#### **BOSWORTH ACADEMY** TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

# Welcome

3rd November 2023 There have been so many wonderful things happening across Bosworth Academy this week.

On Monday we held the official opening of our new outdoor Basketball courts, official home of the Bosworth Bears teams. We were honoured to welcome the full Leicester Riders Basketball squad and their head coach Rob Paternostro. Riders are one of the top teams in the British Basketball League (BBL) Championship, the top-level men's professional



Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students basketball league in the UK. Invited along for the afternoon were over 100 of our own basketball players to listen to the speeches from myself, Paternostro and Dr Evans MP. Once the purple ribbon had been cut by captain Kimbal Mackenzie, our students raced onto the courts to play against the best in the game. It was a joy to see our students, from Years 7 to 13, testing their skills and carrying out drills with stars of

the BBL. Paternostro explained that he'd not seen any facility as good

as ours in all of the UK and only a few outdoor venues in the States match it. Our students were urged by Dr Evans to look after the facility for future students. I shared a huge thank you to our own coach lgor Mirković for his inspirational coaching and leadership, and to our Bosworth Bears logo designers for their ingenuity.

Trial exams for our exam year students are well underway. The vast majority of students are preparing well and meeting our high expectations. Students are reminded that they must bring all equipment and hand in all electronic devices at the start. Failure to do this would result in disgualification.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed many parents, carers and students from Year 11 for our Steps to Success evening. During the event an explanation of the summer examinations was provided, top tips for revision, and expert input for parents and students from a range of subject areas. Feedback was really positive. Another evening will follow soon where trial exam grades will be handed out - like a dress rehearsal for the GCSE exam results in the summer. It's been fantastic to see our key stage 3 students involved in many leadership activities. Spooky Science Club, Environmental Society, Media Wall Art club and 6C celebrations all featured prominently this week as students got involved in a range of extra-curricular activities.

And finally, Toronto born Riders captain Kimbal, told me this week that he became so good at the game by continually practising his shooting skills with a low basket in his garden as a kid. It's well worth all of us remembering, "Practice makes perfect permanent." A message so important whether you're a top musician, athlete or one of our students revising for examinations or assessments. It's important to continually look to improve and embed those skills, so they can be performed or recalled as second nature. Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown Headteacher

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#### **Riders Coach Hails Outdoor Courts "Best" in UK**

Leicester Riders BBL team officially opened Bosworth Academy's outdoor basketball courts on Monday with Head Coach Rob Paternostro hailing the outdoor courts as the "best" he has seen in over 20 years of coaching in the UK.



Paternostro was also impressed with the basketball skills of around 100 Bosworth Academy students who played mini games with the Riders players during the event. Before shooting hoops, the two outdoor basketball courts were unveiled in a ceremony with words from Paternostro, MP for Hinckley and Bosworth Dr Luke Evans and Bosworth Academy Headteacher Simon Brown.



Leicester Riders players then joined the students in cutting the ribbon ahead of hitting the paint. One of those students who played with a Riders player was Year 13 student Elyas B who revelled in blocking a shot attempted by a professional basketballer.

"It was a great experience as a whole. Having the



team pull up to the school was a great experience to have," said Elyas.

"The courts are exceptional, the best I've played on. It was surprising to see when they were first completed because it's not something you see in England often.

"Going one-on-one with a professional Riders player was thrilling. Playing against a professional is a once in a lifetime experience, and managing to block his shot it was so much better. Overall, a great experience," added Elyas.



The outdoor basketball courts at Bosworth Academy were developed by Bosworth basketball coach, Igor Mirković.

The coach, who started at the school with a team of five, was overwhelmed with the amount of students who now use the new courts daily. These students include the Bosworth Bears team who have won back-to-back school county championships and assisted in the relaunch of basketball at Bosworth.

Headteacher Mr Brown shared with those in attendance that the students' creativity was

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shown in designing the Bosworth Bears logo which now adorns the centre circles of the outside courts and that the students actively encourage others to participate in playing basketball at school.



