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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students



Welcome

On Monday a group of Headteachers visited our school from many different parts of the country to see some of the excellent work going on in our Sixth Form. Mrs Holdback, Head of Sixth Form, shared our approach to Post 16 study and we visited ten year 12 and 13 lessons during the day. Headteachers from areas such as Doncaster, Gloucester and Peterborough commented on the high quality of learning and application seen in lessons. They were equally impressed by our students who engaged with them during the day. Interactions included guiding them around school or discussing with them their A level subjects or how our global competencies supported their development. Mrs Starr and Mr Claricoates were also involved in the day explaining our leading professional learning programme for staff. Feedback was very positive and I'm sure they'll be taking back some great ideas to their own schools across the region.

A further reminder that on **Friday 3rd December Bosworth Academy will be closed to all students** and staff. This additional Bank Holiday is for the Queen's Jubilee Day which takes place during the half-term break on Friday 3rd June that can be taken on a different day by schools. This day will break up a long Leicestershire winter term and provide a long weekend to rejuvenate both students and staff.

This week all secondary Headteachers received a letter from Jane Moore, Director of Children and Family Services and Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health, from Leicestershire County Council requesting that all secondaries reintroduce mask wearing in communal spaces if they are not already doing so. Later in this newsletter you will find a direct letter to parents and carers. Bosworth Academy continues to support this request and continues to have in place the additional risk mitigation measure of wearing face masks in lessons. Please reinforce this risk mitigation with your child and make sure they bring a face mask to school with them and it is especially important that face masks are worn on the bus.

Having a positive, kind culture in a community is so important. This week once more students were rewarded for 'Doing the Right Thing'. I have encountered students picking up pieces of litter, holding doors politely open for others and guiding around visitors as just three examples yesterday. We will continue our prize draws until Christmas.

As Christmas approaches some of our students have been making preparations. Some students put up our tree in reception and a group of students visited St Martin's Church in Desford to put up and decorate a tree there.

Finally it was fantastic to see our students and staff so brilliantly engaged in 'No Pens Day'. Brilliant creativity and improved oracy was seen across the school, in our annual event, and I'm certain some memorable experiences were taken away by all.



As Princess Diana once said, "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." We all like to be part of a community where the culture is to support one another - so let's continue to 'do the right thing'.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Brown, Headteacher





Do the Right Thing

We completed our first Do the Right thing draws last Friday and students have been presented with their vouchers in assembly. Our first three winners were Jena Jardine in Year Seven. Amber Hayward in year Eleven and Charlotte Killingley in Year Thirteen. These three students will receive a £20 high voucher.

We will be continuing the Do the Right Thing draws until Christmas. All staff will be looking out for students who are meeting or going beyond our expectations both around the academy and in lessons.

Mr Moore, Head of Laureates



Next Steps for Year 13

We have been really pleased with the number of university applications which have been submitted by students in year 13. The majority have met the internal deadline which allows us to process the applications well before the January deadline. As a result many students have found themselves in receipt of a number of offers from Universities and are preparing for interviews and considering which university should be their first choice and which their insurance.

Yesterday we were visited by Faye Wickham of DMU who shared a presentation with the year group on what universities are looking for during the interview process and how best to prepare. I am sure the students will find this really useful and wish them the best of luck.

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher



Henrichment

The Year 8 Henrichment group this week have been taking part in their RSPB challenge. Their task was to construct a hedgehog house. Firstly, they had to research all about hedgehogs and their living habitats. From there, they had to collect their own natural resources to make them. The students had great fun doing this activity. All had the opportunity to take the hedgehog houses home to add the outer layer for the perfect home for these little creatures.

Miss M Sessions



Keeping us safe

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Additional coronavirus (COVID-19) measures for schools and educational settings
You will be aware that nationally, cases of COVID-19 amongst school aged children are currently high, and Leicestershire is no exception. As a result, we are asking all schools and early-years settings to implement some additional public health measures. By acting quickly ahead of winter we can all help reduce the spread of the virus, protect each other and the most vulnerable members of our communities.

In response to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases across the county and in accordance with Government guidelines, we are writing to request all secondary school aged children be encouraged to wear a face covering in communal areas. This is in addition to measures that may already be place in response to local outbreaks. The current epidemiological picture is affecting attendance, causing educational disruption and affecting the roll out of the vaccination programme. We must take action to ensure attendance is not further reduced.

Case rates in the 11-16-year-old population have been consistently high throughout the Autumn term. Although there are promising signs of a reduction in these age groups, rates remain high, and local and regional teams continue to deal with many school outbreaks affecting both staff and students.

Transmission of COVID is impacted by ventilation, length of exposure and activities that generate more aerosols such as shouting. Face coverings worn in communal spaces (such as hallways, stairwells and lunch queues) in areas of high prevalence may be beneficial to reduce transmission and should have limited impact on education delivery. Additionally, face coverings must continue to be worn on school transport.
It is envisaged these measures will be required for the remainder of the term, however they will be regularly reviewed.

Testing

In addition, we also ask:

- All secondary aged children continue to perform a rapid lateral flow test (LFT) test twice weekly
- Identified (non-household) contacts seek a PCR test as soon as possible, and a further LFT 5 days later
- Household contacts arrange a PCR test as soon as possible, but also perform a daily LFTs for 10 days.
- If a child tests positive on either LFT or PCR, isolate immediately. A positive LFT will require a confirmatory PCR test within 2 days.

