



BOSWORTH ACADEMY
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Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students

Welcome

For three nights this week our Sixth Formers, as well as some students from other year groups, have been performing 'Grease'.



Every evening saw a brilliant audience enthralled by the performance. It is the first Post-16 Production in Bosworth Academy's history and I must pay real credit to our students and staff who have dedicated so much time and energy into creating such a wonderful event!

Wednesday evening saw our Year 9 basketball team, the Bosworth Bears, crowned as County Basketball Champions with a 39-19 victory. This means they have defended their championship title having won it last year as well. I congratulated most team members on the basketball courts during Thursday break time as they continued to practise their skills. Igor Mirkovic, their legendary coach, played Queen's 'We are the Champions' as we paid tribute to their monumental success! We look forward to



having our two new basketball courts painted in the near future with their very special student designed artwork. Our brilliant Year 9 students participated in a careers event on Thursday held in the Main Hall. Employers from across the region visited Bosworth Academy and answered students' questions. In small groups, students had the opportunity to have encounters with employers from across the job sector and those staff attending fed back what a credit our young people were to our school. Well done to all participating students and to our staff Mrs Delage-Martin and Mrs Morar for running the event with LEBC.

As parents and carers, please continue to promote good attendance to school with your children. I'm pleased to share that so far this year our school attendance is higher than last year as well as being above the national average. Since the pandemic, school attendance across the country has still not returned to its pre-pandemic level, and featured on the BBC news earlier this week. We all know how vital it is to student achievement to be in school. If you have any concerns or absence to report then please contact our attendance team;

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

This week our assemblies have focused on Ramadan, which this year began on Wednesday evening. Thank you to our students and staff who led these highly informative assemblies for our students. I would like to wish all of our community peace and happiness, as you fast and offer prayers to Allah, **Ramadan Mubarak.**



Have a peaceful weekend,
Mr Brown,
Headteacher



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Grease Comes to Bosworth

“Greased Lightnin’!”

Bosworth Academy became Rydell High this week with the Post 16 production of the musical Grease.



“Having the privilege to put on our very first Post-16 production has been fantastic,” said Director Mrs Jones before the show.

“Providing our older students with this opportunity is something that we have been striving towards for a long time. It has been an absolute honour working alongside these magnificent students, watching them progress and develop has been the most amazing thing to witness and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

“Sheer determination and passion are the ingredients to this performance; all students have worked tirelessly since we began rehearsals in September”.



The T Birds and the Pink Ladies strutted on the stage and one of the stars of the show, Kiya K who plays Rizzo, said that performing has been “an absolutely amazing feeling and now feels that I have ticked off a big goal on my bucket list for being here at Bosworth”.

Neely G who plays Danny says that the performance will allow everyone to “show off all of the hard work that the whole cast and directors have

put into making it the amazing show it has turned out to be and top off Year 13 with a bang”.

Grease also sees Year 9 student Poppy L-S star as T Bird Doody and she is “really thankful” to be in the production “especially with almost everyone being older than me”.



“Rehearsals have probably been the highlight of my week since I started, they are so fun and I’ve made friends with people I would have never even talked to before,” says Poppy.

Choreographer Miss Green added “we are very proud” of the students and “what they have produced.”



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Basketball County Champs

Basketball at Bosworth Academy has gone from strength to strength over the years. Something that was a new sport to our students years ago is now a flagship performance sport which is reaping rewards in competitions!



This year we've had multiple year groups reaching semi finals but one particular group has managed to go all the way. Again!

Year 9 students have had a phenomenal year last season, winning the County Cup and JrNBA league, going to the Grand Finals of that competition, and winning bronze.

This year they've managed to go unbeaten all year, without losing a single game! From qualifying rounds in area competitions, through knockout stages and right through to finals, each performance was better than the last one. This Wednesday they played Rawlins Academy for the title, a school which is well established as a basketball centre where students are mainly playing at Leicester Warriors and Riders.

From the first minute to the last whistle, our boys were in control of the game, playing phenomenal defence, counter attacking with quick baskets in transition, making three point shots. They didn't allow their opponent to try to catch up, giving a masterclass of how a school team can play. They impressed everyone in attendance and the lads themselves have promised to do everything they can to do a three-peat next season!

Big shout out goes to Delani K, Gethin M, Josh M, Jakub B, Flynn W, Louis A, Joe S, Parker B, and Miss Hall from the PE department who did a fantastic job supporting us on this journey.

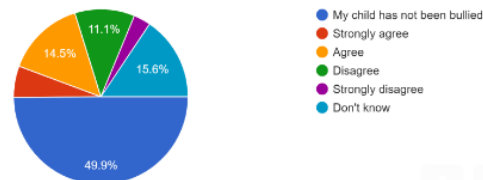
What a year for TeamPE here at Bosworth, a massive thank you goes to school's SLT team with Mr Brown and Mr Grest at the helm who have been supporting this vision from the start.

