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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

Welcome



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you and your loved ones a very happy and prosperous new year. Though it was an early return to school this year with the way holidays fell our students have settled back into school very well. It's been a great week of learning with so much going on.

Our new Assistant Headteacher led an assembly with Year 11 and spoke about 'Black Box Thinking' from Matthew Syed

and the importance of rehearsed practice and learning from mistakes. It was a great message following trial examinations as students build towards their GCSE examinations in the summer. I also reminded students that our Trial Exam Results Evening is on Tuesday 10th January. All parents/carers will have received an invite via text or email to attend one of two sessions with their child. Our sixth form students in Years 12 and 13 will be issued their Trial Examination results in school on Wednesday 11th January so please discuss their achievements with them that evening. Please read on in the newsletter for further information. On Tuesday our Year 8 students enjoyed a performance by the Loudmouth Theatre Company as they delivered important messages on staying 'Safe and Sound'. Students engaged brilliantly as the performers acted out various challenges that teenagers may need to face. This is an engaging way of delivering important learning from our PSHE curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Jones for arranging this experience for our students.



It was fantastic at the end of term to award many of our students for great engagement in reading. Our incredible reading leaderboards by tutor group can be seen later in this newsletter. As parents and carers it is vital that you do all you can to promote a love of reading as it is proven to make such a difference to overall student achievement. Reading is essential to every subject and children who cannot read well often find it difficult to keep up with the demands of secondary school. A recently published Ofsted research report stated that each year around one quarter of 11-year-olds do not meet the expected standard in reading at the end of primary school. Fewer than 1 in 5 of these pupils

can expect to get a GCSE grade 4 in English. Being unable to read well can often also lead to poor behaviour. Ofsted evidence also shows that young people with low literacy are likely to have fewer job opportunities.

At Bosworth Academy, as you will have seen from our newsletters, we promote a love of reading and explicitly teach reading. Through targeted support we aim to help those children who may struggle with reading. Across our curriculum we provide disciplinary reading experiences to develop what is often complex vocabulary. If you would like to know more about us providing additional support for your own child please get in touch with your child's Head of Year or tutor.

As Barack Obama said, "Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible."

Warmest wishes for 2023!

Mr Brown,
Headteacher



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Be better than you thought you could be

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10KM Charity Swim

Olympic gold medallist swimmer Becky Adlington recently visited Bosworth Academy to cheer on former student, Rachel Tuckey, who completed a 10Km swim in aid of Leicester Hospitals Charity. Rachel was inspired to take on a four-stage challenge to raise money for the charity after Leicester Hospitals took care of her four-year-old son, Oscar, when he was born with severe health problems.



"Oscar turned four in September, a milestone we didn't know we would meet; hence the four challenges. I knew I wanted to do four challenges, but I didn't really know where to start - I got the inspiration for the challenges from the four elements; Earth, Air, Water and Fire," said Rachel. The Water stage of the fundraising saw Rachel, along with five friends, swim 10Km in Bosworth Academy's swimming pool on Sunday 18 December 2022 and Becky Adlington was there to set the swimmers off. Speaking to the Leicester Mercury before the swim, Becky Adlington said she was "keen" to support Rachel.



"Nothing is more traumatic to a parent than when your little one is sick...which is why I was so keen to show my support for Rachel," said Becky. "As parents we are often so busy taking care of everyone else - we forget to check in on ourselves. "It's great to hear Rachel has found swimming so therapeutic during her difficult time. It's such a

great activity to switch off and focus on your breathing," added Becky.

Representatives from Leicester Hospitals Charity, Total Swimming Academy and Bosworth Academy joined Rachel's friends and family poolside to see Rachel complete the 10Km swim in 3 hours 39 minutes, ahead of her 4.5 hours goal.

"The poolside atmosphere was brilliant and really got us through the swim. We all did far better than our targets which is fantastic and I am so proud of all of the swimmers," said Rachel.

Bosworth Academy's Post 16 Fundraising Team were in attendance to help run the concession stand.



"Helping out for the charity swim was really enjoyable, everyone was so kind and generous to help raise money for the charity," said Neely G. "Meeting Becky Adlington was an honour, she was lovely and spoke to us about the fundraising that we were doing and was interested in finding out what we did before. The swim was a huge success in raising money for a well deserved charity!" An estimated £1,600 was raised from the swim with a current total of £7,787 from the three challenges. Rachel is hoping to go beyond her £8,000 target in time for her final challenge of a 10K Wolf Run on 23 April 2023. More details on how you can donate to the fundraiser can be found [here](#).

