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

# Welcome

9th February 2024 There have been so many dynamic experiences taking place at Bosworth this week. Seeing our Year 11 students excelling in both Hospitality & Catering and Construction assessments was a pleasure.



Students

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Students displayed strong resilience; at times when things didn't go to plan, they did not give up, just adapted and moved on. Their organisation, focus and determination to succeed have been brilliant. Students have seen the importance of practice and the importance of putting the time into practising.

On Tuesday our Year 13 students enjoyed a Maximising Potential seminar. The session focused on demonstrating specific revision skills which students can then utilise in their revision at home. The presenter focused on building resilience and stress management; reinforcing the idea that there is still time to plan and create effective revision strategies as well as increasing motivation for students. Hopefully, parents will see an upturn in time spent on revision this week! Assemblies, led by students and Miss Kirkham, recognised Race Equality Week. During this collaborative event,



we all learned more about what Race Equality Week is, its role in tackling race inequality, and how organisations and schools can get involved. As a school committed to anti-racism we aim to continue to develop our racial literacy to feel increasingly comfortable and confident in uncomfortable conversations about race and challenge racism. Our curriculum leaders are focused on decolonising the curriculum to support all students, staff and teachers. Decolonising education involves examining the limitations and biases of the current curriculum and making sure that all students feel represented.

I'd like to thank all parents and students for completing our recent 'voice' questionnaires. Once we have analysed and evaluated the responses we will once again share how we will look to improve our practice. Look out for news in later editions of 'In the Loop'.

This week I have visited numerous

Science lessons. It has been great to see students excelling in genetical engineering, measuring reaction rates using gas syringes, analysing population growth models and predicting the effects of conditions on equilibrium systems. I also picked up on some gossip among students, overhearing that, "Last night, Oxygen and Potassium went on a date. Supposedly, it went OK."

I'll leave you to recall your Periodic Table knowledge. Have a great weekend, Mr Brown Headteacher



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# Year 8 Speed Networking

Year 8 students were given an insight into the world of work when they took part in a Careers Speed Networking event on Thursday.



The day saw over 25 representatives from local businesses and employers in a range of industries including Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, architecture and engineering visit Bosworth Academy.



Students asked the representatives engaging questions which allowed them to get a better understanding of the career pathways available to them.

After five minutes of questioning the representatives rotated around the main hall and this allowed the students to speak to a range of professionals.

We thank all those representatives who attended and for LEBC for coordinating the event.

Mrs Marlow, Careers Coordinator

# **Y11 Hospitality & Catering**

This week the Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students have been doing their practical for their Controlled Assessment. They are working to an exam board given a brief, and have had to plan two dishes, including side dishes and accompaniments, to make in a set time. This contributes towards 60% of their GCSE grade. They have had to show as many complex preparation and cooking techniques, as independently as possible, whilst making sure they are adhering to all hygiene and safety rules. Students have excelled themselves using an array of professional executed skills such as jointing chicken, filleting fish, making their own breads, pastas and pastries. Some have made mayonnaise from scratch and ice creams and custards too.

Their planning and organisation has been fantastic. Many have had to overcome issues when things have not gone 100% to plan or as practised, but when this has happened every student has shown amazing strength of character and resilience to overcome, carry on and adapt plans to still produce the dish they wanted.

We'd like to thank parents and guardians too, for their support of the students, as we know many have practised multiple times at home! We are both so proud of their hard work and effort in getting prepared for these assessments. The dishes they produced have really wowed us in every way, from presentation, standard of technique and precision and taste!

Now we are hoping they put as much focus into completing the written element of the assessment with as much effort. From two very happy Hospitality teachers.... Mrs Brockhouse and Mrs Hewitt

# **Apprenticeship Week**

This week has been National Apprenticeship Week highlighting the pathway which enables you to experience the working environment as you train.

More information on apprenticeships can be found <u>here</u>.

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# Year 13 Maximise Potential

On Tuesday Year 13 students were given an insight on how to get the edge on their upcoming exams with an intervention from Maximise Your Potential.



Students heard from Jeremy, of Maximise Your Potential, who said that resilience and the ability to maintain a positive attitude will assist the students achieve their goals.

Advice was also given in memory techniques for writing essays and how to use retrieval practice in revision.

