

Welcome

I am delighted to share this week **some stories of student success** and promote the wealth of opportunities available to Bosworth Academy students. That is so important in a week of political turmoil, Covid related announcements which included the gloomy titled 'Blue Monday'.

As a result of the government announcement on Wednesday, the Plan B measures for schools are being removed. This advice remains subject to change as the situation develops. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to young people's education remains. We remain committed at Bosworth to providing excellent learning experiences for our students whilst keeping them safe. Though our staff have excelled with remote learning the evidence is clear that being out of the classroom harms deep understanding, progress and mental and physical health.

As I shared on Wednesday evening, from Thursday 20 January, **face masks are no longer recommended in classrooms** and teaching spaces for staff, and students. **Face masks are still required in communal areas**, including on transport until Thursday 27 January. (Public health may still recommend the use of face masks in communal areas, beyond 27 January if there are specific health concerns).

As the virus is still with us, we need to continue with proportionate protective measures which remain vital to protect education. This will include frequent use of sanitiser, wiping down tables more frequently and practising good hygiene. Of course, students and staff who still wish to wear a face mask in lessons are able to during this time where they may feel at risk. On Thursday many students were relieved to hear that they could remove their face masks in lessons. A few continue to choose to wear them sensibly, which is absolutely fine. Our **students have observed this risk mitigation throughout this term brilliantly**, without any fuss, and this has been so reassuring to our staff who regularly work closely with 180 students a day.

On Monday evening our senior leadership team met with parents of many of our year 11 students. The focus for all exam years is now all about **focused revision** and dedicated practice as they prepare for the summer examinations. Learning can happen at all times, at home and at school. We are offering many revision classes at the end of the school day and sometimes at break times - which increasing numbers of students are accessing. You can also use The Compass (our library) to study at the end of a school day.

In year 8, our students are considering the decisions they need to make as part of our option process. There is a brilliant array of subjects on offer and some important decisions ahead. Please read on for more information.

Finally, as Kofi Annan, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and Secretary-General of the United Nations said, **"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family."** Let's continue to talk to our children about the importance of learning in expanding their horizons and giving them a true sense of accomplishment.

Have a lovely weekend,
Simon Brown, Headteacher



Year 8 Options

Year 8 students will soon be invited to choose their GCSE Options. This year we will be holding a presentation event for parents and carers to attend so that they can support their children in choosing their GCSE options. We will share event details with you in the next newsletter as well as through Weduc communications.



Our students leave Bosworth Academy confident that they can be future leaders, ready to adapt to an ever-changing world and transition into job sectors that don't even exist yet!

Our GCSE programme allows students to choose from a wide range of subjects that they are interested in, but most importantly provide the necessary skills in order to progress onto further study or training.

You can learn more by visiting our Key Stage 4 curriculum page: <https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/curriculum/key-stage-4/>

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Head of School



We are pleased to share information regarding a new online homework and assessment tool that we are now using in the English department for years 10 & 11.

Educake is a website where students are able to answer targeted homework questions which are set weekly by their teachers to improve their knowledge and understanding. When students take the quiz, they'll get immediate feedback and so will their teacher. Educake can also help students be more efficient with their revision by enabling them to set themselves a test on any topic, and they can guide their own learning with the Track Progress page, which shows them where their strengths and areas for development are. All students have already received an Educake sticker with their login details and on the first day alone students completed over **9000** questions!

There will be weekly prizes and the top performing class in each year group will receive a cake during the final week of each half term to reward them for their efforts.

Mrs N Sarkis



History Seneca Champions

The results of our first Seneca champions are in! Well done to all who successfully completed the revision on 'The Normans: England on the Eve of Conquest'. Historians with 100% scores were Amy Decort, Lois King, Gornil Kaur, Sam Wells, Zarina Goodwin-Hill and Sanna Raikundalia. The prize draw winners are: Lois King in Year 10 and Zarina Goodwin-Hill in Year 11. Congratulations to you both.

Historians in years 10 and 11 can check their Seneca for this fortnight's assignment which is revision on 'Invasion and Victory.' Prizes are available for both high attainment and progress. This is key content to help students with their History GCSE and we look forward to announcing our next History Champions in a fortnight! Good luck.

Geography Seneca Champions will be announced next week. Geographers - remember to check your Seneca to enter!

Well done once again for all your hard work.

Mrs Kasuji and the Humanities Team

Collecting your children by car

When collecting your children by car, please do so by driving into the top entrance of the school site, nearer to the mini-roundabout. We suggest arriving after 3:10pm to avoid the buses leaving the site. Please do not park and wait in the entrances themselves as this makes it difficult for our buses to enter the school site. Please do not be offended if we ask you to move your car should you be found waiting in these areas.