Vaccinations

Vaccination is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Everyone aged over 12 who is eligible has now been invited to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccination programme in secondary schools will provide protection to children who are vaccinated and help to reduce disruption to face to face education this winter. Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease but vaccinating them should help to reduce the need for them to have time off school and to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. Find out how to get yours locally at <https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/>

By implementing some precautionary measures, we hope to protect our community so that the festive period can be enjoyed safely by all. We would like to thank you for your continuing support, and know that school leaders and staff are doing everything they can to keep children safe and in education.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Sandys

Director of Public Health

Jane Moore

Director of Children and Family Services

November

As we enter the final few days of this year's Movember fundraiser we are still trying to increase the money that we have already raised, over £3200 at the time of writing. Please donate anything that you can to the #TeamBosworth page (https://uk.movember.com/team/2385557?utm_medium=app&utm_source=ios&utm_campaign=share-team) and also continue to help us share the message of our campaign.

For anyone wishing to join us; a number of staff and students will be taking part in Saturday's ParkRun at Braunstone Park at 9am. This is a free 5km run around the park. The course is fully marshalled so no chance of getting lost. Would be great to see a good turn out in support of #TeamBosworth.

Mr Grest, Senior Leader



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Bosworth Wombles

The Bosworth Wombles have again been into the village with Miss Hall, this time to put up and decorate a Christmas tree at St Martin's Church in Desford. This is part of the annual Christmas Tree festival. The students were all a credit to the school and local community.

Mr Grest, Senior Leader



The Aircraft Challenge - STEM

What a fantastic day, full to the brim of engaging activities and learning for Year 9 Computer Science students.

The day began with an excellent presentation on Engineering by the Smallpeice Team, where they explained to the students what it takes to be an engineer, what a career in engineering looks like and where we can find everyday examples of engineering. Section 1 of the workshop saw the students get into their teams and join together their creativity skills to build a tower, with only the use of paper and scissors. The aim of the task was to create the tallest tower possible that was able to hold a small weight on top without collapsing. The tallest tower to successfully hold the weight and win the task measured in at an impressive 53cm!!

Section 2 of the workshop incorporated more teamwork and creativity as the teams were asked to create aircrafts made of plastic straws and pieces of card. The task was to successfully design three aircrafts using as little material as possible, with straws as the main body component. The winning aircraft was the aircraft that flew the furthest distance. From this they could plan their main task of the day which was

building their own aircraft.

After a short break, the workshop resumed with Section 3. The challenge for Section 3 was to build their own aircraft. This time, the teams were set a budget that they had to stick to when crafting the aircraft. All resources that the team used were at a "cost" and they had to budget carefully to make the sturdiest aeroplane possible, with working motors and propellers that could fly the distance without falling apart. Each student had a role to work with, whether it be the financial advisor, circuit makers, resource management or a chief engineer. Once the timer began, each team decided between them which role would be best suited to the teams individual skills. Once the roles were allocated it was time to begin the discussion of how to build their aircraft. Each team worked extremely hard and worked brilliantly as a team to produce an aircraft at the end of the day all equipped with a working battery powered propeller surrounded by wings & a central fuselage made from wood.

The session concluded with the teams putting their hard work to the test as a representative from each team stood up to send the aircraft flying. The aircrafts themselves were very impressive with the winning flight travelling the whole distance of the main hall and unfortunately hitting Mr Dolinski who was there to see the final flight! A big well done to the girls - Sneha Parikh, Anna Bihina Ze, Laavanya Anand & Jasmin Patel.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and all students (and staff) learnt so much including problem solving, teamwork and hands on engineering skills.

With special thanks to the Smallpeice Team for an excellent, educational and engaging day.

Mrs Riozzi, Computing and Business Leader



Literacy Update

No Pens Day 2021

Wednesday 24th November: A National Day of Speaking and Understanding Language

It was one of our students' favourite days this week - No Pens Day! Speaking and understanding language are core skills for education, forming relationships, having good mental health and, ultimately, getting a job. We took a break from writing and focused on speaking and understanding skills for a day. It was time for students to put down their pens and to get talking!

**We're putting
down our pens
and picking up our
language!**



Students across the school enjoyed verbalising their thoughts through 'No Pens Wednesday' by working collaboratively. Here are some photos of Year 7 and 9. In Mr Marshall's Maths lesson, Year 7 were using their reasoning and evaluating skills and in Miss Masih's English lesson, students were working to create photo stills of a poem or delivering book talks.



3G pitch sponsor Board raffle winner

Congratulations to Jim and James from JB Carpets and Flooring who won the fundraising raffle for a sponsor board to be displayed around our new 3G pitch. If any companies would like to get in touch regarding purchasing a board to help fund the upkeep of the pitch then please get in touch with Liam Grest, the Head of Physical Education, at the Academy.



End of term finish

On **Friday 17 December 2021** we will be finishing school at **12:00pm**. On this day we will be celebrating the achievements of students and staff in what has been a very challenging term. Our day will run as follows:

- 08:40 - Tutor time
- 09:00 - Period 1
- 10:00 - Period 2
- 11:00 - Period 3
- 12:00 - End of school. Buses depart at 12:10pm.

Please plan child care accordingly.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & Sour Meatballs served with Steamed Rice and Green Beans Chicken Korma	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes and Mixed Veg Gammon Steak	Sausage and Mash served with Peas and Gravy Chicken & Mushroom Pie	Beef Chilli served with steamed rice and Sweetcorn Chicken Stroganoff	CLOSED
Sweet Potato and Squash Tikka served with Steamed Rice and Green Beans	Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes and Mixed Veg	Best Vegan Sausages with Mash served with Peas and Gravy	Vegan Mushroom Stroganoff with steamed rice and Sweetcorn	CLOSED
Pasta 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	CLOSED
apple crumble and custard	Sponge cake and custard	yogurts	rice pudding	CLOSED



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

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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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