Parents Evening

Booking is now live for Years 11, 12 and 13 Parents Consultation Evening which takes place on Thursday 19 January.

You can book your time slots [here](#).

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Year 11 Trial Exam Results

We would like to welcome Year 11 students and their parents/carers to collect their Trial Exam results on Tuesday 10 January.

Following the collection of the results, we will be sharing essential information about the upcoming exams including key dates, preparation for exams and how parents/carers can support their child during the remaining phase of their GCSEs. This presentation will be followed by short support sessions from Maths and English specialists for those who feel may need some additional advice in these subject areas.

Timetable for results collection and presentations are below.

Please arrive via the main reception and make your way towards our main hall. We have ample parking on site but do give yourself enough time to find a space.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher

Tutor	Collect Results	Main Presentation	English Presentation	Maths Presentation
11CBK	5:00pm	5:15pm	5:35pm repeated at 5:45pm	5:35pm repeated at 5:45pm
11GGR				
11HBE				
11JRO				
11LSH				
11RWA	5:30pm	5:45pm	6:05pm repeated at 6:15pm	6:05pm repeated at 6:15pm
11SBL				
11SPA				
11TCH				

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.



Post 16 Trial Exam Results

To help Year 12 and 13 students prepare for their AS/A level exams later in the year we would like to replicate the results day experience.

Sixth form students are invited to collect their results from the canteen on Wednesday 11 January at the times below.

Mrs Holdback, Head of Key Stage Five

Time	Tutor Groups
2:00PM	SPK, CMO, CWL
2:10PM	EBO, RDI, SHL
2:20PM	VKI, CBO, JHI
2:30PM	RHA, BPR (NCH), SKA
2:40PM	SMY, SOE, RPI

Health Guidance

Returning to school from the winter break brings with it more social mixing and the chances of becoming unwell increase.

The UKHSA has issued a [statement](#) that gives back-to-school advice on how to follow steps to minimise the spread of illness in education and protect wider communities.

If your **child is unwell with a fever**, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has

resolved. If your child has cold symptoms but no fever then your child can come to school.

Catch it, bin it, kill it is more important than ever along with emphasising the importance of handwashing.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for some secondary school-aged children such as those with health conditions and those living with vulnerable adults and is the best protection against the virus. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with.

Mr Brown, Headteacher

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Panto Performers

We hope everybody enjoyed a well deserved Christmas and New Year break with family and friends.

Christmas means one thing - Panto time!

Angel T, Holly R and Lydia M all successfully auditioned for ensemble parts in Elan Productions' Pantomime - Dick Whittington, at The International Arts Centre in Leicester.



They had great fun being part of the Pantomime and have represented the school fantastically. As ever we are very proud of them.

Drama Production Visit

Loudmouth Theatre Company came in to deliver their 'Safe and Sound' educational performance on Tuesday for all of our Year 8 students.

This specific performance explored teenage relationship abuse/domestic violence, consent and power and control in relationships and provided the opportunity for our students to engage in an insightful discussion with the practitioners afterwards.

As always, the students represented Bosworth Academy positively and engaged maturely with the content.

Mrs Jones, Teacher of Drama

Boxing Club

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



Geography Iceland Trip

The Geography Department is hoping to run an exciting visit to Iceland in 2024.

The visit will be open to any students who are doing A level or AS level Geography (Year 12 and 13s in 2024).



The plan is for a four day visit with an itinerary including Iceland's Volcanic Landscapes, Iceland's Glaciers, Amazing Coasts and Geothermal Pools! The visit will compliment topics that we cover such as Coasts and Tectonic Hazards. The visit will not be compulsory but we hope to take as many of our students as possible. It is being underwritten by Equity Travel, a very experienced provider of educational visits.

Watch this space for further details - if you are currently in Year 11 though and would like more information speak to your Geography Teacher on how to sign up to A level Geography next year! A sample set of information can be seen [here](#).

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography

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Welcome New Staff

A new year brings new additions to Bosworth Academy staff and we are pleased to welcome Mr Worn, Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Key Stage Four, joins us from The Long Eaton School where he had taught since 2009.

"During this time, I have performed a number of key roles including Head of History and Key Stage 4



Achievement Leader. For the past four and a half years, I have been an Assistant Headteacher responsible for safeguarding and student wellbeing as well as raising achievement in Year 11," says Mr Worn.

