



The Oaks



Bosworth Academy

## Post 16 Newsletter | July 2024

### Welcome

With only a few days left of the term it has been incredibly busy in Post 16. Work has started on the refurbishment of the Oaks study and Social areas, contractors are making exceptional progress and we hope that the new facilities will be ready for use in September. The areas will provide a much bigger study

space and there will also be a food and drink outlet for students and staff. We recently welcomed Year 11 students who have applied to us for A level courses in September. They were welcomed by ambassadors who guided them to an informative assembly with Alison Woolley, Head of Year 12, for the new intake. During the day students had the

opportunity to sample all the subjects they had selected for A level and were given transition work to complete over the summer holidays, a chance to prepare for the rigor of A level study!

In terms of planning for their future many current Year 12 students attended a trip to the UCAS convention in Sheffield in June and have been busy planning open day visits, as they tour around the country making important decisions about the next steps in their educational journey. Having decided on their destinations they are beginning to write the all important personal statement, a chance for them to share their achievements on a wider scale in a quest to

gain places on university courses and apprenticeships. On 25th June we held our first Sixth Form Culture Day, where students planned and took part in a range of events to celebrate their culture. The event was a resounding success and we hope to extend the opportunity to the wider academy in the next academic year. Photographs of the event are included in this publication.



Ensuring students have lots to write on their CVs and applications Sixth formers took part in Enterprise Day on Monday 1 July, developing an idea for an App to be marketed to experts from local businesses. The experts were so impressed by the winning team that they sent the idea to the CEO of InPost to consider. The innovative ideas students came up

with were amazing!

In the final week some of our students had the opportunity to visit Alton Towers, a chance to relax a little after a hard year, stepping up to the challenge of A levels.

The term ends on Wednesday 10th July at 3.10pm, and we wish all our students a relaxing summer break, an opportunity to recharge their batteries before the new term starts at the end of August

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



## Y12 Cultural Day

Our rich and diverse Year 12 community came together on Tuesday 25 June to celebrate the different cultures throughout the year group.

A range of activities were held at different stalls including henna painting, gingerbread football shirt decorating and a country cuisine matching game. Students who wore cultural dress enjoyed having their photo taken on the red carpet whilst staff members joined in the activities. The day's activities continued in the warm weather with rounders, basketball and ultimate frisbee being played. It was lovely to see how so many different cultures are represented in our Sixth Form and we hope to continue our Cultural Days in the future for the whole school.

**Mrs Holdback, Head of Key Stage Five**



## AS/A Level Taster Day

We recently welcomed current Year 11 students from Bosworth Academy and surrounding schools on Thursday to sample our Post 16 during a Taster Day.

The students, who wish to study Post 16 at Bosworth Academy next year, took part in a range of activities across the curriculum, from extracting DNA in Biology to making honeycomb in Food Science. Student ambassadors from our existing Year 12 cohort were able to give personalised tours and discussed the upcoming refurbishment of The Oaks study area.

Visitors said how much they enjoyed the day meeting new people as well as learning more about the subjects they'll be studying at Post 16.

We wish all Year 11 students the best of luck in their GCSE results and look forward to seeing them start Year 12 in September.



## Year 12 Enterprise Day

Our Year 12 students showed their entrepreneurial spirit on Monday 1 July as they took part in the annual Enterprise Day where business ideas for an app were pitched to industry experts in the “Lion’s Lair”.



Students worked in their tutor groups and developed their initial ideas with business plans, marketing campaigns and sales projections being discussed. Industry experts or “Lions” went around the groups to gain an insight into the

Communication,

Creativity, Critical Thinking and Collaboration shown by our Year 12 students.

One of these experts was Phil Sterne who was impressed with the students’ business acumen: “Each year I’m astounded by the creativity, ideas, technical design capability, and sheer pluckiness of our young people - especially when presenting.

“Unrestrained by ‘life’ but pushed by their existing life experience, they came up with a social enterprise reliant on infrastructure partnerships and charity finding, environmentally conscious fashion apps, one that tells you where the nearest loo is, wherever you are, and notably a slang translator for old people like me who still say cool and awesome, and not lit, shade, and slay”, said Phil.

After developing their ideas, each group presented their proposal to the Lions with a range of apps shared to make the world even more convenient and fair.

