

Welcome

15th December 2023 This penultimate week of term has been action packed. On Thursday evening we celebrated as many students received their Colours Awards in the Global Competencies, the 6Cs. Many students across Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 were also recognised for achieving 100% attendance across what has been a long term. An excellent achievement! Heads of Year presented special awards to students in their year groups for various



outstanding efforts worthy of true recognition. We were also treated to music from Rhea and from our own Rock Band, The Critical Thinkers, playing a great cover of a Pearl Jam track. It is always such a proud moment for parents and carers to see their young person walk out onto the stage to receive their award. More celebration evenings will take place next term for key stage 3 students - so keep displaying positive behaviours and getting those 6C passports completed.

A huge thank you must go to Mike Williams, BBC Sports Correspondent, and former student, who gave up his time to return to the Academy to inspire a new generation of Bosworth students. Mike worked with our GCSE and A level Media students in the Compass, and helped develop their script writing skills.

Students were fascinated by his stories about his work for the BBC and could see how achievable your dreams can be.

I caught up with Mike too, as he was a student in my Science class many years ago. Mike had a tour of the school, bringing back many memories of his time at Bosworth, and we even found his picture in our 2003 year group photo on display in the canteen!

Next week we will continue to be focused on learning, though there are many Christmas events to look forward to:

- All week: Celebration Award Assemblies by year group
- Tue 19th Dec: Christmas Dinner including Christmas crackers and party hats!
- Thu 21st Dec: Christmas Jumper Day or/and one item of bling accessory (£1 charity donation for UNICEF). NOT a non-uniform day!
- Fri 22nd Dec: The final lesson will be a Tutor Intervention Celebration. Buses depart at 1.10pm. Staff will wave students off for a Merry Christmas!

Though students are excited in anticipation for Christmas, it is important that students continue to focus on learning in lessons. As I said last week, we continue to teach our curriculum across all subjects to the final day of term so it is vital that students attend school and try their hardest. Christmas is also a time of peace and to show true kindness towards others. On our 'Christmas Jumper/Bling Day' we are accepting £1 donations via Squid towards the charity UNICEF to support the Children in Gaza who need life-saving support. Many families need humanitarian assistance and protection now, with 1.7 million people in the Gaza Strip displaced - half of them children. With little access to water, food, fuel and medicine any donation will be of great help to UNICEF and really appreciated.

As a 17th Century English writer once said; "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." Christmas is doing that little extra for someone, a really important message for our children to embrace.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Brown

Headteacher



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KS4/KS5 Colours Evening

Students in Key Stages Four and Five were rewarded for their hard work this term with at the latest Colours Evening.



The celebration recognised the work the students have done in each 6C values along with 100% attendance.

Individual students were also given special Head of Years award with Year 12 student Rebecca S being awarded Head of Key Stage Five.





There was also a special award for Year 12 Nathan S who received the Headteacher's medal in

recognition of his fundraising for this year's Movember appeal.

During the evening, students and parent/carers were treated to live music from Post 16 students who made the evening more memorable with terrific performances.

Well done to all students this term and we look forward to celebrating student success at the next Colours Evening.

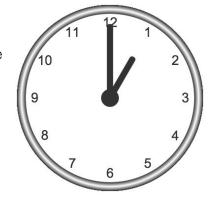


End of Term Arrangements

On Friday, December 22, 2023, we'll say a cheerful goodbye to our students, wrapping up a term filled with their success stories. As in previous years, we'll end the day slightly earlier so our staff

can meet, and recognise the achievements of those staff who are leaving Bosworth. We also reflect on the past academic year, preparing for the new year ahead.

The day is an important one for



students as tutors will look to celebrate the year. Students can grab cold food and snacks from the canteen during their regular break slot. At 12:35, all students will gather in their tutor groups to talk about their progress in 2023 and discuss ways to make 2024 successful.

The day will finish at 13:00, and buses will leave around 13:15. If you're picking up your child by car, aim to arrive after 13:15 once the buses have gone for smoother traffic.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher



BBC Radio Reporter Visits

On Monday we were delighted to welcome back former Bosworth student Mike Williams whose career in broadcasting has seen him become the sports correspondent on the BBC Radio 2 Zoe Ball Breakfast Show.



As we told you in the November 10th edition of In the Loop, Mike's fascination with radio was developed whilst he was at Bosworth and he returned to give a session on the radio industry with our GCSE and A Level Media students.



