BOSWORTH ACADEMY TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Welcome

30th November 2023 On Tuesday and Thursday evenings we invited parents, carers and guardians of students in Years 7 and 8 who follow our REAL LiFE curriculum, to see our Exhibition. Our REAL LiFE key stage three curriculum is designed to build student agency through personalised learning, coaching, and real-



Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students world application of knowledge through interdisciplinary missions. Many of the missions produced by our students were showcased in the Main Hall and Dining Hall areas for our visitors to see. Missions are divided into milestone assignments, taught by subject teachers with student progress monitored closely by their CREW (tutor) Leader. There was a real buzz of activity during both evenings with our students proudly guiding students

through the work on display and comparing it to their own missions on student iPads. It

was great to see our students sharing their beautiful work and taking real ownership of their learning journey. Our teachers enjoyed engaging with parents and carers and were delighted to put some faces to names. This was the first exhibition evening of this type so we are keen for parental feedback. An evaluation form has already been shared by email.

December

This week one of our teachers and leaders, Mrs Moran, engaged with our student Diversity Ambassadors to survey students and staff about race representation in school. We look forward to analysing the outcomes from their survey to see how we can continue to celebrate diversity and explore the issue of racial justice.



With Leicestershire schools having one of the longest first terms of the year in the country, we break up this long half-term with a day of 'no school'. We hope this day, on Friday 1st December, gives our students and staff a deserved break and some time to recuperate in what can be a tiring run up to Christmas. I'm sure our children will remember not to get up and go out for the school bus on Friday - though it is important to remind them just in case! As we reach the end of November I'd like to congratulate all of our students and staff for their amazing fundraising efforts for the charity Movember. Many miles were covered and moustaches grown to promote the importance of mental health and raise suicide awareness. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your kind donations. Please follow this link if you'd like to support #TeamBosworth, and help us exceed the £4000 mark! Enjoy your weekend, Mr Brown



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Headteacher

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Real LiFE Exhibition

This week we invited parents/carers of Year 7 students into Bosworth Academy as students proudly displayed their work towards their Real LiFE Mission: 'Who Am I?'



The mission has seen work in subjects across the curriculum - from family trees in Humanities to models of living cells in Science.



Many of the students' work was displayed for parents/carers to see and explore. The event also gave a chance for parents/carers to meet with their child's teachers and discuss student progress in this first term at Bosworth Academy. Thank you to all who attended - it was a great chance to meet you all and we look forward to the next Real LiFE mission.



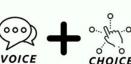






Student Agency 💦

"...the ability and the will to positively influence their own lives and the world around them." OECD, 2019









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Movember 2023 Total

What an amazing Movember we have had this year!

As we reach the end of the month of November we have raised **£4,009** during this year's campaign—and over £20,000 for Movember since we started supporting them!

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who have donated.

Year 12 students Nathan S and Charlie C completed their 60km run around Rutland Water last Saturday.

Nathan recalls the marathon and a half run: "Charlie and I completed our 60km ultramarathon



goal. Overall, the run took just under eight and a half hours including our stoppages for eating. Our route was 2x around Rutland Water and we got a very clear dav with not a cloud in the sky. We ran for the first 42km before realising we wouldn't be able to run any more without acquiring a major injury which would

stop us from reaching the finish line. This meant we walked the final 18 km. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us through the training process and our families who were there supplying food. We hope we will have made a difference to the lives of those in need that will be helped by the donations."

It's not too late to get involved if you still wish.

Please follow the link and join us in raising money and awareness of this great campaign. Mr Grest, Associate SLT



Desford Christmas Tree

We are supporting Desford Christmas Tree Festival once again this year with a specially decorated Christmas Tree.

The festival's theme this year is 'Toys Through Time' and our Year 7 students decorated our tree with specially made paper ornaments. The tree will be on display at St. Martin's



Church in Desford over this weekend as part of the Desford Christmas Festival.

Open Hands Donations

We are still accepting donations for the Christian charity, Open Hands.