Dr Evans MP agreed that playing sports such as basketball has great benefits for mental and social well-being as well as physical health:

"These facilities are exactly what we want to see for young people to be able to aspire to, to take part in sport for their health, their mental health, but also to create careers and to have a trajectory that many people may think they cannot aspire to," said Dr Evans MP.

The outdoor basketball courts will soon be available to the wider community to use and enjoy whilst plans are in place for professional BBL teams to use the facility as well.

The Bosworth Bears are also seeking sponsors for the kit which features the new logo. If you would like your business featured on our basketball kits please contact Igor Mirković at imbasketballcoach@bosworthacademy.org.uk





#### Attendance

Good punctuality at school and lessons is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. Punctuality records also form part of references passed onto employers or higher educational institutes. To ensure good punctuality and attendance:

- Students should arrive to tutor time equipped and ready to learn by 8.35am ready to start at 8.40am
- All students arriving after this time will be issued a late detention during break time that day and a message home.
- Failure to attend this detention twice will result in an after school detention being issued.
- If students arrive after 9.00am they must sign in at the attendance office.
- If students are late to lessons three times they will be issued a break time detention
- Failure to attend this detention twice will result in an afterschool detention being given.

This month we are also rewarding students who have 100% attendance in the month of November with the chance to win a £10 voucher. Students who attend every day in November will be entered in to a prize draw to win a £10 voucher. There will be one winner per year group. **Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead** 

# **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

MINUTES LATE	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY	
PER DAY		LESSONS THIS	
		IS MISSED	
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS	
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS	
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS	
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS	
<b>30 MINUTES</b>	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS	

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#### Movember 2023 Starts

"And we're off!" on Movember 2023! The month of November sees us come together to raise money for <u>Movember</u>.



The charity's focus is to raise awareness of men's mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer and this year they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

We are asking all of the stakeholders of Bosworth Academy; staff, students, parents and friends to sign up to our #TeamBosworth Movember page (click <u>here</u> or scan the QR code below) and pledge to help us raise awareness and funds for this great charity.

Throughout the month you can choose the 'grow' or 'move' for Movember. To 'grow' you need to be clean shaven on the 1st November and grow a moustache throughout the month to showcase on the 30th. When asked why - share the goals of the charity. To 'move' you pledge to move 60km across the month by walking, running, cycling, paddleboarding - choose your method. The reason for the 60km is linked to the 60 males who die by suicide each hour globally.

Only three days into Movember and we have raised £568 so far - a great start, let's keep it up! 10GGR have pledged to move two tutor times a week to help #TeamBosworth raise money for Movember.

Please come and join us on this Bosworth Academy community project. If you can't join in then please donate to help us hit our fundraising target.

The topics of this event are deeply upsetting but ones we have to address as a school. If you have any concerns regarding your mental health then please see the wellbeing support on our Academy's website. Mr Grest, Associate SLT



#### **Israel Gaza Conflict**

Since the 7th of October, the news has been dominated by harrowing scenes in Gaza and Israel. Many of us recognise that this is a conflict that began long before last month, and the history is complicated and emotive.



This is a sensitive topic, directly affecting some members of our own school community; however, we believe it is extremely important for us to equip our students with the facts so they can navigate truth and bias on social media in a much more discerning way and formulate more accurate opinions.

We will be leading an intervention on Wednesday, 8th November focusing on Israel & Gaza -Solutions not Sides. This intervention is in no way promoting 'sides' and, as always, will adopt a nonpartisan approach.

Ms O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher

#### **Neurodiversity Assemblies**

This week students have been learning more about neurodiversity and how the world needs all types of minds.

These assemblies were led by Year 11 student, Finlay F, who showed great dedication in delivering the Year 10 assembly during Monday's tutor time before starting his first trial exam shortly after. Most people are 'neurotypical' whilst others are 'neurodivergent'. There can be different types of neurodiversity including: ADHD, Autism, Dyscalculia, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Epilepsy and

Tourette's syndrome.