Mr Mirković, Basketball Coach

You Said We Did: Bullying

Thank you for your feedback; parent voice is one of our best resources and is extremely beneficial in guiding positive change to our approaches at Bosworth.

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



The survey response shows that nearly half of our students do not experience bullying, which suggests that our work, creating a safe environment in which bullying is not tolerated, is having some impact. However, where bullying has occurred, it is clear that some parents have not been convinced that bullying concerns have been dealt with quickly and effectively.

Our student voice in 2022, identified similar concerns. Students felt that once incidents were reported, a lack of transparency left them feeling that nothing had happened. To remedy this, we created the 'Hate Incident Reporting Procedures', which clearly outlines what happens at each stage once a bullying incident is reported. Our students were involved in this process and approved the final draft. Included in the procedures are phone calls to parents of both the victim and the alleged bully, and we follow up with the students in the weeks afterwards to ensure that they feel secure and happy again.

We are always looking for ways to improve because we want all of our students to feel safe and secure when they are at school.

Ms O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher

Comic Relief 2023

On Friday 17 March we supported Red Nose Day by swapping an item of uniform for something red.

Thank you to all those who donated to Comic Relief - we raised a total of £289!

These funds will support, and raise awareness of child poverty, mental health and racial inequality as well as providing urgent funds for those who were recently affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Mr Grest, Associate SLT

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Judo Gold

Year 12 student Ben S recently competed in the National AJA Closed competition and was awarded a gold and bronze medal.



Ben has now been invited to represent the AJA National Squad for GBR in Holland in May. Well done Ben!

Mr Grest, Curriculum Leader PE

Dancing Success

Students Lydia M and Angel T have been competing at the BDTA Leicester Open Festival over the last three weekends with their two dance schools Ann Oliver Stage School and Amy Billington Dance Academy.



They both placed in many different sections, winning many different medals, however they also got special awards from the adjudicator. Lydia achieved 'Most promising inter dancer' whilst Angel achieved 'The highest mark for her Inter duet'. Both of these are fantastic achievements and we are as ever very proud of what all of our dancers do in and out of lessons.

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



Ramadan

This week saw the start of the holy month of Ramadan and students Noor A and Ifrah Z B led this week's assemblies by discussing how and why Muslims from across the world fast from sunrise to sunset.

Fasting is believed to develop taqwa (righteousness) by detaching from desires like food to become more religious. As well as fasting, Muslims will pray and

give to charity during Ramadan.

The 30 day period will culminate in Eid al Fitr with a big celebration.

We wish all those observing a Ramadan Mubarak.



'See the Sound'

On Monday 27th March, Post-16 A level music students will be putting on a performance of 'See The Sound', showcasing their musical talents.

This is a concert which they have all worked as a team to create and organise enabling them to experience the stages of planning an event. The evening will feature a diverse range of music from classical piano to musical theatre to prog rock - something to suit all tastes!

Tickets are on sale via sQuid and are £3 each with a snack included. Doors open 5:00pm with performance starting at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Post 16 Music students



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Prom Pop Up Shop

We would like to invite the local community to support our Class of 2023. The aim is to support families by giving our students the opportunity to borrow a dress or a suit for the Prom which is taking place on Wednesday 28th June 2023.



We are seeking donations of prom dresses, suits, ties, shoes or accessories. Bosworth Academy is invested in supporting the local community and we always welcome the opportunity to work together. If you are able to offer any services that we could take advantage of to make our event the best it can possibly be for our Year 11 students. If you have anything you could donate please contact Head of Year 11 Mrs Duncan at jennyj1@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

Dungeons and Dragons

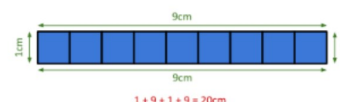
On Saturday 18th March we hosted our first Dungeons and Dragons 3-hour gaming session. Dungeons and Dragons is a table top role-playing game where players create characters and embark on adventures in a fantasy world. The game is led by a Dungeon Master who sets the stage and challenges for players to overcome using dice rolls and imagination. Each character has unique abilities and skills, which are used to solve puzzles, fight monsters, and complete quests. The game encourages cooperation and creativity among players, and allows for endless possibilities in storytelling and gameplay. Dungeons and Dragons has become a cultural phenomenon since its creation in the 1970s and remains a popular pastime for people of all ages. Students showed great Collaboration and Character by working together to solve challenges in the games. The next session will be held in the summer term and mini session run every week. You can find out more by joining the Google Classroom (code: 3ajzshu) Mrs Coulson

Maths Puzzle of the Week

Calling all Bosworth Mathematicians!

