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TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Welcome

What an incredible term we have had this year at Bosworth Academy. This week has been action-packed too with students continuing to work well in lessons all week, as new learning continues until the final tutor period on Friday.



On Tuesday evening we welcomed Year 9, 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers to our Colours Awards Evening. It was fantastic to host over 150 guests who applauded each student's success as they collected on stage their 6C badges and certificates for achieving various global competencies. Afterwards proud parents took photographs of their children on the red carpet as they held up their awards. Further Colours Awards Evenings will happen next half term so keep promoting with your child the need to get their Colours Passports signed.

We all enjoyed Christmas lunch on Thursday, which brought such a festive feel to the day. Our canteen staff were in their festive dress and many students were wearing Christmas Jumpers or 'Blinged up' uniforms! Students enjoyed pulling their Christmas crackers and many got into the spirit of Christmas by telling cracker jokes and wearing colourful paper crowns.

During tutor time it was lovely to see our Sixth Form students give so much back to the community and show such great

citizenship skills in our Reading Academy. Over fifty students were involved in our celebration breakfast as our Key Stage 5 students supported their Year 7 readers to make such brilliant progress.

I also had the honour on Thursday of congratulating our Key Stage Three champion readers. Between them they have read over 18 million words this term - an amazing feat and this will certainly have an impact on their overall achievement across all areas of the curriculum. It was great to discuss the wide range of books that our students are currently reading.

This week, I'd like to extend my appreciation towards Bosworth Academy staff at the end of a long term. You will have seen from the last fourteen editions of our 'In the Loop' newsletter the extent of enrichment opportunities made available to our students. This is due to our staff's passion for learning and developing student agency as well as great character. Many colleagues have really gone above and beyond and of course provided such strong pastoral care for our students.

Great credit must also go to you all as parents and carers who have continued to support our school by reminding students to focus on learning and reinforcing the importance of meeting our high expectations so that all learners can excel. Finally, I would like to thank our students for their brilliant energy, enthusiasm and learning spirit throughout the



term. Over the next two weeks I hope they enjoy time with family and spread joy and happiness, as **Chris Van Allsburg** says in his great book and film *The Polar Express*, **"Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart."** We look forward to seeing students return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Until then I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Brown,
Headteacher



in the loop



16th December 2022

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students



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Christmas Card Winner

Congratulations to Year 7 student Sai-Krishna T who won our annual competition to have their design on Bosworth Academy's official Christmas card.

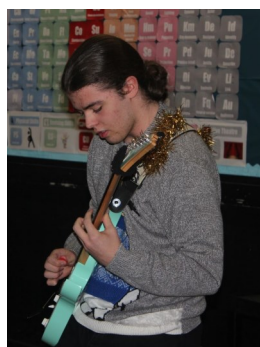


Mr Brown presented Sai with his winning design and a £10 voucher on Friday. There were also four runners-up who received a £5 voucher. Well done to all students who entered.



Christmas Live Lounge

Post 16 students were getting us in the mood recently by playing Christmas songs to students and staff. On the set list were carols such as Silent Night up to more recent songs like The Darkness' 'Christmas Time'.



It Looks Like Christmas

Staff and students got into the festive spirit on Thursday by swapping out an item of uniform with a Christmas item. They then enjoyed the delicious Christmas meal.



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KS4 Colours Evening

On Tuesday 13 December we welcomed over 130 guests into our Main Hall to recognise the achievements of many students in Key Stage 4 who have achieved their Colours badges.

As well as academic outcomes it is important that



we are also preparing our young people for the working world and we do this through promotion of the 6Cs - character, citizenship, collaboration,



critical thinking, communication and creativity. Students had either

completed their 6C passport by evidencing how they have

achieved the award or were recognised for their

exceptional efforts by their teachers.

During the evening the guests were entertained by

Year 9 student, Marichka H, a student who

joined us from Ukraine and is a wonderfully

gifted musician and singer.

Marichka played

Snowman by Sia and the performance

was incredible and absolutely

worthy of a bigger stage - such a great talent.



Mr Grest, Head of KS4

KS4 Choices

In the weeks following the start of the new term we will be inviting Year 8 students to consider which optional subjects they would wish to study in Key Stage Four.