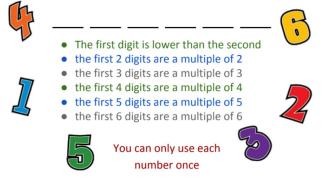
Those with neurodiversity may feel overwhelmed by their surroundings so it is important to be respectful and kind to everyone. Mrs Ridley, Duty SENDCo

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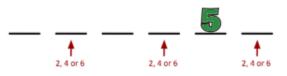
#### Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last Week's Answer: Put digits in order

Put the digits 1 to 6 in order such that:



If you know a few divisibility tests this is A LOT easier than otherwise. Firstly, we know all multiples of 5 must end in a 5 or a 0. That sorts the first spot out.

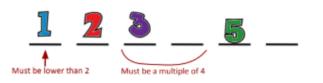


Also, all multiples of even numbers must end in an even number, so the 2nd, 4th and 6 spaces must have 2,4 and 6 in them.

That leaves 1 and 3 to go near the beginning.



Furthermore, the sum of the digits of all multiples of 3 are a multiple of 3 (which applies to our first three digits). That gets us the number 2.

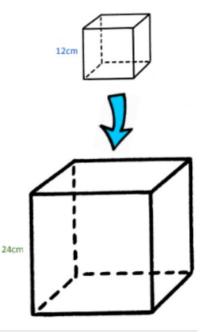


The first digit must be smaller than the second which leaves us just two spaces. Finally, the last two digits of any multiple of 4 must be divisible by 4. That sorts out our last two digits:



#### This Week's Puzzle: How much will the water rise?

An open cube with interior sides of length 24cm is exactly half full of water. A solid steel cube with side lengths of 12cm is dropped into the water. How many centimetres will the level of the water rise when the steel cube has been completely submersed?



#### **Maths Senior Challenge**

On the 3rd October over 100 specially selected Post-16 students took part in the annual Senior Maths Challenge, it is a national competition run by the UKMT (United Kingdom



#### United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Mathematical Trust). Every student in Year 12 studying A-Level Maths and some students in Year 13 volunteered to take part and answered some tough and challenging questions.

The results are in and our students have once again done amazingly! 47 students who took part received a Bronze, Silver or Gold award meaning they were in the top 50% of students taking part. These students will receive their certificates soon. A special mention to our top five scores:

- 1. Justin B
- 2. Josh C
- 3. Jacob W
- 4. Harley G
- 5. Navpreet K

Finally a special congratulations to Justin B who was also the best in school!

Miss Barrowcliffe, Teacher of Maths

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#### **Spooky Science Club**

This week at Science Club we looked at how we can control the rate of a chemical reaction, we used glow sticks for this.



We put them in ice to slow reaction down and they glowed less. We put them in hot water to speed the reaction up and they glowed brighter. For



some Halloween fun we then put them in milk bottles to make Halloween lanterns. We hope to see you in the next Science Club which runs: Year 7 Science Club week 1 Tuesday, 12.35pm S6 Year 8 Science Club, Wednesday week 1, 1.35pm S2

Mrs Tapp, Teacher of Science

#### Lunch & Afterschool Clubs

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

For a full timetable please click <u>here</u>. As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Associate SLT



#### **Dancing Champions**

Students Angel T and Lydia M have both come away from the British Theatre Dance Association, Midlands Championship Heats with trophies in their hands!



Angel has taken the title 'Senior Modern Champion' (Age 15-19yrs) and Lydia is 'Inter Acro Champion'. She also placed 4th in Inter Character. (12-15yrs).

This means both dancers have successfully qualified for the All-England Championship Finals next weekend, as the top two of each section go through.

Lydia will also be competing in Inter Tap, Ballet, Song and Dance and Greek as she qualified for these events at other heats during the year. They both train incredibly hard and their hard work is certainly paying off.

