

## Welcome

We have finally reached the end of another incredible term. It has been wonderful to have students back in school learning, though the term continued to be far from normal with the challenges brought about by Covid. With Plan B and the news that the new Omicron COVID-19 variant is spreading fast, we have inevitably had to update our plans for the start of term in January. For the return to school we need to test students on-site to ensure we reduce transmission after a period of mixing over the holidays. We do not want to have high positive cases in the new term which could result in year groups or the whole school being closed. We are aware that this happened in schools in Leicestershire and across the



country. Please make sure you have read the letter I sent to all parents about ['Return to School January 2022'](#) and that you have checked your testing date and time [found here](#). Thank you for your support.

This week our year 8 students, supported by many students from other year groups, gave two special Christmas performances as part of Bosworth

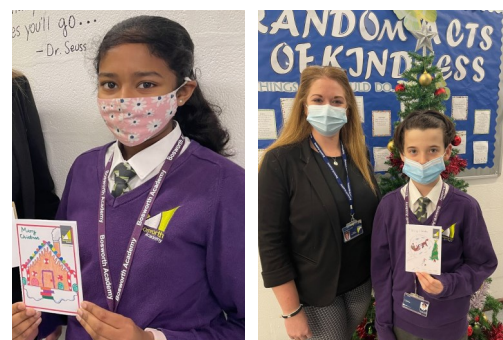
Productions. It was so emotional seeing our students perform once more with brilliant acting, dancing, music and singing all showcased. I am certain this is the start of many such incredible performances in the future.

Students have continued working well in lessons this week. In GCSE English Literature, A Christmas Carol, has been the perfect text for this time of year. We all enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Lunch, with many Christmas crackers pulled on Tuesday and silly jokes enjoyed.

On Thursday, our amazing LiFE Student Choir performed at St Martin's Church in Desford, singing to the 'Forget Me Not' group who suffer from dementia. It was lovely to see our students give so much back to the community and show such great citizenship skills.



During tutor-time, I had the honour of meeting the winners of our Christmas card design competition as well as our Accelerated Reader winners and champions. Our Laureate students have been engaging magnificently in reading and understand the importance of improving their levels of literacy. On Thursday morning our Sixth Form Reading Academy students were once again supporting students one-to-one, as year 7 looked to boost their fluency. Please read on for more information.



At the end of a long term, I'd like to share my appreciation towards Bosworth Academy staff. The challenges of the pandemic throughout 2021 has prompted all teaching and support staff to collaborate, innovate and adapt on an unparalleled scale. Even this week with the

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new plans for January just announced I have seen my colleagues continue to generously share their ideas, excellent practice and successes. This truly is the hallmark of a great school that cares so dearly about our young people.



What continues to inspire me is the way so many of our students have adapted to changing circumstances and continue to rise to every hurdle. Credit must also go to you all as parents and carers who have been helping students to remain positive and safe, ready to learn and achieve their potential. I thank you all!

As Ebenezer Scrooge said, in A Christmas Carol, "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future."

I wish you all a joyful Christmas, and let's hope for a brighter 2022.

**Mr Brown**  
Headteacher

## Christmas Card Competition

Three students won our Christmas card design competition. Two cards were used as traditional Christmas cards for Mr Brown to send festive best wishes whilst one was our electronic design that could be sent via email.

Each of our winners; Daniel, Sanchia, Simran, received a gift voucher and a pack of their own designed Christmas cards. Well done to all three year 7 students.

**Mr Brown, Headteacher**



## Wellbeing and Safeguarding

Student wellbeing and safeguarding is paramount for us at Bosworth Academy. Students can email in any concerns to [studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk) or post worries in our worry box which can be found in Laureates. Before every holiday, we ensure all students know how to reach out should they need support.

**Mrs N Whitaker, Designated Senior Lead**

## November 2021

We have received confirmation from Polly Banks, the coordinator of the Movember Schools competition, that #TeamBosworth have finished 3rd in the overall standings, a quite remarkable achievement. We managed to raise over £5,000 and also promoted awareness of the important topics of mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer.

