

# Welcome

1st November 2024 On Thursday, it was wonderful to celebrate Diwali with students and staff, many of whom wore cultural dress for the occasion. Diwali is special because it brings communities together, and our students enjoyed gathering for a school photo that showcased a beautiful array of colours. The festival symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Students eagerly shared their plans for worship and their family celebration arrangements. I'd like to

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers wish all families and our community a Happy Diwali! What an incredible evening we had at our Post-16 Open Evening on Wednesday, filled with excitement as we welcomed many potential new Sixth Form students! Over three hundred enthusiastic attendees

joined us for our presentations, where we proudly shared our vision for Sixth Form education and our unique values. A huge shout-out to our amazing students in Years 12 and 13, who shone as brilliant ambassadors for our school! Not only did they guide our visitors with expertise, but many also showcased their knowledge as subject specialists. The overwhelmingly positive feedback we received from our guests made us all beam with pride for our remarkable students!

To apply for a place in our Oaks Sixth Form, students should complete the application form on our website or use this link. Year 11 tutors are available to assist with the application and personal statement. If you were unable to attend the information evening, students can reach out to their Head of Year, Mrs. Holdback (Head of Sixth Form), or any subject teacher for more information. This week, we proudly celebrated our outstanding students from each key stage who achieved the highest reward points last half term! They were treated to a delightful Headteacher brunch with croissants and hot chocolate. It was a joy to hear about their successes and their love for learning. I'm sure their parents and carers are bursting with pride!

Next week sees the beginning of our Trial Examinations. Year 11 students need to carefully check their timetables, remember exam expectations and conduct, and continue their revision preparations. Do point them towards the Student>Revision page on our website for more support and revision checklists.

And finally, just as the light of Diwali dispels darkness, may your courage illuminate the path to your dreams. As you prepare for your exams, remember that the effort you put into your studies is like the light that chases away doubt and uncertainty. With each revision session, you are not just gaining knowledge, but building the confidence to achieve your goals. Embrace the challenges ahead, and let your determination guide you toward success.

Happy Diwali!

Mr Brown Headteacher



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# **Post 16 Open Evening**

On Wednesday we welcomed prospective Year 12 students and their parents/carers from across Leicestershire to gain an insight into our Sixth Form at this year's Post 16 open evening.

Our visitors were able to speak with existing Bosworth Academy Post 16 students along with teachers in departments across the Academy. In Biology visitors were able to see dissections of vital organs whilst a demonstration involving a Nerf gun in Physics illustrated how to split an atom. Throughout the evening presentations were given by Headteacher Mr Brown and Head of Sixth Form Mrs Holdback on how Bosworth Academy's Sixth Form will prepare students to succeed in the wider world with the development of global competencies along with academic SUCCESS. We thank all those











## The Oaks Sixth Form

Be better than you thought you could be at The Oaks Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy.

The opportunities available to you will prepare you to thrive in a complex world.

Choose The Oaks Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy today. See a day in the life of a sixth form student here.







# **Maximising Potential**

On Thursday our Year 13 students were given revision tips and advice in a special session run by Maximize Your Potential.

Students learned about how they can get the 'edge' over other students across the country by using certain revision methods which will aid Year 13 students during their trial exams this month and throughout the year up to their final exams and bevond.

We thank Jasper from Maximize Your Potential for holding such an important session.

Dr Stephenson, Head of Year 13



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we look forward

to seeing you in

the future.

# **Happy Diwali**

We would like to wish a very Happy Diwali to all our students, staff, and families celebrating this week. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a time for joy, reflection, and unity, celebrating the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.



We are proud to see our students dressed in such beautiful traditional attire. showcasing the vibrant colours and rich cultural heritage of this special day. The iov and pride they bring to our school community truly highlight the spirit of Diwali, reminding us of the importance of coming together in celebration and respect for one another. As we admire the lights, rangolis, and





us remember that Diwali also symbolises hope and kindness. May this festival bring happiness, prosperity, and a renewed sense of peace to everyone in our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Diwali!

Mr Khalid, Diversity Lead

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# **Happy Diwali-Ween!**

As October 31st rolls around, it isn't just the spooky season having everyone in a buzz. This year we also see the fabulous festival of light, Diwali, which falls at the same time and in this day and age it becomes even more spectacular and joyous every year with lots more of our community getting involved.

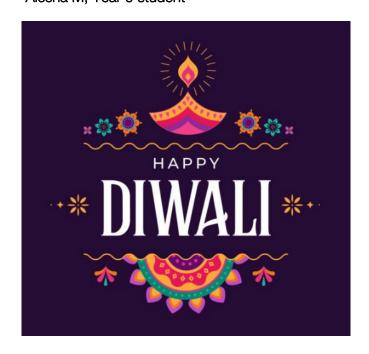
Many of us are familiar with the word Diwali, but what about the traditional festive activities and values it brings?



