

Welcome

On Thursday we hosted our Open Evening. It was a delightful opportunity to open up our school to potentially new children and their parents. Everyone was excited considering the fact that last year we had to do it virtually. To make the event safer three presentations were held to ensure that there were smaller audiences in our Main Hall and it staggered the flow of visitors around our school. I



am so proud that nearly 200 students gave up their evening to be ambassadors for our school. Many took parents and their year 5 or 6 children on tours, whilst others were subject experts, showcasing learning at Bosworth and giving demonstrations. Visitors saw dance demonstrations, visited a continental cafe, extracted limonene from oranges and programmed rolling robots to name just a few events taking place. I'd like to thank all parents for allowing your children to support us on the evening. So many visitors found me to share how brilliantly helpful our ambassadors were. They were especially impressed with the confidence, enthusiasm and articulation of our strong values. You should feel really proud.

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school is similar to last week, but as we see cases rising quite dramatically across our community we need to mitigate risk further to ensure students can stay in school. Wearing masks will also help reduce possible transmission to our staff.

The NHS wrote to me this week to confirm that they will be administering vaccinations in our school for 12 to 15-year-olds on Thursday 14th October. Vaccines are offered in schools to ensure easy access for children. Consent forms and further details will be shared with you next week. [This link](#) will take you to further information about vaccinations and some FAQs.



Wednesday saw us complete a Fire Drill, the first of the year. Evacuating nearly 1700 students from our school as well as 200 staff is quite an event on our calendar. I need to share with you how impressed we were with student conduct. In an important safety drill like this, we expect all students to line up in silence whilst we conduct safety checks and account for every person on site. To observe all 1700 students in absolute silence gives a true sense of our community working together. Please thank your child for the part they played in enabling us to conduct a safe fire drill.



The incredible character and communication skills showed by our students this week at Open Evening and around school has been stunning. As Maya Angelou said, **"If you're always trying to be normal you'll never know how amazing you can be."** This week our students and their attitudes were certainly not 'normal' but simply amazing!

Have a great weekend.
Simon Brown, Headteacher

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We will review the situation in 2 weeks. This measure is only effective if the vast majority of students wear a face mask. I would appreciate it if you talk this measure through with your child before Monday and thank you for your support. If your child has been exempt from wearing a face mask in corridors then this will continue in lessons.

Mr Brown, Headteacher



Live Lounge!

There was a buzz in the air at the relaunch of Bosworth's monthly Live Lounge sessions. Post 16 Music Performance students took to the stage and showcased their fantastic ensemble

musicianship skills to an appreciative audience. The monthly event is open to students who would like to perform or simply to come and experience the amazing musical talent that we have in our school. Live Lounge will be starting for other Year groups next month, please email kmedland@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you are interested in performing.

Mrs Medland, Music Leader



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More information on Movember coming soon....

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/39bUiFg>

Mr Johnson, MAT Network Manager



Braunstone Parkrun

On Saturday 2nd October we are hoping to have a large number of staff, students and parents attend the Braunstone Park Parkrun, a 5km fun run around the park. It is a free event and details can be found [here](#). You just need to register, print off your barcode and turn up to run or walk at 9am around the park. The event is fully marshalled and there is plenty of support. Why not come down and give it a go.

Afghanistan Crisis

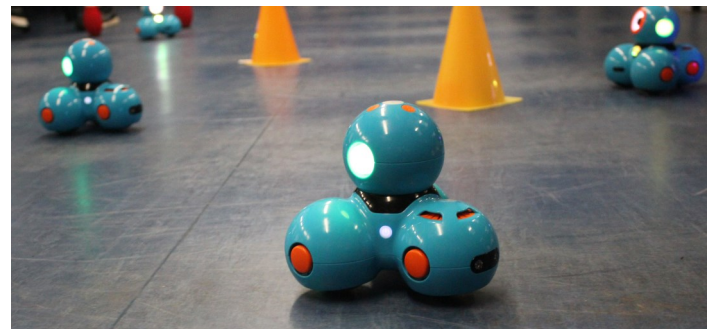
As a school we have contacted the local authority to see how we, as a school community, can support the refugees fleeing the conflict in Afghanistan. As things stand, the most pressing issue for us locally is finding housing for the refugees to live so please see the below paragraph from a contact at the local authority and help out if you are able. Please also share this within your local communities to see if we can help make a difference.

Our immediate priority is to ensure every family who has been relocated to the UK has a suitable self-contained property to settle in and adapt to their new lives. We would urge anyone who owns a property which may be suitable to register it via the online portal set up by the Government. Once a property has been registered it can be assessed for suitability. The form is available on the [Government website](#). Please note that the Council is unable to make use of rooms or areas in a shared property.

Mr Grest, Senior Leader

Vaccine confidence in parents:

If you have not already done so, Public Health would be grateful if you would share [this link](#) with parents to a survey to gain as much insight as possible from them around their thoughts regarding vaccinating their children.



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/38WOG3o>

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

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Head of School

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 - 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



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
chicken tikka masala served with steamed rice and a vegetable samosa	herby chicken with mashed potatoes fresh vegetables and gravy	tuna pasta bake served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	savoury mince served with roast potatoes and a yorkshire pudding	beef burger served with spicy potato wedges and salad
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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.



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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