We thank Maximise Your Potential for visiting us and giving our Year 13 students timely advice in not only assisting them in their exams but in their future beyond Bosworth Academy.

### **Musical Instruments**

Do you have instruments gathering dust in your garage, loft etc. which could be put to good use by our students?



We would love to increase our stock of guitars, drum kits and keyboards, indeed any instrument, if anyone has anything they would like to donate.

Think of all that extra space!

If you think you may be in a position to support us, please contact Mrs Dye in the Cultural Studies faculty or hand in your donations at the Main Reception.

Mrs Dye, Leader of Music

# **Bedrock Winners**

Well done to tutor groups 7SMC and 8JPA for showing great literacy skills in this month's Bedrock to claim the trophy. Who will get the trophy next month?

Miss Masih, Teacher of English





# **Race Equality Week**

This week we have been recognising Race Equality Week with special student-led assemblies. Students Makhal S (Year 7), Hermione S (Year 10) and Jasmine R (Year 12) delivered the assembly to Year 10 students on Tuesday and discussed how important it is to treat each other fairly, no matter what race they are.

This also gives us a timely reminder of that our values of Citizenship, Communication and Collaboration allows us to come together and achieve, no matter the background.



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# Y8/9 Futsal

The Year 8/9 girls futsal teams had their turn taking part in the Hinckley and Bosworth competition. After some tough group games, both teams faced each other in a tough battle with the B team coming out on top. **Miss Hall, Teacher of PE** 





# Y11 Rugby Quarter Final

Our Year 11 rugby team were victorious in the recent County Cup Quarter Final against Robert Smyth.

The final result was Robert Smyth 0 - Bosworth Academy 22 with tries from Jack x2, Parker and TJ. Man of the Match was Parker.

Great effort and attitude shown by the whole team in a fierce battle in awful conditions. Great tackles, incredible defence and amazing team spirit to ensure a deserved victory.



Now the semi final against Ashby on the 29th.... Mr Gough, Teacher of PE

# **Healthy Start**

Healthy Start is an NHS scheme that helps families with young children under 4 or people that are more than 10 weeks pregnant and are receiving benefits, to buy healthy food and milk. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops, with the allowance added onto this card every 4 weeks.

The card can be used to buy:

- Plain liquid cow's milk
- Fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- Fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- Infant formula milk based on cow's milk

The Healthy Start card can also be used to collect Healthy Start vitamins, to support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding or vitamin drops for babies and young children, that are suitable from birth to 4 years old.

For more information on eligibility and applying, please go to: <u>www.healthystart.nhs.uk</u>

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

## **Exam Support**



# 5 Ways to support autistic students through Exams.



More details can be found <u>here</u>. Mrs Croucher, SENDCo

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# Maths Puzzle of the Week

#### Last Week's Answer: 14

Perhaps the most elegant way to solve this problem is using algebra. As a = e-4 and b = e-3etc. we can substitute those into our original equation and then expand, simplify and solve the resulting quadratic.

 $(e-4)^{2} + (e-3)^{2} + (e-2)^{2} = (e-1)^{2} + e^{2}$   $e^{2} - 8e + 16 + e^{2} - 6e + 9 + e^{2} - 4e + 4 = e^{2} - 2e + 1 + e^{2}$   $3e^{2} - 18e + 29 = 2e^{2} - 2e + 1$   $e^{2} - 16e + 28 = 0$  (e-14)(e-2) = 0 e = 14 or 2

As all the numbers must be positive e must be 14.



#### This week's puzzle: 3-Card Straights

Fergus is using playing cars to make "3-card straights".

He only has the 14 cards shown below to choose from.



They are the spades and hearts valued from 3 to 9.

# How many different 3-card straights can Fergus make?

What if Fergus could use more cards? Or another suit? Or a whole 52 card deck? Reminder:



A straight is made when all the cards have consecutive values. Two different 3-card straights are shown above.

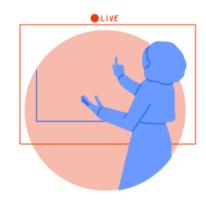
## Tassomai

Year 11 students can now earn 'Prom Passport Points' for every daily goal they complete on Tassomai: so if your child is eager to attend the prom, encourage them to complete as many daily goals as possible!