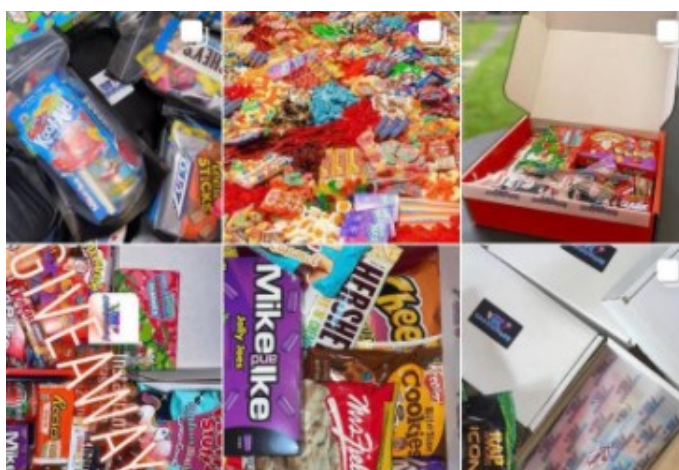
Our Antisocial Behaviour Officer liaison has also asked that parents **do not park in or block entrances to residential areas including Forest Rise.**

Lifeguarding opportunity

Our partners at Total Swimming Academy are running an NPLQ lifeguarding course over Easter from 11th – 14th April & 19th April with the exam 20th April. Upon the successful completion of this course, TSA will be looking to recruit lifeguards to work for the evening and weekend sessions in the school's pool. This is a perfect opportunity to obtain a great qualification and, for those of you moving onto University, gives you another job opportunity to work alongside your studies whilst there.

If you are interested in this then email Joanne Tudor (joanne.tudor@thesportinghouse.co.uk) and she will give you details of how to apply and the course details.

Mr Grest, Associate Senior Leader



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme launch at Bosworth Academy

Bosworth Academy is about to launch the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for the first time. In the first instance we will be looking to start with enrolling a group of up to 30 year 9 students to participate in working towards completing the Bronze Award during this academic year.

During the summer term we will be enrolling a similar sized group from year 8 in preparation to start the Bronze award from the start of year 9.

The DofE award scheme is an incredible life-changing adventure that helps young people to develop and grow through learning new skills for work and life, getting fitter, helping others and exploring the countryside.

Over the next few weeks there will be a presentation about the DofE scheme made to year 9 students and information shared with tutors about how students can get involved and take part. All students with an interest in joining in, should register their interest with their tutors following the launch presentation.



Budding Entrepreneur

JayJay Rathod, a year 12 student has started his own business (JJ confectionery) to earn some money during his A Levels. JayJay studied GCSE Business at Bosworth and has continued into A Level Business and is putting his knowledge and skills into practice. He started his Business in May 2021 as he was finishing his GCSEs, selling American candy boxes to the public after he noticed a gap in the market for this type of product. He set up a successful supply chain for the candy and boxes, implemented a competitive and profitable pricing strategy and hit social media to start selling. He uses Instagram, facebook and snapchat. The business started by putting together candy boxes that he either posted or delivered in person but he is now wanting to expand the business into catering and parties. He spends around 5-10 hours a week on the business which compliments his A Level studies well.

Mrs Grant, Curriculum Leader

Bosworth Academy Smash Bros ESports Competition

Monday 10th January saw the exciting launch of the Bosworth Academy Smash Bros ESports competition. The first round of competition involved year 13 students competing in singles and doubles matches to find a winner to progress through to the Champions Final. Further competitions took place involving different year group players to enable the 50+ students that have signed up to take part and to determine who will be first choice for the Bosworth BUGs (Bosworth Union of Gamers), the Academy's new ESports named voted for by the student population. On Thursday 27th January, the winning Bosworth players will play off against the winning Countesthorpe Academy players to decide the team that will go on to compete against other schools in the national Digital SchoolHouse competition. We will also be hosting a separate female player playoff to find our top 2 females who will take up a spot in the 3 team Bosworth BUGs or Countesthorpe Cobras teams. One of these team will win the chance to progress through to The Grand Final which last year was held at the Gfinity Esports Arena as part of the London Games Festival. The event was streamed live with over 1000 viewers.

My thanks to Ethan Gratton and Rob Newman who have taken on the role of Student Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer and will be responsible for the organisation of the Smash Bros Competition. Ethan and Rob have been invaluable in getting things set up and administering the tournaments.

Esports is a fast growing and evolving industry, engaging millions of students across the globe both in competitive play and as a new form of entertainment, with the industry expected to surpass \$2bn revenue by 2020. It is an amazingly inclusive form of entertainment, presenting opportunities for all regardless of age, physical abilities or gender. It is a very creative yet technical industry adopting existing skill sets across the video games, broadcast, media and sport industries all the while creating many new highly skilled roles. The Academy is excited about the opportunity to inspire more students through technology and digital creativity and for them to discover exciting and successful career prospects in a rapidly changing world. Moving forward the Academy will look to run additional competitions and create its own Gaming Arena on site for both student use and use by the local community. I am very excited about the opportunities being explored and the role that students will play in driving this forward. Fortunately



for the Academy we have Ms Coulson as part of our staff who has an array of contacts in the esports and tech industries that will be able to support us moving forwards.

