



The Oaks



Bosworth Academy

Post 16 Newsletter | October 2023

Welcome

The weeks are really flying by now as we have already reached our first half term holiday. Year 12 are starting to get to grips with the expectations of Sixth Form and the realisation that studying at A level is hard! They are getting involved in a range of enrichment activities, from joining the school rugby team to



debating as part of the model UN, developing their 6c qualities. Year 13 have all been nudged yet again to consider their best next steps and I see so many great conversations happening between students and staff about courses and universities with the first batch of university applications submitted to UCAS for students who aspire to Medicine or Oxbridge. The process of supporting Year 11 students considering their next steps has also begun as the sixth form team tour the county, visiting local high schools to share the opportunities available at Bosworth Academy. Our **Open Evening** is the next big diary date on **Thursday 26th October**, where sixth form students will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have been up to, and showcase the range of courses available at Bosworth Academy. October testing and mock exams will be the focus for students in the coming weeks and it won't be long before the AS and A level exam season is once again upon us. This brings with it added pressure and stress and we have this week raised the profile of Mental Health awareness, with World Mental Health Day (10 Oct), a day to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental

health matters. It's also a day to let people know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what you're going through. This was coupled with Mr Grest launching our Movember campaign in assembly, when brave and selfless men around the world grow a moustache, and women step up to support them, to raise awareness and funds for men's health - specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. A charity close to our hearts at Bosworth Academy. We wish all our students and their families a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the sixth form back, batteries charged ready for the long half term until the Christmas break.

Louise Holdback
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Post 16



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Post 16 Open Evening

Come and visit us to see what our school, our culture, and our value systems are all about.

Our students leave Bosworth Academy confident that they can be future leaders, ready to adapt to an ever-changing world and transition into job sectors that don't even exist yet! Prepare for the future by exploring the Post 16 options available at Bosworth Academy by



visiting us on **Thursday 26 October 2023** and see how we inspire our students to be better than they ever thought they could be by helping them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live in.

We are located in Desford, Leicestershire, conveniently situated between Leicester city centre and the town of Hinckley in the west of the county.

Our students continue to outperform with A Level exam results being consistently above the Leicestershire average with A*-E grades at 99.8% and almost a third of Year 13 students achieving A*/A (2021/2022).

Post 16 students are able to think critically in a dedicated study area and they develop their learning in a full range of facilities including the world-class full sized football 3G pitch, design workshops and IT suites to name just a few. We believe that developing character and values is as important as exam results and Post 16 students "learn to be good citizens and play an active role in their school, in society and in the world" (Ofsted 'Outstanding' Report, June 2022). During the open evening we will be showcasing each department with curriculum specialists bringing subjects to life whilst current Post 16 students will give valuable insights with testimonials.

The open evening is available to anyone who is considering their options for Post 16 study including those not currently in Year 11.

The evening will run from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Feel free to tour the school during this time. We recommend spending at least one hour at the school to get the most out of your visit.

Our story, our vision and our values will be shared in a presentation that will illustrate student life at Post 16 Bosworth Academy.

The ticketed sessions are for the presentation only. There are two presentation times available:

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

Both presentations are the same so please only choose tickets for one event. Due to limited capacity, we can only offer up to five seats per family.

You can book your time slot [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

You can preview the great choices we have on offer by viewing our [prospectus](#) here or by exploring our [website](#).

We look forward to welcoming you!



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A Level Success

Thursday August 17 saw our 2022-23 AS and A Level students receive their results with



Headteacher Mr Brown praising the “resilience” and “dedication” shown by those who sat their exams.

During their time at Bosworth Academy, the

students “focused exceptionally well, showed true grit and determination to overcome any difficulties, and remained enthusiastic about learning,” said Mr Brown.

This year Bosworth Academy has had outstanding success with many students achieving 3 or more A* grades at A level whilst obtaining their



chosen courses. Samantha M will read History at Somerville College at the University of Oxford and her parents were “very happy and proud” of her

achievement:

“Samantha’s hard work and dedication has paid off. We are really happy and it’s wonderful to see lots of smiling faces with other students doing so



well. The support from the school has been amazing. It’s a great day and we are so pleased.”

