



BOSWORTH ACADEMY
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20th January 2023

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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

Welcome

Earlier in the week I am certain you will have heard the announcement about strike action by the National Education Union (NEU). **Strikes are discontinuous and scheduled for 1 February, 1 March, and 15/16 March 2023.** Rounds of talks between Unions and the government are taking place on Thursday (as I write this), and Friday. It is important to know that our teachers who are in the NEU are not in dispute with Bosworth Academy or our LiFE Multi-Academy Trust, but with the government. The formal trade dispute is about 'the Secretary of State for Education failing to provide sufficient funds to employers to pay a fully funded increase in teacher's pay at a rate greater than inflation.' I would also add that schools are facing real challenges over teacher recruitment and retention which of course has a long term impact on the quality of education for our children, and must be addressed by the government.

Members of our teaching staff will make their own decision about strike action and I do understand why they would feel compelled to take this action. With nearly half of our teachers NEU members I know that this strike action will lead to at least a partial closure of our school on 1st February. I am awaiting further details of the numbers of staff involved before I can confirm with parents whether their year group will be in school that day or provided with work via our Google Classroom. I hope this can be confirmed by Thursday next week. I understand that some parents and carers will feel angry or anxious at this news, and I understand it will cause you difficulties. Ahead of confirmation of our plans next week I would suggest that you make arrangements for childcare if this is required for your son/daughter in the possible event of their year group being at home on that day. I will endeavour to provide you with more information as soon as I can next week.

On a different note I'm delighted to share that our ex-student and Alumni, **Emily Scarratt, will be visiting school on Tuesday 31st January.** Emily is one of the world's greatest ever rugby players. Her many achievements included scoring 16 points in the 2014 Rugby World Cup final to help England beat Canada to the World title. Emily will participate in a Q&A session followed by leading a Tag Rugby session on our 3G pitch. Later in this newsletter you can find out how your child can be involved in rugby.

On Thursday 26th January we are hosting our Colours Evening for Sixth Form students. The evening begins at 5pm and we will be recognising students who have achieved in one or more of our global competencies, the 6Cs. If your son/daughter is being recognised then look out for a letter/email of invitation in the post.

Please respond to this invite to reserve a place.

Though it is a cold, gloomy January we have at least moved beyond Blue Monday, the 16th January, supposedly the most depressing day of the year. Though this month may not be the best time to ask for feedback, we still thought it important to gather the views from our parents and carers about our school. We would like as many of you as possible to share your thoughts with us, and I really appreciate you taking the time to do this. It will only take you about three minutes to **complete this simple questionnaire** by following this [link](#).

We will then use your feedback to improve what we do and share this with you. As ever, please get in touch with school if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Brown,
Headteacher



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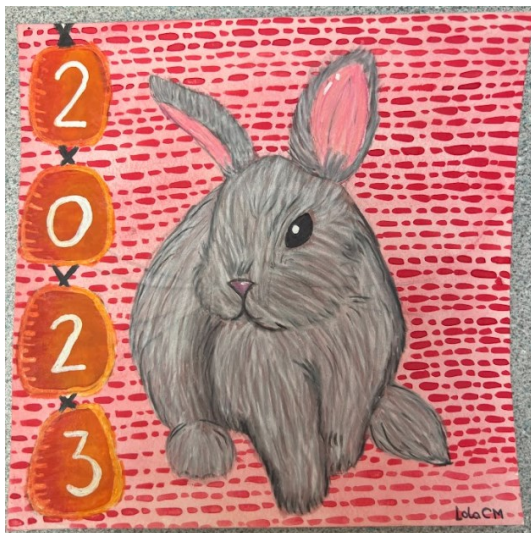
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Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, is an annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world that begins with the new moon that occurs sometime between January 21 and February 20 according to Western calendar and ends at the following full moon.



