



# Post 16 Newsletter | December 2023

## Welcome

As we draw to the end of a very long term, students are ready for the Christmas break. This term has been really busy as students in both Year 12 and 13 sat interim tests and mock exams to assess their progress and identify where they need to focus to prepare for the exams in May/June. Now nearly all the Year 13 students who are applying for university have sent their applications to UCAS with many students having received a range of offers and the interview period has begun. We wish them all the best of luck!

Alongside students preparing for tests and mock exams there have been lots of opportunities for students to develop their wider 6C skills, and I was privileged to host 'Colours Evening' in mid December alongside Mr Brown and Mr Worn to recognise the achievements of our young people who make such a valuable contribution to the Bosworth Academy community.



During the evening parents, carers and students were welcomed by Rhea on the piano before being serenaded by Year 12 music students who performed an impressive rendition of Pearl Jam's Even Flow. What feels like a lifetime ago was our Open Evening

in October where we showcased the opportunities and courses available to students considering their next steps following GCSE exams. We were overwhelmed with the number of visitors on the evening and look forward to welcoming applicants from a wide area, last year we had applications from over 26 different high schools! You can read about some of the activities further. Lastly, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Louise Holdback  
**Assistant Headteacher,  
Head of Post 16**



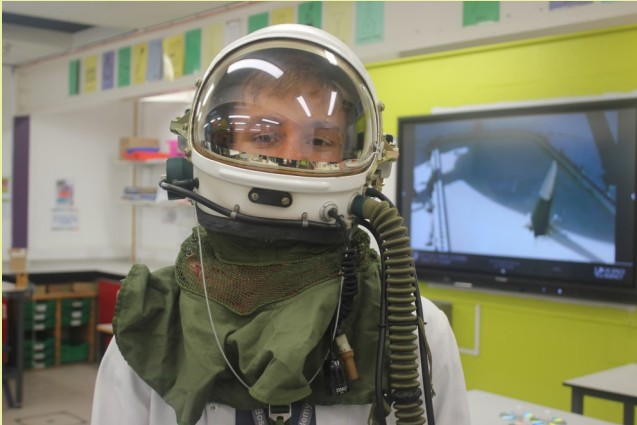
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## Post 16 Open Evening

On Thursday we gladly welcomed students and their parents/carers from other schools around Leicestershire, as well as those from Bosworth Academy, for our Post 16 open evening.

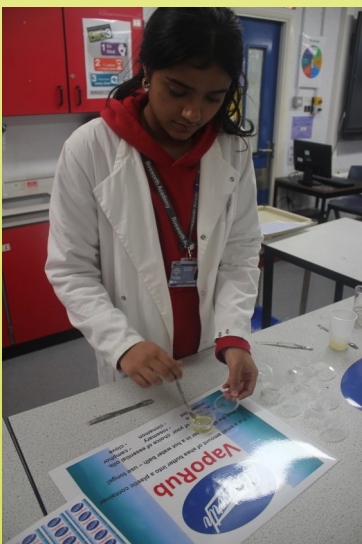


Current Sixth Form student ambassadors greeted our visitors and gave them a guided tour of the Academy with subject specialists showcasing the different departments on offer.



From chorizo sizzling in Food Science and Nutrition to Vapo Rub making in Chemistry, subjects came to life and visitors were offered a great insight to what they can study at Post 16.

During the evening the two presentations discussed the culture and value systems which enable students to progress into future career pathways. One of our former students, Samantha Martin, now studying History at Somerville College at Oxford University,



addressed the presentations via video link. Samantha discussed how she strives to go out of her comfort zone and be better than she



thought she could be by applying for Oxbridge after not initially considering that option. Year 11 students will now consider their options for next year and if you have further questions or want more information about our Post 16 provision please contact Post 16 Administrator, Lesley Brookes, at

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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 glucose 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. These insights will now give students a firm 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.



## KS5 Colours Evening

Students in Key Stage Five were rewarded for their hard work this term 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.

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## A Level Paris Trip

“Bonjour Bosworth Academy et bienvenue à Paris! Nos étudiants de Post 16 se sont vraiment immergés dans la culture française.”

Hello Bosworth Academy and welcome from Paris! Our Post 16 students have really immersed themselves in the French culture.



The sights and sounds of this vibrant city were experienced by our students, including Year 13 student Josh E who wrote:

“On Tuesday, our first full day in Paris, we started by getting on the (very crowded) Paris metro and travelled to Carcado-Saisseval Sixth

Form to meet our French counterparts.



“We had conversations in French and English and there were presentations from both sides. On a personal level I was delighted to practise my Norwegian with another Norwegian student as well! We did some team building activities and then left to eat lunch in McDonald's (very French I know). After that we did a tour of Paris, starting with the Louvre, which was very stunning. We then walked along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, stopping at a crepe stool and a French market en route.