From now until the Prom, students who complete a minimum of 4/7 daily goals each week will be

entered into a prize draw. The 10 lucky winners will get **50% off their prom ticket purchase**! Additionally, Tassomai are hosting <u>free</u>, online revision sessions over



half-term. Please click this <u>link</u> to sign your child up for a session. Finally, a shout out to the following students for completing 31/31 Daily Goals in January!

Aaron. B 11EMR , Jack, B 11SOE , Hermish P 11HGO, George H.S 11NSA, Alfie J 11MWI. Mr Rowe, 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 here.

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



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# Al and Assessments

#### What is AI?

Al stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks

Al tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My Al can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased How can AI be misused in assessments?

Al misuse is when you take something made using Al and say it's your own work.

# THIS IS CHEATING!

#### How do I make sure I don't misuse AI?

#### Know the rules

- You're not allowed to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work
- Reference reference reference! If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly
- Name the AI tool you used
- Add the date you generated the content
- Explain how you used it
- Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got

Declare it's all your own work – When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration. Anything without a reference must be all your own work. If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references

#### What happens if I misuse AI?

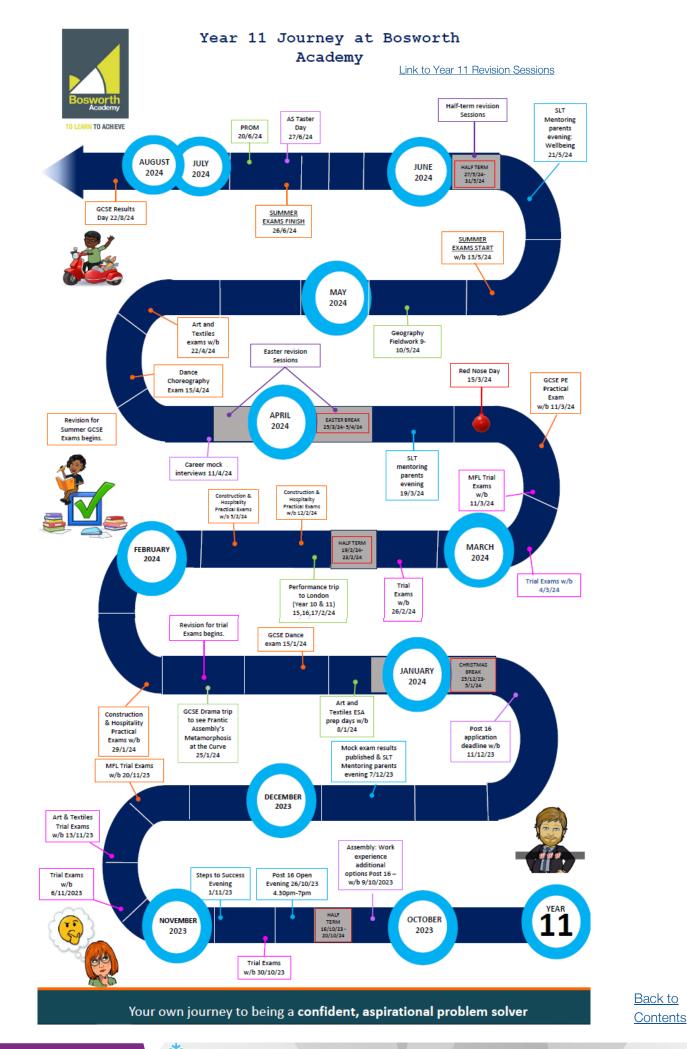
If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

DON'T RISK IT!

**REMEMBER** Misusing AI is cheating!

Know the rules Talk to your teachers Reference clearly

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Online video calling with random strangers. It's hardly a new internet phenomenon – but the recent demise of Omegle has prompted the creation of several similar platforms bidding to fill the vacuum. One such contender is Monkey – a service that randomly connects its users for video calls, using their mobile numbers and Snapchat account details.

Monkey has surged in popularity since Omegle's shutdown in November 2023: visits to the site more than doubled within a month and have been climbing steadily ever since. Regrettably, it also seems that Monkey suffers from many of the same pitfalls as its notorious predecessor – the poster above highlights the possible risks to young people in more detail.

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# The Compass

# **Reading Rampage Update**

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have spent the Tuesday break time designing bookmarks, creating alternative book covers or doing a challenge connected to the book. Students have until the end of the week to submit their work and prizes will be awarded to the best entries - look out for the photos next week!

