

Welcome

summer examinations.

3rd March 2023 Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students I'd like to thank parents and carers for your support on Wednesday 1st March. I know that the continued industrial action by the NEU teaching union is disruptive for our children and for you. Unfortunately, talks with the government over industrial action, pay and teacher recruitment and retention have stalled. We are hoping that talks will be renewed very soon to avoid the further strike action which is currently planned for 15/16th March. As always, I will notify you of our plans if it looks like the strike action will impact us being able to fully open school to all children. Once again we were impressed with the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who completed their remote learning. In school, during periods 1 and 2, our Year 11 students engaged in a live performance of 'An Inspector Calls', one of their set GCSE English Literature texts. They listened intently and then questioned the actors at the end - the overall feeling was that this

On Thursday our Year 11 students impressed employers from across many professions who interviewed them about their career aspirations. The Leicestershire Education Business Company were delighted to engage with our young people and many shared how well-prepared and confident they thought our young people were. Well done to all involved.

experience really brought their learning to life and it will hopefully boost their confidence going into the

Thank you for your feedback in our recent parent/carer questionnaire. Like last week we will act on your responses, in a 'you said' and 'we did' way. Some responses to your feedback can be found later in this newsletter which I hope will help, including; 'The school has high expectations for my child' and 'The school makes me aware of what my child will learn at school'. We will look to respond to feedback each week in our newsletter.



Finally, it was brilliant to see many staff and some students celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. There was a costume competition based on famous book characters, a fantastic five part story told through each lesson of the day, and many fun competitions.



Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, which is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. Here at Bosworth Academy we want to see more children, particularly those who may not be confident readers to build a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

As the award winning children's author and academic Frank Serafini said. "There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book," Let's hope that by working in partnership and encouraging a reading culture at school and at home more of our children find that right book! Have a nice weekend,

Mr Brown, Headteacher



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Emily Scarratt Sports Hall

Former student and England Women's Rugby vice-captain, Emily Scarratt, returned to Bosworth Academy on Wednesday to unveil the newly named Emily Scarratt Sports Hall.



Before the unveiling a group of 15 students from a range of year groups were given a personalised coaching session by Emily

at the nearby Leicester Forest Rugby Club whose clubhouse is adorned with a mural of Emily.



Cameras from the England RFU were on hand to record a feature on Emily and interviewed our students who spoke eloquently about their passion for rugby and the

inspiration Emily serves for the next generation of women rugby players. Stay tuned for when the final edit is released on England RFU's website and social media channels!



A specially made plaque commemorating the naming of the sports hall was later unveiled by Emily in front of students, staff and the England RFU media team. Emily also signed one of her England shirts from last year's Six Nations tournament and this will be framed and placed above the sports hall which carries Emily's name.

The plaque itself says 'From Bosworth student to World Champion' highlighting the fact that Emily has played for England in four World Cup finals and was victorious in one of them.

Headteacher Mr Brown thanked Emily for the continuing contribution she has made to Bosworth Academy and we look forward to seeing Emily at the school again.

High Expectations

At Bosworth Academy we aim to have high expectations for every learner. This includes academic outcomes, developing student agency (our global competencies, the 6Cs) and for student behaviour.

Students are set target grades that are highly aspirational. These grades are set at a level that is 'higher' than would be expected so that students achieve in the top quarter of percentiles for progress nationally. At parent consultation events you are able to discuss your child's progress and find out where they are against these high expectations.

This year, following parent and carer feedback, we are more frequently holding our Colours Awards Evenings to celebrate students achieving well in the 6Cs and positive reward points.









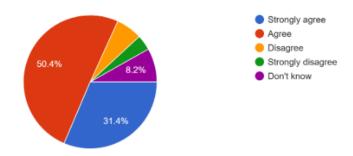




To continue to improve student engagement and behaviour around school we are about to introduce a behaviour curriculum. The aim of this is to teach students more about the importance of positive behaviours and how it will enable all students to succeed.

We hope that this will begin to support the 10% of respondents who feel that our expectations could be higher.

Survey responses to 'The school has high expectations for my child':



If you have any questions please get in touch with your child's tutor or Head of Year.

Mr. Brown, Headteacher

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World Book Day

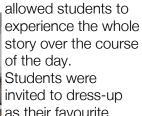
Students and staff got creative on Thursday for World Book Day by celebrating their favourite books and characters.