Miss Green, Teacher of Dance

#### **Arbor Parent App**

The Arbor Parent App 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 about the app and how to download it on to your device by visiting <u>https://</u> www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/arbor/

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#### **Citizenship Celebration**



Thursday morning saw us celebrate the hard work of students across the Academy who have earned the most Citizenship reward points in the last two weeks. Students enjoyed hot chocolate and pastries which were kindly served by senior staff.

Well done to all students and we look forward to the next 6C Celebration morning.





#### Laureates Rewards

Last Friday morning we had a rewards celebration for tutor groups 7JST & 8CDE who had the most reward points last half term in Years 7 and 8. Well done to all students and we look forward to seeing who can earn the most reward points this half term.

Mrs Hayton, Head of Year 7



#### **Environmental Group**

We have started a student environmental group full of environmental artists, eco warriors, gardeners and a pond team.

The group, led by Mrs Ray and Mr Claricoates, focus on making art inspired by the environment (to raise awareness), litter picking, inspire recycling, pond maintenance, care of newly planted trees, looking after our allotment patch and seasonal seed planting.



Learning will see the students identify trees, wildflowers and learn the importance of soil organisms which are compared with personal microbiomes.

Further possibilities for discussion will be to develop a flower cutting garden and bulb planting. If anyone (students and staff) would like to join any of our environmental groups then please contact Mr Claricoates <u>here</u>.

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Headteacher

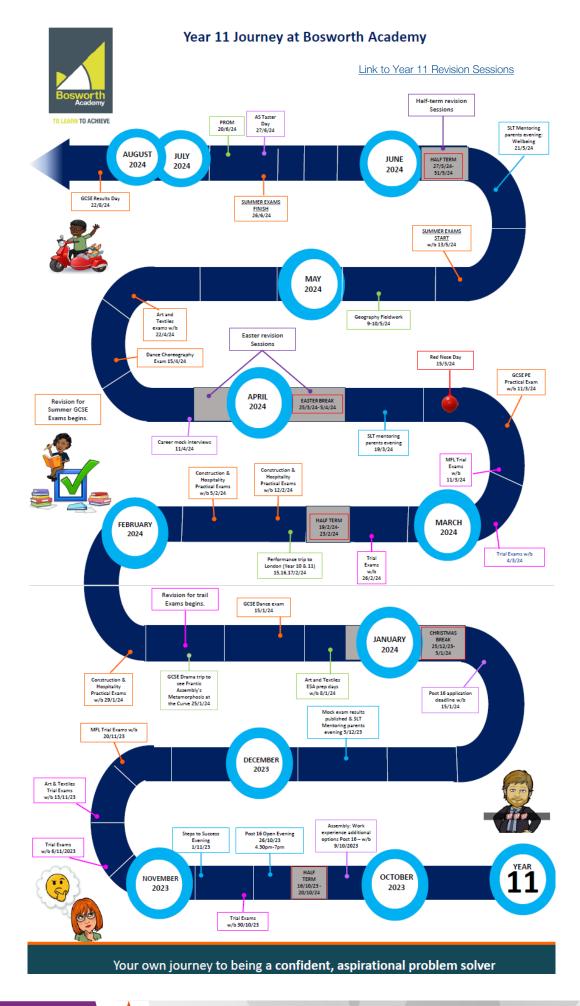
#### Media Wall Art

Year 8 students have finished their Science Fiction wall art - 6C creativity badges and reward points are coming their way - very well done!