The origins of the Chinese New Year are steeped in legend. One legend is that thousands of years ago a monster named Nian - in English it translates to year - would attack villagers at the beginning of each new year. However, the monster was afraid of loud noises, bright lights, and the colour red, so those things were used to chase the beast away every new year. Celebrations to usher out the old year and bring forth the luck and prosperity of the new one, therefore, often include firecrackers, fireworks, and red clothes and decorations. Young people are given money in colourful red envelopes by their family. In addition, Chinese New Year is a time to feast and to visit family members. Many traditions of the season also honour relatives who have died.

Among other Chinese New Year traditions is the thorough cleaning of one's home to rid the resident of any lingering bad luck from the past year. Some people even prepare and enjoy special foods on certain days during the celebrations. The last event held during the Chinese New Year is called the Lantern Festival, during which people hang glowing lanterns in temples or carry them during a night-time parade. Since the dragon is a Chinese symbol of good fortune, a dragon dance highlights festival celebrations in many areas. This procession involves a long, colourful dragon being carried

through the streets by numerous dancers. Here at Bosworth Academy we have celebrated by having a Chinese New Year door decorating competition by covering our tutor doors with rabbits, dragons and other festive things to celebrate the coming of the new year and the luck and prosperity it brings. We hope you like some of the wonderful doors all our year groups have made.

Noor A and Euan R,
Student Diversity Council



Cultural Day

We will be having our first Cultural Day in May to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our school community.

We are planning to have food stalls, cultural dress, art, music and dancing to name just a few activities.

To get involved please contact vkirkham@bosworthacademy.org.uk or cmoran@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mrs Kirkham



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4Ps National Winner

The winner of [Two Teachers](#) 4Ps Pitch Challenge, a national competition with over 500 entries was Jasmine D from Year 9.



Congratulations to Jasmine, who developed a pitch for an Apple fitness mirror. The feedback from Two Teachers was that the product was a well thought through idea that would clearly fit into Apple's current product portfolio, allowing them to expand into the fitness industry.

"The market research was excellent, you clearly identified the competition which is already out there and explained how Apple's product would be different," said the judges.

Bosworth Academy also achieved two other top twenty finishers with Millpreet S and Jess B being recognised for their pitches. Jasmine received a £10 gift voucher whilst Millpreet and Jess received £5 vouchers.

Mr Wallace, Teacher of Business

Spring Real LiFE Missions

This week has seen the launch of our Spring Term Real LiFE Curriculum missions.

In Year 7, students in 7ECK, 7LMA and 7MEM will be exploring the topic of Climate Change through the lens of each subject to find out what we can do to help our environment thrive for generations to come.

One of the main features of this mission is our link with the Apps for Good 'Innovate for Climate Change' course which challenges our students to apply their knowledge of Climate Change and use it to design and build a mobile app that persuades others to take positive Climate Action. Through this link with Apps for Good, our students will be able to 'pitch' their ideas to experts from the Green Tech industry via a Google Meet towards the end of February.

All of our other subject areas will be contributing to

this mission by setting milestone activities that will help our students to understand how we can solve the problem of climate change, with a collaboration between Maths and Science relating to how we can best use our green space on the Bosworth Academy site to soak up more carbon from the atmosphere; learning about Eco houses in Modern Foreign Languages, and understanding how Art and Design subjects can be used to create sustainable products.

All of the learning from the full range of subjects will be drawn upon in English lessons towards the end of this mission, where our students will be taught to present their learning in a way that persuades others to take Climate Action.

For our Year 8 Real

LiFE Curriculum

pioneers, 8GWR, the

main focus of their

Spring Term mission is

the 10X Challenge. In this national competition, students work in small teams and given an initial budget of £10. They will develop a business plan and put it into action to generate a profit from their initial budget.

Through the Real LiFE Curriculum model we are able to harness the power of other subjects and build on this mission in a way that other schools are unable to. First of all we have added the additional rules to our students that their business ideas must be ethical and sustainable - after all the whole point of the Real LiFE Curriculum is to build student agency which is the ability of students to make a positive difference to themselves and the world around them.