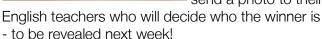
This week's assemblies have been led by Year 9 student Poppy L-S who discussed the importance of literacy and how reading can transport you to different worlds.



On World Book Day itself the school came together by starting each lesson with a reading from the short story 'The Man with the Yellow Face' by Anthony Horowitz. This five part story



as their favourite book character and send a photo to their



Staff members couldn't resist getting into character and celebrating the wonderful worlds you can explore by opening a book.

Mrs Blewitt, Teacher of English

Arbor Parent App



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who are using the Parent Arbor App. If you were not aware of the app, it is a useful tool that can help

you keep track of your child's progress. The app provides you access to their most recent report, behaviour and attendance tracking and also allows you to easily update us on any changes we may need to know about. Learn more by visiting: https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/arbor/

Our Curriculum Mission

At the heart of our educational mission is the belief that learning about different cultures and groups of people is just as important as learning about different academic subjects.

We recognise that in today's world, where globalisation and multiculturalism are increasingly prevalent, it is essential for students to develop an appreciation and understanding of diverse ways of living and thinking.

Through our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, we strive to foster a culture of respect, inclusion, and equality for all individuals, regardless of their race, gender, religion, or other identifying characteristics. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is supportive, welcoming, and free from discrimination. In addition to cultural awareness and equality, we also prioritise personal, social, health, and economic (PSHE) education, as well as relationships and sex education (RSE). Our PSHE and RSE curriculum is designed to

provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about their health, relationships, and overall well being. We believe that by fostering personal growth and development, we can help our students become well-rounded individuals who are equipped to thrive in all areas of their lives. In short, our mission is to provide an education that is not only academically rigorous, but also promotes cultural awareness, equality, and personal growth. We believe that by fostering these values, we can help our students become

We're committed to providing the very best education for your child. We know that to do this, we need to constantly review and improve our curriculum, which is why we're always working to make it even better.

compassionate, informed, and engaged

members of a global community.

We value your feedback on what you think we can do to improve, and if you feel that you can support us by enriching our curriculum in any way, we would love to hear your input. We believe that by working together, we can provide an exceptional education that equips our students for success in the future.

You can give us feedback by completing this online form.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher



Science Club Bath Bombs

Year 7 students have been having a bubbly time in Science Club where they recently made bath bombs



This is an experiment that can be done at home - all you need is citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.

The students really enjoyed watching the bomb fizz as it reacted with the citric acid.

Year 7 Science Club runs every Tuesday at 12:35PM in

S7 - feel free to come along and see what experiments we'll do next!

Mrs Tapp, Teacher of Science





Clubs and Activities

At Bosworth Academy we have a range of clubs and activities during break times and lunch times where students can explore their interests.



From badminton to Dungeons and Dragons, science to chess - students can spend their time outside of lessons learning new skills and meeting new friends. The recent parental survey

showed that a third of those who responded were unaware that their child could take part in clubs and activities.

The break and lunch time clubs and activities are available to all students and a full time can be found <u>here</u>.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mr Mainard, Associate SLT

Maths Puzzle of the Week

Calling all Bosworth Mathematicians—the weekly Maths puzzle is here.

Anyone can enter, all you need to do is to write your solution and any working on a piece of paper and place it in the labelled blue boxes outside the Maths office with your name on or email a photo to hbarrowcliffe@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

Below is the answer to last week's conundrum as well as this week's puzzle.











There are many values which cannot be made using fewer than 8 coins. A large example is 400 $\rm C$, as we need 8 x 50 $\rm C$ coins to make it. However, there are many smaller amounts which also meet the criteria (351 $\rm C$ for example).

We can apply a little logic to help find the **smallest** of these values quickly. Starting simple, it's relatively easy to spot that 9c is the **smallest** value that requires at least 5 coins (5+1+1+1+1).

To find the smallest value that requires 6 coins we can start with that 9c and add another coin. The additional coin cannot be a 1c (as then we could exchange our 5x1c for a 5c), nor can it be a 5c (as then we could exchange our 2x5c for a 10c). So the smallest coin we could add is a 10c.

Using similar logic we can find the smallest value for 7 and 8 coins resulting in 94¢ as the answer to the puzzle.