We celebrate the sound of laughter, the glow of positivity and the warmth of love in all sorts of creative ways, like colourful rangoli patterns to symbolise happiness and liveliness in households. Sweet treats, henna tattoos and the brightly coloured attire: they all encompass this exciting event. If that doesn't entice you, what about the fireworks that illuminate the sky with wonderfully wacky colours - definitely a showstopper to light up the evening!

Happy Diwali!

Alesha M, Year 9 student



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# **Headteacher's Celebration**

This week we rewarded the hard work and dedication shown by our students last half term with a Headteacher's Celebration.

Mr Brown was on hand to serve students hot chocolates and pastries to the top achievers in Years 7-11 who have received the most reward points in each Key Stage phase. Those in Post 16 were also rewarded for their contribution to Academy life.

Well done to all students and we look forward to the next celebration.











# Year 11 and Post 16

During tutor time, students are receiving guidance about pathways they could choose after Year 11. They are also learning how to complete application forms. At Bosworth Academy, students will use an online application system called PS16; the application process is available to both parents and students online via the PS16 website: https://ps16.co.uk/.

# Positive Steps @16

Students have been issued with a user name and temporary password to access this. Please discuss your child's options with them.

Students who are applying for a place to stay at Bosworth Academy Sixth Form need to apply for this via the PS16 website.

We will provide full guidance and support with this process, but we would like you to be aware that it is the student's responsibility to fill in their application online for the Post 16 college or apprenticeship of their choice. We advise students to apply to at least two colleges to keep their options open.

The deadline for students applying for Post 16 courses at Bosworth Academy is 15 December 2024. Apprenticeship deadlines vary depending on the provider. Please note that providers are strict on their deadlines and will prioritise the students that apply on time first.

I am sure that your son/daughter would welcome your advice and involvement in choosing their options at Post 16.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us or your child's tutor at the Academy.

Mrs Delâge-Martin, PSHE and Careers Lead, Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator and Advisor

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# Movember

This Friday sees the launch of our 2024 Movember campaign. Each year, as a school, we engage in the worldwide charity event and raise awareness and money into prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide awareness.



Throughout the month we invite all of our school community: staff, students, parents and friends to join the #TeamBosworth Movember group and pledge to 'Grow for Mo' or 'Move for Mo'. To grow simply grow a moustache and to move you pledge to move 60km across the month. Get involved if you wish and share your Movember page with family and friends to raise money Please take some time to visit the Movember website for details on the great work that they do. In short, they were created in Australia by a few mates discussing why so many males die young. The charity's focus is to raise awareness of men's mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer and they celebrated their 20th anniversary last year. We are asking all of the stakeholders of Bosworth Academy: staff, students, parents and friends to sign up to our #TeamBosworth Movember page (click here or scan the QR code below) and pledge to help us raise awareness and funds for this great

Throughout the month you can choose the <u>'grow'</u> or <u>'move'</u> for Movember. To 'grow' you need to be clean shaven on the 1st November and grow a moustache throughout the month to showcase on the 30th. When asked why - share the goals of the

charity. To 'move' you pledge to move 60km across the month by walking, running, cycling, paddleboarding - choose your method. The reason for the 60km is linked to the 60 males who die by suicide each hour globally. We also have



100 pin badges, available to purchase on Squid and collected from Main Reception.

Please come and join us on this Bosworth Academy community project. If you can't join in then please donate to help up hit our fundraising target.

The topics of this event are deeply upsetting but ones we have to address as a school. If you have any concerns regarding your mental health then please see the wellbeing support on our Academy's website.



# **School Pickup**

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation as we continue to improve the pick-up process and alleviate traffic congestion around the school. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate some key points to ensure a smoother, safer experience for all.

Firstly, we kindly remind you to plan your pick-up for after 15:20, once the school buses have departed. This not only reduces congestion but can also significantly shorten your waiting time. Both the top and bottom gates are available for pick-up, so please use either to help distribute traffic more evenly and relieve pressure on surrounding roads. Please note that staff will temporarily hold cars to allow the safe departure of buses, and we ask for your patience and respect during this process.

