

Welcome

24th November 2023 It has been great to see so many of our students involved in events that have really uplifted their aspirations.

Career focused assemblies shared with students the growing field of degree apprenticeships now open to students. Specialist advice from our guest speakers took students through the many exciting opportunities there are for them. Our Sixth Form students listened intently.

A recent trip to University of Leicester revealed to our Year 10 and 11 students what university life was like. Undergraduates talked to them about the wide variety of degree courses that are on offer and the importance of good student habits in preparation for GCSE examinations.

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students With December approaching, so too is our Trial Exam Results Evening on Thursday 7th December. Parents and carers should read on for further information. It's an important event in the Year 11 calendar and an opportunity to 'feel' what Results Day in the summer is like.

As the Christmas season approaches we begin to focus on supporting those members of our community who are in need. Each year Bosworth Academy supports the charity Open Hands Leicester. We aim to donate Christmas treat items to Open Hands for their #ActsOf Kindness appeal to support families in our local

community. Students will be able to bring in items to school to collate as a tutor group which will be collected and distributed by Open Hands nearer to Christmas. Read on for further information if you'd like to help us.

Finally a huge credit to all of our staff and students raising money for the charity Movember. It's been great to see donations increase to over £2400 as participants either 'Move' and/or grow a 'Mo' for November to promote the importance of mental health and raise awareness about suicide. You still have time to support our fundraising via this link.

As theologian, Desmond Tutu said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Have a great weekend. Mr Brown Headteacher



Open Hands¹



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A Level Taster Day

On Friday current Year 11 students got a taste of what life would be like at Post 16 by taking part in specialised sessions.



A full range of subjects were on offer as students sampled lessons they would be doing in Year 12. From testing alucose in Biology to analysing short films in Film Studies, calculating an area inside a balloon in Further Maths to making honeycomb in Food Science and Nutrition—the day was full of valuable insights for our Year 11 students.



idea of what they will be studying in Post 16 at Bosworth Academy whilst also focusing on their studies for the remainder of Year 11.

All Year 11 students are encouraged to ask in the Post-16 office about taking up an A-Level lesson experience if they'd like more insight into subjects we offer.





MFL Visit to University

Students from Years 10 and 11 recently visited University of Leicester to discover more about learning languages at higher education.



Year 10 student Jess B discusses the day: We visited the University of Leicester to see what it would be like to complete a degree there. We started the day off with an introduction and student life talk, where we were taught about an average day in the life of a student there and about the university societies which are set up by the students, such as curry appreciation society and Nintendo society.

We then moved on to a campus tour, where we learnt about the history of the university and what facilities were available. Did you know one of the buildings used to be a mental asylum? Shortly after, we had a Languages taster session with Dr Mariana Gonzales, where we were informed about what types of things a student would do during a Languages degree at the University of Leicester, such as a year studying abroad.

After a quick lunch break, we returned for a talk about Post 16 options with Kierun and four student ambassadors. During this time, we did a Q&A, where they told us about their personal experiences at the university and whether or not they put milk in first when making tea! We had a quick reflection about what we had learnt and enjoyed throughout the day, and then moved on to an evaluation, where the students filled out a form detailing what they enjoyed about the day, the potential degrees they would consider taking in the future and if they would consider applying to study at their university.

It was a great day and a brilliant chance for our students to get a glimpse of university life. Thank you University of Leicester!



Trial Exam Results Evening

In November Year 11 students sat a trial exam in each of their subjects. These trial exams were crucial in helping both students and teachers understand what each student understands and what areas they must focus on further.

Students have received papers back to see where they were successful and to determine areas to improve on. They may know their rawmarks/ percentages but will not know yet their final grades.

To help students experience what it will be like in the summer (when they receive their actual GCSE results) we are inviting Year 11 parents/carers to our **Trial Exam Results Evening** on **Thursday December 7th.**

We feel this is an important event which helps prepare students for what is to come but with the benefit of there still being five months left to improve further.

The year group has been divided into two for this event to ensure that students can receive their results envelope promptly. It is therefore vital that we adhere to these timings. As a result, your arrival time and presentation time may be different from a friend's timing.

