

## Welcome

28th January 2022 Our assembly focus has been 'Why must we never forget?' Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January. This was led by Mr Mowbray who shared a presentation with all students. This special day is for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia,

Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. As the years pass by we are sadly losing the



Weekly Newsletter for parents & Students last survivors or the Holocaust. Portraits of the UK's last remaining Holocaust survivors have been displayed at the Queen's Gallery to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day. They will remain a living memorial to the six million people "whose stories will never be told, whose portraits will never be painted". It is so important that our students learn about these events in history and stand against prejudice and hatred today. More information can be found here.

In this week's tutor time students have been learning about the Chinese New Year traditions and celebrations led by one of our Year 13 students, Leanne. We are creating our very own Bosworth Academy Tiger Trail which will be ready for Tuesday 1st February, as 2022 is the year of the Water Tiger!

Exam dates have now been released, this year taking place over a longer time frame to allow more time for teaching given the amount of time students have missed being in school. Exams for years 11, 12 and 13 begin on Monday 16th May with the final exam being on



Tuesday 28th June. Parents must avoid booking any holiday during this period of school time. It is important for parents to know that the idea of a 'study leave' ended in schools many years ago. As we usually do, students will have a more personalised timetable from 6th June, after the Spring Bank Holiday Half Term break, to support them. Details of this timetable will be shared closer to the time and personalised study timetables will be issued to students.

Please don't forget that there is still time to apply for our highly achieving and popular Sixth Form. Students should speak to their tutor, complete an application form or email Mrs Lesley Brookes, lbrookes@bosworthacademy.org.uk if they would still like to apply.



It is only right this week to conclude with the words of Anne Frank, a teenage victim of the Holocaust who recorded in her war time diary, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." Let's all reflect with our young people the importance of kindness and responsibility.

Have a lovely weekend, Simon Brown, Headteacher



## 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

Ibrookes@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.

## 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

## **Year 8 Options Presentation Evening**

Parents, Carers, and students are invited to attend our presentation evening event on 7 February 2022 from 5:15 onwards.

Our presentation evening will explain the process you and your child will need to go through to choose their GCSE options. This can be a time filled with excitement but also some anxiety. By attending the event, we hope to remove any anxieties you and your children may have and show you that our curriculum offer has something for everyone. We have some exciting new courses to offer students and look forward to sharing with you what life will be like for your child over the next three years. We will be holding two identical presentations; one at 5:30 and another at 6:15. Spaces are limited for each, so please book a time slot through our Eventbrite website.

We are making the final modifications to our options booklet and our course website and will share this with you and your children as soon as they are ready. Our course website will also contain a video version of our presentation in case you can't make the event.

Our submission process is really easy - read through the course booklet and website and then complete an online form once your child has decided what options to take. Your child will have three weeks to make a decision about their subjects following this event. We do not allocate subjects on a first come first served basis so there is plenty of time to think about the options or to get in touch with us if you have any questions. We will do our very best to ensure all students get their first choice preferences.

If you have questions about the event, the option process or about any of our courses, please send us an email to options@bosworthacademy.org.uk. If your child has an EHCP or is identified as SEND and believe your child needs a slightly different curriculum offer, please complete our online form detailing your request. We will endeavor to get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Head of School



Chinese New Year will be celebrated on Tuesday 1st February. The celebration is



centred around removing the bad and the old, and welcoming the new and good. It is a time for feasting and to honor households and heavenly deities, as well as ancestors. It is also known as the Spring Festival and typically lasts up to 16 days. The final day of Chinese New Year is celebrated with the Lantern Festival. This year for 2022 we celebrate the Year of the Tiger.

This week during tutor time, students have been learning about the Chinese New Year traditions and celebrations through an excellent presentation kindly made by one of our Year 13 students, Leanne. As it is the Year of the Tiger, students have been decorating their own tigers which will be displayed as part of the Bosworth Academy Tiger Trail which will be ready for Tuesday.

Leanne has also been working hard at creating some beautiful decorations that will be displayed around school as part of the celebrations. On Tuesday, the canteen will be serving a delicious Chinese menu.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to sharing some pictures of the celebrations at school next week.

Mrs Kirkham

## Collecting children by car

It is vital that parents DO NOT PARK in disabled parking bays unless they have a permit. We have parents picking up children who are in a wheelchair or who are disabled themselves.

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. Thank you to parents who are being considerate to others.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

### **Homework**

Thank you to all parents for supporting us with homework. The more homework completed by our students, the more progress each student makes.



If you have not yet logged into Satchel One and would like instructions, please get in touch with Mrs Smith ssmith@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

For those parents who have not logged in to Satchel One for a while, it would be a good idea to log in and have a look at what your child's homework submission rate is. Additionally, you will be able to look at the rewards your child is receiving in their subjects.

Login to your account and select:

### Calendar

To check your child's homework, click on the Calendar tab. This will arrange their work in a week by week format. You can filter the calendar by date, teacher, subject, class, year group, and type of homework task to find what you are looking for more efficiently.