We would also like to stress the importance of respecting local residents. Please avoid blocking driveways or parking in front of homes, as this can cause unnecessary inconvenience and frustration. In addition, we kindly ask that you do not stop in the school's entrance or exit zones, which must remain clear for the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

Finally, we are working closely with police to address inappropriate driving behaviour near the school. The safety of our students and the local community is our top priority, and we are taking proactive measures to ensure that all drivers follow safe and courteous road practices. Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher



# Real LiFE Curriculum

We were delighted to be featured in this <u>blog</u> by Apps For Good discussing the collaborative work we have been doing with them for our Real LiFE Curriculum.



# Apps for Good

As Apps For Good states, "Real LiFE Curriculum aims to give students the knowledge, skills and values they will need to thrive in a modern world. The curriculum makes learning relevant and more engaging by bringing topics to life."

Computer Science teacher, Mr Khalid, shared with Apps For Good that "the resources and the things that we need are already done for us...that helps a teacher delivering a lesson and planning.

"Students love it because they create an idea and it actually works, and they get feedback, so that engages them really well", said Mr Khalid.

Year 7 students discussed with Apps For Good that they enjoy coding as it is "a lot of fun" and that they enjoyed seeing their apps brought to life with working buttons and functionality. They also felt they had developed their coding skills and enhanced their team working skills through the course. We thank Apps For Good for the continuing collaboration where our Real LiFE Curriculum prepares students for the wider world.

# **Trial Exam Revision**

Students in Years 11 and 13 will be starting their trial exams after the first week back from half term. Teachers have ensured that all students have plenty to revise and for Year 11 this will be on Satchel One.

Please see this <u>document</u> which outlines what students need to revise to be successful so that you can support them in this.

Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher

# **Mathematical Olympiad**

The maths department are celebrating more success in the UKMT maths challenges, this time in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls that took place at the end of September.

This challenge is aimed at the most able girls at Post 16 and this year, Freya H, Freya, M, Grace T and Charlotte S from Year 13 all took on the challenge of completing 5 questions over 2 hours 30 minutes.

All the girls achieved a great score but special mention to Freya M and Charlotte who both achieved a merit and Grace who gained a distinction. A huge well done to everyone. It is wonderful to see all our top female mathematicians performing so well and also all applying for a maths or maths related course at university.

If you would like to test your skills at one of these challenging questions, here is a sample:

#### Question

In Figure 2 below, each of the five circles A, B, C, D, E is to be coloured so that adjacent circles are different colours.

(a) In this part, circle A is to be coloured red and circle B

coloured red and circle B yellow.

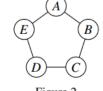


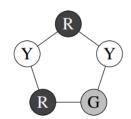
Figure 2

- (i) Copy the diagram and show one possible way to colour the circles using colours red, yellow and green. Write 'R', 'Y' or 'G' in each circle to indicate its colour.
- (ii) Explain why it is not possible to colour all five circles using only red and yellow. You should use labels A, B, C, D, E to refer to the circles.

  (b) In this part, the colours to be used are purple,
- orange and white. How many different ways are there to colour the circles using these three colours, so that adjacent circles are different colours?

#### **Answers**

- a) (i) e.g.
- (ii) We already know that circle A is red and circle B yellow. This means that circle C has to be red, circle D yellow and circle E red. However, that makes E the same colour as A, so it is not possible to colour the circles using only those two colours. b) 30 ways



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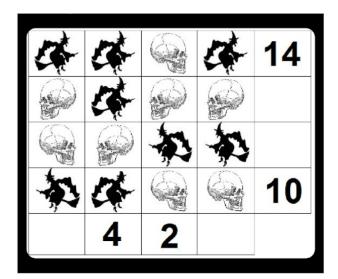






# Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: Value of the pictures







= 5





= -5

The direction means whether it is positive or negative. The sum of all the pictures is 0.

#### This week's puzzle:

We are having a fireworks display and there are 4 types of firework—each has a different number of star. To make the best display for our party we want there to be 12 stars in the sky at once.

#### Which fireworks can Luse?



# **FSM Support**

Students who receive Free School Meals can be supported in a number of ways, which may include a contribution towards the cost of uniforms, equipment and trips. If you believe that your children may qualify for this support based on your income, you can apply by following these links:

Leicester City: https://

freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/ Leicestershire (County): https://

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/ social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-

/june/sign-up-now-for-holiday-scheme-for-childrenon-free-school-meals/

**Pantry**: We also have a supply of food in our pantry. Please email pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you would like further details.

If you have further queries about Free School Meals and the support we offer, please contact the

Jane Manning Associate Senior Leader, Pupil **Premium Coordinator** 

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# **Bosworth Academy** School Pantry

great resource at Bosworth Academy to support families in

you would like to arrange a time to collect some items, please do not sitate to email the link at the bottom of the page.

tems that you may find in the school pantry:

Tinned fruit and vegetables Soup Sugar, tea and coffee Tooth brushes Toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditione

pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk

# **Campfire Tales Competition**

Can you create the most terrifying short story?