"My first impressions are that Bosworth appears to be a great place to work with fantastic, caring staff who want the very best for our students. I was particularly enticed to Bosworth by two key values, **'be better than you thought you could be,'** and **'no student will underachieve'.** This

philosophy very much aligns to my own and I am keen to support all of our students to help them have the best experience and subsequently the very best outcomes during their time with us.

"I hope that I can contribute positively to the school to support and challenge our students to help them to be better than they thought they could. I also have a keen interest in helping staff progress and would love to help colleagues develop and challenge themselves too. I believe that happy people, staff and students, gain much more from their school experience.

"Outside of school, I am keen runner and have run many half and full marathons. I am currently training for the Manchester Marathon in April. I run because it challenges me and puts me out of my comfort zone, it also provides me with goals to tick off and target throughout the year. I love spending time with my family and have two girls, aged nine and five. My other passion is Leicester City and have recently started to take my girls to some matches. They seem to enjoy it but equally haven't seen too many wins yet so that may change if our form doesn't improve!"

Welcome to Bosworth Academy Mr Worn!

Bosworth Academy Book

Bosworth Academy has written a book!

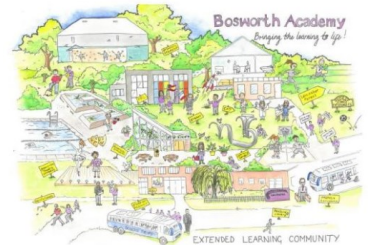
In 'The School of the Fourth Way' both staff and students have described how we have adapted 'Fourth Way'

practices over the last 10 years and how this has transformed our school whilst also strengthening our community.

The book is endorsed by Dame Alison Peacock, Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching:

The School of the Fourth Way

Preparing students for the test of life, not a life of tests
'Joyful ... inspired ... filled with hope' - Dame Alison Peacock



Written by the staff and students of Bosworth Academy
Foreword by Professor Andy Hargreaves



"As I read about Bosworth Academy's joyful, yet rigorous approach to learning, to community, to beautiful work all assessed through close attention to global competencies, I became increasingly inspired and filled with hope.

"I encourage you to read this, to listen to the young people, staff colleagues, and community members as they describe the vibrant, agentic work of their college. Highly recommend - strong on vision, strong on detail - a winning combination."

If you are interested in buying a copy of the book, please email our Communications Officer, Mr Hodges, at ahodges@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Cold Weather Advice

The winter weather gives us a reminder to 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.



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The Compass

Reading in the New Year

There's plenty of research that indicates recreational reading is key to achieving and sustaining educational outcomes – as well as a whole range of other benefits. Here are some tips to help your children develop a habit of reading every day. See which ones might work for you:

Read all the things: Stories are a wonderful opening to different worlds, but that's not all there is. Remember, non-fiction and comics are awesome!

Encourage choices: Your children will be more engaged, will learn more, and will make more effort when they chose reading materials for themselves.

Try podcasts and audio books.: An audiobook could be the perfect solution to a long drive.

Read at the dinner table. You could designate a meal a week as a 'reading meal' where reading at the table is encouraged.

Make it social: Encourage your children to do book swaps with friends, and to talk about their reading with each other.

Latest AR Leaderboards

Our Laureates continue to increase their literacy by reading and completing Accelerated Reader (AR) book quizzes.

The month of December saw Alesha M read the most words in Year 7 with 653,540 whilst Elijah W read the most words in Year 8 with 369,087.

Elijah W leads the way for total words read by a Year 8 student for the year to date with 2,194,156 and Jonathan R in Year 7 has read 2,739,412 words year to date.

In the tutor groups, 7MEM made the most progress in Year 7 with 1,775,478 words read in December with 7WI leading the way year to date with 6,343,302.

In Year 8, the most progress in December was seen by 8PGO with 1,047,474 words read whilst year to date 8GWR are ahead with a total of 5,162,114 words read.

Full AR leader boards can be found opposite. Well done to all students and continue reading!

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian

December AR Leaderboard

1	7MEM	1,775,478	1	8PGO	1,047,474
2	7b1/EPY	1,402,745	2	8b1/SRI	850,849
3	7JWI	1,019,879	3	8GWR	659,272
4	7ECK	851,902	4	8JAL	571,288
5	7SMC	829,524	5	8b3/LAR	488,650
6	7LMA	666,351	6	8b2/TNM	475,247
7	7GHI	657,641	7	8GMU	255,929
8	7b2/GDV	579,366	8	8NHU	205,566
9	7b3/DCR	295,137	9	8JST	10,646
Total Year Group		8,078,023	Total Year Group		4,564,921

