

## Welcome

This week a number of our students from years 11 and 12 led assemblies focused on Black History Month where they inspired and shared the pride Black people have in their heritage and culture. Our students embraced diversity and shared some strong images and messages. To stand up and present to 250 students each morning can be quite overwhelming yet our students showed true character and

confidence, speaking with real clarity. Well done to Lexine, Tadiwa, Peter, Izzy, and Anotida.



Our year 7 and 8 students focused really well during their assessments this week. These short assessments in English, Maths and Pupil's Attitudes to Learning were aimed at identifying any gaps in knowledge and understanding that our children may have. The outcomes will be used to inform teachers about each student's strengths and areas that teachers need to focus on more in their teaching to support

students in improving. This is so important following months of disrupted learning due to Covid. Students focused brilliantly during these assessments and tried their very best, please thank them too for the determination they showed.

I understand that Covid is still affecting many children and families. I wish you all well if you have been unwell. Attendance has been decreasing significantly across schools in England, as reported by the DfE and BBC this week. The attendance of our own students is increasing once more across year groups and there are fewer positive Covid cases. We are continuing to wear face masks in lessons and communal areas as we look to reduce any chance of transmission further. It is important that all parents for children in the 12-15 age bracket complete the form sent out about vaccinations - you have had correspondence via WEDUC. There is now more time to complete the consent form as unfortunately we have been told by the NHS team that vaccinations at Bosworth Academy will now take place sometime after half-term.

I really needed a 5km Parkrun on Saturday to burn off some calories (kilojoules) following a week of celebration with students during 'Headteacher's Breakfast'. Students from years 7 through to year 13 were nominated by their tutors for excelling during the first few weeks of term. Hot chocolate and pastries were enjoyed by all, which included certificates and recognition rewards. A few images are shown on the next page.



To conclude, let's all follow the wisdom of Maya Angelou, who our students quoted in assemblies this week; **"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."**

We can all strive to be better. We have the power of change within us.

Best wishes,  
Enjoy your weekend.  
**Mr Brown, Headteacher**



Year 7 Recognition



Year 12 Recognition



Year 13 Recognition

## 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



## Assembly Focus

Black History Month is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the multiculturalism and diversity of our community. At Bosworth, we firmly believe that an understanding of black history and engagement with the past, brings greater understanding of our present and our future.

What better way to launch our focus on Black History, than a series of powerful and inspirational assemblies led by a group of Bosworth students from Year 11 and Year 12.

A BIG thank you to Tadiwa Mhiripiri, Peter Ihaza, Izzy Mintus, Lexine Masuku and Anotida Nyatsanza.

Mrs O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher





# THE OAKS SIXTH FORM



## OPEN EVENING 2021 28TH OCTOBER | 5 - 7.30PM

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.

We are very proud of the success of our sixth form and the range of pathways that students pursue following their A level courses at Bosworth Academy, ready to thrive in their future careers.

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 students to achieve their goals and aspirations.

Due to the need to monitor the number of people attending please request tickets in advance

[Book tickets here](#)



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## 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.

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Mrs Holdback,  
Assistant Headteacher

## #TeamBosworth November 2021

On Saturday 2nd October we had a number of staff and students attend the Braunstone Park Parkrun as we build up to this year's Movember. During the month of November we are asking staff and students to join our #TeamBosworth Movember page and commit to either 'grow' or 'move' 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. Whatever you choose to do, remember to spread the message of why you are doing it.



The Movember charity aims to raise awareness of male mental health and suicide awareness, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. For more information visit their website at <https://uk.movember.com/>. Scan the QR code below to take you to the #TeamBosworth page, join us and begin sharing the message of Movember and helping us raise funds.

Mr. Grest, Senior Leader



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**Be better** than you thought you could be

## Vaccination Important Update for 12-15 year olds

As you will be aware the government has announced that children aged between 12 and 15 will be offered one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to provide good protection against severe illness and hospitalisation. Vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds should also help to reduce the need for young people to have time-off school and reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. The COVID-19 secondary schools vaccine programme should therefore provide protection to young people and reduce the disruption to face to face education.

The vaccinations were due to take place on Thursday 14th October, but we have been contacted by the Local Healthcare Team informing us that they will now take place later this term. To **complete a consent form** visit [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://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.

If you have any questions then please contact the NHS through their website, [www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/immunisations](http://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 when the team confirm the date.

**Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher**

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 [report their test result](#) (to the NHS and to school)
- they should book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible, either [online](#), 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)

## 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**

## Henrichment

Year 8 students made Bird Feeders in Henrichment sessions made out of apples to try and encourage wildlife to their gardens. The students did brilliantly and the birds seemed very happy to have a good feed!







## Happy Navaratri!

Mrs Mistry explains what Navratri is and why it is an important festival.