Having discussed the BBC services, which range from TV, radio and online, Mike then gave the Year 12 students a task in writing scripts for a radio two-way conversation on topical subjects.

The students' great creative flair was shown

in writing scripts which were then read aloud with Mike, who was impressed with the skills shown.



This valuable insight into the radio industry from Mike, and the experience of sharing scripts with a professional journalist, will enable our Year 12 students to develop their coursework in the spring. We thank Mike for visiting and sharing with us the practices of a BBC journalist.

Miss Alexander, Head of Cultural Studies

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:

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	
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS	

- Students should arrive to tutor time equipped and ready to learn by 8.35am ready to start at 8.40am.
- Any 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.

We want to maintain high standards and it is unfair to other students to have learning interrupted by any students arriving late.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Basketball Success

Congratulations to our basketball teams in Year 8, 9, 10 and Post 16 who have been victorious in HBSSPAN competitions last week.

An excellent achievement and testimony to all the hard work from the players ably coached by Igor Mirković and Miss Hall.











The Post 16 team were back in action this week and responded brilliantly to their first home defeat of the season on Wednesday night by going away to Stamford School the next day and winning 62-33. Mr Grest, Curriculum Leader PE





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Science Club Slime

This week at Science club we made slime.







Polymers are molecules that are long chains, in this practical we use a borax solution and this forms links between the polymer chains in PVA

This proved a very popular practical with Year 8 science club where we had a lot of new science club attendees! Remember Year 7 Science Club is on week 1 Tuesday 12.35 in S6.

Year 8 Science Club is on Wednesday week 1 13.35 in S2.

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







Sport Leaders

Due to an amazing response following our article inviting Year 7 & 8 students to join our Sports Leaders training programme, we



have decided to split everyone who has responded into two groups and do two extra dates. There will now be sessions for Year 8 students Monday 18th December & Thursday 25th January, and for Year 7 Students on 15th January & 1st February Mr Lynch has emailed all students with this week to give them their training dates. If there are clashes with your schools other sports clubs please let me know on

mlynch@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Mr Lynch, HBSSPAN Manager

Christmas Bling

Be sure to get in the festive mood on Thursday 21 December by swapping out an item of uniform for a Christmas bling accessory or Christmas jumper. We are supporting UNICEF Children in Gaza Appeal and ask for a donation of £1 (or more if you wish) to be made payable via sQuid. This will NOT be a non-uniform day so be sure to wear the rest of your uniform.



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6C Celebration

Thursday morning saw us celebrate the hard work of students across the Academy who have earned the most Character 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.







Reading Academy Brunch

On Friday our Reading Academy group came together to share hot chocolate and pastries as a reward for the brilliant work they are doing. This reading intervention sees Post 16 students work with Year 7 students to develop their literacy.

We have already seen great improvement and look forward to progressing further in the new year.

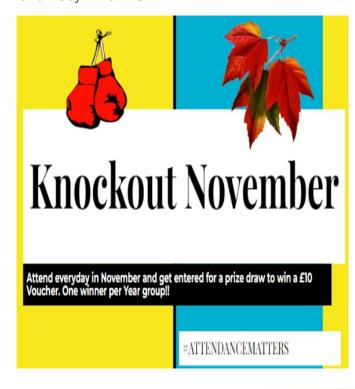
Miss Masih, Teacher of English



Knockout November

It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at Bosworth Academy. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on students' performance and well-being. Therefore we are pleased to announce the 'Knockout November' 100% attendance winners. Well done for winning the £10 voucher prize draw:

Rose G 7EPY, Samuel H 8GWR, Elijah W 9PGO, Ted H 10RWT, Sam R 11LGR, Precious A 12SGR and Ruby B 13EBO.



Attendance Prize Draw

Attend every day during the last week of term (18th-22nd December) to be entered into the Santa raffle prizes include:

- £20 Voucher
- £10 Voucher
- Chocolate
- Sweets





Student Designs

Our GCSE Art students have been getting creative with work inspired by Obey Giant and watercolour triptich.

Be sure to follow <u>@bosworthacademyadt</u> on Instagram for the latest designs.





After School Pickup

To avoid congestion and safe parking at the end of the day it is advisable that if you are collecting your child by car to come after 3.20pm when the buses have left the site.