All groups showed great ingenuity and, after deliberation, **12JRO’s Aidify app** supporting the homeless was chosen as the winner.

Well done to all students.



## Year 12 UCAS Discovery Fair

The UCAS Discovery fair at Sheffield Arena offers an opportunity for our Year 12 students to explore the range of courses on offer to them after they complete A Levels.



Students arrived to the buzz of busy stalls, information areas and workshop sessions. Staff and students from universities and companies ran stands where our Year 12s could ask them about university life, course requirements and apprenticeship opportunities and discuss their experiences of life after A Levels. Students were very positive about the visit and found the event informative. The available information will assist students in making decisions about what sort of course they want to apply for, what sort of place they'd like to study and live at, what grades they require to access the course and what opportunities courses open up for them in the future.



The trip gave our students a chance to share with their peers what their ambitions and concerns are, so they could reflect on what way forward would be most appropriate for them. Many of our Year 12s are now planning visits to university open days to gather more information and help them make decisions for their UCAS applications. Year 12 tutors have begun supporting our students in the UCAS process, which will continue into the new academic year.

If any Year 12s missed our trip, but wanted to attend a UCAS Discovery event, other events are coming up in the Midlands, and it may be possible for students to obtain individual tickets to access these. Please see <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/university-events-and-open-days/ucas-discovery-exhibitions> for more information.

Alison Woolley, Post-16 Year Head

## U18 Football Champions

The U18 boys football team took part in their third final in a row in the U18 County Championships on Wednesday 1 May at Leicester City's training ground in Seagrave.



After last year's disappointment the team were looking to bring the trophy back to Bosworth, with Wigston Academy the opponents.

Wigston started much better and found themselves 1-0 up 15 minutes in after a long range effort. Shortly before half time, Wigston made it 2, the ball falling kindly in the area to the opponents and finding its way into the back of the net.

Bosworth then had a great chance just before half time however an effort from Luke T was cleared off the line. HT score 0-2.

After a very poor performance in the first half, Bosworth started the second on the front foot, creating a few chances but struggling to hit the target. It was then 0-3, a counter attack from Wigston found themselves through and a clinical finish made it 3. Bosworth made a tactical change to try and get back into the game, and immediately it worked, Evan K found the back of the net with 20 minutes to go and Bosworth were back in it. Just over five minutes later, the ball fell to Evan K, and again, he found the back of the net to make it 2-3 with 10 minutes left.

With four minutes to go, the comeback was complete, Rory H finding the net, sparking incredible scenes on the touchline. The game went straight to penalties, with Wigston taking first and scoring and Bosworth missing their first. Both sides scored their second, with Josh B saving Wigston's third and Bosworth scoring theirs. 2-2 after 3 each. Both sides scored their fourth penalties meaning sudden death. Josh B then saved Wigston's fifth, before Evan K scored a brilliant penalty and complete a 4-3 victory on penalties.

An incredible game, and fantastic resilience shown from the Bosworth team who looked down and out after 70 minutes. Immensely proud to be able to coach a fantastic group of players and couldn't be happier for them.

**Mr Lightfoot**

## Rugby Player of the Year

Year 13 student, Poppy M, recently won Player of the Year in her age group at Leicester Forest Rugby Club and she shared her thoughts on receiving the prize:

“Winning the award was such an honour; a women's team has never been invited to that dinner before and, being part of that group that our coaches Robyn Foster, Dean Oldham, and Rem Mills have fought for, was amazing in itself.

“I played for the u18s women's team at Leicester Forest RFC for almost four years, Loughborough Lightning U18s for

three, and briefly in the U18s women's England Camp, but I've played rugby for almost 11. An inspiration of mine growing up sounds cliché but it was my mother, and coach, Rem Mills; as a woman in a sport like rugby, aiming for professionalism always seemed unrealistic because there was none when I began playing.

“I didn't have a player on the international stage that I wanted to be like because the trailblazers for the game were still in the young era of my own mother. She played Premiership rugby, still having to put the jacket potatoes in the oven for the post match food, having to wear men's shirts and boots that were close to impossible to run in, and being a self-sufficient team due to lack of support and respect. Those were the kinds of women I looked up to because, while we still do face enormous issues as women in sport, my mother's strength is what I hope to carry myself with, on and off the pitch.