Winners from last week's are:

Y7 bookmark winners - Amelie, Maddie & David Y7 quiz questions winners - Amelie & Lottie



Y8 bookmark winners - Robbie, Erin, Savreena, Micah, Bethany, Ava & Fanni



# January AR Leaderboard

1	7SMC	5,654,986	1	8GWR	2,205,479
2	7SMK	3,361,565	2	8JHI	1,883,274
3	7HBE	1,967,926	3	8STH	1,856,483
4	7CWL	1,425,832	4	8JPA	1,109,720
5	7EPY	1,216,503	5	8MEM	1,091,560
6	7НСО	1,090,628	6	8CDE	1,090,231
7	7JWI	781,071	7	8MBL	878,527
8	7GDV	434,968	8	8GHI	381,584
9	7JST	424,233	9	8LMA	355,697
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# Whole Year AR Leaderboard

1	7SMK	9,484,952	1	8JHI	8,881,847
2	7SMC	7,538,559	2	8GWR	7,969,326
3	7CWL	7,190,053	3	8MEM	6,745,002
4	7HBE	6,566,609	4	8JPA	5,925,506
5	7EPY	5,420,441	5	8GHI	5,187,632
6	7JST	3,480,811	6	8STH	4,405,391
7	7НСО	2,389,153	7	8LMA	3,685,968
8	7JWI	2,165,469	8	8MBL	2,995,722
9	7GDV	1,485,766	9	8CDE	2,821,860
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# **Book Recommendations**

#### Key Stage Three

# READING RAMPAGE 2024 INTRODUCING Helen Rutter

author of The Piano at the Station

#### About the Author

Heien Rutter's debut novel, The Boy Who Made Everyo Laugh, received huge acclaim - it was a Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and shortlisted for the Costa, Blue Peter and Branford Boase awards. Its highly anticipated sequel, The Funniest Boy in the World, published in 2023. The Piano at the Station is Helen's first title for Barrington Stoke.



#### About the Book

acey can't seem to stop herself from getting in rouble at school. Her headteacher suggests she too the music room at lunch time to keep out of the way of other students. At first reluctant, slowly Lacey starts to realise that she is interested in the musical instruments, especially the piano. Could music be a way to escape her chaotic life, just for a little while?



#### Key Stage Four

The students at Morton Academy are highachievers, selected based on academic



excellence. So when a series of murders target the school's brightest and best, the pressure is on. Someone is determined to stop at nothing to clear their path to the top. But who is it? And can they be stopped? Good for fans of crime thrillers, slasher films and similar.

# **Dates For Your Diary**

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 15 February	KS3 Colours Evening. Invite Only 4.30-6.40PM
Monday 19 — Friday 23 February	Spring half term School Closed
Friday 22 March	End of Spring term
Monday 8 April	Summer term starts
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday School Closed
Monday 27— Friday 31 May	Summer half term School Closed
Wednesday 10 July	End of summer term

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>

## **Job Opportunities**

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

Teacher of Science

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• Cover Coach

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chinese NY				
Sweet & Sour Chicken	CHEFS FLAVOUR Chicken Drumstick	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Hot & Spicy Chicke Burger
Rice / Spring Roll	Herby Diced	New Potatoes Broccoli	Mashed Potato	Potato Wedges
Broccoli & Carrots Prawn Crackers	Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Garlic Bread	Mixed Veg & Gravy	Peas / Fresh Salad Coleslaw
Szechuan Chicken	Caribbean Chicken	BBQ Chicken Breast	Pork Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Beef / Cheese Burger
Rice / Spring Roll	Rice & Peas	New Potatoes	Mashed Potato	Potato Wedges
Broccoli & Carrots Prawn Crackers	Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Broccoli Garlic Bread	Mixed ∨eg & Gravy	Peas / Fresh Salad Coleslaw
Vegetable Sweet & Sour	Caribbean Vegan Slice	Vegan BBQ Slice	Vegan Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Breaded Vegetable Burger
Rice / Spring Roll	Rice & Peas	Broccoli	Mashed Potato	Potato Wedges
Broccoli & Carrots Prawn Crackers	Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Garlic Bread	Mixed Veg & Gravy	Peas / Fresh Salad Coleslaw
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day
	Filled Baguett	es, Sandwiches, Wraps	available Daily	

# **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



# 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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