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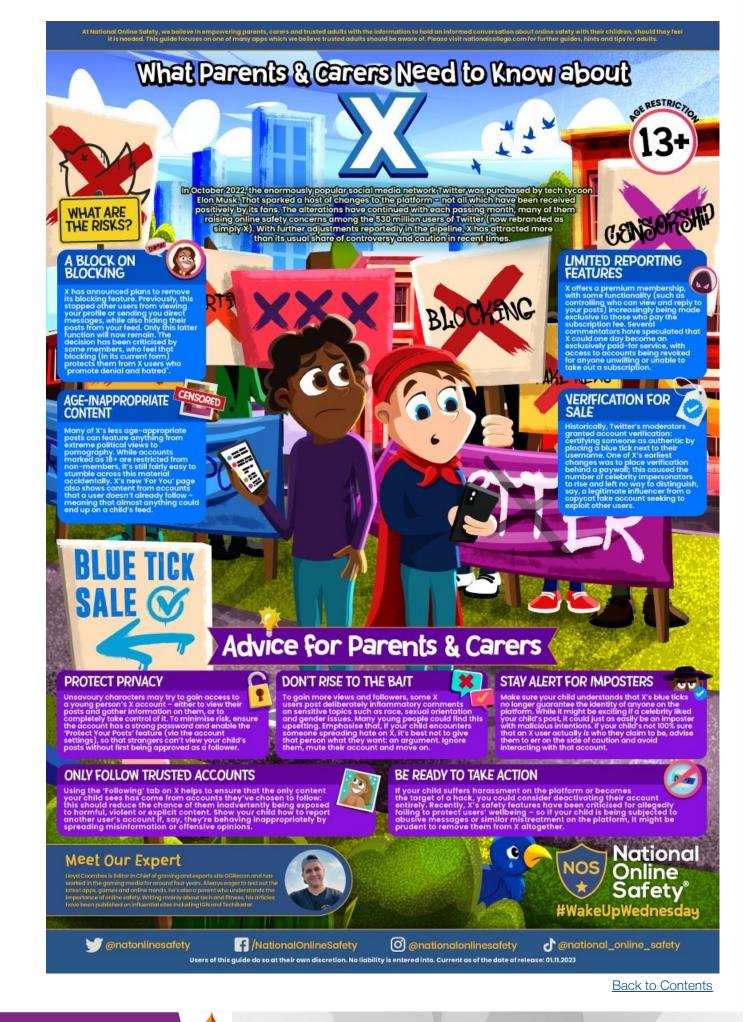


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# The Compass

Our Laureates students have been busy completing AR quizzes with the total of words read below.

#### **October AR Leaderboard**

1	7SMK	1.872.109		1	8GWR	1,376,858
2	7JST	1.488.582		2	8JHI	1,312,150
3	7GDV	1.266.953		3	8MEM	1,295,058
4	7HBE	1.000.478		4	8JPA	923,372
5	7EPY	613.665		5	8GHI	916,924
6	7CWL	418.493		6	8STH	843,104
7	7JWI	388.874		7	8MBL	408,659
8	7SMC	179.879		8	8CDE	298,732
9	7НСО	129.006		9	8LMA	226,057
Total Year Group		8.744.690		Total Year Group		7,600,914

## Whole Year AR Leaderboard

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1	7SMK	2,855,237	1		8GWR	2,983,673
2	7JST	1,666,957	2		8JHI	2,530,505
3	7GDV	1,331,908	3		8MEM	1,985,049
4	7HBE	1,000,478	4		8JPA	1,916,872
5	7EPY	613,665	5		8STH	1,771,730
6	7CWL	469,534	6		8GHI	1,286,977
7	7JWI	471,792	7		8LMA	678,427
8	7SMC	179,879	8		8MBL	646,418
9	7НСО	155,240	9		8CDE	344,047
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Total Year Group 8,744,6		8,744,690		_	otal Year roup	57,058,978

## **Book Recommendations**

This month is National Non-Fiction Friday and our recommendations this week are non-fiction themed ranging from the natural world to history.

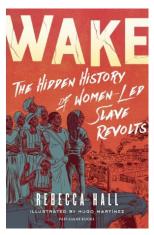
#### Key Stage Three

Are you as tall as an emperor penguin or a velociraptor? Did you know that a jellyfish was sent into space? Which animal swallowed a suit of armour? Fill your brain with hilarious, weird and wacky facts about the awesome animals that share our planet.