Schedule for the Trial Exam Results Evening:

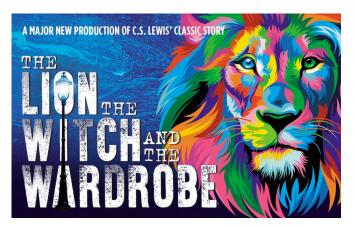
	Arrive at school and pick up results from the canteen	A short presentation in the main hall to give advice, tips and key dates
Tutor groups: HGO, CBK, EMR, LGR	5:00pm	5:15pm
Tutor groups: MWI, NSA, SOE, OKH, YCO	5:45pm	6:00pm

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 at: https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/arbor/

Drama Theatre Trip

GCSE and A-Level Drama students went to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' at the Birmingham Rep Theatre on Thursday and had a fantastic time.



The performance was captivating and was incredibly engaging from all angles; students will undoubtedly be able to use this experience to apply to their Component 3 exam work.



Mrs Jones & Mrs Milner were incredibly proud of the way that our students conducted themselves. **Mrs Jones, Teacher of Drama**



From Bosworth to BA

In 2022, I had the pleasure of sharing the exciting news about Harvey Osborne, a former student who embarked on the journey to fulfil his dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot.



Harvey's path, filled with determination and ambition, has been nothing short of inspiring. My collaboration with Harvey during his Extended Project Qualification provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by aspiring pilots, solidifying his chosen pathway in the aviation world. Fast forward to the present, and I am thrilled to present an exhilarating update on Harvey's

remarkable progress. In a recent email, Harvey joyfully announced the completion of flight school and his acceptance of a first officer pilot position at British Airways, set to commence in the new year. Since the initial report, Harvey's journey has been a whirlwind of experiences, flying

across the UK and France, accumulating over 250 hours of flight time, including an impressive 70 hours in the A320 simulator. His dedication and hard work truly paid off, especially considering the highly challenging and competitive selection process at British Airways.

Reflecting on his achievement, Harvey expressed gratitude for the support he received at Bosworth, affirming the belief that effort equals reward. Beyond securing his dream job as a pilot, Harvey has also landed a role in the operations department at Oxford Airport, managing the ground operations team and dispatching private jets until the year's end.

As Harvey eagerly anticipates donning the prestigious British Airways uniform, he looks forward to sharing his first flight number with us. With a touch of humour, he hinted at the exciting prospect of a possible upgrade for me on one of his flights. I'm certainly holding him to that promise!

Harvey's journey from Bosworth to British Airways exemplifies the school's dedication to nurturing and celebrating the diverse successes of its students. As we keep our eyes on the sky, we eagerly await more updates from this budding aviator and wish him continued success in his exciting career.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher

Jake Tests for Red Bull F1

Fresh from winning the Formula E World Driver's Champion former student, Jake Dennis, got back behind the wheel to test for Red Bull Racing in the final round of the Formula One 2023 season.

On Friday Jake took part in the FP1 session of the Abu Dhabi weekend and finished 16th out of 20 drivers after completing 24 laps. More importantly, Jake finished ahead of fellow Red Bull test driver, Isack Hadjar.



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Movember 2023 Update

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who have engaged in our Movember 2023 campaign. So far we have raised an amazing £2,599!l.





We have some fantastic stories of what students are doing. Ben H (Y8) and Alfie F (Y7) are going to be completing a 60km bike ride. Josh in Y9 is 'growing' and 'moving' in support of a family member who has battled cancer themselves. Nathan and Charlie, two students in Y12 are planning to run 60km next weekend at Rutland Water which will be quite remarkable achievement - this is the equivalent to a marathon and a half marathon back to back.

Speaking ahead of the run, Charlie and Nathan

"The training hasn't been as bad as we expected as although we have never ran extreme distances we are both keen runners and were up for the challenge.

"We knew that we wanted to do something for Movember as its such an important charity with great values and where better to do 60 km then round Rutland!!

