week. Our event has proven incredibly popular with all three of our presentations now sold out. At the time of writing, we have a few more general admission tickets still available. You can book these tickets here: <https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/openevening2021/>

We would like to remind visitors that face coverings are strongly recommended to help keep everyone as safe as possible. We also ask that visitors take a lateral flow test the day before the event. These are available from most local chemists. Please allow plenty of time for parking on site. We ask visitors to use one car per family where possible and, if you are able, to walk to the school to help with parking. We ask that if you have a presentation ticket you turn up no later than five minutes before to allow time for seating. Once the presentation starts, you will not be allowed in to avoid disruption.

We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to showing you how passionate we are about teaching young people!

Young people aged 12 to 15 to be offered a COVID-19 vaccine

The Health and Social Care Secretary has [announced](#) that young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers.

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, will be shared with schools shortly. As soon as we receive more information on how and when this will take place we will share it with you.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Supporting our iPad Scheme

As a school, we have always seen the value that technology brings to the classroom which is why we issue all new year 7 students with an iPad. We believe that technology enhances learning at all levels and provides students with opportunities to work collaboratively and dynamically across all of their lessons. Indeed, during the first lockdown, our school was well-positioned to run remote learning from day one and over the last two academic years, our students have been able to experience uninterrupted education through live lessons and high-quality resource sharing using the technology at our disposal.

Students are able to take their iPads home to support their home learning too. All internet traffic is filtered through our systems to prevent students from accessing anything they shouldn't, even when at home.

As you can imagine, providing an iPad to each student isn't cheap, nor is the software that we use in lessons or to provide the additional security measures to keep children safe. That is why we ask parents and carers, if they can, to support the scheme with voluntary contributions. These contributions effectively pay for the iPad and associated software that your child uses. At the end of the five years, those who have supported the scheme are gifted the iPad. Many students purchase their iPad at the end of the five years but supporting the scheme over a five-year period rather than at the end really helps support the school in providing the best learning opportunities that we can. You can start and stop the voluntary contributions whenever you like, so even if your child is in year 11, you can start supporting the scheme today! You can read the full letter that details the scheme here: <https://bit.ly/38W0G3o>

If you would like to contribute to the scheme, you can [sign up here](#).

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Head of School



Beacon Hill

The Human and Social Studies Faculty were delighted to be able to take all Year 8 students on a Geography field trip to Beacon Hill this week. It was the first trip of the year for our Year 8 students. The aim of the trip was to complete multi sensory fieldwork around exploring landscapes and a sense of place. We were very fortunate to have some lovely sunshine to accompany us on the day. Students were able to experience the delights that Beacon Hill had to offer when they reached the summit after a challenging walk. They were able to explore the igneous rocks which formed as a result of the extinct volcano in the region. Students enjoyed exploring the rhododendron labyrinth and the unique wooden sculptures hidden in the area. Back in school students will use the information they gained to complete a 'Beacon in a Box' project. We hope that this experience has inspired students to visit new places and appreciate places around them.

Miss S O'Dea, Head of Human and Social Studies Faculty



"I can" attitude from Tia

One of our students showed amazing character on this week's Humanities trip. Tia showed us that her wheelchair is there to assist her in achieving her goals and not a limitation or a barrier. After a long trek up Beacon Hill in her wheelchair, the rocks prevented her from accessing the very top. Tia's positive mindset meant that this didn't stop her. She managed to walk over rocks and up hills to proudly stand at the summit. We are really proud of you Tia, well done! When challenged by another student how she had managed it, she responded "I walked up, mate!"

Mrs Croucher,
SENCO



Rewards at Bosworth

In the first few weeks of this term, we have managed to reward our students over 8000 times. We have given out a total of **8032** rewards. Our students are rewarded for a variety of different things from good work in class to showing great 6C skills. Students can be rewarded with awards from R1 to R5 and towards the end of this half term we will be identifying students for other rewards such as Year Head Awards or Character for Learning Awards.

The first of these awards will be in the last week in September when students will be invited to our Head teacher's brunch. Students who are invited will be those students that tutors identify as having made a great start to the new school year. So there is still time to make an impression on your tutor and be one of the lucky students.

Mr R Moore, Assistant
Headteacher



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>

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.

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Year 13: Chloe Stephenson chloes3@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
sausage and mash served with peas and gravy	bacon pasta bake served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh veg and gravy	bbq meatballs served with steamed rice and green beans	jumbo fish fingers served with potato wedges and beans
vegan sausage served with mash, peas and gravy	tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	quorn fillet with roast potatoes fresh and gravy	vegan ratatouille served with steamed rice and green beans	vegan quorn fillet served with potato wedges and baked beans
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

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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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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