A huge thank you to all involved and to those of you who promoted the campaign and also those who donated. Please see this lovely [video](#) which was sent through from Polly as a thank you from the Movember team. Great that Martin the Tortoise got himself a mention.





## New approach - Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 (all variants)

From **Tuesday 14 December**, a new national approach to **daily testing for contacts of COVID-19** is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, **identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.**

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect Bosworth Academy by reducing transmission and will also help keep students in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a **close contact** all students **should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to Bosworth Academy at <http://bit.ly/BosworthLFT>.**

**If close contacts test negative and this is recorded on our Online Reporting System and the NHS website then they can continue to attend Bosworth Academy on a daily basis. Our attendance team will be required to monitor this.**

Outside school, they should follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should be continued over the Christmas holidays and on return in January.

**If they test positive**, they should self-isolate and order a **PCR test** to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must **self-isolate for 10 days**. If the **PCR test is negative**, they no longer need to self-isolate but should **continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests**, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Students have been given a box of 7 LFD tests after their assembly this week or last. If they missed this for any reason additional boxes may be collected from student reception, The Laureates, or Oaks Office.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

Students are emailed twice weekly to remind them to carry out a COVID-19 test at home and upload their results and we would be grateful if parents/carers would remind them.

We ask that students carry out testing over the Christmas holidays before visiting crowded or busy areas and if visiting anyone identified as high risk if they contract COVID-19. Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher

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## LiFE MAT Choir

This week we have been able to get our LiFE Multi-Academy Trust choir out into the local community to entertain two local groups. On Wednesday they visited Desford Free Church to sing to the attendees of their annual Christmas lunch and on Thursday they visited St Martin's Church in Desford to sing to the Forget Me Not group; a group set up to support those suffering with dementia and their carers. A huge thank you to Ms Medland, Miss Penlington and Miss Cooksey for organising this and supporting the students. A wonderful end to the year and a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talent and to show great citizenship in supporting our local community.



## Glenfield COVID-19 vaccination clinic for 12-15 year-olds over Christmas school holidays

Young people aged 12-15 who haven't yet had their COVID-19 vaccine are invited to come along with their parent/ guardians to have it at a specialist temporary clinic at Glenfield Hospital during the school Christmas holidays.

The clinic is being held on Tuesday 21 December from 10am – 6pm. Booking is required and can be done so via Swiftqueue using this link: [https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/pre\\_timescreen.php?id=\\$2y\\$10\\$WeE48pMxLpzZufbdyQXnekD.PV2loncUg8cN9TgEBXEmODtT59QC](https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/pre_timescreen.php?id=$2y$10$WeE48pMxLpzZufbdyQXnekD.PV2loncUg8cN9TgEBXEmODtT59QC)

It is an ideal opportunity for students to get the vaccine if they missed getting it at school, for example because they were absent on the day. Young people who are eligible to get their second dose can also have it at the clinic – so long as they had their first vaccine more than 12 weeks ago. Vaccinators are all specially trained to work with young people and strict safeguarding protocols will be followed.

The vaccine used will be Pfizer-BioNTech. Healthy children who have tested positive for COVID-19 need to wait 12 weeks before they can have the vaccine.

Parents and guardians of 12-15-year-olds will need to attend the vaccination with their children so consent can be obtained.

If you would like to understand more about the benefits of young people receiving the vaccine, watch Dr Wadhwa's short video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCyTI6V9A6Y&t=12s>

Young people can find out more about the vaccine by watching our new COVID-19 vaccine facts explainer video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNeEMgf7zSA>

Other vaccination clinics for young people will be available over the school holidays. To find what is available you can either:

- visit the NHS website for walk-ins: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

- view the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) #GetVaxxed website, with a full list of walk-ins in the area: <https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/>
- visit the NHS National Booking System: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
- Call the LLR central booking team on 0116 497 5700 who can help you to book an appointment.

Community Immunisation Service, Families & Children's Services, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

## Year 9, 11 and Post 16 Ice Skating Rewards Trip

We took 94 students from year 9, 11 and post 16 to the Snowdome on Tuesday to recognise the high character for learning they had shown during this term. Students who received the highest character for learning scores were invited.