"Along with spreading awareness for what Movember is all about Saturday is going to be a massive achievement and although we hope to get the full 60km done we appreciate that it is a challenging distance," said Charlie and Nathan. It's not too late to get involved if you still wish. Please follow the <u>link</u> and join us in raising money and awareness of this great campaign.

Mr Grest, Associate SLT

Open Hands Donations

We will once again be collecting donations for the Christian charity, Open Hands

This year, the collection is going to focus on Christmas Treats.

Please ensure that all donations are in date and don't go out of date before 25th December 2023. To find out more about how your donations will make a difference please visit

www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/christmas

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Kirkham

Christmas Treat Collection











Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last Week's Answer: 40





This puzzle is easiest solved with algebra. We have two unknowns: S = Number of potatoes in bag S P = Number of potatoes initially in bag P

Using these and the two pieces of information given we can create a pair of simultaneous equations:

Originally there were 2/5 as many potatoes in Bag P as in Bag S.

$\frac{2}{5}P = \frac{5}{7}(P - 44)$	S = 2/5 P
$\frac{14}{5}P = 5(P - 44)$	After she sold 44 potatoes from
	Bag S, the number of potatoes
14P = 25(P - 44)	in Bag P was 5/7 of the number
14P = 25P - 1100	of potatoes in Bag S.
1100 = 11 <i>P</i>	S = 5/7 (P - 44)
100 = P	As we know $S = 2/5 P$
	then we can now calculate that:

S = 40 potatoes.

This week's puzzle: What is the area?

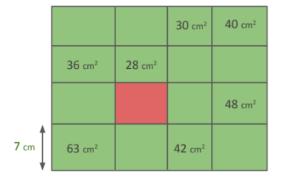


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What is the area of the red rectangle?

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 here.

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







Live Lounge Performs

The monthly Live Lounge performance took place on Monday.



Students from Years 8 to 13 performed to our largest audience of the term so far. We look forward to welcoming students from all year groups to next month's Christmas Live Lounge. Please let me know if you'd like to get involved.



Mrs Dye, Leader of Music

Apprenticeship Assemblies

This week's assemblies saw students discover more about apprenticeships with talks given to Years 8-13.

Apprenticeships offer hands-on training and also the chance to put your skills into practice with employers.

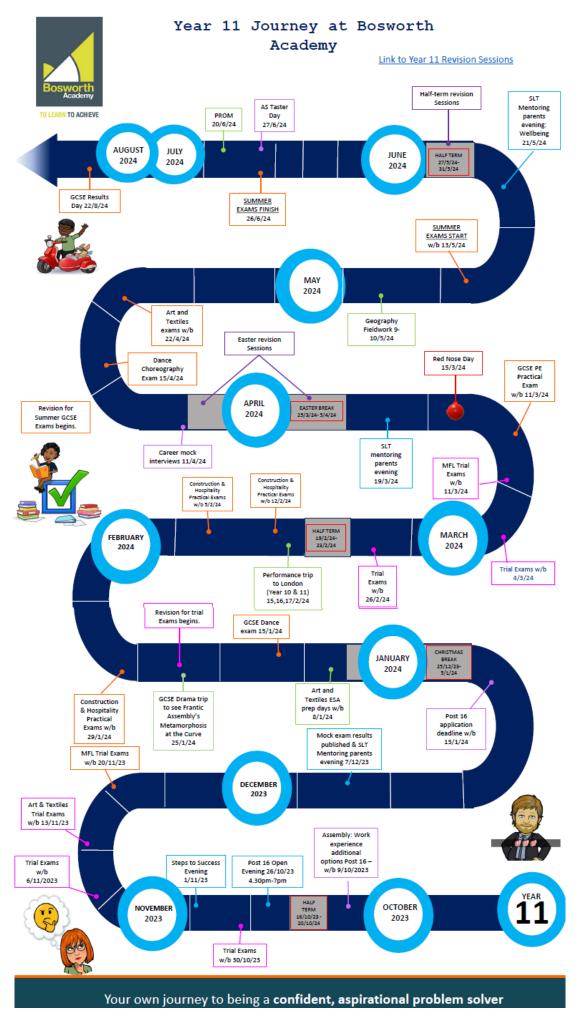
On Thursday, Navjoyt Kaur from ASK Apprenticeships (a government education department) discussed apprenticeships with Post 16 students and shared the options available to them after completing their studies.

