

Welcome

It has been an emotional week for some of our examination year students. On Tuesday we had our Year 11 **Trial Examination Results Evening**.



Students, accompanied by their parents or carers picked up their result envelopes, experiencing what this may 'feel' like in the summer. Some students were delighted with their outcomes whilst others were disappointed, knowing that they can do better. During the evening we shared with parents how to best support their child over the coming months and explained what to expect in the actual GCSE exams and some key dates.

Leaders in English and Maths then presented to smaller groups about how specific approaches in their subject could really help students to raise their grades. A link to some of the slides shared on the evening can be found [here](#).

On Wednesday afternoon there was a real buzz of activity as our Sixth Form students picked up their results from November Trial Examinations. Once more there was a mix of joy and a little disappointment. Learning from our mistakes and targeting areas for improvement are the key to future success and these milestone assessments will help both students and their teachers as we look to build on success. We hope now to see students creating and quickly following a well-planned revision timetable. Tutors are now supporting students with this across both key stages.

With our new basketball, football and tennis courts now open I was delighted to meet with a group of Year 10 student leaders who spoke to me about their ideas for basketball. They had designed a layout that fits with our Bosworth brand and mirrors some of the professional clubs. It was great to hear them pitch a well thought out idea. Their next steps are to design a Bosworth Academy Basketball logo and to research costings.

In our Maximising Potential workshop sessions on Thursday with Year 11 students we listened to some great tips on revision, and some inspiring stories including one about a 5ft3in successful basketball player, Tyrone Bogues. We learned about the **Pomodoro revision** technique to beat revision procrastination and improve student focus one 'pomodoro' at a time. This method would work for any student in any year preparing and revising for a test or assessment. The idea is to work in 25 minute chunks with a 5 minute break really helping focus. Students should put two, three or maybe even four chunks together as they build up towards an



assessment. This could well be something useful for us adults as well to boost our own productivity! I'll conclude this week with an inspirational quote from the great basketball player, **Michael Jordan** who stated, **"My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength."**






Great advice for any of our students!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Brown,
Headteacher

WHAT IS THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE?

A method for staying focused and mentally fresh

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| STEP 1 |  | Pick a task |
| STEP 2 |  | Set a 25-minute timer |
| STEP 3 |  | Work on your task until the time is up |
| STEP 4 |  | Take a 5 minute break |
| STEP 5 |  | Every 4 pomodoros, take a longer 15-30 minute break |



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Year 11 Trial Exam Results

On Tuesday Year 11 students, accompanied by their parents/carers, received the results of their trial exams that were taken last term.



Trial exams allow students and teachers to see current progress and identify areas to focus on for upcoming exam revision. Following the receiving of the results, students

and their parents/carers were invited to a presentation given by Headteacher, Mr Brown, and Head of Key Stage Four, Assistant Headteacher Mr Worn.

Mr Brown discussed the government directive that the 2023 exams will nearly be back to normal following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ofqual have confirmed that grading will be back in line with 2019 for 2023 but students will continue to be provided with support in



GCSE Maths, Physics and Combined Science subjects with formulae and equation sheets provided. There will be **no advanced information** about exam content like there was in 2022. Results will be based purely on **exam performance**, and coursework, if part of the qualification.

There will be further trial exams in the week commencing 6 March 2023 and the performance of the two sets of trial exams **must be retained** as a record in case of illness or an unlikely situation that exams do not go ahead.

The summer examination period begins on Monday 15 May. After the May half term students will receive a personalised timetable with no official study leave period.

The last day of GCSE examinations is Wednesday 28 June and students are invited to attend the Year 11 Prom later on the same day. Full details of the Year 11 Prom will be released at a later date. For further questions about your trial exam results please contact your relevant teachers.

Maximise Your Potential

On Thursday Year 11 students were given an insight into challenging themselves to reach their full potential by visitor, Jasper Ward, from [Maximize Your Potential](#).



Jasper, who is also an examiner, shared with the students how preparing for your GCSEs now will set you up for a future of opportunities and how careers ranging from plumbers to paramedics can have a positive influence on people's lives. Revision techniques and having a positive work-rest balance were also discussed after Jasper recounted the career of [Tyrone Curtis "Muggsy" Bogue](#), whose dedication to training led to his success as the smallest man ever to play in the NBA at 5 foot 3 inches. The sessions were insightful for the students who will now put the strategies into action as they prepare for their GCSEs at the end of the academic year.