‘Navaratri’ means nine nights in Sanskrit, ‘nava’ meaning nine and ‘ratri’ meaning nights. On the tenth day, Goddess Durga, who is worshipped throughout the nine days, is immersed in holy water after Pooja. Thursday (7 October 2021) is the start of Navaratri, a nine-day festival dedicated to Mother Goddess, Durga.

This festival is celebrated for 9 nights which begins on October 7 and ends on October 15th. Also known as Sharda Navratri, this festival is observed in Hindu Lunar month called Ashwin. Bengalis celebrate Durg Puja during these 9 days by paying their respect to the nine incarnations of goddess Durga.

- On the first day, devotees worship the daughter of the mountain, Goddess Shailputri.
- On the second day, they worship Brahmacharini, the unmarried avatar of Goddess Parvati.
- The third is dedicated to Chandraghanta.
- The fourth day, devotees worship Goddess Kushmanda who is said to be the creative power of the universe.
- Fifth day is for Goddess Skandamata.
- On the sixth day, devotees worship warrior Goddess Katyayani.
- On the seventh day, Goddess Kaalratri is worshipped.
- The eighth day is for Goddess Mahagauri
- The ninth day is dedicated to Goddess Siddhidatri.
- On the last day, Vijaya Dashmani is celebrated when the idols are carried in processions and then immersed in water.

Hindus celebrate this with devotion and enthusiasm throughout India. The celebration lasts for nine days with an extra day on the end named Dusshera

(celebrating good over evil!), the last four days are very important.

During the nine day celebration, there is a feeling of festivity in the air. Many people fast during the entire period, there are different forms of prayers and lots of varieties of sweets are prepared.

Different parts of India celebrate Navaratri in different style, however the thing that is common is its grandeur and auspiciousness. In Gujarat, people do dandiya and garba, a beautiful folk dance, wearing colourful dresses.

Historically in Leicester temples and community centres celebrate Navaratri into the early hours of the morning with families from all over the country. Last year, Navratri was celebrated differently, however this year as we embrace the ‘new normal’, we are encouraging those to celebrate the nine days safely and follow government guidelines and any local restrictions.

For further information about Navratri please see this video Mrs Patel made for Navratri in 2020 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12jxu9SdseuypxctcFicePbNDeJCdVQiB/view?usp=sharing>



## Attendance Matters, Every Day Counts

It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at Bosworth Academy. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on students' performance. Bosworth Academy is committed to working with students and parents/carers to achieve the attendance target of 97%.

Bosworth Academy operates the following attendance grid when reporting to parents/carers:

98% & above Excellent  
96-97.9% Good  
95-95.9% Satisfactory  
90-94.9% Cause for Concern  
90% & below Unacceptable

\*We take into consideration any illness due to a positive Covid PCR Test. Therefore any Covid absence will not negatively impact on the students attendance.

### Attendance Expectations

- The school day begins at 8.40am and all students are expected to be in school by this time, regardless of the distance they may have to travel. Students who arrive after 8.40am, during tutor time will have a consequence issued (unless they travel on the 153). Students arriving after this time must sign in at the attendance office.
- The School operates the Truancy Call System to notify parents/carers if their child has not arrived in school.
- Parents/carers can help by notifying us in advance about planned absences, and arrange medical or dental appointments outside the school day, where possible.
- Bosworth Academy requests that parents/carers contact the School by 9.30am to let us know if their son/daughter is going to be absent.
- Parents/carers are strongly advised to avoid taking their children on holiday during term time and requests during term time will not be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, written requests for extended leave should be made in advance to the Headteacher. Please be aware that there are assessments and trial exams throughout the academic year for all year groups.

Tutors, Heads of Year and members of the Attendance Team regularly hold 'Attendance Matters' conversations with students so that they realise the

importance of high levels of attendance. Students and parents/carers are actively encouraged to keep track of students' attendance through the Weduc app.

Bosworth Academy rewards students who have excellent attendance through reward points, postcards home and a termly/ Monthly prize draw to win vouchers, in addition to the opportunity to take part in end of year rewards. If there are any circumstances which might affect your child's attendance, or you have any queries, please contact the Attendance Team.

[attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk)

## 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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## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
chicken korma or chicken balti  served with steamed rice and naan bread	beef bolognese or creamy bacon and mushroom pasta  served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	hunters chicken or pork loin steak  served with herby diced potatoes and garden peas	beef stew or roasted chicken  breast served with roast potatoes and cabbage	battered fish or fish cake  served with potato wedges and beans
vegetable korma  served with steamed rice and naan bread	vegan pepper and mushroom bolognese  served with garlic bread sweetcorn	vegan quorn steak  served with herby diced potatoes and garden peas	vegan ratatouille  served with roast potatoes and cabbage	spicy bean burger  served with potato wedges and beans
Pasta Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings  NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER	Rice Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings  NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER	Pasta Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings  NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER	Rice Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings  NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER	Pasta Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings  NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER
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](mailto: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](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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