



The Oaks



Bosworth Academy

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Welcome

As exam season has now started for many students in 12 and 13 it is the culmination of years of hard work and we wish our students, both current and prospective, the best of luck. Hard work will pay off and careful planning and implementation will pay dividends.

We now have an uninterrupted few weeks following a number of bank holidays and the Easter break, a chance for students to really focus on exam technique and revision. Many subjects continue to offer after school and holiday sessions to support students, consolidating their learning.

The excitement of the coronation brought a brief respite as we celebrated the crowning of a new king, our own Alison Woolley, Head of Year 12 delivered a thought provoking assembly to students in all years and we ended the week with a coronation menu in the canteen, enjoyed by staff and students alike.

This month we have also seen the opening of a new snack bar in the sixth form social area offering a range of brunch items as well as hot drinks and confectionery. The service is proving very popular and we hope to be able to expand the provision very soon with extended opening hours and a wider range of items on sale. We will also hopefully be able to offer contactless payment very soon too.

We have now completed the guidance meetings for students who have applied to us for their education in Year 12 and look forward to welcoming them at our Sixth Form Taster Day on Thursday 29th June, when they will have the opportunity to sample the subjects they selected and prepare for the next steps in their educational journey.

Year 12 and 13 are now refining their plans for the future and in April we were visited by speakers from De Montfort University. They spoke to

students in Year 12 about preparation for the upcoming UCAS fair which we will be visiting in June. The presentation was useful and informative and students learnt about how to get the most out of the visit, considering questions they may have for university representatives and which of the workshops could be most interesting. At the same time the Year 13 presentation focussed on what to expect after you have received a university offer and the next steps before starting courses in the autumn.

Mental Health and Well being continue to be a major focus, and this week I was really proud of the achievements of Jamie Reid and Lauren Walker in Year 13 who have been delivering assemblies to a range of year groups. Never an easy task to present to your peers but they have been sharing a very important message ensuring that students are informed and feel supported at a challenging time and I would like to publicly thank them for their contribution.

Louise Holdback
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Post 16



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Stephen Lawrence Day

Stephen's story is both challenging and inspirational. He was a normal young person who made the most of everyday opportunities. Although his life was short, Stephen provides a positive role model of a life well lived.

Stephen Lawrence was born and grew up in



south-east London. Like most young people, he juggled an active social life, school work, family commitments, and part-time employment. But he also had ambitions to use his talent for Maths, Art, and Design to become an architect, and wanted to have a positive impact on his community.

Tragically, his dream of becoming an architect was never realised. On 22 April 1993, at the age of just 18, Stephen was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack. He didn't know his killers and his killers didn't know him.

After the initial police investigation, five suspects were arrested but not convicted. A public inquiry into the handling of Stephen's case was held in 1998, leading to the publication of the Macpherson Report, which has been called 'one of the most important moments in the modern history of criminal justice in Britain'.

It led to profound cultural changes in attitudes to racism, to the law and to police practice. It also paved the way for a greater understanding of discrimination of all forms and new equalities legislation.'

Stephen Lawrence Day is celebrated annually on

22nd April, with a variety of events happening across the country. Stephen Lawrence Day is an opportunity for everyone to come together and honour Stephen's life and legacy, stand up against discrimination in our daily lives, and work towards a more hopeful tomorrow.

Bosworth Academy chose to remember Stephen over the course of a week in a variety of different activities in school. We have been running a student led assembly all week to all year groups. This assembly was designed by our Stephen Lawrence ambassadors in school and had an important message in reminding students that we can all take our part in being anti-racist. If students witness or experience any discrimination, there are procedures in place to make sure that when they report these incidents they are dealt with efficiently. It is important that students work together in reporting these incidents so we can support any students who may be involved.

We have also had a Tutor Intervention session on Friday 28th April where we have explored Stephen's story further and actually what a hate incident is. We have then discussed in Key Stage 5 if Stephen's case has changed anything in Britain from 1993 - 2023 in regards to the police failings/ racially motivated incidents.



Finally on Friday 28th April, we wore an item of Orange which was Stephen's favourite colour. We do this to remember Stephen, remember his legacy and see that we are the change that we want to see in this world. We do this to make sure that the next 30 years are different from the last.

