

Welcome

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

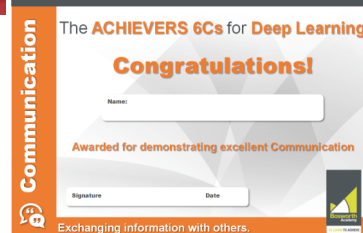
Well done to all of our students and staff for all of their great achievements this half term. Due to the ongoing impact of Covid it has been a much more challenging term than ever expected. Parents reporting positive covid cases continues to decrease significantly across all year groups, therefore attendance is reaching more normal levels. Yesterday I reviewed our risk mitigation measures with Leicestershire Public Health leaders. The additional measures we have put in place such as **face masks in lessons** and additional hygiene and cleaning **will remain** for the week after half term. The reason to continue this is that historically schools have seen increases in positive cases in the days after holidays, and having discussed this wider with staff at UKHSA, it is best that our existing measures be maintained for 1 week after half term. We will then review the situation once more. As ever, thank you for your support in encouraging all students to follow these measures. I will be writing to parents on Friday to share this.



Esther and Matt leading assemblies

On Thursday evening we celebrated success with many of our year 7 children and their parents. An important part of our culture is to recognise and celebrate success. Hosting our first ever, Colours Awards Evening, many students achieved awards and certificates for exhibiting various global competencies, our 6Cs. Students receiving awards had excelled in Collaboration, Communication, Citizenship, Creativity, Character and Critical Thinking this halfterm. There was an opportunity for parents to capture this proud

moment on camera with our fantastically arranged balloon arch and light show, (even the staff got involved!). Look out for other Colours Awards later in the year with some other year groups.



We've continued to recognise Black History Month with our students through assemblies and activities in tutor groups. Two more of our students showed admirable leadership qualities this week, Esther B and Matt W, both in year 13. They delivered a powerful message to years 7 to 11 about violence against women and what can be done about it, and all of our roles in changing attitudes towards the way in which women are treated in public. They also promoted how we can all stay safe.



Wishing all of our students a great half-term.
Mr Brown, Headteacher



A heartfelt apology - Last night, Bosworth Academy hosted its first ever Bosworth Colours Awards evening for KS3. Unfortunately, we made an error which meant Joel O (7NHU) was not recognised for his contribution to the Bosworth Open Evening and did not get the certificate he so rightly deserved. Joel, we are very sorry this happened. Thank you for being an enthusiastic member of the Bosworth community.

Staff Vacancies

Bosworth Academy has some opportunities for those who are looking to change careers or maybe get back into the world of work. Please see the link to our vacancies page at our school:

<https://www.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/vacancies/bosworth-academy-vacancies/>

Superb Attendance Winners

We are pleased to announce 'The Superb September' 100% attendance winners. Well done for winning the £10 voucher prize draw.

Oliwier S.	7 JAL
Tiana C	8 IAH
Nitpreet R	9 RGO
Evie M	10 SBL
Jay K	11 GGR

Girls Football

Our Y10/11 girls football team have progressed to the next round of the Team Leicestershire competition. They showed great character and collaboration throughout the tournament and played with huge smiles on their faces. Well done, girls! Lataya, Poppy, Eleanor, Lotti, Grace, Serena, Lara, Eva, Summer, Amelia, Roxanne, Freya, Libby, Lily

Uniform and Hoodies

Please be aware that hoodies are not allowed to be worn in school with our uniform. Students should be bringing in a coat when required. We have raised this many times previously with parents, yet a minority of students are still needing to be challenged about this. Next week if we see students wearing hoodies in school then they will be confiscated. Please remind your child about this. Thank you for your support.



Leicestershire Police National Hate Crime Prevention Week Competition



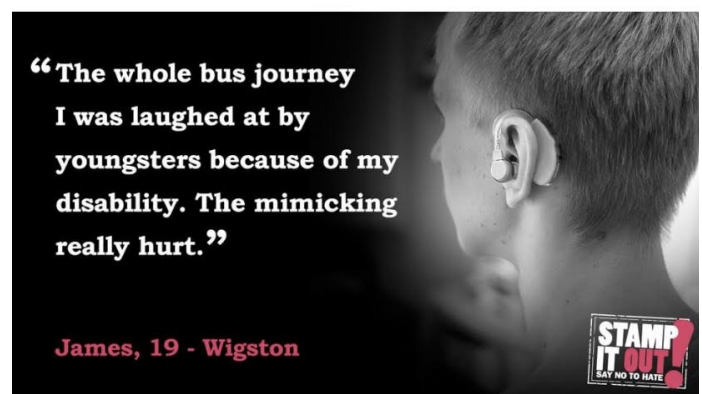
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As part of #NationalHCAW we are asking local secondary school pupils to design a poster or write a poem around the theme of 'Say No to Hate' and focussing on creating inclusive societies.