### Homework

You can also review homework as a list by clicking Homework from the menu under the student whose To-do list you wish to view. On this page, homework is sorted into two tabs: Recent and Upcoming. In the Recent tab, tasks with the nearest due dates will be displayed. You can also tick Only show overdue homework on the Recent tab to see any <u>overdue homework</u>. In the Upcoming tab, homework which is due further in the future will appear.

Ms O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher

## **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:

https://www.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/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

## **Geography Seneca Champions**

It's time to announce our first Geography Seneca Champions! Year 11 geographers reviewed their knowledge on the topic of Forests Under Threat and year 10 geographers explored Development Dynamics. Superb work from all our entrants especially Patryk Szklarzewicz, EllieLee-Weymouth, Ellouise Emery, Jake Malone, Evan Jackson, Elyas Bousfiha, Thabani Khoza, Luke Moxley, Nathan Stevenson and Jordan Walker. Please collect your treat from the humanities office. Geographers in years 10 and 11 can start their next assignment by logging onto Seneca. Winners again will be announced in a fortnight's time. History Seneca champions will be announced next week - Historians - remember to check your Seneca

Well done to all once again

to enter!

### Mrs Kasuji and the Humanities Team



Our prize draw winners Elyas B, Lois K and Luke M

## **Testing update**

Please continue to remind your child to complete their COVID-19 home test on a Sunday evening or Monday morning, and again on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and upload their results to the government and Bosworth Academy. Students are sent reminders via email twice weekly and we have been very impressed by the numbers who are regularly testing and uploading results. Government test tracking - http://www.gov.uk/report-

covid19-result

School test tracking - <a href="http://bit.ly/BosworthLFT">http://bit.ly/BosworthLFT</a>

### **Badminton Brilliance**

Well done to the KS3 boys badminton team who have qualified for the next stage of the Leicestershire and Rutland competition, where they will represent Hinckley and Bosworth. They faced competition from Redmoor, Winstanley and Brookvale. Miss Hall

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## **Basketball Success!**

We have had some amazing success with our Basketball teams led by Coach Igor Mirković. The year 8 boys beat Charnwood College to progress to the quarter finals where they will face Castle Mead from the city. The year 10 boys beat Thomas Estley to set up their quarter final against Hastings from Hinckley. The year 98 and 11 boys play their round of 16 tie where they both face Rawlins, which is undoubtedly going to be two very competitive games as both teams look to progress.

Our success with Basketball is down to years of building a great culture in Igor's lunchtime and after-school sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If your child attends Bosworth Academy and would like to join the sessions just encourage them to turn up and Igro will make them very welcome.

Mr Grest, Curriculum Leader PE

## Visit from Severn Trent for A Level Geographers:

Nearly 60 A level Geography students spent a morning with Dr Mags Clark, a hydrology manager at Severn Trent Water this week. Mags came to visit as part of Severn Trent's school liaison and outreach programme. The session gave students industry insider knowledge of the players, actions and futures for the UK's water industry. This links directly to the Paper 1 content for students exams in the summer.

The visit from Mags was the first time Severn Trent have offered an in-school A level presentation, but students responded brilliantly with some challenging questions for her! She gave us some very pleasant feedback and is keen to forge further links in the future. Several students were asking, for example, about careers with the company, degree level apprenticeship opportunities and site visits. Well done to all students involved, you were a credit to your school!

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography

## Second COVID-19 dose for 12 -15-year-olds

In line with government guidelines, the school immunization team we will be revisiting Bosworth Academy on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th February to offer them the chance to have their second COVID-19 vaccination - or the chance to have their first COVID 19 jab if they haven't already got the protection of the vaccine. For those students eligible for a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, this will help to bolster their protection, particularly in light of the highly contagious Omicron variant of the virus. The next visit will also provide those young people who were not vaccinated on our last visit, because they may have been absent on the day, not yet 12 years old or because they decided not to have the vaccine at the time, with a new opportunity to have the vaccine. Parents of eligible students have been sent a letter with a link to the online consent form, as well as a contact number if you need support in completing the form.

The vaccine used will be Pfizer-BioNTech, which is administered via a quick injection in the top of the arm.

Healthy children who have tested positive for COVID-19 need to wait 12 weeks before they can have the vaccine. Second doses also have to be 12 weeks from the young person's initial first dose



Don't forget that Breakfast Club is open for students in receipt of Free School Meals every morning before 8.40.

There is a selection of cereal bars available, but do let us know if you have any dietary requirements you would like us to be aware of and we will make sure we have something appropriate available for you.

Ms O'Malley

# Specialist COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 12-15-year-olds who are at high risk of COVID-19

We are putting on clinics for 12-15-year-olds who are most at risk of COVID-19 because they either:

- live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- have a condition that means they're at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

The clinics will be quieter than usual, with fewer, longer-lasting appointments, less people inside the venue, and nurses trained in vaccinating young people to create a supportive environment. Help can also be provided to those who are scared of needles.