“I hope to play rugby for as long as I, healthily, can! I'll hopefully play, not only rugby union (the main type) but rugby league, sevens, touch, tens, whatever at university and see where it takes me. As long as I'm a sports person alongside whatever academics, I'll be happy.”

Well done Poppy and we wish you much success in the future.



## Y12 Peak District

The Year 12 Geography students have attended a residential visit to the Peak District, where they gathered data for their Year 13 Coursework studies.



We had a day investigating rural deprivation and rebranding in Bakewell. We then stayed in the beautiful Champion House Centre in Edale.

On day two we walked up the picturesque Grindsbrook Valley and completed a River Flood risk enquiry. Excellent teamwork and excellent weather

combined for a truly memorable experience and great results! We would all like to thank parents for their support and also our colleague Kay Coxon who became an honorary Geographer and was an amazing help!

**Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography**

## SLA Youth Symposium

On Monday 24th, our Steven Lawrence ambassadors visited De Montfort University for the Stephen Lawrence Ambassador Youth Symposium 2024. At DMU our ambassadors learnt from other SL ambassadors from schools across England how racism affects today's society, and they were also inspired by how we can change the future and why it's important for the generations yet to come, and for today's current generation.

Inspiring words were shared during the Symposium, and it took our ambassadors for a self reflection period, on why it's important for them to be a part of the changing movement of Stephen Lawrence ambassadors, and why it's important for their futures and how being an ambassador changed them into being more confident and outspoken about issues, but also how our school and schools across the UK can be more diverse and what schools should change to promote anti-racism, and important months such as Black History Month.

**Charlie-May G, Year 12**

## Rent at The Curve

Former A Level student, Charlotte Kennedy, recently played Mimi in the musical Rent at the Curve Theatre in Leicester.

Charlotte starred in Bosworth Academy's production of Grease last year and reflected on her time at the school:

"During my time at Bosworth, I really enjoyed theatre and it has always been my passion. I'm going to study Musical Theatre at an excellent drama school (Performance Preparation Academy in Guildford) next year. They have had many graduates on West End shows, tours and global events."

Charlotte hopes her success will be "inspiring to other students who have ambitions similar to mine" and said that Bosworth Academy can help with performing arts career prospects as it's "not always an easy path to take".

"I have always worked closely with my teachers and they really helped to improve my confidence as well as technique within each discipline," said Charlotte. We wish Charlotte all the best in future prospects.



## Live Lounge

The final Live Lounge performances took place recently. We were pleased to feature performers from Years 7 through to 12. There was a range of genres from solo pianists, vocalists and student bands, and the final number featured the Year 12 Music Performance class.



## White Vinyl

Post 16 students Ben, Archie and Felix premiered their new single 'Hotel 102' on Radio Leicester and Radio Lincolnshire during May.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0hvlc04> (30 mins)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0hv2d6r> (2 hours 43 mins)

White Vinyl set up the band just a few months ago and they're really excited to be promoting their work via regional broadcasters. The single is available here:

<https://artists.landr.com/064837847375>

We look forward to seeing and hearing more of White Vinyl and hope that they'll come back to Bosworth to perform for us when they're rich and famous!

**Mrs Dye, Leader of Music**



## Peer Mentors Rewarded

On Friday 24 May we rewarded the hard work of our Post 16 Peer Mentors with a celebration involving hot drinks and pastries.



Throughout the year these peer mentors have worked with 40 Year 11 students to prepare them for their exams.

The Collaboration and Citizenship skills, which the Post 16 Mentors have developed over the interventions will also assist them in their life long learning.

Well done to:

**Year 12:** Avani G, Amy d-C, Jacob W, Riam J, Tom W, Harry B-C, Lottie N, Alvin A, Sam M, Tom G, Oezayi I, Grace T-O, Keerthan V, Mythili P, Enya K, Freya H, Izzy I, Oliver P, Alex R, Honor W, Jacob E, Andrea E, Jacob D, Pearl S, Anushka K, Suraj P, Casper B and Freya M.

**Year 13:** Niamh T, Daniel P, Mollie G, Erin R, Kirsty M, Cole M, Josh C, Andrew H, Sophie P, Poppy A, Georgia R, Josh E, Eppie S and Elijah B.

We wish the Year 13 peer mentors all the best for the future and look forward to seeing the Year 12 students again next year for their next peer mentoring interventions.

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