We are also able to link other relevant subject knowledge in, with students in Maths learning about interest rates, so the "Bank of Real LiFE" is offering each 10X team the opportunity to borrow an additional £10 to get their business idea off the ground, but they would need to pay back interest on that loan! Other subject links include learning about the life-cycle of materials used in the process of producing goods in Science, learning how to set up a business in a French speaking territory, and using our skills in Performance to create a TV advert for the business that includes a musical jingle! Typically 10X teams make a profit in the region of £100 so this is a target for our teams to aim for and hopefully beat! Any profits made from the 10X Challenge will be used by the students to make a donation to charitable causes of their choice as well as investing in resources to further support their learning.

We can't wait to see what students come up with!

**Mr Hall Senior Leader,
Real LiFE Curriculum**

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Henrichment Film Scenes

This week Year 7 and 8 students in Henrichment have been thinking about their favourite films and have creatively reimagined scenes from them using boxes, paint and other arts and crafts.

Can you spot your favourite film?

Miss Sessions, HLTA



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



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Careers Fair

There will be a careers fair for looked after children/care leavers and vulnerable groups aged between 14-21+ at Community Hub (Sport's Bar) King Power Stadium on Thursday 2 February 2023 at 16:30 until 18:30.

There will be a range of universities, charities and employers at the event. Those who have been confirmed can be found in the table below.

Mrs Croucher, SENCo

College/Uni	Charity
WQE	UHL – Voluntary Service
Loughborough College	Prince's Trust
Leicester College	Leicestershire Cares
SMB College Group	
NWSLC	
HOET	
DMU	
Leicester University	
Loughborough University	

Employers
Inspired to Care - Adult Social Care Recruitment
NHS recruitment
Workpays
Everards
Nylacast
Hinckley & Rugby Building Society
Decentered Media
The Manufacturing Technology Centre Ltd
Ellesmere College

Other
Inclusion support (Careers)
Connexions
Leicester Virtual School
Leics Virtual School
LCFC Football in the community
LLEP

Alzheimer's Assembly

Year 13 students Neely G, Kiya K, Lauren W and Jamie R delivered this week's assemblies raising awareness of Alzheimer's and dementia.



Alzheimer's disease is a form of brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking skills and, eventually, the ability to carry out simple tasks. Research has shown that 1 in 14 people over 65 will have dementia with Neely sharing how dementia has personally affected a loved one of hers and that keeping in touch means a lot to someone with dementia.

Grease Production

"Grease is the word".

The school production of Grease is later this term and dates have just been announced.

Performances will be on **Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March** all starting at **7.30PM**.

Tickets are £7 for adults (16+), £3.50 for children and are available to buy now via Squid.





Tickets on sale now!

Wednesday 22nd March
Thursday 23rd March
Friday 24th March
Starts at 7:30

Adults (16+) - £7 Children- £3.50

Tickets available on Squid
or contact bjones@bosworthacademy.org.uk
or bgreen1@bosworthacademy.org.uk
for external tickets.

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Jake Wins in Mexico

Former student, Jake Dennis, made the best possible start to this year's Formula E World Championship with a [dominant win](#) in Mexico City last Saturday.

After qualifying second, Jake was able to make the move into the lead on lap 12 and didn't look back despite multiple safety car periods.

The 27-year-old was able to pull out a 7.8 second lead over eventual second placed driver, Pascal Wehrlein. Full race coverage can be viewed back [here](#).

Jake, who races for Avalanche Andretti, also got the fastest lap and now leads the championship with 26 points, 8 ahead of Wehrlein.

The drivers will next compete on the weekend of 28 January for rounds two and three of the championship around the streets of Diriyah in Saudi Arabia where Jake will look to continue his winning start.