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

Please bring your donations on the morning of Monday 4 December to ensure the donations are collected by Open Hands.

Be sure to check the expiration dates of all donations so they are in date and not 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

Friday Social Warm Space Open to EVERYONE FREE tea/coffee/lunch Friday 10am - 1pm Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, LE3 2PP

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Y12 Fire and Rescue Visit

On Thursday our Year 12 students were visited by Leicestershire Police, Fire and Rescue to increase awareness of safe driving.



As our Year 12 students begin to consider learning to drive they were given timely reminders of how important it is to drive safely and considerately as the consequences of not doing are severe. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue introduced students to the 'Fatal Four' that can lead to over 50 deaths on Leicestershire roads every year. Students were shown videos that warned about the dangers of using mobile phones, not wearing seat belts, speeding and driving whilst under the influence of drink and drugs.

Students were then given a live demonstration of cutting someone out of a car with Year 12 student,

Jack B, being a willing volunteer. We thank Leicestershire Police Fire and Rescue for an impactful visit and to the students who listened intently.





Racial Justice in Education

Our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors met on Tuesday to discuss Racial Justice in Education. The ambassadors - students Tanya N, Hermione S, Ava M-L, Oliver M, Salmatu B and Tariro S - have conducted surveys with students and staff members from Bosworth Academy about how race is represented in the school. This involved asking questions about the curriculum and teacher diversity.



The surveys' findings will be presented to the Racial Justice in Education campaign meeting where schools from across the LiFE MAT will meet with representatives from Citizens Leicester and Leicestershire and the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre. Ms Moran, Diversity Lead

School Closed December 1

Bosworth Academy will be closed to staff and students for one

day on Friday 1 December 2023 due to a disaggregated training day across the LiFE MAT. The school will reopen on Monday 4 December on the Week 2 timetable.



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Y7/8 Sports Leadership

Bosworth Academy has a proud history of providing Sporting Leaders at school sports events in the Hinckley & Bosworth and wider Leicestershire area in partnership with the Hinckley



& Bosworth School Sports Physical Activity Network. HBSSPAN are now looking for the sports leaders of the future and are running an

and after school course for our Vear

after school course for our Year 7 and 8 students starting on Monday 18th December (3:15pm -4:15pm) with the second session being on 15th January.



By taking part in the programme, students can utilise key skills and become valuable event/ programme support which they can participate in throughout their time here at Bosworth Academy – Some of these include:

- Ability to Lead
- Self Confidence
- Communication
- Presentation Skills
- Have the chance to progress to a qualification in Sports Leadership
- Learn how to organise and officiate sporting events
- Develop your coaching skills

Then they can be part of the organisation team at school sporting events across the Hinckley & Bosworth Area and Leicestershire.

Here is a video from some of our students who have become sports leaders in the past:

https://youtu.be/yaAvPKVNLHI

You can register a student's interest by the following channels:

- By filling out a Google Form <u>here</u>
- Or
 emailing mlynch@bg
 - emailing <u>mlynch@bosworthacademy.org.uk</u>

 Or students can see Mr Lynch at the School Games office (By Main Reception)
 Once a student's interest is registered, further information will be sent.

Mr Lynch, HBSSPAN Manager

Year 8/9 Football Success

On Tuesday Bosworth Academy entered a team into the HBSSPAN Year 8/9 Development football tournament which also featured teams from St Martins, Hastings, Brookvale Groby & Redmoor.



The team, managed by Mr Gough, started the tournament with a draw and a loss against St Martins & Hastings.

However after a break, and some tinkering with the formation by Mr Gough, Bosworth Academy beat the then group leaders Redmoor, 4-1, with Archie Kerslake grabbing a well taken hat trick. This led to the final game against Brookvale Groby,

with three teams still in with a chance of winning. Bosworth soaked up the pressure from a strong Brookvale Groby team and managed to grab a winner meaning that they leap frogged Brookvale Groby in the table to win on goals scored. Well done to the boys and Mr Gough. Mr Lynch, HBSSPAN Manager

Student Designs

Year 12 Food Science students practised more high level skills this week by jointing chickens and making mayonnaise. They made a main course of chicken en papilote, with the chicken breasts. The kitchen smelt



amazing! Be sure to follow <u>@bosworthacademyadt</u> on Instagram for the

latest designs.