Post 16 Trial Exam Results

On Wednesday Post 16 students collected their trial exam results in the main hall. Students will be reflecting on their grades and plan their next steps in Tutor Intervention on Monday. Those seeking support should initially discuss their grades with their teachers. They can also talk to their tutor, who can make a referral to our Academic Coach for advice on revision, time management, study skills, etc. Tutors can also make referrals to well-being support if required.

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 8 Options Evening

On Monday 30 January we invite students from Year 8 and their parents/carers to a presentation event for Key Stage Four subject options.



This event is designed to give parents and carers the information they need in order to support their children in choosing their GCSE options.

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

Whilst all of our subjects allow students to progress onto further study, some A-Level subjects require the subject to have been studied at GCSE level first.

There will be two identical presentations during the event, one at **5.30PM** and the other at **6.15PM**.



You can book your time slot [here](#) or by scanning the QR code. We have limited spaces available in our presentations and only ticket holders will be permitted to enter - please have your ticket ready, either on your phone or printed. Please arrive at our main hall no

later than five minutes before the presentation is due to start.

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

Additional information about the options process will be sent to you soon through our various school communication mediums.

We look forward to seeing you at the event to begin your child's journey into Key Stage Four.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Careers Events

At the beginning of March, it will be National Careers Week 2023 and Bosworth Academy will celebrate.



As holders of the Career Mark Gold award which recognises best practice in Careers education in schools and is recognised by the DfE, we will be hosting a series of employer encounters events at Bosworth Academy in February and March.

The aim of the event is for students to gain insight into the world of work, the many challenges employers face in the current situation as well as what new skills our students will need to develop to be work ready. It will also enable our older students to practise interview skills. We are running these events in collaboration with LEBC, a local company working with local employers and schools.

The events will be:

- Year 8: Speed network Careers 8 February
- Year 12: Mock interviews 16 February
- Year 11: Mock interviews 2 March
- Year 9: What job can I do with...? 23 March

Mrs Delàge-Martin, Head of Careers

37 Plays for Year 8

Year 8 Real LiFE students are currently taking part in the 37 Plays project run by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

We are currently taking on the role of the writer, using activities practised by RSC writers to generate ideas for our

own plays. Once our

ideas are submitted, students have the potential to be selected by the RSC to work with writers and directors to turn their vision into a complete production that will be performed across the country.

We are very excited to be a part of this exciting project. If anyone else is interested in this project, please follow this link: <https://37plays.co.uk/>

Miss Toon, Head of English

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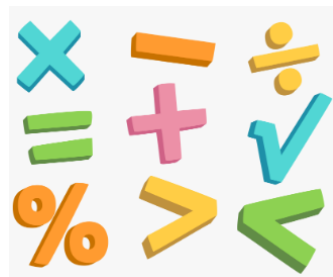
Sparx Maths

In Maths this week we have been excited to fully launch Sparx Maths with our students, you may have seen a couple of emails from them.

SPARX MATHS

Sparx Maths is a smart homework platform that gives personalised homework to students about topics we have been covering recently in lessons and some older bits too. A few of our groups have been piloting the website since before Christmas and their feedback has been really positive.

If students find topics difficult, it asks easier questions and if they find it easy then it can start to really challenge them. The site aims to set 30 or 60 minutes of work and learns how quickly individual students work too.



We have found that in the first couple of weeks of the site getting to know our individual students then they might get homework that is too easy or over too quickly. If that happens

then the 'Target' option will generate some harder tasks for them to try and the 'XP Boost' option will give them more maths of the same level. Occasionally some students may get homework that would take too long to complete. If this happens then they are OK to finish the work there, their teacher will be able to see how long it has taken. After three weeks it seems to have got most of our students in the pilot groups figured out.

Year 7 parents, other than parents of those in 7ECK, 7LMA or 7MEM, should have also received an email this week about us implementing our planned setting of maths groups. Check your inbox or contact the Maths department for more details.