The pick up experience is far easier and less stressful when the school is quiet after 3.20pm. Your child can wait in The Compass and spend this time reading or completing homework. The bus lanes will also be free by this time for you to park and await collection. Please ensure you aren't parking unsafely on the surrounding paths to the school site with police patrolling the roads to enforce this.

FSM Over Christmas Break

For those currently in receipt of free school meals, the voucher scheme for school holidays will continue to provide the service over the Christmas break.

Many of you will be familiar with the process; however, there are a few changes this year. Families will now receive an email from <u>Wonde</u> containing instructions to support you with accessing the vouchers. Please look out for this email.

The information shared with the company that supplies the evouchers uses the information from our Arbor system, so it is important that this information is correct.

On the last day of term, Friday 22nd December, the canteen will not be serving lunches. However, there will be packed lunches available for those students entitled to free school meals, if they have ordered one. All parents have received a link to a Google Form where they can order their food. The Google Form needs to be completed by 9pm on Sunday 18th December at the very latest, so please complete this over the weekend, if you haven't already done so.

If students do not order lunch, we cannot guarantee there will be food available for them. If your child is not currently registered for Free School Meals and you think your family should qualify, please click on the link: https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/ Synergy/

Have a very merry Christmas!

Ms O'Malley, Assistant Headteacher

Hoodies & Tracksuit Tops

This year we have worked really hard to improve our uniform standards, it is really nice to see our students looking so smart.

A minority of students have continued to wear a hoodie or tracksuit top which must not be worn in school. We are not prepared to continually ask students to follow our uniform code. Any student wearing a hoodie or tracksuit top in school will have this item confiscated for return at the end of the week. Repeat offenders will have their hoodies and tracksuit tops confiscated until their parents collect them. Please can you discuss this and remind your child. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last Week's Answer: 68

The first thing to do is to figure out who lives in each house in Christmas Town. The two clues below tells us who lives

in two of the houses straight away:

- Rudolph lives in the most easterly town in Christmas Town
- Father Christmas lives in the centre of town

We need to make a deduction to figure out the remaining three houses:

Donner lives at the complete opposite end of town to Blitzen = Means that Donner and Blitzen must live in houses 1 and 3 (but we do not yet know which way round yet) and Prancer must live in house 2.



south than Donner = As Prancer is in house 2, Donner must live in house 1.

Now we work out how far everyone has travelled and add them all up to get our answer. There are many routes for each person, the ones below are the shortest but there are other alternatives of the same length.

The full working out can be found in the table below:



Kayleigh, Cameron, Evie and Heather are doing a "Secret Santa".

They write their names on a piece of paper and put them into a hat. They mix the names up and take one name out each. They buy a present for the person on their piece of paper.



If anyone picks their own name then it counts as a failure and they put all the names back in the hat and start again.

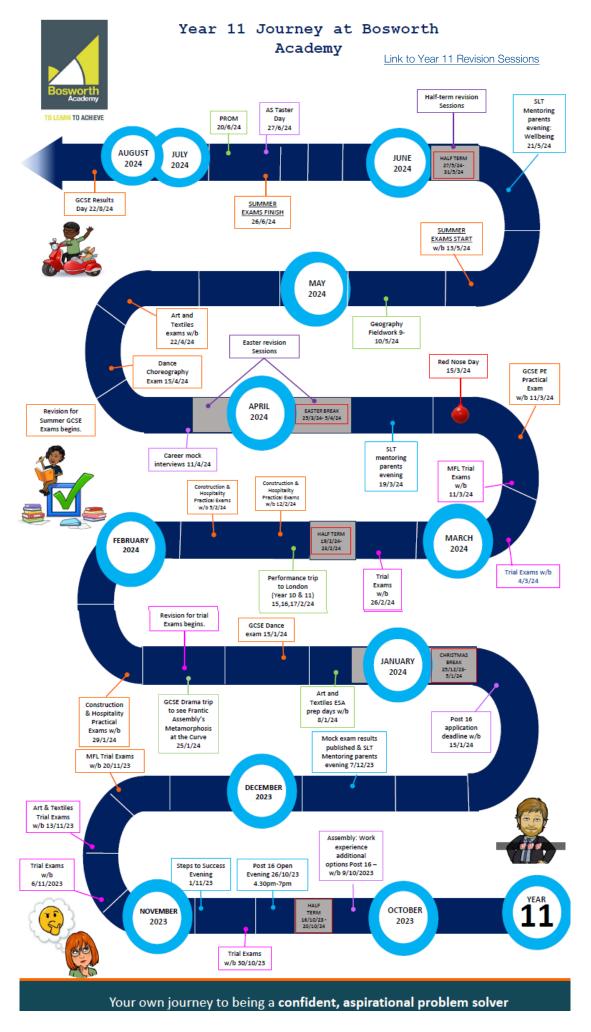
How many different successful outcomes are there?

