

## Welcome

students.

15th November 2024 This year marks the 80th anniversaries of momentous battles and turning points of the Second World War. The D-Day landings of 6th June 1944, the largest seaborne invasion in history – marked the beginning of the liberation of western Europe. Remembrance

Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. We will remember them.

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. At Bosworth Academy, we unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Students showed their support by writing messages, contributing to displays and conducting a dignified minute of silence at 11 am on 11th November. Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both

Staff from across our Trust travelled to Bosworth for two hours of collaborative professional learning on Thursday. Over three hundred teachers liaised in subject specialist areas. It was truly inspiring to see such a wide range of expert leadership, collaborative planning, and the sharing of best practices across our curriculum teams from six secondary schools across Leicestershire. Our overall outcome is to continually improve the learning experiences for

On Thursday, I was impressed by the enthusiasm and maturity shown by our Year 10 and 11 students who participated in our campaign with Leicestershire Police to raise awareness about the dangers of carrying knives. The initiative, which is part of a wider regional campaign across several schools, involved a walk-through metal detector known as a knife arch.

As students arrived at school, we were able to walk over 400 through the arch. While we would have liked to involve more students, the process takes time, so unfortunately not all students

could participate on the day. However, we plan to include students from other year groups later in the term.

The goal of the event was strictly educational as I previously explained to parents and carers via email. It was an opportunity to raise awareness about safety and the risks associated with carrying knives. As a token of appreciation for their participation, every student who took part was given a stress-ball heart. Thank you to the police officers for their support. On Monday we received our report from our Challenge Partners quality assurance review. I was really impressed with our students who impressed our visitors. There were so many positive comments from visiting leaders including;

"Leaders never waver from the high standards of behaviour and work they expect all students to maintain. These contribute significantly to the positive progress students make and to their development as excellent citizens with a strong sense of identity and values."

"Teachers think carefully about the curriculum content and the order in which it is taught. They are clear about what they want students to know and remember. The curriculum demonstrates high ambition for students and is designed to build on knowledge progressively over time."

"Supportive and trusting relationships underpin the school's work. Students demonstrate positive behaviours which are key to their strong progress and outcomes. Students are courteous and respectful." An even better if...suggested:

"Staff continue to embed the 'Live Marking' strategy as seen in the best lessons."

Our goal is to ensure that more students receive timely, in-lesson feedback as activities allow, helping them to progress more effectively - a strategy we are further promoting this year.

We'd love to hear your thoughts! Please take just 2 minutes to complete a short questionnaire and share your feedback on the content of our weekly 'In the Loop' newsletter. Your input is valuable and will help us make sure we're keeping you informed in the best possible way!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown, Headteacher





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## **Movember Update**

We are two weeks into our Movember 2024 fundraising appeal and have so far raised £1,762 which is over half way towards our goal of £3,200! Thank you to all who have donated so far and to our #TeamBosworth fundraisers..



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.

We are asking all of the stakeholders of Bosworth Academy; staff, students, parents and friends to sign up to our #TeamBosworth Movember page (click <a href="here">here</a> or scan the QR code below) and pledge to help us raise awareness and funds for this great charity.

Throughout the month you can choose the 'grow' or 'move' 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 <u>wellbeing support</u> on our Academy's website.

Mr Grest, Assistant Headteacher

### Children in Need 2024

Friday was Children in Need Day at Bosworth Academy where we hosted a cake sale including homemade treats.

Students and staff enjoyed eating the cakes sold at either 50p or £1. We raised a total of £414.66 which will be split between Children in Need and to buying Christmas presents for those less fortunate. Thank you to those who have donated and took







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### **Remembrance Day**

This week the whole of Bosworth Academy fell silent on Remembrance Day as a mark of respect to those who have served and fallen for our country.







Ahead of Remembrance Day students learnt about its importance during special assemblies where the theme was 'service not self' allowing students to reflect on the sacrifices made over

100 years ago during World War One along with other world-wide conflicts.

Students in Tutor Time wrote messages of gratitude on individual paper poppies and these were displayed in the Main Reception. Students formed these paper poppies into thought provoking collages and wreaths.

Students showed great maturity and respect during the assemblies and the observed minute silence.

Mr Mowbrary, Head of Year 7

### The Oaks Sixth Form

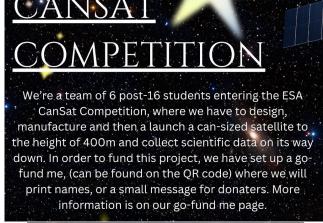
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The opportunities available to you will prepare you to thrive in a complex world.

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









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### **Lives Not Knives**

On Thursday, in partnership with Leicestershire Police, our school conducted a "knife arch" exercise as part of a proactive initiative.





This initiative, which involved the use of a walk-through metal detector known as a knife arch, is part of a regional campaign



across several schools.