Year to Date AR Leaderboard

1	7JWI	6,343,302	1	8GWR	5,162,114
2	7b1/EPY	5,862,531	2	8b3/LAR	4,664,049
3	7b2/GDV	5,718,339	3	8PGO	4,598,653
4	7ECK	5,228,100	4	8b1/SRI	2,502,106
5	7MEM	4,937,632	5	8b2/TNM	2,086,257
6	7SMC	3,562,263	6	8JAL	2,029,417
7	7b3/DCR	2,687,476	7	8NHU	2,019,283
8	7GHI	2,553,637	8	8GMU	989,685
9	7LMA	2,173,882	9	8JST	364,450
Total Year Group		36,067,162	Total Year Group		24,416,014

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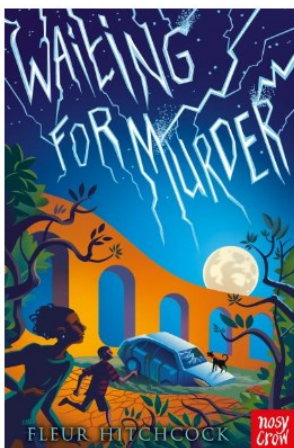


Book Recommendations

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

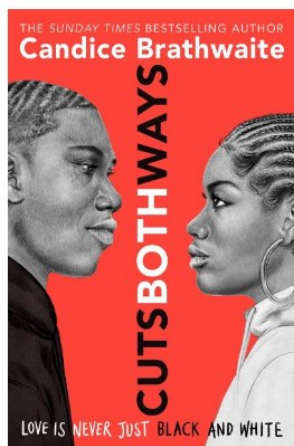
Key Stage Three



Daniel and Rain try to solve the mystery of a body that disappeared soon after it was discovered in the local reservoir which dried up in the summer heat. It's a long, hot summer. As the water drains away from the reservoir, a car emerges. And there seems to be a body in it, a body that then disappears... Daniel and

Rain start to investigate and uncover a long-ago robbery, missing gold and murder. When the drought breaks, everything is swept downstream and the truth is revealed...

Key Stage Four



Following the murder of her brother, teenager Cynthia starts at a new private school where she tries to get over the past and develops a romance with a fellow pupil. London is all Cynthia knows, so when her parents move her family to a place where there is only one bus an hour and the faint smell of horse manure continuously

permeates the air, it's a culture shock, to say the least. As is transitioning to a private school. At her new school, Cynthia immediately finds herself caught between two brothers - head boy Thomas, who is white, and his adopted Black brother, Isaac. There is something about Isaac

she cannot quite get enough of...but her father is keen for her to partner up with someone like Thomas, someone who will be 'better for her future prospects'.

But when it turns out the brothers have been keeping secrets from her, secrets that link back to the life Cynthia thought she had left behind in London, she realises that not everything is as it seems.

Will Cynthia be able to forgive the lies and follow her heart?

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Tuesday 10 January	Y11 Trial Exams Results 5PM onwards
Wednesday 11 January	Post 16 Trial Exams Results 2PM onwards
Thursday 19 January	Parents Evening Y11,12, 13
Thursday 26 January	Noughts & Crosses Y9, 10, 11 Drama trip
Monday 20 — Friday 24 February	Spring Half Term School closed
Friday 31 March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 17 April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday

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

Young Carers

If your child is a [young carer](#) please notify me by emailing nwhitaker@bosworthacademy.org.uk
Mrs Whitaker, Senior Leader

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swedish Meatballs Rice Mixed Veg Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken Roast Potato / Mash Mixed Veg Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese Pasta Broccoli / Sweetcorn Pitta Bread	BBQ Pork Ribs Savoury Rice Corn on the Cob Garlic Bread	Battered Fish Seasoned Wedges Beans / Peas
Chicken Tikka Rice Mixed Veg / Salad Naan Bread	Roast Pork Roast Potato / Mash Mixed Veg Gravy	Creamy Chicken & Bacon Pasta Broccoli / Sweetcorn Pitta Bread	Spicy Rustic Chicken Savoury Rice Corn on the Cob Garlic Bread	Cornish Pastie Seasoned Wedges Beans / Peas
Vegan Balls Rice Mixed Veg Garlic Bread	Vegan Steak Roast Potato / Mash Mixed Veg Gravy	Vegan Bolognese Pasta Broccoli / Sweetcorn Pitta Bread	Vegan Chilli Savoury Rice Corn on the Cob Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger Seasoned Wedges Beans / Peas
Dessert Of The Day	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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