Extension: What if Andy decided to join the Secret Santa?



Father Christmas	Father Christmas stayed at home all day.			0 km
Donner	Donner went to see Father Christmas and then went home.	$D \rightarrow P \rightarrow FC \rightarrow P \rightarrow D$	4+3+3+4	14 km
Blitzen	Blitzen went to Prancer's and then they both went to stay at Rudolph's house.	$B \rightarrow R \rightarrow FC \rightarrow P \rightarrow FC \rightarrow R$	7+3+3+3+3	19 km
Prancer		P→FC→R	3+3	6 km
Rudolph	Rudolph delivered a card to everyone in town and then went home.	$R \rightarrow B \rightarrow R \rightarrow FC \rightarrow P \rightarrow D \rightarrow R$	7+7+3+3+4+5	29 km













The Compass

AR 100% Scores

Our Year 7 and 8 students have completed their autumn 'marking period' in terms of their reading within Accelerated Reader programme.





Each year is split into four marking periods; autumn, winter, spring and summer; where students are set a points target to reach - they do this by reading and taking AR book quizzes. Their



target is determined by their reading level, so it's individual, but everyone is expected to read at least 20 minutes a day.

We have had a number of students reach their target - they have all received 10 reward points and have been told about this in their library lesson. Six out of these students, 1 in Year 7 and 5 in Year 8, have been exceptional - not only have they achieved their AR target, but they were also 100% correct every time they took a quiz, which is a brilliant achievement! They have each received a special gold 100% badge and should be very proud of themselves.

Well done to Year 7 student Myla H and Year 8 students George S., Louisa J., Alysha B., Dylan M. and Nicholas S.

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian

Creative Writing Workshop

On Monday afternoon, we had the pleasure of welcoming one of the amazing Librarians from the Creative Learning Services to our school. Jo is not only a Librarian but also a writer herself and she runs an amazing creative writing workshop for our CREW Year 8 students. Students explored various objects that Jo brought in with her and picked one to use to inspire a story, which they started writing during the session. Student comments: "It was extremely fun and very indulging. Gave me a lot of freedom to write what I want. I went without too much input or help. Very proud of what I've written."





"Good. Want to finish my work as I think it may become a good story!"

"I really enjoyed this lesson as it was fascinating and exciting learning about new things and hope to do this again."

"Amazing - thank you!"

"I liked how there was no limit for creativity."

Mrs Griffiths, Librarian



Book Recommendations

Key Stage Three



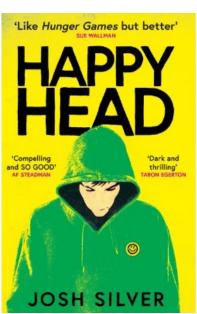
When Danny is kidnapped by Adi who can run through brick walls and make cars drive on water - he realises that all humans are in danger. Adi is part of a superadvanced hive mind, the Swarm, which intends to protect the Earth from the environmental catastrophe caused by the human race.

Adi - Alien Digital Intelligence in the form of a girl can bend the laws of physics and control digital data, but as a digital being she wants to know what it's like to be human. Which is where Danny comes in.

But what exactly is the 'help' the secretive Swarm is offering? Can Danny and his friend Jamila help Adi stop the Swarm Agents and give humanity a second chance?

Key Stage Four

We are in an epidemic. An epidemic of unhappiness. ... Friends, here is the good news:



HappyHead has the answer. But as he finds himself drawn to the enigmatic Finn, Seb starts to question the true nature of the challenges they must undergo. The deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it's clear there may be no escape...

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 December	End of Autumn 2023 term - 1PM finish
Monday 8 January 2024	Spring 2024 term starts
Monday 19-Friday 23 February 2024	Spring half term
Friday 22 March 2024	End of Spring 2024 term
Monday 8 April 2024	Summer 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 Opportunities

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

- Cleaning Operatives (PM)
- Cover Coach For more information please click here.









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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