GCSE PE Coaching

We will be running practical coaching lessons for GCSE PE in break time and after school.

Mr Gough, Teacher of PE

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 11-11:35	Badminton - SH - SHL	CORE PE	Handball - SH - RMC	CORE PE	Table tennis - GYM - PGO
Afterschool	Netball - RDL, EPY Basketball - SH - IGOR		Basketball - SH - IGOR	Trampolining - Gym - KHA Rugby - Field - PGO	Basketball - SH - IGOR

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 11-11:35	Badminton - SH - SHL		Handball - SH - RMC		Table tennis - GYM - PGO
Afterschool	Netball - RDL, EPY Basketball - SH - IGOR		Basketball - SH - IGOR	Trampolining - Gym - KHA Rugby - Field - PGO	Basketball - SH - IGOR

Rugby Sessions

We are starting rugby sessions again, all are welcome.

Girls will be on Wednesday after school 3:15-4pm whilst **boys** are Thursday after school 3:15-4pm. Please make your own arrangements to get home.



Girls 7s KS3 tournament at MBRFC

There is a 7s tournament on 27 March that we are looking to participate in. I would like to contact other schools as well to arrange more games if we can get enough players. Please let me know if you are interested

Boys Rugby Festival February

There is a Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Rugby Festival on the second week in February and will be at Loughborough Grammar School. Year 9 will be played on Wednesday 8 February, Years 7 and 8 will be played on Thursday 9 February.

Boys Rugby Inter School League - March & April

I will start to organise the boys league games which start straight after half term (week beginning 27 February). To do this I need to know what number of players I have for each age group.

Please email philg6@bosworthacademy.org.uk your interest and which year you are in. It is potentially six games.

Mr Gough, Teacher of PE

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



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The Compass

Book Recommendations

The month of January sees us remember the Holocaust with [International Holocaust Memorial Day](#).

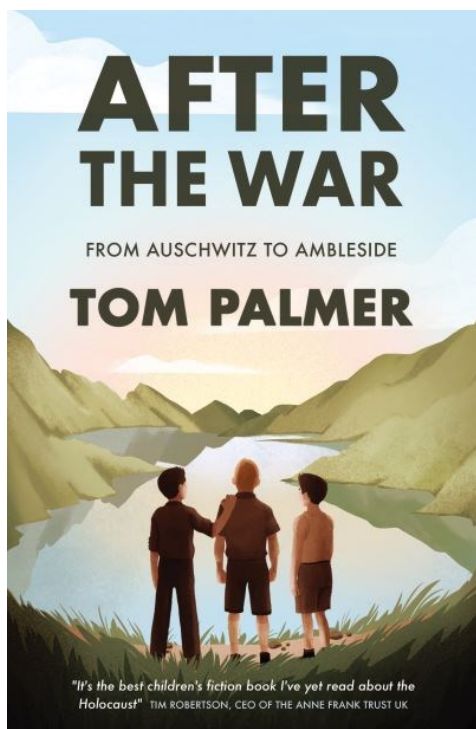
The international day on Friday 27 January remembers the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and during more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The Compass is marking this occasion with book recommendations for Key Stage Three and Four related to war and the holocaust.

Remember—book clubs for Years 7-9 are held every Friday at break time in the Compass.

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian

Key Stage Three

A young boy who survived the Nazi concentration camps arrives in the Lake District, where hopes of a new life await.



Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the

Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover.

But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

Based on the real events and lives of the Windermere Boys - a group of 300 refugee children who survived the concentration camps of WWII and were relocated to Cumbria.