Mrs Holdback, Head of Key Stage Five congratulated the

students and looked forward to them progressing in their chosen fields:

“I want to wish our students the very best for their next steps and look forward to hearing about their achievements.”

This year’s results are significant as Ofqual have returned to pre-pandemic grading meaning that national results will be more comparable with pre-pandemic 2019 outcomes.

For those who need support in discussing their options after A Levels click [here](#).

Excellence Evening

On Thursday we celebrated the hard work and dedication of our students who were in Year 11, 12 and 13 last academic year during our annual Excellence Evening.



The evening saw curriculum leaders from the different faculties across the school nominate students who have excelled in their chosen subjects.



Mr Brown was “so proud to welcome so many young people and their families to our Excellence Evening.

“Each year it is a real challenge for our Curriculum Leaders to identify students from examination years to receive these prestigious awards.

“Students were nominated for academic excellence, which most often came down to who had achieved the highest UMS marks in their examinations. It was great to hear their teachers talking proudly about their achievements and recognising the commitment and dedication shown by all,” said Mr Brown.

Mr Brown also praised the “fantastic musical pieces” that were performed by Year 12 students Rhea A and Xander G, showing the many talents of Bosworth Academy’s students.

Well done to all students who received their awards.

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Oxbridge Visit

University of Oxford staff and student ambassadors from St Edmund Hall came to run sessions relating to Oxbridge applications with some of our Year 10-13 students last week.



There was a wonderful buzz of enthusiasm and focus as our Year 12s and 13s benefitted from tutorial-style activities. These reflect the Oxford and Cambridge interview processes and course structures, and the ambassadors were engaging and supportive in developing our students' skills and insight.

Our Post-16 students relished the opportunity to share in subject interests, and to talk through writing personal statements and preparing for interviews. Our Post-16 impressed the visitors with their ambition, positive attitude and engagement in challenging tasks.

Students from Years 10 and 11 were also invited to listen to presentations about the application process and found the sessions helpful in understanding student finance, the UCAS process and what to expect from going to university. We hope this raises our Key Stage 4 students' aspirations and motivates them to work hard in their GCSEs, so that ambitious options for higher education are available to them in the future.

We look forward to welcoming the St Edmund Hall outreach team back to Bosworth Academy at a later date, so our students can continue their journey into exploring Oxbridge opportunities.

Miss Woolley, Head of Year 13

Peer Mentoring

September 19 saw the start of our Peer Mentoring programme for the 2023-24 academic year.



We have seen great success in the past with students from Post 16 giving advice and support to Year 11.

Year 13 students assisted Year 11 students this week on their homework and we are now recruiting for Year 12s to join us. This is a great enrichment opportunity to not only help fellow students but it also looks great on any higher education or job application.



We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday at 8.40 in the canteen after you have registered with your tutor. If you are interested in taking part please email Mr Mainard at smainard@bosworthacademy.org.uk or just turn up on the day.

Mr Mainard, Subject Lead Partner

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Post 16 Live Lounge

The first Live Lounge of the term took place on Monday 18 September.



Students from the Post-16 Music Performance class sang and played to an enthusiastic audience. I was particularly pleased with the new Year 12 students who, having been at our school for just a few weeks, performed with such confidence and flair. So many of the 6Cs on display!

Mrs Dye, Leader of Music

Lunchtime Clubs

We now have a wide range of clubs for students to participate in during lunchtimes and after school.

These clubs offer a great opportunity for Post 16 students to lead these clubs and enhance their enrichment opportunities.

This includes Ping Pong Club which is run by Post 16 students and is in the Gym every Week 1, on Thursday, 12.00-12.35.



For a full timetable please click [here](#).

As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Associate SLT

Careers Office New Home

The careers office can now be found in the middle room at the back of The Compass where we can discuss your options for life beyond Bosworth Academy.

I am based at Bosworth on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To arrange a meeting please contact kmarlow@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you.
Mrs Marlow, Careers Coordinator

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Be Better Than You Thought You Could Be

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