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Disappearing Worms

At Year 7 and 8 Science clubs this week we did the disappearing worms experiment.





This experiment involves

cross linking chains of polymers to make them more rigid. We then added another chemical



experiment that involves cross linking polymers, which is the favourite -Tuesday 12.35 in S6 for 13.35 in S2 for Year 8.



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.



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Table Tennis Club

There was a great turn out this week at the table tennis club! Well done Year 8. We will see you in two weeks time, same time, same place: 12PM Thursday Week 1 in the Gym.



6C Celebration

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

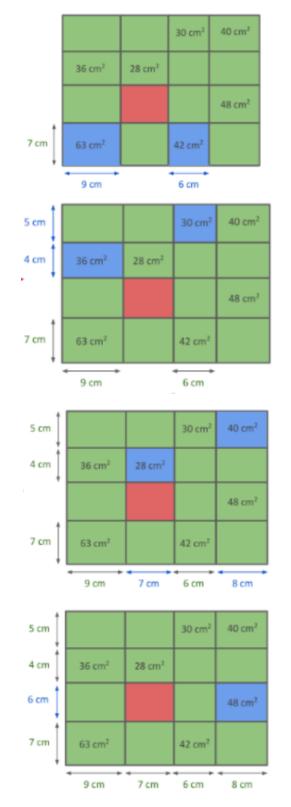


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Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last Week's Answer: 42

This puzzle can be solved by finding the width and lengths of the smaller rectangles. We can't find them all straight away but the diagrams below show how we can find them. In each diagram the blue rectangles have been used to work out the new (blue) lengths.

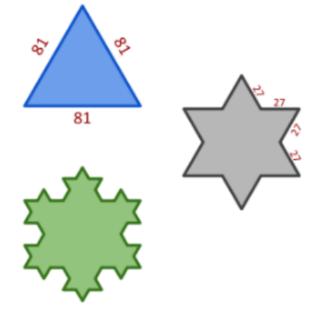


Now we have the length and width of the red rectangle and can find its area: $7 \text{cmX6Cm} = 42 \text{cm}^2$

This week's puzzle: What is the perimeter?

Charlie draws an equilateral triangle where each side is 81cm long.

He then takes out the middle third of each side and replaces it with a spike to make a second shape.



The spike is made of two lines which are both the same length as the part he took out. He repeats the process to make a third shape and then a fourth.

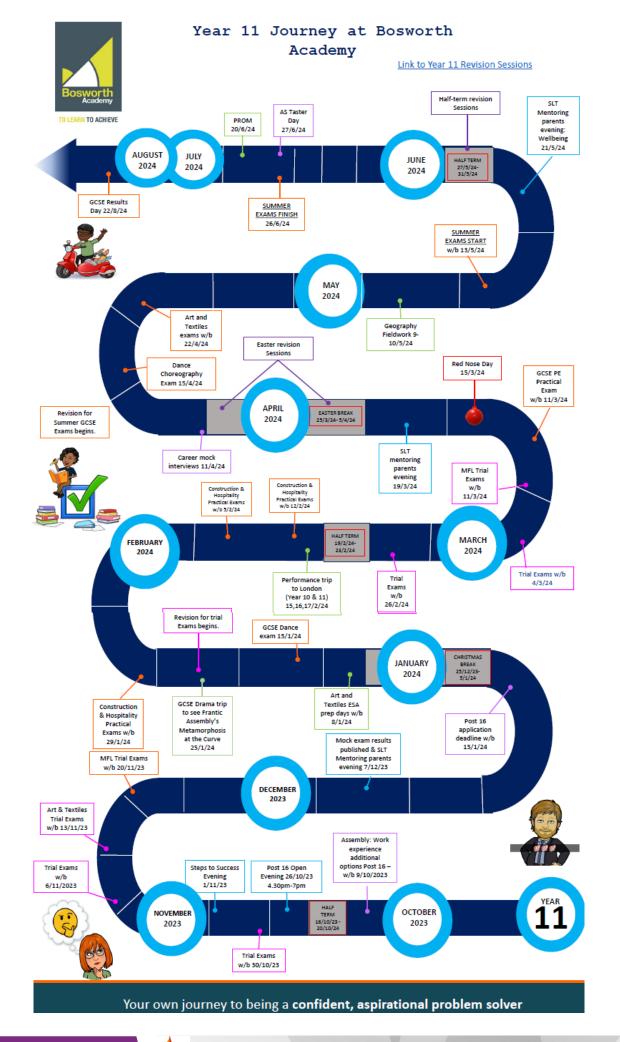
What is the perimeter of the 4th shape Charlie draws?