Year 8 students should start thinking about what interests they currently have and which subjects they would like to explore further at Key Stage Four. Details of the options presentation for students and parents/carers to attend will follow in due course.



Lesson Expectations

We have had a very calm end to the Autumn term and our students have participated in a range of activities to celebrate Christmas and the end of term.

We wish to ensure this calm atmosphere continues into the new term and to this end we would like to remind you of our expectations for students in the classroom.

These expectations should help to ensure that students are able to learn and for lessons to run smoothly.

	Expectation	Reasons
During Lessons	On arrival take your seat quietly, put your coat on the back of the chair and your bag on the floor.	To ensure a smooth start to the lesson
	Have all your equipment out on the desk ready to start the lesson	To ensure you are ready to work and make the most of the learning.
	Complete the do now activity immediately Work hard for the whole of the lesson.	To maximise learning time
	Follow all instructions, first time, every time	To ensure the lesson runs smoothly without interruption
	Only talk when it is appropriate. Talk to everyone with respect.	To help everyone focus in the lesson
	Pack away quietly and wait to be dismissed by the teacher	To ensure an orderly and calm end to the lesson
	Phones and headphones should not be seen	To ensure everyone is fully focused on learning

We have shared these expectations with students and they will be reinforced at the beginning of the new term.

We know that if students meet these basic expectations lessons will run smoothly and we will make the most of the great learning opportunities we offer here.

Mr Moore, Assistant Headteacher

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Reading Academy

Post 16 students have been working with Year 7s this term developing the younger students' reading skills.



The Year 7 students have shown great progress in their reading since starting at Bosworth Academy and the Post 16 students have shown great Citizenship, Collaboration and Communication in their support. As a thank you for their continued progress students enjoyed a breakfast on Thursday.



Free School Meals

A letter went out to all parents as we believe some parents in our community may be entitled to claim free school meals, if you are not already in receipt of them. Even if you have previously applied for free school meals, and been told that your family is not eligible, you may now be able to apply and be successful due to a change in the criteria that needs to be met. Further information can be found in this [letter](#) and by following this [link](#).

Mrs O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher

Laureates Brunch

We celebrated the achievements of students from Laureates by having a Headteacher's Brunch on Friday.



Individual students from Year 7 were nominated by their tutors whilst the whole of 8GWR were rewarded for having the highest attendance in Laureates this term.

Mr Brown, Mr Mowbray and Mrs Wake were on hand to serve the students hot chocolate and



Year 12 Brunch

We celebrated the hard work shown by Year 12 students in their first term of Post 16 with a Headteacher's Brunch on Wednesday. Mr Brown commended the students who were nominated for demonstrating the 6Cs throughout the term.



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Elite Sporting Pathway

Students from A Level PE and those enrolled on the Elite Sporting Potential (ESP) programme were treated to talks on Thursday from MLS football coach, Pete Shuttleworth.



Pete shared his story of how his drive to be an elite athlete, no matter what the sport, has seen him progress from trials at Nottingham Forest in his teens to now being [Wayne Rooney's Assistant Coach at DC United](#).

His journey during that time has seen him be a PE teacher, complete triathlons at amateur level for Team GB and be a football coach to future England star, [Jude Bellingham](#), when they were both at Birmingham City.

Pete discussed his motivations for training harder than the next person and how he visualises someone competing against him to ensure his winning mentality powers him to succeed.



Mr Grest, who met Pete when they did teacher training together at Loughborough University, identified to the students that this competitive mindset, coupled with the 6Cs, will allow them to maximise their potential as well as recovering from any setbacks.

Boxing Club

After Christmas, we will be running a boxing club with an external boxing coach from Lions Den Boxing. The club will be after school on a Thursday from 3:10-4:15 and students must arrange their own transport home.

Numbers will be limited to 20 students and will be on a first come, first served basis. In order to reserve a place, parents/carers must email Miss Hall on shall6@bosworthacademy.org.uk to reserve a place. You will receive a confirmation email if there is enough space for your child.

Miss Hall

World Cup Kayak Joy

Year 12 student, Niamh M, was once again in the medals at a world kayaking event, this time earning a bronze medal at the ICF Freestyle World Cup in Columbus, Georgia, USA.