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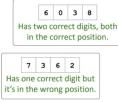
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Requires at least 8 coins 94c = 1+1+1+5+10+25+50

Bosworth Maths Puzzle of the Week

A padlock has a four-digit key code.

All four digits in the key code are different.







neither of them are in the

correct position.

What is the key code for the padlock?

Extension: Create your own set of clues for your own key code and see if a friend can solve your puzzle

SEN Provision Report

At Bosworth Academy we have a compelling desire to provide high quality, personalised and rounded education for everyone.

We assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and adapt by offering this additional support.

Our annual SEN review can be found <u>here</u> and we welcome feedback. Please feel free to email me on lcroucher@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mrs Croucher, SENCo



Year 11 Mock Interviews

On Thursday Year 11 students gained valuable experience for future employment with a round of mock interviews given by representatives from local and national businesses in association with LEBC.





The representatives in attendance were impressed with how the students composed themselves and the answers they gave to the interview questions.



The students will now take on their experience of the interview process as they make their academic choices for

Post 16 and the wider world of work.

Mrs Delâge-Martin and Mrs Morar, Careers team

Year 11 Exam Preparation

A big well done to the students who attended last week's Revision Academy - the sessions were extremely well attended and we hope to build on this during the Easter Revision sessions which are fast approaching.

Please be aware of the weekly <u>revision timetable</u> where students can attend sessions across a number of subjects and also the planned <u>Masterclasses</u> for each Faculty. These are great opportunities for students to develop and secure their knowledge and understanding as the final exams approach.

Please look out for the sign up for the Easter Revision Academy that will be shared soon.

An Inspector Calls

Year 11 students were treated to a production of An Inspector Calls at Bosworth Academy on Wednesday.





The play was performed by professional actors in the Main Hall and gave students an opportunity to see their English Literature set-text live on stage. After the play, students were able to gain valuable insights by asking the actors questions about the text.

The students respectfully watched the play and will now continue to revise the text ahead of the exam in the summer.

Miss Toon, English Curriculum Leader

Magnificent March

Students who attend school everyday in March will win an entry to a prize draw for a £10 voucher.

Absences due to medical appointments will be exempt.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Be better than you thought you could be

Iceland Geography Trip

Students who will be studying A Level Geography in March 2024 have the opportunity to explore the terrains of Iceland in an upcoming residential trip.



Amongst the highlights will be a tour of the Golden Circle, visits to the Kerid Crater and the waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. The trip will be between Sunday 3—Wednesday 6 March 2024 with a maximum of 20 places available at a cost of £919 per student. Full details of the trip including payment plan, itinerary and accommodation, can be found here. The trip is for students who will be studying AS/A Level Geography in March 2024 and it is therefore essential that those who attend will be current Bosworth Academy students at the time of the trip.

The visit is not compulsory for the A Level Geography exam but will support both the



Coasts and Hazards topics which are covered in Year 12 and the Energy and Carbon topic in Year 13. If your child is currently in Year 11 they MUST be predicted at least

a Grade 6 at GCSE, and have signed up to do Geography A level at Bosworth Academy. If your child is interested and you wish to guarantee their place, please email Mrs Nikki Symons on nikkis13@bosworthacademy.org.uk before 10th March 2023.

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography

Grease is the Word!

We are really excited about our upcoming Post-16 production of Grease.

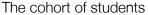
You will have received an email this week with all ticket details of how to purchase.

The performance dates are:

- Wednesday 22nd March
- Thursday 23rd March
- Friday 24th March

All performances will start at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

Tickets can be purchased via sQuid and nearer the time, physical tickets will be distributed to you by Mrs Jones & Miss Green. Feel free to bring friends and family along too!



have been working tirelessly and deserve to have full audiences each night for them to get the recognition that they deserve - we are so proud of them!

Mrs Jones and Miss Green



Great running at the weekend from Year 13 student JayJay R, in the green bib below, who finished 11th overall and 1st place in the U20 category of the Leicestershire Road Running League. A tough 11km course at an electric 3:29/km.

Mr Grest, PE Curriculum Leader







The Compass

Leicester Readathon

We are thrilled to be running a Read for Good Readathon Challenge alongside more than 50 other schools across Leicester between 27 February and 10 March.