Shout out to some of our Sparx Maths superstars so far:

Myat: 7ECK, Charlotte: 7ECK, Sandra: 10BJN, Alicia: 10BJN, Theo: 10YCO, Tere: 7JWI

Mr Aston, Head of Maths

Welcome Back Mrs Manning

I would like to re-introduce myself to many of you as the **Interim Teaching Head of Year 9**. Together with Mr Mayes (Head of Year 9), I will oversee aspects of Year 9 students school day including punctuality, attendance, behaviour and, together with teachers and school leaders, their progress across their GCSEs.

I have worked at Bosworth Academy since 2010, and during that time have had responsibilities as Head of Year, Deputy Safeguarding Leader and also as a member of SLT. I return to Bosworth Academy after 18 months working at another school in our LiFE MAT. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work in partnership with you and your child at such an important stage in their life. If you have subject queries, please do contact their subject teacher. If you have wider concerns or queries, please contact either myself (jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk) or Mr Mayes (lmayes@bosworthacademy.org.uk).

For the remainder of the academic year, I will be co-ordinating the provision for our Ukrainian students, building on the excellent work of Mr Liam

Grest and Mrs Jenny Ridley.

I will be meeting with all our Ukrainian students over the coming weeks, and I hope also to be able to meet with parents and hosts too in the near future.

If you have concerns or queries, please contact me at jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mrs Manning, Head of Year 9/EAL Coordinator

Шановні батьки, опікуни та приймаючі родини
Протягом решти навчального року я буду координувати забезпечення наших українських студентів, спираючись на чудову роботу пана Ліама Греста та пані Дженні Рідлі.

Я буду зустрічатися з усіма нашими українськими учнями протягом наступних тижнів, і я сподіваюся, що найближчим часом також зможу зустрітися з батьками та господарями.

Якщо у вас є сумніви чи запитання, зв'яжіться зі мною за адресою

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Джейн Меннінг

Керівник року 9/Координатор EAL

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Cross Country Runner

Year 13 student JayJay R was in action recently in the Leicestershire County Cross Country run.

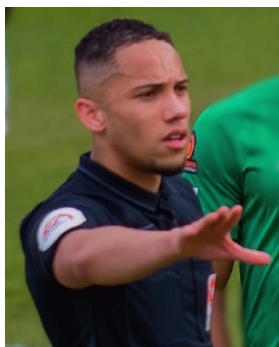


Congratulations to JayJay on an outstanding run as he placed 3rd in the U20 category and qualified for the inter-counties. Great running.

Mr Grest, Head of PE

FA Cup Fourth Official

Bosworth Academy mentor, Mr Ricardo, was in FA Cup action once again, this time as a fourth official in the third round game between Stockport County and Walsall.



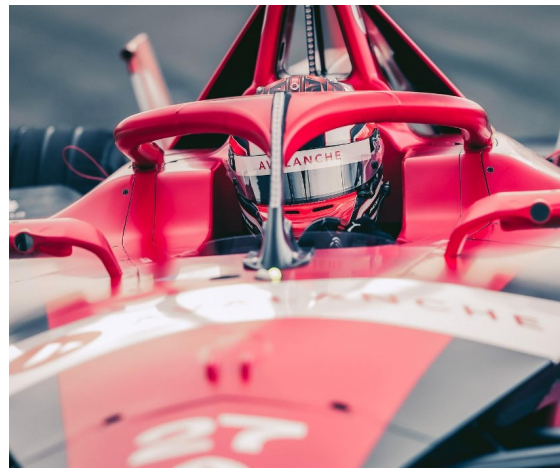
The fourth official assists the referee and assistant referees at all times. This involves being proactive in any dealings with players, substitutes and club officials, especially during the match.

A fourth official's presence is seen on the touchline as they hold up the boards to

communicate substitutions and the amount of minutes to be added on at the end of the halves. [Walsall beat Stockport County 2-1](#) in controversial fashion by converting a 95th minute winning penalty to set up a fourth round home cup tie against Leicester City to be played on the weekend of 28 January.

Jake Ready to Go Again

Former student, Jake Dennis, returns to action this weekend as the Formula E World Championship 2023 Season begins in Mexico on Saturday 14 January.



Jake will once again be racing for the Avalanche Andretti team and the 27-year-old will be looking to build on his [one win](#) last season.