The top five entries will win a prize and all submissions will be made into a commemorative booklet which will be sent to participating schools. #NoPlaceForHate

Report Hate Crime via <https://crowd.in/xEnaMi>

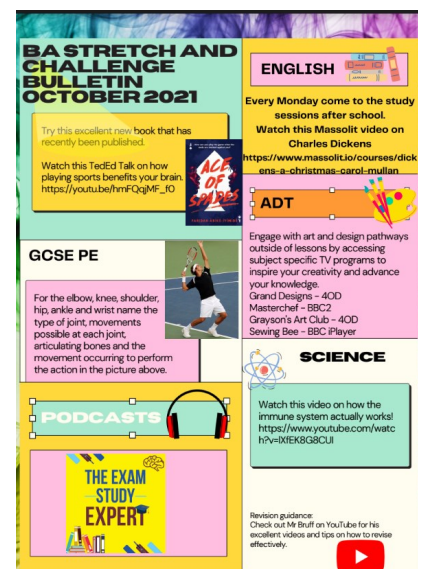


The deadline is 1st November
All entries can be sent to
vkirkham@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Stretch and Challenge

Please look out for the Year 10 Stretch and Challenge Bulletin that is on the school website and has also been emailed to parents and Year 10 students. This contains tips, advice and activities by various departments in order to challenge our students further.

Mrs Mills



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](#)



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

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November

As I have raised in previous versions of In the Loop we will be taking part in this year's Movember campaign throughout the month of November to raise funds and awareness of men's health; in particular, mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer.

We ask that staff, students, parents and friends either 'move' for Movember or 'grow' for Movember. To move, you run, walk, cycle or row for 60km throughout the month - 60 being the number of males globally who die by suicide each hour. To grow, you simply clean shave on the 1st of the month and cultivate a moustache throughout the month - when asked why, simply spread the message of the campaign.

We are asking people to join our **#TeamBosworth** Movember page ([link here](#)) and begin raising money and awareness within your family and communities.

For more information of the fantastic work that Movember do as a charity and the campaigns that they run then please click the [link](#) or visit uk.movember.com. Scanning the QR code below will also take you to the #TeamBosworth page where you can join our campaign.

Mr. Grest, Senior Leader



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NHS Leicestershire Partnership Message

Dear parents/carers,

We want to let you know that the Covid-19 vaccination date for young people aged 12-15 at Bosworth Academy is being rescheduled to a later date.

We sincerely apologise for this short notice and any disappointment caused. We want to assure you that all young people with parental consent will be offered the opportunity to be vaccinated. We will send you a further communication when the new date has been finalised with the school.

Please note you do not need to do anything about the consent forms you have filled out – we will keep these on file for the new session date. Our staff have worked extremely hard to set up this vaccination programme at speed and it has been encouraging to see such a high response level.

We want to thank you and your children for your flexibility and patience as we launch the delivery of this programme across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland schools.

In the meantime, if you or your child have any questions about the vaccine, we'd encourage you to visit the following sites for more information:

- Health for Teens - www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-information/
- Gov.uk – guidance for parents - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

Hello Yellow Recognition

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in wearing yellow to recognise the importance of mental health and wellbeing.



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)

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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Year 10: Jenny Duncan/ Dani Clarke jennyj1@bosworthacademy.org.uk
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Year 12: Matt Dover mdover@bosworthacademy.org.uk
Year 13: Chloe Stephenson chloes3@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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Poetry Matters!

Celebrating National Poetry Day 2021

Did you know, 'Metrophobia' is the term for the fear of poetry? At Bosworth Academy, we are very keen that our students don't develop this fear! Thursday 7th October was National Poetry Day, so this week we have been making a special effort to promote the love of verse.