Mrs Moran

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Exam Ready

The sun is beginning to shine and that means that exam season is upon us.

As you approach your exams you may be left with common thoughts of “I’ve got too much to do”, “I’ll never get anything done”, or “there’s so much to do and too little time until the exam”.

In reality you have covered what you need to do.

The courses are designed to be passable!

You have experience of previous exams and your trial exams allowed you to see what your strengths are and areas to improve.

Relaxation techniques and a regular sleep routine are vital to set you up for success.

We wish you all well this exam season.

Dr Stephenson, Head of Year 13

Preparation For Exams

As the exam season starts it is crucial that students attend all timetabled lessons, right up until their exam, so that teachers are able to provide additional support and guidance. Students in Year 12 who have an afternoon exam may take the morning off to prepare. This does not apply if they have a morning exam and want the preceding afternoon off, as they will have the evening before for final preparation. Students requesting a morning’s absence should email Lesley Brookes in the Post 16 Office to ensure that it is coded.

The same criteria apply to students in Year 13, who should continue attending timetabled lessons until the last exam for each subject.

Once the exam and course are complete, the subject teacher will notify Attendance, the register will be appropriately coded, and students will no longer be required to attend.

Research has shown that having a good breakfast can improve student performance. We know that due to a number of issues, some students are missing out on this vital meal and so from Monday, 15 May 2023, we will be providing cereal for students who may not have had the opportunity to have breakfast before their exams. This will be available in Julie Bolton’s office from 8.15 am - 8.35 am.

Please don’t forget that we are here to support students and if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lesley Brookes in The Post 16 office.

Mrs Brookes, Post 16 Administrator

Post 16 Canteen Opens

Our new Oaks Social Area Canteen is now open!

The canteen will be open for our sixth formers between 10.30AM - 12.30PM every day.



The menu includes both hot and cold food and beverages with vegan options available.

Enjoy!

Mrs Brookes, Post 16 Administrator

Next Steps For Year 13

We were visited last month by a speaker from De Montfort University who talked to students in Year 13 about their next steps.

The presenter talked about offers from universities, student finance and clearing options. At the end of the session students had the opportunity to ask questions.

The full presentation given by the DMU representative can be found [here](#).



The event was well attended and the students found it informative and useful.

Mrs Holdback, Head of KS5

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Meet the Post 16 Team

This month we feature Miss Alison Woolley, Head of Year 12:



"Being a Head of Year in Post-16 is a dream role. I am also part of the awesome Human and Social Studies team, teaching Humanities and Psychology.

"I have been at Bosworth Academy since my NQT year, so around 12 years. I love working here. We

have a focus on developing the whole student through our 6Cs - Character, Collaboration, Critical thinking, Communication, Creativity and Citizenship.

"Our staff work hard to support students through their A Levels and we recognise that these qualifications are a big step up from GCSEs, so students receive direction, nurturing and encouragement, but we also invest in promoting student agency and well-being. Our Post-16 students act as positive role models for students in lower years in the school.

"Post-16 students see their fabulous tutor everyday during tutor time, where they'll participate in a PSHE programme that includes activities to promote positive mental health and time to explore future pathways. Subject staff are enthusiastic, caring and knowledgeable and offer varied support

for students, such as resourcing a Google Classroom, putting on revision sessions and giving personalised feedback for students to respond to." For those currently in Year 11 Alison says that "the more you get involved and the more you embrace our culture and throw yourself into the opportunities on offer, the more you'll gain a positive experience".

"A Levels are hard work, but if you've found something you're passionate about and interested in exploring at a deeper level, we can help you succeed. Choose A Levels you think you'll enjoy," Alison advises.

Outside of school Alison enjoys singing in a choir, cuddling cats and doing Yoga, "there's great physical, social and emotional benefits from them all, I'd encourage everyone to get involved!"

Year 13 Prom

Year 13 Prom for 2023 will be held at the City Rooms in Leicester on **Tuesday 15 August** from **7PM-12AM**.

Celebrate your time at Bosworth Academy at this black tie event which includes a three course meal.



Tickets are £45 each with £10 going to charity and are available to purchase via Squid by the end of May 2023.

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