The race in Mexico City will be on Saturday 14 January at 8:03 PM - 9 PM and is live on these various [platforms](#).

Co-Curricular Activities

Bosworth Academy now has a great range of co-curricular activities for students to participate in during break and lunch periods.

A full time table of activities can be found [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you!

Mr Mainard, Associate SLT



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, Teacher of PE

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The Compass

New in Non Fiction

We have great new additions to our Non-Fiction book selection in the library. Topics range from Science, History, Geography, Sport, Well-being and more. Come by The Compass and check out our selections!

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian



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

14 year old Amber is recruited as a spy - can she succeed on her first mission? I'm Amber Roberts. Just your average teenager. Life revolves around school and my best mate, Vi. Nothing too dramatic, and certainly nothing dangerous. Well. That's how things used to be. But now, my life is way more complicated: Mum and Dad have a massive secret and Vi's being all moody. But, bigger than that-I've just been recruited as a secret agent! That's right. Me. An actual spy. Exciting? It would be, if I had a clue what I was doing.



Key Stage Four

A group of teenagers find that one of them is out for revenge for an assault that happened at a party before they got stranded on a desert island.



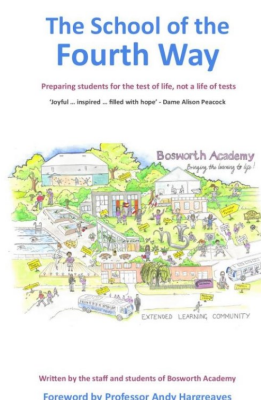
After a plane crash sees a group of teens washed up on a desert island, their first thought is survival. But a terrible secret has followed them ashore - one of them has been the victim of an assault. As danger and lies begin to take over, can the island uncover the truth about what really happened at that fateful party?

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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.

Dame Alison Peacock, Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching says that she "highly"

recommends the book which is "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

Online Safety and Gaming

As a new generation of young people arrive to use multiplayer games and the internet in general this new year, it is more important than ever to make your child aware of how to stay safe online.

The SWGfL has published a pamphlet on how to best keep safe whilst using online software and games. With advice on reporting and



blocking, online socialisation and the considerations on online gaming, You can find a link to that resource [here](#).

To help you understand these new, fast changing issues the NSPCC has published a guide to both the Metaverse and VR headsets. To find out more please follow this [link](#).

The use of the internet among young people is now everywhere. The rise in the cultural acceptance of internet relationships between young people and strangers that they play or talk with online, has opened the door to dangers. Yet it is only a small amount of these relationships which turn out malicious, but children and young people may find it difficult to understand when that arises. To find the guidance regarding this please follow this [link](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at nwhitaker@bosworthacademy.org.uk to talk through any of the above issues.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 19 January	Parents Evening Y11,12, 13
Thursday 26 January	Noughts & Crosses Y9, 10, 11 Drama trip
Thursday 26 January	Post 16 Colours Evening 5PM-6PM
Monday 30 January	Y8 Options Evening 5.30PM-6.45PM
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 School closed
Monday 8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday School closed

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

Job Opportunities

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

- **Teaching Assistant**
- **Cleaning Operative**

The deadline for Teaching Assistant applications is **Monday 23 January 9AM** whilst Cleaning Operative applications deadline is **Friday 3 February 2023 9AM**.

For more information please contact Mrs Carly Harper, Support

Staff/HR Lead on 01455 822841 Ext. 227 or click [here](#).



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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pepperoni Pizza Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas Salad	Pulled Sweet Chilli Chicken in a Brioche Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn / Salad	Pork Sausage Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Yorkshire Pudding Gravy	Beef Mexican Salsa Style Rice Broccoli / Salad	Chicken Tikka Pastie Herby Diced Beans / Peas
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas Salad	Beef Burger in Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn / Salad	Chicken Casserole Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Yorkshire Pudding Gravy	Chicken Balti Rice Broccoli / Salad	Jumbo Sausage Roll Herby Diced Beans / Peas
Cheese Pizza Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas	Veggie Burger in Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn / Salad	Vegan Sausage Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Gravy	Vegan Chilli Rice Broccoli / Salad	Cheese & Onion Slice Herby Diced 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

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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Anti-Bullying Form: Report [here](#)

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IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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](#).



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Be better than you thought you could be