We thank all the guest speakers who visited us this week

For more details on becoming an apprentice please click <u>here</u>.

Mrs Marlow, Careers Coordinator







Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://p - the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a savina.

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the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your morey.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE



TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the edito of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot

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Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running and there are some amazing books on offer to buy, at great prices.





Go to https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-bosworth/digital-book-club to browse the latest books and order online. All KS3 students have been given a leaflet to take home and there are more copies available from the School Library, but you can see online version here https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues

There is no obligation to buy, but for every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards - which means free books for our school Library.

Please place your order online by the end of the day on Monday 4 December, 2023.

Books will be delivered to the school by the end of the following week, at the latest, and distributed to students.

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian

Win Your Book Wishlist



What's on your Christmas wishlist? Christmas is drawing nearer and Scholastic are "delighted" to offer one lucky winner the chance to win every book on their wishlist!

All you have to do is fill out this <u>template</u> with your child, choosing eight of their favourite books from the Scholastic shop*, and email it to us at <u>funstuff@scholastic.co.uk</u>

*Maximum offer price £50. Competition closes 1 December 2023.

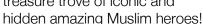
Book Recommendations

This month is National Non-Fiction November and our recommendations are a selection of non-fiction

Key Stage Three

Do you think you know who first thought of the theory of evolution?

Have you ever wondered who created the oldest university in the world? Is Joan of Arc the only rebel girl who led an army that you've heard of? If so, then you need this stunningly illustrated treasure trove of iconic and



You'll find people you might know, like Malala Yousafzai, Sir Mo Farah and Muhammad Ali, as well as some you might not, such as:

Hasan Ibn Al-Haytham: the first scientist to prove theories about how light travels, hundreds of years before Isaac Newton.

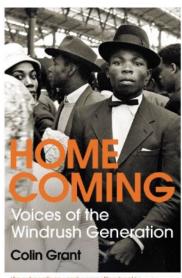
Sultan Razia: a fearsome female ruler.
G. Willow Wilson: the comic book artist who created the first ever Muslim Marvel character. Ibtihaj Muhammad: the Olympic and World Champion fencer and the first American to compete in the games wearing a hijab. Noor Inayat Khan: the Indian Princess who became a British spy during WWII.
There are so many more amazing Muslim men and women who have changed our world, from

pirate queens to athletes, to warriors and

mathematicians. Who will your next hero be?



Key Stage Four



Homecoming draws on over a hundred first-hand interviews. archival recordings and memoirs by the women and men who came to Britain from the West Indies between the late 1940s and the early 1960s. In their own words, we witness the transition from the optimism of the first post-war arrivals to the race riots of the late 1950s. We hear from nurses in

Manchester; bus drivers in Bristol; seamstresses in Birmingham; teachers in Croydon; dockers in Cardiff; inter-racial lovers in High Wycombe, and Carnival Queens in Leeds. These are stories of hope and regret, of triumphs and challenges, brimming with humour, anger and wisdom. Together, they reveal a rich tapestry of Caribbean British lives.



Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Friday 1 December	Disaggregated Day School closed
Monday 4 - Thursday 7 December	Post 16 Paris Trip
Thursday 7 December	Y11 Trial Exam Results Evening
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:

- Term Dates 2023-24
- Term Dates 2024-25

Teach for LiFE

We have some exciting news coming your way about Teach For LiFE! Stay tuned for more details.



Be sure to check our webpage for more

information on how you can train to be the next generation of teachers.

Mrs Sterne, LiFE MAT Coordinator for ITT / ECT

Job Opportunity

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

Casual Premises Officer

For more information please click here.



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Read All About It!

Want to look up an old article? Our most recent In the Loop newsletters are available here for you to access.

We also have specialised newsletters to keep you updated. Click the links to find the latest issues of:

- Careers Newsletter
- The Oaks Newsletter



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