#### Key Stage Four

Women warriors planned and led slave revolts on slave ships during the passage across the Atlantic. They fought their enslavers throughout the Americas. And then they were erased from history. In Wake Rebecca Hall, a historian, a granddaughter of slaves, and a woman haunted by the legacy of slavery, tells their story.



With in-depth archival research and a measured use of historical imagination, she constructs the likely pasts of women rebels who fought for freedom on slave ships bound to America, as well as the stories of women who led slave revolts in Colonial New York. Beneath both is Hall's own tale: of a life lived in the shadow of slavery and its consequences.

Strikingly illustrated in black and white, Wake explores both a personal and a global legacy. Part graphic novel, part memoir, it is a powerful reminder that while the past is gone, we still live in its wake.

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#### **Poppy Appeal**

We are supporting the Royal British Legion once again this year with poppies now on sale at the Main Reception and MLT. Both paper poppies and pin badges are available and we suggest a donation of £2 for the pin badges.



Next week's assemblies will discuss the importance of Remembrance Day and the school will observe a minute's silence at 11AM on Friday 10 November ahead of Remembrance Day on Saturday 11 November.

#### **Cost of Living Events**

Residents of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council who are concerned about the national rising costs of living are being invited to explore the help and support available to them. The two cost of living and wellbeing events are taking place on Saturday November 4th, 10am-12pm at Barlestone Community Centre and on Saturday November 18th from 10am-12pm at the George Ward Centre in Barwell.

Organised by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the events will give anyone who is concerned about the cost of living the opportunity to speak with council staff and other organisations about individual issues and concerns including household budgeting, benefits, housing, managing energy bills and fuel bills, managing debt and food support. People attending will be able to speak to staff from a wide range of agencies.

No appointment is needed to attend, and the event is open to all residents across the borough and refreshments will be provided.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 23 November	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe trip. Y9-13
Friday 1 December	Disaggregated Day School closed
Monday 4 - Thursday 7 December	Post 16 Paris Trip
Tuesday 12 December	Parents Evening Y11-13
Friday 22 December	End of Autumn 2023 term
Monday 8 January 2024	Spring 2024 term starts

We can now confirm the term dates for 2024-25 academic year which can be found below:

- <u>Term Dates 2023-24</u>
- <u>Term Dates 2024-25</u>

#### **Teach for LiFE**

If you are considering a career in teaching then get your applications in quick! We have started

intervieiwing candidates and have been offering places



for training in 2024-25 academic year. For full details click <u>here</u>.

To learn more about Teach for LiFE, our next online event will be on Thursday 16 November 6pm-7pm, you can book your place <u>here</u>. **Mrs Sterne, LiFE MAT Coordinator for ITT / ECT** 

#### **Job Opportunity**

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

Premises Officer

For more information please click here.

# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?

Monday	(uesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Katsu Chicken Curry & Rice Corn on the cob / Fresh Salad Vegetable Samosa & Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread	Beef Chilli Con Carne & Rice Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread / Fresh Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Peas / Sweetcom Fresh Salad	Lincolnshire Sausage & Seasoned Mashed Potato Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken Herby Diced Potato BBQ Beans Coleslaw	
Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice Corn on the cob / Fresh Salad Vegetable Samosa & Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread	Garlic Chicken One Pot Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread	Ham & Pineapple Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Peas / Sweetcom Fresh Salad	Roast Chicken & Seasoned Mashed Potato Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato BBQ Beans Coleslaw	
Vegan Curry & Rice Corn on the cob / Fresh Salad Vegetable Samosa & Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread	Vegan Chilli Con Carne & Rice Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread / Fresh Salad	Cheese Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Peas / Sweetcom Fresh Salad	Vegan Sausage & Seasoned Mashed Potato Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato BBQ Beans Coleslaw	
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	
Filed Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily Week commencing 6th November 2023					
<mark>If</mark> you would like informat	tion on which foods contair	n allergens please ask a me	mber of the catering team t	who will be happy to help	

## **Read All About It!**

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- <u>Careers Newsletter</u>
- <u>The Oaks Newsletter</u>



## **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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