“I saw lots of low planes which was exciting and

then we went to the Eiffel Tower. We were very lucky to see it lit up as the sun had gone down and we took lots of photos. We spent a long time there so that by the time we got back to the hotel my feet were very sore (as were everyone else's), then we ate dinner and chilled for the evening, ready for another busy day the day after.”

Year 13 student Gornil K added:

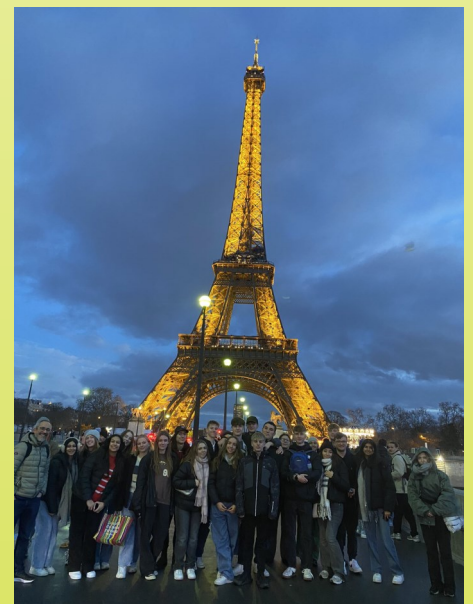
“First of all, I must say that the teachers did such a wonderful job in showing us around Paris, ensuring our safety. Moreover, they didn't miss to celebrate my birthday in an amazing way! Going all around Paris, was an experience that I will never forget! The view of Eiffel Tower, Versailles and Montmartre, was incredible as we captured the remarkable history and beauty of Paris.”

Nous sommes extrêmement fiers de nos étudiants qui ont porté les valeurs de notre établissement Bosworth Academy. Nous avons hâte de revenir à Paris.

We are extremely proud of our students who have carried our school values of Bosworth Academy.

We are looking forward to visiting Paris once again.

**Miss Butterfield,  
Mr Mainaird  
and Miss Guilbaud**



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## November 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 day 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.

## Y12 Fire & Rescue

On Thursday 30 November 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 considerably

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.



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## Riders Open Courts

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.

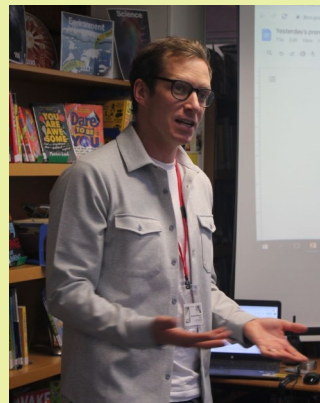


"It was a great experience as a whole. Having the team pull up to the school was a great experience to have," said Elyas.

"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.

## 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.

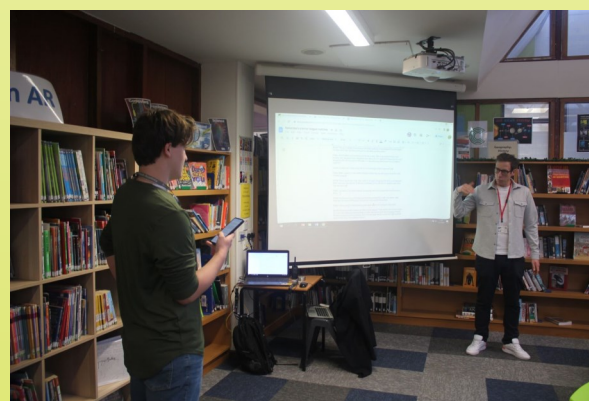


Mike's fascination with radio was developed whilst he was at Bosworth and he returned to give a session on the radio industry with our GCSE and A Level Media students.



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**

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## Desford Christmas Festival

The 'Live Loungers' represented the school brilliantly at the Desford Christmas Festival recently.



Rhea, Stefano, Ben, Xander and Tom performed well-known Christmas songs on the Market Stage to a very receptive audience who thought they were an established band, such was the standard of their music. Congratulations to all

involved and a big thank you for giving up your time when others were enjoying a day off school!

**Mrs Dye, Leader of Music**

## Stitch Extravaganza

On Friday 3 November Year 12 Textiles students visited Church Hall in Desford taking part in the Stitch Extravaganza!



The annual event brings the local stitching community together to create items for the charity Desford Loving Hands. This year, fleece lined quilts are being made for Project Linus to deliver to children in local hospitals, providing them with that extra comfort and warmth they need during their hospital stay. The students worked hard for the entire session, creating some beautiful blankets in collaboration with the local community. Well done folks!



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