Niamh's bronze medal run in the Junior women's K1 event held in October can be viewed [here](#) at the 2 hour 18 minute mark.

[British Canoeing said](#) that Niamh "went from strength to strength, finding some nice air in her moves. By the time the final was over Niamh had a bronze medal hanging around her neck and a big smile on her face."

Niamh said she was "so lucky to be paddling in Columbus".



Ollie Hits the Target

Year 9 student Ollie S recently won his first medal in the Archery GB Junior Indoor Nationals finishing with the bronze medal in the U15 Boys Recurve category.

The event in Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, saw Ollie "know most of the people I'm shooting against even though I've recently gone up an age group," said Ollie.

Attention now turns to next year when Ollie will have competitions to qualify for the Junior Masters in the summer.



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Fundraising Update

This year we were motivated to do more to help others and wanted to support the LIFE MAT's wider initiative to raise funds for rehoming Ukrainians who have been displaced by the war in Eastern Europe.

We have looked for creative ways to fundraise and with your amazing support we have raised a total of **£1944.85** this year and counting!

During the Autumn Term we ran different activities with the following being raised: **Bake Sale £193, Pumpkin Carving £30, Halloween Movie Day £50, Christmas Jumper £73 and Candy Cane Delivery £37.28.**

Thank you to all those who have contributed! But we aren't stopping there—stay tuned for more news in the new year about our activities which will raise more money for such a worthy cause.

Post 16 Fundraising Team



Cold Weather Advice

The [tragic events in Solihull](#) on Sunday are a reminder to always be careful near open water, especially at this time of year.

Never go onto frozen lakes, ponds, canals or reservoirs.

For more information around the dangers of frozen water and emergency situations please click [here](#).



Leicestershire Fire and Rescue provide advice to survive adverse weather conditions [here](#).

The Royal Life Saving Society UK also has a [leaflet](#) about winter water safety including top tips and the dangers around snow, ice and wind chill.

World AIDS Day

Earlier this month on Thursday 1 December it was World AIDS Day and the occasion was remembered with Post 16 student, Gia B, writing and performing a poem as part of their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

"My EPQ is based around the AIDS epidemic and it questions whether the prejudice of the 1980s contributed to the 40 million deaths worldwide. It focuses on the stigma around the disease and how it still affects the LGBTQ+ community to this day, as well as the medical prejudice and ignorance of the public to those suffering because of their prejudice against marginalised communities," said Gia who

read the poem as drag performer Sylva Lining.

"The inspiration around the poem and the project as a whole was the series 'It's a Sin' on Channel 4. It follows the lives of a group of young gay men during the crisis and how it really changed their lives. Watching it really made me realise just how influential the pandemic was and still is, and it's something I am very passionate about!

"I already had an interest in looking at the history of AIDS so when the opportunity to write about it came about it was a no-brainer. My poem covers the protests of the ACT UP! movement and the emotions that I'd imagine the people living with the virus felt.

Prejudice isn't something that can be solved overnight, and with prejudice against the LGBTQ+ community, it can be so normalised and many don't notice its effect on LGBT people (including the small comments that just reminds us that we're not 'the norm').

"I believe that education is probably the best way to overcome prejudice of any kind! Learning about how people of marginalised identities have been oppressed in the past allows us to move past it and avoid doing the same things again in the future, so learning and accepting our part in any oppression that we perpetuate is key to learning how to avoid doing it again."



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The Compass

AR Superstars

On Thursday Mr Brown presented our AR Superstars with their certificates and breakfast as rewards for their excellent work in AR reading, reading the most words in Years 7 and 8.

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian



Reading Over Christmas

Well done everyone for your reading during this term—the Compass will be closed over the Christmas break but there are many ways to read this holiday.

Author and actor, Ade Edmondson, has got some great [tips](#) on how to keep reading over Christmas.

Book Recommendations

We have a great selection of books across all genres and age groups in the Compass Library. Here are the latest book recommendations for Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four and remember—book clubs for Years 7-9 are held every Friday at break time in the Compass.