The knife arch is a preventative tool, and its use was strictly educational and precautionary. Our aim was to encourage students to make responsible choices and to understand the significance of community safety.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in discussions around this critical topic, helping them to make informed and responsible decisions in their daily lives. It was a real successful morning and it was great to work in collaboration with Leicestershire Police in promoting a safer community for everyone.

Mrs Whitaker, Assistant Headteacher

## **Anti Bullying Week**

This week has been Anti-Bullying week which is a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of kindness, respect and inclusivity.

All three of these are central to our ethos at Bosworth Academy. One of our Big Three rules is to be kind and our



students are constantly reminded through our behaviour curriculum and through our expectations to respect everyone around them and to treat people as you would expect to be treated.

We have clear procedures in place that are outlined in our Behaviour Policy as to how we deal with bullying in school. The policy outlines not only our zero tolerance approach but also the course of action that we take in cases of bullying. We must remember that when we work together to promote kindness, respect, and inclusivity, we create an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. We can build this environment by showing empathy, listening to other points of view and celebrating differences.

Mr Moore, Assistant Head Teacher

## **Year 11 Prom 2025**

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 20 June 2025 7pm-10pm at the King Power Stadium in Leicester.

The cost of a ticket is £42. (if you are PP or FSM, the relevant discounts have been applied to your sQuid accounts). The payment has been split into 2 payments, a deposit of £21 and a balance of £21. The **DEADLINE** to make the £21 **DEPOSIT** payment is Friday 29 November 2024. If this deadline is missed, the offer will no longer be available but a new offer for a full priced ticket of £42 will be available and live until Friday 28 February 2025.

Full details can be found here.

This annual event proves a memorable experience for Year 11 students and we look forward to Prom 2025!

Mrs Smith, KS4 Administrator

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### **Maths Puzzle of the Week**

### Last week's puzzle: Find the sum

Joshua has a stack of coloured cards. Each colour has an associated number as follows:

Red is 2, Green is 3, Orange is 5 and Pink is 7. Joshua selects some cards whose product is 504000.

Find the sum



$$1000 = 2^3 \times 5^3$$

$$504 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 7$$

$$504,000 = 2^6 \times 3^2 \times 5^3 \times 7$$

This week's puzzle: Find all the number pairs x and y are positive integers.

Find all the number pairs such that

$$x^2 - y^2 = 437$$

## **Exam Certificates Pickup**

GCSE and A / AS Level certificates from the summer 2024 exam season will be ready for collection from Main Reception from Wednesday 20th November.

## **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://

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

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

/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 <a href="mailto:pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk">pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk</a> if you would like further details.

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

Jane Manning Associate Senior Leader, Pupil Premium Coordinator

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Figures from Cycling UK show that only 2.2% of UK schoolchildren currently cycle to school despite the majority owning a bike. Encouraging young people to get into this hobby can be a great way to keep them active and potentially providing them with a healthy and convenient way of travelling to and from school or getting around in general. Of course, it's imperative that children and young people know how to keep themselves safe while riding from A to B, avoid the risk of injury or other unpleasant experiences that could discourage them from continuing with the hobby Road Safety Week begins on 17/11 and this guide provides expert advice on teaching cycle safety to children and young people.

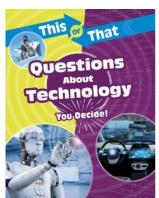
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# The Compass

### **Book Recommendations**

Non -Fiction November



Technology is advancing rapidly. Transport experts think self-driving cars could fill the streets someday soon. Designers are experimenting with different artificial intelligence devices. The choices designers make now will affect our future. What choices would you make in a world of new

technology? Would you rather take nanobot vitamins or use a wearable health monitor? Would vou rather take to the skies with a jetpack or on a flying motorcycle? Would you rather have telescopic eyesight or supersonic hearing? It's your turn to pick this or that!

Covering a broad range of fields within AI - from computing and mathematics to politics and philosophy - entries demystify what artificial intelligence is and how it works, how it has



dramatically changed the way we live, and how it might evolve in the future. Explaining each individual aspect of Al more clearly than ever before, the book outlines the key building-blocks and technological milestones in its history, profiles its most important practical applications - both current and predicted -

and explores the numerous ethical debates around AI, and its increasing influence on culture and society. Whether you are studying science or Al-related subjects at school or college, or simply want a jargon-free overview of this increasingly important subject, this essential guide is packed with everything you need to understand the basics quickly and easily.

## **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: https:// 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











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### **SEND Hub**

The Leicestershire SEND Hub has a Parent Carer Forum which was created to support and empower Leicestershire parents and carers. The Hub is currently looking for four new trustees

to join their team.

Please see details below to get involved.

Mrs Croucher, SENDCo





### **Dates For Your Diaries**

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 21 November	Y10/11/13 Drama trip Wonder Boy
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 Term Dates 2025-26

### **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 <u>here</u>.

Careers Team



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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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Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

Attendance Support:

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