Chris Ripley, LiFE MAT Senior Leader

Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy

Students in year 11 wishing to join us for A-Level courses next academic year **should have applied via our website**, they have been working on this during tutor periods. Anyone who has not already completed the application form and wishes to apply should **Complete the form here**.

If you need any help or advice, you can contact the school using the following contact details: Mrs Lesley Brookes, Post 16 Administrator 01455 822841, extension 357 or email at lbrookes@bosworthacademy.org.uk The closing date for applications is 31/01/22.

Our Sixth Form is a popular choice for students across many Leicestershire Schools. Bosworth Academy students who meet the entry requirements will achieve a place in our high achieving Sixth Form. Talk to any of us about our Post 16 if you would like to find out more.



World Religion Day Sunday 16th January

Students have been learning about World Religion Day this week during tutor time.

World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. In 2022, that fell on the 16th of January. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The first such day was observed in 1950.

It was initially started by followers of the Bahá'í faith, which says that all religions have common features, and that they should be respected equally. They believe there is one God who is known by different names in all religions. Followers of the Bahá'í faith believe that all humans are born equal, and that we all have the same rights regardless of our faith. World Religion Day aims to promote the unity of religious peoples so that we can overcome historical differences.

For centuries, different religions and faiths have fought each other, and ignored their common values. The purpose of World Religion Day is to work towards a peaceful understanding between faiths.

Special thanks to Miss Hussain who put together the resources for tutors. Here is an example of the presentation:

Mrs V Kirkham



New exciting opportunity: Communications Officer

If you or you know someone who would be interested in this post at Bosworth Academy please use the following link for more details:

[Communications Officer](#)

There are also other opportunities available see our website: [Bosworth Academy Vacancies](#)

If you would like to discuss any of these opportunities please get in touch with Mrs Carly Harper on T: 01455 822841 Ext 227

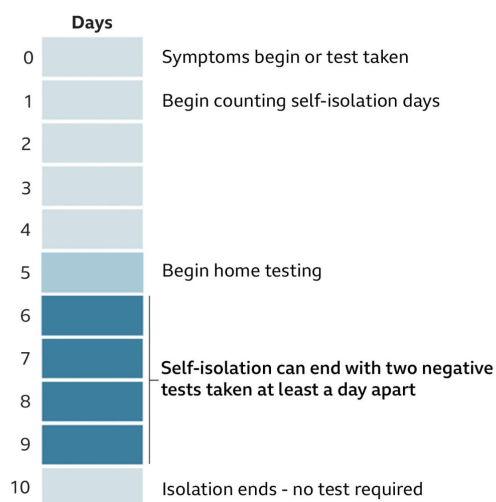
New self-isolation measures

From Monday 17 January, people with COVID-19 can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6 and do not have a high temperature.

For a return to school on day 6 the first test must be taken on the morning of day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken 24 hours later on the following morning on day 6. If both are negative then the student may return to school on day 6.

It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported to school via attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk before individuals return to school, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

BBC

If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release them from isolation. For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10. You may stop isolation on day 11 regardless of a LFD test result as long as you do not have a high temperature.

Those who leave self-isolation on or after day 6 are strongly advised to wear a face mask and follow our risk mitigation plan carefully.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

Literacy Update

Reading Rampage is here!

We encourage all Year 8s to head to The Compass to sign up for the Leicestershire 'Reading Rampage' 2022. Mrs.Griffiths has been introducing this superb reading challenge in our library lessons this week. The Rampage runs from January to June, and along the way there will be author talks on all the titles. There is an amazing selection of books for our students to get stuck in to, and the challenge is to read them all. If students in other years also want to take up the challenge, they might just be allowed to join in!

From the Literacy Team: Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Blewitt, Ms. Masih and Mrs.Starr



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 or post worries in our worry box which can be found in Laureates.

Mrs N Whitaker, Designated Senior Lead

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Swedish Meatballs Served With Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Pork Sausages Served With Mashed Potatoes, Garden Peas & Gravy	Cottage Pie served with Buttered Cabbage	Chicken Tikka Masala served with Basmati Rice and Naan Bread	Chicken Goujons with Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans
Five Bean Chilli Beef Chilli Served With Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Vegan Sausages Roast Turkey Served With Mashed Potatoes, Garden Peas & Gravy	Cheese Panini Ham and Cheese Panini served with Potato Wedges and Coleslaw	Vegan Balti Curry Beef Rogan Josh served with Basmati Rice and Naan Bread	Vegetable Nuggets Pepperoni Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes & Beans
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	Pasta Bar Jacket Potato & Fillings NOW OPEN AT SECOND COUNTER
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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

Punctuality

Most students' punctuality at Bosworth Academy is excellent. Good punctuality is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. Late arrivals to lessons disrupt and slow down lessons for others which is unfair. Good punctuality is also vital for students to form good habits for later life.

We really would appreciate your support in maintaining good punctuality by discussing the importance of this with your child. Students are expected to be in their form room for tutor time at 8.40am, well equipped and ready to learn.

Mrs Whitaker,
Senior Leader



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

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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:

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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