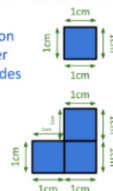
This week's Maths puzzle is here and anyone can enter. All you need to do is to write your solution and any working on a piece of paper and place it in the labelled blue boxes outside the Maths office with your name on or email a photo to hbarrowcliffe@bosworthacademy.org.uk. Below is the answer to last week's conundrum as well as this week's puzzle.

It doesn't take long to draw out a lot of different possible shapes and come to the conclusion that the longest possible perimeter is 20cm. An example is shown to the right.

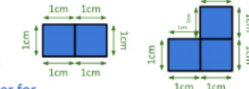


However, it is possible to solve this puzzle without drawing any diagrams and just using logic. This method also helps us answer the extension as well.

Firstly, we should consider the perimeter of each individual square. As is shown on the right, each square has a perimeter of 4cm. However, when we attach another square it only adds 2cm to the perimeter of the whole shape, this is because 2 sides meet and are not on the outside of the shape.

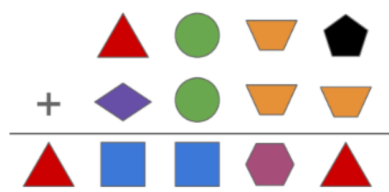


If we then add a third square, no matter where we put it, we will always add 2cm to the perimeter. 2cm is the maximum we can possibly add with each additional square.



We can use that fact to find the maximum possible perimeter for any number of squares. We start with 4cm for the first square and then just add 2cm for each addition square. In this puzzle we have 9 squares so that would be: $4\text{cm} + 2\text{cm} \times 8 = 20\text{cm}$

Puzzle of the Week



A four digit number is added to a different four digit number to make a five digit total.

Each shape represents a digit between 0 and 9.

Each type of shape represents a different digit.

What is the five digit total?

Hint: The red triangle is a good shape to start on.
Extension: Can you add more shapes to the puzzle so that it still works?

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 break and lunch time clubs and activities are available to all students and a full time can be found [here](#).



We look forward to seeing you!
Mr Mainard, Associate SLT

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What Job Can I Do With...

On Thursday Year 9 students gained a valuable insight into how the curriculum supports the world of work by taking part in a careers event held in the Main Hall.



Representatives from 13 employers visited Bosworth Academy in association with LEBC and answered students' questions on the relevancy of the curriculum in the workplace.

This included the RAF discussing Science, a marketing firm on History, British Triathlon about Business and Leicester City Football Club sharing their experiences in sport.

The students behaved impeccably and asked very thoughtful questions which will assist them inside and outside the classroom. We would also like to thank all the representatives and LEBC for assisting us in holding the event.

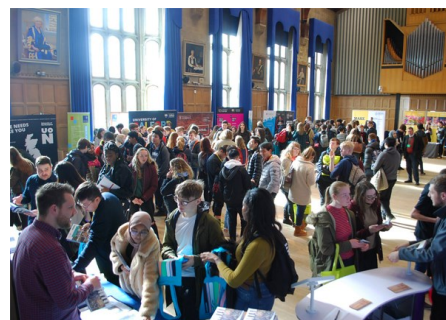
Mrs Morar and Mrs Delage-Martin, Careers Team



Apprenticeship Fair

Students from Year 12 and 13 visited the King Power Stadium for a UK University & Apprenticeship Fair on Friday 17th March.

Students were able to meet employers from lots of different sectors of work ranging from Leicester



City Council, Barclays to Cadent. There were a variety of universities which were present to answer any queries our students had- and they got lots of freebies from too! Russell Group universities were present too and there were lots of different seminars for students to go to such as "applying for Russell Group universities" and "Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships".

For those who missed out on the seminars, you can check them out on here: <https://www.studentstream.co.uk/spring-events-2023>

Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator

EPQ Presentations

The EPQ is a standalone qualification, equivalent to half an A Level, designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the syllabus and prepare them for university or their future career. The EPQ allows students to lead their own projects, planning and carrying out research on a topic that they've chosen and isn't covered by their other subjects. Over the next two weeks all EPQ students will be completing their presentations to an audience of staff, showing off their project and demonstrating their 6 Cs. As part of the assessment process, Post 16 pupils were required to give a short presentation to their supervisors, outlining the work they have undertaken, as well as having the opportunity to discuss their projects with their teachers and peers.

Examples of this year's work include a project on 'Does Disney create unrealistic stereotypes', 'how does social media impact men's mental health', 'Does spoken word have any relevance to a modern society' and 'How did Japan change during the Edo Period?'

Mrs Grant, Curriculum Leader for Business

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The Compass

Virtual Author Event



On Friday, 17 March, some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students had an opportunity to join a virtual author event, where award winning author Tanya Landman was talking about her book *Lightning Strike*, which is one of the

Reading Rampage books our KS3 students have been reading.