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian

Key Stage Three

Connie who collects slime discovers that her last slime recipe came alive and is rapidly growing and becoming a menace to her friends and family. Connie hasn't found her talent yet, but at least she has her slime collection - if it's gooey, she's

got it! She hopes that by adding a few extra ingredients to a simple recipe she will uncover a talent for slime-making, but alas, all she uncovers is a hot, stinky mess which ends up in the bin. It's shaping up to be another uneventful weekend... until her failed slime experiment wakes her up the next morning. It's alive! And can talk! And is named... Big.

Big adores Connie and wants to protect her from everything at all times, which is very sweet. At first. But when it gets bigger, grows teeth and threatens to eat her friends and father, can Connie uncover her TRUE talents in order to protect everything from THE SLIME?

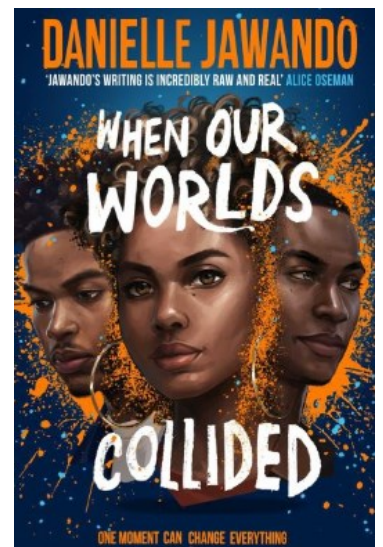


Key Stage Four

Three teenagers are brought together when they witness a fatal attack on a 14-year-old boy and have to contend with institutional racism in the aftermath.

When fourteen-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society.

A powerful coming-of-age story about chance encounters, injustice and how the choices that we make can completely change our future.



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Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day
Tuesday 3 January 2023	School re-opens for Spring 2023 Term
Thursday 26 January 2023	Noughts & Crosses Y9, 10, 11 Drama trip
Monday 20—Friday 24 February 2023	Spring Half Term School closed
Friday 31 March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 17 April 2023	First day of Summer Term
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 May 2023	Coronation Bank Holiday

Full term dates can be accessed [here](#).

Job Opportunities

If you would like to join our team, please see the latest vacancies below:

- Cover Coach
- Mini Bus Driver with D1 Licence

The deadline for applications for the Cover Coach position is Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 9AM. The deadline for the Mini Bus Driver position is Thursday 5 January 2023 at 9AM.



For more information please contact Mrs Carly Harper, Support Staff/HR Lead on 01455 822841 Ext. 227 during term time or click [here](#).

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SCAN TO BOOK!

MARKET BOSWORTH YFC

Christmas Tree Collection

Contact 07479 250420 for any queries

£6 per tree picked up from your door.
All money going to charities: MBYFC, Parkinson's and Air Ambulance

Collections from: Market Bosworth, Carlton, Sutton Cheney, Hinckley, Burbage, Sharnford, Aston Flanville, Earl Shilton, Barlestone, Nailstone, Bagworth, Newbold, Desford & Surrounding areas.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BANK HOLIDAY	Jumbo Sausage Roll Herby Diced Baked Beans	Roast Pork Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Gravy	Beef Lasagne Broccoli Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Spicy Chicken burger Seasoned Wedges Sweetcorn or Baked beans
BANK HOLIDAY	Fish in Batter Herby Diced Baked Beans	Chicken Casserole Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Gravy	BBQ Chicken Broccoli Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Hotdog Seasoned Wedges Sweetcorn or Baked beans
BANK HOLIDAY	Vegan Nuggets Herby Diced Baked Beans	Vegan Sausage Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Gravy	Hunters Vegan Steak Broccoli Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Vegan Dog Seasoned Wedges Sweetcorn or Baked beans
BANK HOLIDAY	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day



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

Read All About It!

Want to look up an old article? All of our newsletters are available [here](#) for you to access. You can also navigate to this page from Bosworth Academy's homepage by selecting the Parents tab—scroll down to Newsletters and click on any of the back issues.

Covid-19 Update

Those aged 18 and under with a **positive COVID-19 test result** are advised try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. We are no longer able to issue Covid-19 tests for use at home. More details are listed [here](#).

Important 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 pastoral team.

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