Extension: What would the perimeter of the 5th shape be? Or the 100th? Extension 2: If the area of Charlie's shape is 9X, what is the area of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th shapes?

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/

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Be better than you thought you could be

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What Schools Need to Know about

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and rusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This quick focus on one of mgnv is uses which we believe trusted adults should be aware of Please visit nationalcollesce.com for further rundes, hints and the Sor adults.

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- activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time. V-STATE

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent bout the hazards that any hildren using them could encounter – by publishing risk issessments for their platforms, or instance

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined

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NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate ? ges without consent, slation on the criming eepfakes has been ne new laws also dividuals who ev nare such image as been clarifie s also relate to who even threa to protec rticular o

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems to filter out unwa

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessir age-inappropriate mo This includes enforcing limits and implementing age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vig

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change. Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (su as on whatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instant making this an area where, for the moment, young here have local prediction. 99 nt, young people have less legal protection.

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ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online pletforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

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The Compass

Virtual Book Author Talk

On Thursday afternoon some of our students, who are taking part in a CLS 9for9 reading challenge this year, had the pleasure of listening to Emily Barr talk about her books and writing.



Emily talked about how she herself became an author and gave our students lots of amazing advice on how to become an author and what the whole process of getting published entails.

Emily also talked about her various books and particularly about 'Ghosted', which is one of the books that we are reading as part of the CLS 9for9 reading challenge. @MidlandsCLS



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.

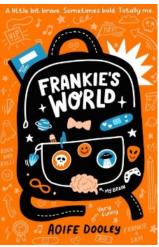
Book Recommendations

This week's focus is on graphic novels.

Key Stage Three

Frankie knows she's not like anyone else in her class: she's different, but she can't quite figure out why. Is it the new freckle on her nose, or the fact she's small for her age? Or that she has to go to the hospital sometimes? Everyone else seems to think she's weird too, and they make fun of her at school.

Frankie's dad left when she was a baby - maybe



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he was different too? It would explain why she always feels like an alien. So she and her bestfriend Sam, embark on a mission to track him down.

This is a frank & funny graphic novel from an autistic author-illustrator, about a very relatable main character, Frankie, an autistic girl.

Key Stage Four



1970s Afghanistan: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to

flee to America, Amir realises that one day he must return to an Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption.



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

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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Pork Sausage Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas Salad	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Chicken & Bacon Pasta Green Beans Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Chicken & Mushroom Pie Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Gravy	Battered Fish Seasoned Wedges Mushy Peas / Bean Salad
Piri Piri Chicken Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas Salad	Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta Green Beans Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Steak Pie Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Gravy	Chicken Balti Pie Seasoned Wedges Mushy Peas / Beans Salad
Vegan Sausage Herby Diced Potato Beans / Peas Salad	Vegan Slice & Yorkshire Pudding (Optional) Mashed Potato Broccoli / Carrots Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta Green Beans Garlic Bread Coleslaw	Vegetable Lattice Mashed Potato Mixed Veg Gravy	Vegan Fish Seasoned Wedges Mushy Peas / Beans Salad
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day

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



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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