Students and staff had a great time ice skating and they all came back injury free with big smiles on their faces. Well done to all who attended.

Mrs Harbour & Mrs Holdback





## Oxplore Winners

On Monday the December 6th, a group of Year 12 students from Bosworth Academy attended the Oxplore secondary session held as part of the World Class Schools awards ceremony.

Lucy Dennis, Evie Clark and Miya Shergill won a competition run as part of the Oxplore session with the question 'Does beauty matter in art?' As a result, they each win £20 in Amazon vouchers. Oxplore are also hoping to produce this question for their site next year which is very exciting!

If you aren't familiar with Oxplore (oxplore.org), they are the 'Home of Big Questions' – and are hoping to raise aspirations, promote broad thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity among 11 to 18 year olds. The website is organised into a series of thought-provoking, interdisciplinary questions which take students on a curated journey to encourage their powers of debate and critical thinking. Each question has a series of learning resources (quizzes, interactive lists, articles, podcasts, videos, image galleries) and showcases some of the cutting-edge research conducted at the University of Oxford.



Mrs Holdback, Assistant Headteacher

## Free School Meals Provision Over Christmas

For those currently in receipt of free school meals, the voucher scheme for school holidays will continue to provide the service over the Christmas break.

Many of you will be familiar with the system, but for those who aren't, families will receive an email from Edenred containing an eCode. Once you access the eCode, please follow the instructions which will enable you to convert the code to a voucher for shopping at a supermarket of your choice.

On the last day of term, Friday 17th December, the canteen will not be serving lunches. However, there will be packed lunches available for those students entitled to free school meals, if they have ordered one. All students have received a link to a google form where they can order their food. This needs to be completed by the end of the day on Monday, so please encourage your child to complete this.

If students do not order lunch, we cannot guarantee there will be food available for them.

If your child is **not currently** registered for Free School Meals and you think your family should qualify, please click on the link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>





# Literacy Update

## Christmas Literacy Awards: The Coveted Trophies and The Bosworth Medal



This week in our celebration assemblies, Mr. Brown and Mr. Mowbray presented awards to the winners of our Literacy Leagues. The students and tutors of the winning tutor groups should be very proud of their achievements, and of the trophy they now get to display in their tutor room. You may be able to spot your child in one of the photos below.

Two students in particular stood out this term for having read the most words: *Pearl Shah in Year 7 (2,126,387 words)*, and *Riley Satchwell in Year 8 (1,954,623 words)*. Both of them were presented with the 'Bosworth Medal' in assembly, a reward reserved for exceptional achievement.

In case you were wondering, we measure the words via our Accelerated Reader (AR) database. Every time a student completes an AR quiz, this gets recorded. AR has quizzes for (and levels assigned to) more than 180,000 books, and it knows how many words there are in each of them. It all depends on the length of the book, but say they are reasonably long, a million words would be around 8 books.

## Accelerated Reader Champions

Year 7 AR Individual Champion: Pearl Shah  
7GWR (2,126,387 words read)  
Year 8 AR Individual Champion: Riley  
Satchwell 8NRO (1,954,623 words read)

The pile of books in the photo represents around 2 million words. This is the amount read this term by our medal holders, Pearl (in photo), and Riley. Here you can see Pearl receiving her medal from Mr. Brown in assembly. You can also see one of the actual AR trophies presented to the winning Tutor Groups.



Year 7 AR Tutor Group Champions:  
7GWR (6,265,418 words read)



Year 8 AR Tutor Group Champions:  
8IAH (6,614,029 words read)



## Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography. The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#).

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10. The Children's Commissioner would be grateful for the support of schools and colleges in disseminating this guide to as many parents and carers as possible. She hopes that her guide will serve as a useful starting point to raise awareness and understanding of online harassment, and to complement key messages on the new relationships and sex education curriculum.

## 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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## Useful Contacts

### Attendance Support

If your child is ill or has a medical appointment and may miss remote learning, please contact:  
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### Technology Support

If your child requires any support with IT issues around remote learning then email:  
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