Key Stage Four

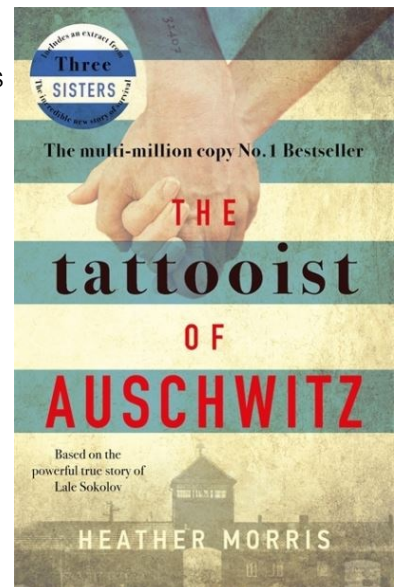
A Jewish man survives the horrors of Auschwitz as the camp tattooist and falls in love with one of the women he meets there.

"I tattooed a number on her arm. She tattooed her name on my heart."

In 1942, Lale Sokolov arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust.

Waiting in line to be tattooed, terrified and shaking, was a young girl. For Lale - a dandy, a jack-the-lad, a bit of a chancer - it was love at first sight. And he was determined not only to survive himself, but to ensure this woman, Gita, did, too.

So begins one of the most life-affirming, courageous, unforgettable and human stories of the Holocaust: the love story of the tattooist of Auschwitz.



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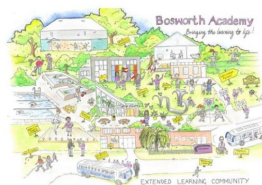


School Book Now in Library

Bosworth Academy's book 'The School of the Fourth Way' is now available to borrow from the school library.

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

If you are interested in borrowing the book from The Compass please have your child speak to librarian, Mrs Griffiths, who will organise the lending.

You will have two weeks before returning the book. Currently there is only one copy to lend so there will be

a reservation system if needed.

The book itself has been written by both staff and students about how we have adapted 'Fourth Way' practices over the last 10 years and how this has transformed our school whilst also strengthening our community.

If you would prefer to purchase your own copy of the 'The School of the Fourth Way' please email our Communications Officer, Mr Hodges, at ahodges@bosworthacademy.org.uk

MONEY ADVICE & WELLBEING EVENT

Informal, friendly help and advice to navigate the impact of the cost of living crisis

A range of experts you can speak to about:

- Household budgeting
- Managing debt
- Benefits
- Energy and fuel bills
- Housing costs and options
- Tips on keeping warm
- Health, wellbeing and support



EARL SHILTON
Thursday 2nd February
10am to 12pm
Age UK Centre
Kings Walk
LE9 7NL

BARLESTONE
Saturday 4th February
10am to 12pm
Community Centre
Bosworth Rd,
CV13 0JE

Housing Officers, resident involvement and repairs staff available to council tenants

Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

For enquiries contact: [Lois Hodgkins](mailto:Lois.Hodgkins@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)
service.development@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
Tel: 01455 255 719
www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
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
Wednesday 22 — Friday 24 March	Production of Grease 7.30PM start
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
Sweet & Sour Chicken Egg Fried Rice Vegetable Spring Roll Chinese Salad Prawn Cracker	Roast Beef & Yorkshire pudding Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg / Gravy	Chicken & Bacon Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli / Sweetcorn Salad	Chicken Jalfrezi Rice / Onion Bhaji Naan Bread Peas / Onion Salad	Chicken & Ham Slice Chips Peas / Beans Salad
Chicken Chowmein Vegetable Spring Roll Chinese Salad Prawn Cracker	Chicken Casserole & Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg / Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli / Sweetcorn Salad	Beef Balti Rice / Onion Bhaji Naan Bread Peas / Onion Salad	Beef & Tomato Sausage Chips Peas / Beans Salad
Vegetable Chowmein Vegetable Spring Roll Chinese Salad Prawn Cracker	Vegan Fillet (optional Yorkshire Pudding) Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg / Gravy	Vegan Tomato & Basil Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli / Sweetcorn Salad	Vegan Balti Rice / Onion Bhaji Naan Bread Peas / Onion Salad	Quorn Vegan Dippers Chips Peas / Beans Salad
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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studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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

Attendance Support:

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IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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