Introducing The Verse Novel

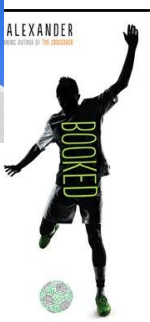
We have branched out this year, and have been introducing our students to the 'verse novel', a form of writing that has gained popularity in recent years. In year 9 we are now teaching 'Punching the Air' by award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam, one of the 'Exonerated Five' in the famous Central Park Jogger case of 1989. This is a powerful young adult novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully put in prison - fascinating reading.



We would like to recommend some more fantastic verse novels for our students. Do encourage your children to read these - all are suitable for KS3-5.

'Booked' by Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick is a star on the football pitch, but at home he's stuck with his linguistic professor father's "dictionary" that he has to read every day, and he hates it... until his prowess with words starts to win over the girl of his dreams. *Booked is an incredible novel. Written in verse, it's instantly readable, will grip a reluctant reader from page one and will improve every reader's vocabulary without them even realising it. The story has something for everyone, from school and family drama to fast-paced, rhythmic football matches. It's a joy to read.*



'The Black Flamingo' by Dean Atta

Fiercely told, this is an uplifting coming-of-age story told in verse, from one of the UK's leading poets, Dean Atta. Dean Atta's poems deal with themes of race, gender, identity and growing up. His latest book, 'The Black Flamingo', is a verse novel for young people about identity and the power of drag.

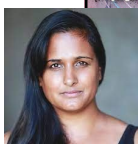
Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London. All his life, he's navigated what it means to be Greek-Cypriot

and Jamaican—but never quite feeling Greek or Black enough. As he gets older, Michael's coming out is only the start of learning who he is and where he fits in. When he discovers the Drag Society, he finally finds where he belongs—and the Black Flamingo is born.



'Run Rebel' by Manjeet Mann (who will be visiting Bosworth in the Spring!)

This is a compelling verse novel in which Amber is trapped – by her abusive father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. She only feels alive when running, but even that is forbidden. Inspired by school lessons about revolution, Amber slowly finds the strength to free not only herself, but also her downtrodden mother and her trapped sister from their domestic prison.



'Run Rebel' by Manjeet Mann is a powerful verse novel charting a female rebellion against cultural rules and abusive family patriarchy. This debut novel was inspired by Manjeet Mann's work creating *Run the World*, an organisation that empowers women and girls from marginalised backgrounds through sport and storytelling. We look forward to welcoming Manjet to our Academy in the new year.

Spoken Word Workshop at Bosworth with Leicester Poet Rob Reeves

This week we had a performance poet, Rob Reeves, work with our Year 9s on spoken word poetry. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to craft and perform their poetry using the mic.



"I enjoyed the performance poetry workshop because I got to write and perform my own poem and we also got to listen to Rob perform."

Naomi W

Mrs. Starr (Lead Practitioner), Mrs. Griffiths (Librarian) and Ms. Masih (Co- Literacy Coordinator)



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
bbq meatballs or sweet and sour chicken served with steamed rice and green veg	savoury mince or herby chicken breast with country veg and yorkshire pudding	chicken tikka or beef rogan josh served with steamed rice and a veg samosa	tuna pasta bake or spicy chicken pasta bake served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	southern fried chicken or jumbo sausage served with spicy wedges and beans
sweet and sour quorn fillet served with steamed rice and naan bread	roasted quorn fillet with country veg and yorkshire pudding	vegetable tikka served with steamed rice and a veg samosa	tomato and basil pasta bake served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	vegan sausage served with spicy wedges and beans
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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

The dangers of vaping

You will be aware that Bosworth Academy is a smoke free site and this includes vaping as well as cigarettes. **Students who bring vaping equipment on site will be given a strong sanction.** Nationally, vaping has become increasingly popular among teenagers and we are seeing evidence of this at Bosworth too, despite it being illegal for teens to purchase them.

E-cigarettes contain a lot of nicotine, which is very addictive. Getting addicted to nicotine can make it harder for teenagers to focus and concentrate. E-cigarettes also contain chemicals that could cause cancer, and there are many reports of serious lung problems connected to vaping. Additionally, vaping can make teenagers more likely to start smoking regular cigarettes.

If you're worried your child might be vaping, start with a general conversation. Try asking if other kids at their school vape, and what they think about it. By finding out what they already know, you can start helping them understand the risks. This usually works better than just telling them that vaping is wrong. If your child is addicted to vaping, make sure to get care from an addiction specialist.

Please also remember that the school can also support you with this so please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you need to. Please find attached these links that offer more support in this area.

[BHF](#) [Child Mind Institute](#)

Becky Harbour

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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