This event was organised by the team at the School Development Support Agency, as part of the Reading Rampage 2023 reading challenge, which is especially designed for secondary school students in KS3 and is aimed at boosting reading and creating a buzz around it.

Carnegie Medal winning Tanya Landman is the author of more than 40 books for children and young adults. Although she writes across a broad age range, Tanya is probably best known for her historical thrillers for young adults. *Apache* was shortlisted for several UK awards and the US edition won a Borders Original Voices prize and a Spur award from the Western Writers of America. *Buffalo Soldier* won the 2015 Carnegie Medal. *Hell and High Water* – a swashbuckling thriller set in 18th century Devon – was shortlisted for the 2016 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Her recent book *One Shot*, inspired by the early life of sharpshooter Annie Oakley, won the Scottish Teenage Book Prize 2020.

Some of Tanya's books are available from our school library and our students are looking forward to reading them.



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.

Key Stage Three

When Cameron and his best friends, Zion and Aliah, decide to open a magical book, they are transported to another world.

Percy Jackson meets Black Panther - this blockbuster middle-grade fantasy adventure is perfect for fans of Amari and the Night Brothers.

Inspired by West African and Igbo history and mythology, this adventure-filled fantasy introduces readers to Cameron Battle as he begins his journey to greatness.

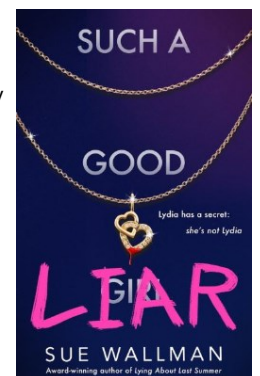


Key Stage Four

Seventeen-year-old Lydia Cornwallis has arrived on a remote island populated only by wealthy families. She uses her charms, connections and money hoping to earn a place among them.

She's faking her way into the most exclusive social circles for revenge. But how long can her lies hold up?

She quickly finds acceptance, even adoration, from the close-knit families that rule the island. But a storm is coming, and all routes to the mainland are cut off. But thank goodness the Harrington sisters made it in time, because Lydia simply can't wait to meet them. That's because Lydia's not really Lydia Cornwallis. And the Harringtons have hell to pay for what they've done. Lydia will need to draw on epic nerve, quicksilver adaptability and sly cunning in maintaining her cover and exacting murderous revenge. And when she meets



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someone new on the island and starts to develop real feelings, can that connection survive when nothing else is real?
Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson, Karen McManus and E. Lockhart.

In the Loop Memories

We like to reflect on student achievements by highlighting what happened In the Loop newsletter this time one year ago.



The fourth week of March 2022 saw our first ever Colours Evening for Years 9 and 10 whilst Years 7 and 8 had their second such event of the 2021-22 academic year.



Colours are achieved by students successfully achieving challenges from their 6Cs passport and having these signed off by their teachers or tutors. The 6Cs are those deep learning global competencies that are highly sought after by employers and include: Character, Communication, Collaboration, Citizenship, Creativity and Critical Thinking.
We have continued to celebrate student success in more Colours Evening events since March 2022 and look forward to rewarding achievements later this academic year.

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Monday 27 March	See the Sound concert 5.30PM start
Wednesday 29 March	MIRA Technology Careers Trip
Thursday 30 March	GCSE Dance Show 6PM 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
Sunday 18 — Thursday 22 June	French trip Years 8, 9 and 10

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

Job Opportunities

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

- Cleaning Operative (Mornings)
- Teaching Assistant
- Teacher of Science

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
Sausage/Onion & Bean 1 pot Cheesy Mashed Potato Broccoli / Cauliflower Salad	Mexican Beef Chili Rice Mixed Vegetables Pitta Bread Salad	Chicken & Bacon Pasta Green Beans & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread / Salad	Homemade Chicken & Vegetable Pie Mashed Potato Pea/Carrots Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry & Rice Broccoli / Onion Salad Onion Bhaji Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread
Chicken & Onions in a Herby Tomato Base Sauce Cheesy Mashed Potato Broccoli / Cauliflower Salad	Meatballs in Onion Gravy Rice Mixed Vegetables Pitta Bread	Pepperoni Pasta Green Beans & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread / Salad	Beef & Onion Pie Mashed Potato Pea/Carrots Gravy	Beef Rogan Josh & Rice Broccoli / Onion Salad Onion Bhaji Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread
Vegan Sausage/Onion & Bean 1 pot Cheesy Mashed Potato Broccoli / Cauliflower Salad	Vegan Chili Rice Mixed Vegetables Pitta Bread Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta Green Beans & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread / Salad	Homemade Vegetable Pie Mashed Potato Pea/Carrots Gravy	Vegan Curry & Rice Broccoli / Onion Salad Onion Bhaji Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread
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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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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.

Post 16 News



You can keep up-to-date with what is happening in Post 16 with The Oaks newsletter. [March's](#) edition is out now!



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