The sessions will be held:

every Saturday until Sat 26 February, 8.15am - 10.15am at Loughborough Hospital, Hospital way, LE11 5JY

every Sunday until Sun 27 February, 12.15pm - 2.15pm at the Peepul Centre in Leicester, Orchardson Ave, LE4 6DP

Book online at www.nhs.uk or walk-in



### 'Empowered' **Poetry Competition for** 11-18 Year Olds



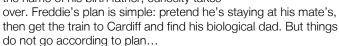
Young Writers invites your young writer to write a poem for Empowered, and take back some control over their lives. Empowered helps your child find and use their voice to express themselves through poetry.

Being able to voice a concern, an opinion or a point of view is so important, especially when your child's interaction with peers has been restricted or even removed over the last academic year, reducing their opportunities to discuss what matters to them. Click here for a film clip to introduce the contribution.

### This Week's Reading Recommendations

#### Y7 'Bookbuzz' Reading Challenge

Do miracles really happen? Freddie Yates isn't convinced – until the summer he goes on an unexpected journey with his two best friends. Freddie loves his adoptive dad, but when his Gran dies and leaves Freddie a letter revealing the name of his birth father, curiosity takes



Accidentally embarking on a madcap adventure across Wales, Freddie and his best friends leave a trail of chaos and increasingly crazy incidents behind them. After all, what are best friends for if not to encourage you to start the summer holidays with a massive deception and a disaster-prone race across the country? There's the exploding toilet incident, the onion eating competition, the accidentally setting fire to a boat incident and, yes, appearing on television dressed as a girl.

Though packed with humour, Freddie's journey also explores the ups and downs of friendship, the experience of grief, and the fact that family doesn't have to mean just a blood relation. Funny and heart-warming, this is the story of a summer road trip no like no

#### Y8 'Reading Rampage 2022' Reading Challenge

Sarah is not impressed when her mum buys her a state-of-the-art android best friend called Ivy - she'd rather have a dog. Soon, though, she realises that taking lvy to Bring Your Tech to School Day could really impress her classmates (and there are other upsides, too, like getting Ivy to tidy her room...) But worrying reports soon start



scared of the dark, and why does she want to take some of Sarah's things for herself? Told from Ivy's point of view, Troofriend is an original and fascinating exploration of artificial intelligence that feels all too relevant - it's easy to imagine TrooFriends being produced in the

emerging from the TrooFriend factory that the androids might

actually have feelings - and if Ivy is just a robot, then why is she

near future. The novel manages to tackle tricky moral questions about human (and android) rights and what actually makes us human, but wears them lightly, weaving in highly relatable themes of friendship and fitting in at school. Written in an entertaining, quirky and accessible way, Troofriend is a thought-provoking story that will have you hooked.

#### Y9 Reading Challenge

Five years ago, Andie Bell, a girl in Pippa's village, was murdered by her boyfriend Sal Singh, but the body was never found. Pippa suspects it wasn't an open and shut case, and chooses to make a study of it for her final year project at school.

With the help of Sal's younger brother Ravi, Pippa is determined to find out what really happened that night. Neither of them thinks

Sal was the murderer, but by trying to prove it, Pippa puts herself, her friends and her family in real danger. Someone in the village doesn't like her delving into the past, and the murder was a little too close to home.

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder is an exciting read, filled with enough twists, turns and red herrings to keep the reader on the edge of their seat right up to the finish line. Cleverly plotted, it's filled with interesting, diverse characters, incredible tension, developing romance and a good smattering of humour. Will appeal to readers who enjoyed Alex Wheatle's Crongton Knights, Patrice Lawrence's Orangeboy and Muhammad Khan's I am Thunder.

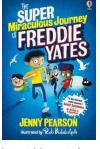
#### Y10 Reading Challenge

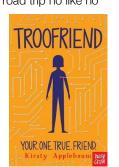
Luke is an average teenage boy in a seemingly normal family, until environmental protestors start squatting in the house opposite, protesting against a planned new airport runway. Luke's family and neighbours despise the protestors as much as they do the planned runway... Until Rose, Luke's older sister, moves across the road into the squat, and one of the protestors'

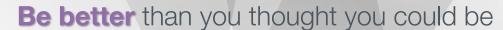
children, Sky, moves the other way - into Rose's abandoned normal life. Then their dad, David, does the unthinkable and joins Rose. A perfect family is suddenly anything but...

Luke is a believable teenage boy, with plenty of emotional depth but few words. He is full of detached unease as his family falls apart around Dad's midlife crisis. The view of the environmental crisis is firmly centred on this particular family's experience, and the portrayal of the climate change protestors can feel a little dated, but the book is funny and moving and the characters are convincing. Older teenagers will enjoy the wry humour and adults will appreciate the social satire on adult relationships.

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









## **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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### **Useful Contacts**

#### Attendance Support

If your child is ill or has a medical appointment and may miss remote learning, please contact: attendance@bosworthacademv.org.uk

#### Technology Support

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

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