

# Post 16 Newsletter | February 2023

## Colours Evening Awards

On Thursday 26 January we celebrated the achievements of our Sixth Form students with our first ever Post 16 Colours Evening.



This gave us a chance to recognise the work our Post 16 students have done so far this academic year with friends and family in attendance to see the students receive their awards.

Before students were presented with the awards, Headteacher Mr Brown discussed how Bosworth Academy's values align with the OECD's Global Competencies or the '6Cs'. These competencies are extremely attractive to employers as we

prepare our students for the world of work.

To help students develop their 6C skills we created our Colours Challenges to make the most of their natural abilities and develop new skills. Students have been completing their challenges throughout the



academic year. Head of Key Stage Five, Mrs Holdback, and Heads of Year Miss Woolley and Dr Stephenson, led the celebrations of these challenges being recognised.



During the evening students were also commended by their subject leaders for their excellent student agency.

After the ceremony, friends and family got the chance to celebrate further by having their photos taken on the red carpet.

Well done to all students and we look forward to the next Colours event.



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## Blaby Community Awards

On Thursday 19 January we had the delight to attend The Blaby District Community Awards with two other members of Year 13. All four of us were



nominated for the Young Volunteer Award by Liam Grest. It was a lovely evening and we all are very pleased to have been there. The ceremony was an insight into how so many inspirational people club together to make our community in Blaby District Council.



We are delighted to announce that I, Kiya, won the Young Volunteer of the Year award, winning some prize money as well as being given the opportunity to give £750 to a local charity of my choice. I have decided to split and donate to the two charities Wishes4Kids and PASIC who have supported me through my cancer journey. Myself, Neely and the others nominated for The Young Volunteer award received a



certificate and a Love2Shop voucher for being nominated. On the night they offered us a lovely buffet and selection of drinks as well as having a photographer there to take photos throughout the night! We had a lovely time also meeting some fellow LiFE MAT students that were also nominated for the award as well as listening to the other organisations stories and reasons for being nominated - we were among some extremely influential people who were great to talk to! We would both like to thank Blaby District Council for hosting this event and also thank all of the sponsors for putting the event together! Also a big thank you to Liam Grest again for the nominations. Kiya K, Year 13 student

## Get Involved in Fundraising

Fundraising! The first thing you think of when you hear the word fundraising is bake sales, dress up days and coffee mornings. But we like to see how we can push the boundaries.

Since this group has formed we have done a Local Businesses raffle - with prizes ranging from a family ticket to the Leicester Riders basketball to Triumph Biker jackets and VIP mini golf tickets at Treetop Golf in Leicester. We have completed whole



weeks dedicated to fundraising such as the Festival of Frights week at Halloween as well as a Christmas week. These included movie days, bake sales, games days, pumpkin carving and much more. We have raised over £2000 and we do not want to stop there.

The Post 16 fundraising group was formed following the Ukrainian Crisis, after being accredited as a refugee friendly school. We knew we would be welcoming Ukrainian refugees that would need wrap-around care in all areas and this care, we knew, would need extra funding. From this, we started on the raffle that was held at the Year 8 production of Matilda and Desford Heritage Festival, this also included doing interval snacks as well as selling fudge too! This was a major success and we decided to expand. Since then we have been busy planning what else we can do to raise more money! We are currently planning a Valentine's event that we are very excited for! We could always use extra hands to help plan and carry out events, it is a rewarding experience that also adds character to your CV and University application. You will have a great team that will support and develop your ideas and most of all you'll have fun whilst doing it.

Email [carlyharper@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:carlyharper@bosworthacademy.org.uk) for more information, we would love to see you there!  
Post 16 Fundraising Team

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## Why Higher Education?

During tutor intervention on Wednesday 1 February Year 12 students received a talk from De Montfort University's Faye Wickham.

Faye discussed the opportunities that are available to students who wish to attend university—being able to explore a chosen subject at degree level whilst also developing socially by joining a club or getting to know people from different backgrounds. Students were advised to think about their options after completing Post 16 and Head of Year 12 Miss Woolley explained that after the Easter break focus will turn to personal statements.



## Meet the Post 16 Team

This month we feature Mrs Lesley Brookes, Post 16 Administrator, who works for the Year 12 and Year 13 Year Heads and Head of Post 16.

Lesley has worked at Bosworth Academy for 19 and a half years and she sees The Oaks being unique from other Post 16 providers because “I think we look after our students more – we care.

“We have an excellent tutor programme, and all staff are there to help, a lot of the time ‘after hours’, to give students their best chance of achieving success.”

When asked what advice she would have for current Year 11 students who are considering their Post 16 options, Lesley said:

“Come to Bosworth!”

Outside of work Lesley enjoys reading “especially lying by the side of a pool!”



## 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.

A sample set of information can be seen [here](#).

**Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography**

## Student Led Assemblies

Post 16 students are able to raise awareness of issues across all year groups at Bosworth Academy by leading assemblies.

Recently, Year 13 students Neely G, Kiya K, Lauren W and Jamie R delivered assemblies on Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Alzheimer's disease is a form of brain disorder that slowly destroys memory.

Research has shown that 1 in 14 people over 65 will have dementia. Neely shared how dementia has personally affected a loved one of hers and that keeping in touch means a lot to someone with dementia.

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## Road Safety Awareness

Leicestershire Police and Fire Service recently delivered a road safety event to our Year 12 students in order to promote safe driving.



The police and fire service are called out to road fatalities around once a week and their aim is to educate young

people about the key messages of staying safe on the road. Police and fire service members shared personal accounts and moving stories of families affected by loss and injury.

Students then had the opportunity to take part in a number of road safety activities, including a chance to ask



the team questions, sit in a police car, look at and discuss equipment, including a speed camera, and use a virtual reality headset to experience being in a car during hazardous driving.

Year 12 commented on how useful the information was and made them think about the consequences of driving unsafely. They came away with a clear message on how to respect the road.

Miss Woolley, Head of Year 12

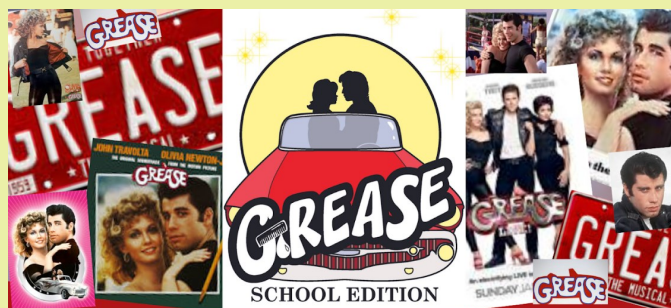
## Grease Production

"Grease is the word!"

The Post 16 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.

For external tickets contact:

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*Tickets on sale now!*

**Wednesday 22nd March**

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