We're looking for the perfect tale to be read under the full moon on Halloween or around a campfire in a dark forest.





Put your short story into the entry box in the library by 4th November for your chance to win. Open to KS3 and KS4 - prizes for both Any questions - please ask Mrs Cooper or Mrs Griffiths

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If you or your child are gamers there's a decent chance you've heard of Fortnite already. It's a free-to-play 'battle royale' title that pits up to 100 players against each other in a fight to be the last one standing. With an average of 1.1 million people logging into Fortnite each day, plenty of players meet on this game for what will hopefully be a good-natured competition. However, Fortnite isn't without its own hazards to plenty of users – especially young gamers. This guide on the extremely popular title, gives you expert advice on both the risks associated with the game and how to keep children and young people safe as they go for that Victory Royale! Listen to the guide's podcast here. Back to Contents Page 9



# The Compass

# **Book Recommendations**

**Key Stage Three** 



I can steal time.
The most I can take at the moment is fifteen seconds, which is not a lot. Grandmother took almost three minutes once and she told me she's done more, but I never saw it.

She says there are stories of someone who can take all the time in the world, but how can that be right? When Alex's dad is

caught stealing secrets from their country's brutal government, they are both forced into a deadly escape across Europe. But after they are separated before they can reach safety, Alex finds himself alone, with only his extraordinary gift to keep him alive.

This fast paced sci-fi story highlights the dangerous reality of being a refugee in the hands of people smugglers.

**Key Stage Four** 



Sadie doesn't have to hold back in her email drafts because nobody will ever read them...that is, until someone sends them out.

Seventeen-year-old Sadie Wen is perfect on paper. It's a reputation she's fought hard to earn at the highly prestigious Woodvale Academy, and one she's determined to maintain until graduation.

The trick to keeping her model-student-smile

plastered on her face at all times? She channels all her petty frustrations into her email drafts. One for the math teacher who refused to round her eighty-nine-point-nine percent up to ninety; one for the girl who blatantly copied her science project and took the credit for it. But most of her vehemently-worded emails are for her smug, infuriating co-captain, Julius Gong, who's been the sharpest thorn in her side ever since they were kids. Sadie never meant for these emails to get out...but now her whole life is about to change...

This is a story full of romance and rivalry with a female protagonist who desperately wants to please everyone.

# Poppies on Sale

As the national day of Remembrance approaches you can show your support to those who have served by buying a poppy.

We are supporting the national poppy appeal by having a range of poppies for you to purchase from Main Reception or the Laureates.

We ask for a small donation, paid in cash, with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.



# **Cansat Competition**



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# **Arbor Parent App**

The Arbor Parent Portal has been specifically designed to improve how parents and school staff communicate.



The school can send and receive information via the Arbor app and portal and Parents can view key information relating to their child, including:

- real-time attendance data
- real-time behaviour information including rewards
- academic progress reports
- timetables
- communication channels

You can install the app on your phone:

Apple and Android.

For help and guidance, please visit: <a href="https://">https://</a> www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/arbor/

# **Extra Curricular Activities**

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.

Mrs Coulson, Associate Senior Leader













# **Alumni Get Involved**

Are you a former Bosworth student? We want to hear from you! Our alumni have returned to give talks and work shops to inspire the next generation.

Complete this survey and connect with us.

## **Dates For Your Diaries**

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 14 November	2pm finish
Friday 29 November	Disaggregated Day School Closed
Monday 2 — Thursday 5 December	Year 12 Trip to Paris
Friday 20 December	End of autumn term
Monday 23 December — Monday 6 January 2025	Christmas holidays. School Closed

Term Dates 2024-25

# **Careers Bulletin**

You can now stay up-to-date on Careers news with our new Careers Bulletin.

From apprenticeships to careers talks, advice and Post 18 options, you can get the latest on Careers by clicking here.

Careers Team

# **Job Opportunities**

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

- Nursery Assistant (Maternity Cover)
- Teacher of Computer Science (Part Time/ Maternity Cover)
- Cover Supervisor

For more information please click here.



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# **Lunch Menu**

We will now be having the lunch menu on a two-week rotation.

Next week is Week Two and you can see the menu below.

Week One and Week Two menus are also available to view by clicking the links.

Ms Ford, Head Cook



# 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.

# **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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DSL@bosworthacdemy.org.uk

Student Support:

studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

Attendance Support:

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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