This initiative is for Key Stage Three students who can choose whatever they want to read — from comic books to classics, audiobooks to blogs, they aren't being assessed, this challenge really is all about reading for fun (as much as they can)! Whilst reading as much as they can, the idea is for children to raise sponsorship from family and friends (the more they read, the more they raise). As part of the Leicester Readathon, a group of Year 7 and 8 students attended a virtual book author talk from writer Michael Morpurgo, who penned War Horse as well as over 150 other books.

The students listened intently and are looking forward to reading more of Michael Morpurgo's books that are in the library.

Latest AR Leaderboards

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

7ECK lead the way for words read in Year 7 in February and year to date. 8PGO read the most in Year 8 during February whilst 8GWR leads the way year to date.

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

February AR Leaderboard

1	7ECK	2,147,979	1	8PGO	1,006,349
2	7JWI	2,110,425	2	8b1/SRI	924,402
3	7b3/ DCR	1,904,341	3	8GWR	713,878
4	7GHI	1,626,489	4	8b3/ LAR	562,074
5	7b2/ GDV	1,279,326	5	8GMU	533,013
6	7MEM	1,073,137	6	8b2/ TNM	467,487
7	7b1/ EPY	1,056,877	7	8NHU	347,788
8	7 SM C	972,451	8	8JST	161,830
9	7LMA	795,465	9	8JAL	70,156
Tota Gro	al Year up	12,966,490	Total Year Group		4,786,977

Year to Date AR Leaderboard

1	7ECK	11,027,561		1	8GWR	7,578,016
2	7JWI	9,975,931		2	8PGO	6,873,065
3	7b2/ GDV	8,991,050		3	8b3/ LAR	5,796,590
4	7b1/ EPY	8,126,073		4	8b1/SRI	4,798,636
5	7MEM	7,684,490		5	8NHU	3,637,146
6	7b3/ DCR	6,255,274		6	8b2/ TNM	3,173,545
7	7SMC	6,229,426		7	8GMU	2,482,433
8	7GHI	5,516,433		8	8JAL	2,450,066
9	7LMA	4,458,042		9	8JST	784,159
Tota Gro	al Year up	68,264,280	Total Year Group			37,573,656



Book Recommendations

We have a great selection of books across all genres and age groups in the Compass Library. Remember—book clubs for Years 7-9 are held every Friday at break time in the Compass.

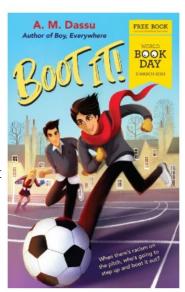


A special World Book Day story in the epic and actionpacked DRAGON REALM series from bestselling authors Katie & Kevin Tsang. Perfect for 8+ fans who love fantasy, magic, adventure and DRAGONS! Twelve-year-old Billy Chan and his friends each share a bond with a dragon. When new dragons fall from the sky into the Human Realm, the group join forces to

reunite them with their lost egg. But the Dragon Realm is filled with dangerous golden elixir, magical creatures and threats lurking round every corner. Can our heroes accomplish their mission, or will they fall at the last hurdle?

For another edge-of-your-seat adventure starring Billy Chan and friends, check out the complete Dragon Realm series - Dragon Mountain, Dragon Legend, Dragon City, Dragon Rising and Dragon Destiny.

Sami and Ali dream of playing for the school football team. They practise in the park every day and work hard on their skills. But acing the trials is the last of the boys' worries when they're made to feel they don't belong on the team because of the colour of their skin. Ali just wants to tackle the ball on the pitch. Now he's being forced to tackle the racism in his team



too. But how can he, when he's told it's 'just banter'? From the award-winning author of 'Boy, Everywhere', a powerful story of friendship and booting out racism.

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Tuesday 7 March	Parents Evening Y9, 11 and 13
Wednesday 8 March	Hugglescote Grange Y8&9 Construction trip
Wednesday 22— Friday 24 March	Y12 Geography Yorkshire residential trip
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
Monday 29 May — Friday 2 June	Summer Half Term 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:

- Assistant Year Head
- Teacher of Textiles and Art

information please contact Mrs Carly Harper, Support Staff/HR Lead on 01455 822841 Ext. 227 or click here.

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Read All About It!

Want to look up an old article? Our most recent 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.

Parents Evening

Booking is now live for Year 9, 11 and 13 Parents Consultation Evening which takes place on Tuesday 7 March.

You can book your time slots 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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