



**The Oaks**



**Bosworth  
Academy**

# Post 16 Newsletter | December 2024

## Welcome

Once again we have had a busy first term here in The Oaks at Bosworth Academy. Students in Year 13 have been completing their UCAS university applications and many are receiving offers and interview dates. The process for those applying to degree apprenticeships starts not long after the Christmas break and we wish them all the best of luck.

Meanwhile Year 12 students are now settled onto their courses with the first subject parents' evening taking place on 10th December, giving parents/carers a better insight into how their children are progressing so far.



Alongside we are already receiving a large number of applications from students in Year 11 considering A levels at Bosworth for the next step of their education. The deadline for applications is the end of January and we are extending the opportunity for prospective students to visit the school during the day to get a better insight into life as a sixth form student in The Oaks.

Over the last few weeks our sixth form students have been involved in a range of extra curricular activities from sporting fixtures to performance practice and a group of year 12 and 13 students visited Paris with the French department to sample a taste of Gallic culture. Alongside these leisure activities our Year 12 and 13

peer mentors have completed their training and are sharing their expertise with Year 11 students to support them in their preparation for their upcoming GCSEs, the role of a mentor is really beneficial for both students and mentors as they develop the essential 6C qualities so valued by admissions officers and employers.



With the Christmas holidays now in sight we wish all our students a relaxing break and look forward to welcoming in a new year of exciting opportunities and experiences.

**Louise Holdback**  
Assistant Headteacher, Head of The Oaks Sixth Form





## Post 16 Open Evening

On Wednesday 30 October 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 who attended and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

If you were unable to attend the open evening event please contact the school for a personalised tour.



## A Level Results 2024 Success

On Thursday 15 August our AS and A Level students celebrated receiving their results.

Amongst those celebrating were three students who have now accepted places at Oxbridge universities and they praised the school's teachers for the support they have given in reaching their potential.

Evie Marlow, who will read Geography at the University of Cambridge after achieving 3A\*s, said that she "never considered myself going" to Cambridge before her teachers assisted her in her application.

"It's just incredible to have this amazing opportunity to study at Cambridge. My teacher was a massive help in getting an interview," said Evie.

Jake Humphrey, who will read Economics at University of Oxford after achieving 3A\*s, was also appreciative of the support his teachers gave him in preparation for his exams:

"I feel pretty good. The teaching at Bosworth is always so supportive and helped me to get what I needed."

Another University of Oxford-bound student who was "really happy" was Josh Chamberlain who achieved 4A\*s and will now read Physics.

"I'm really happy to get this opportunity to study at Oxford and now I'm getting ready for next year," added Josh.

Head of Bosworth Academy's Sixth Form, Mrs Holdback, was appreciative of the "support provided by teachers, parents and carers":

"Student success is not just down to the students themselves, but what is also important is the support provided by teachers, parents and carers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their contribution. We look forward to seeing where the future takes them and hope that many will join our alumni programme to inspire future students," said Mrs Holdback.

Bosworth Academy's Headteacher, Mr Brown said: "We are all immensely proud of our students and their commitment to excellence. We are excited to see them embark on the next chapter of their academic journey or chosen profession and wish them all great success."





## The Oaks Sixth Form Promo

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](#).



## The Oaks Renovated

Our Post 16 students can now study in style with the newly renovated The Oaks Centre. Work has taken place over the summer to open up the existing study area with inviting chairs and sofas now encouraging individual and group study.



The computer suite allows students to spend dedicated time exploring their subjects further.



Students are catered for with a coffee bar whilst table football provides competitive enjoyment.

Year 13 students who returned to their studies were impressed with the new design and Year 12 students enjoyed socialising and studying in their new Oaks Centre.

## Year 13 2023-24 Prom

Our Year 13 Class of 2024 celebrated their time at Bosworth Academy on Tuesday 13 August at the Year 13 Prom.

Students enjoyed the night immensely as they posed for photos upon entrance, celebrated special award winners and danced the night away.





## Post 16 Paris Trip

Bonjour à tous!

In early December a group of Post 16 students visited Paris for a truly interactive and enjoyable trip.

We linked up with our partner school, Carcado Saisseva, to learn more about our cultures in classroom workshops before exploring Paris in curriculum-themed 'rallies'.

This was Real LIFE Curriculum in action!

Our Post 16 students were able to develop all their 6C values of Communication, Citizenship, Collaboration and Creativity, Character and Critical Thinking.

We cannot wait to experience Parisian life again in the future!

**Mr Mainard,**  
Curriculum Led  
MFL



## Movember Final Result

Throughout the month of November we asked you to either take part in growing a moustache, moving 60kms or just donating to our Movember #TeamBosworth campaign.

We were amazed by your generosity with a total of **£3,770** being raised - smashing our target of £3,200!



Our #TeamBosworth members showed great Character throughout the month which saw two students raise a total of £2,251 between them! Year 12 student Thomas S raised £1,136 whilst Nathan S from Year 13 raised £1,115.

Nathan's aim was to run for 12 hours in one day and on Sunday 24th November, battling Storm Bert's wind and rain, managed an incredible 73.3km in one day, surpassing last year's amazing 60km in one day with his friend, Charlie. Last year's effort won them one of the Movember national awards at the annual awards evening. Nathan started at 7am and moved until 7pm which is a magnificent effort from him.

Thomas set out to run 525.6km in the month (average of 17.5km per day) and on Sunday 24th, along with Nathan, ran an amazing 42.2km (a full marathon). Again battling what Storm Bert could throw at him he ran through the wind and the rain and met his goal of running 525km for the month. All money raised will go towards help us raising awareness for mental health, suicide awareness, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Thank you to everyone who took part, either growing a moustache, moving or donating and we look forward to next year's fundraising.

**Mr Grest, Assistant Headteacher**



## Space Design Competition

On Saturday, 2nd November, Post-16 students from Bosworth Academy—Amninder, Connor, Lily, Aimee, Santino, Honor, Freya, Ayi, and Oliwia—participated in the Regional UK Space Design Competition, held at the University of Leicester with other local colleges.

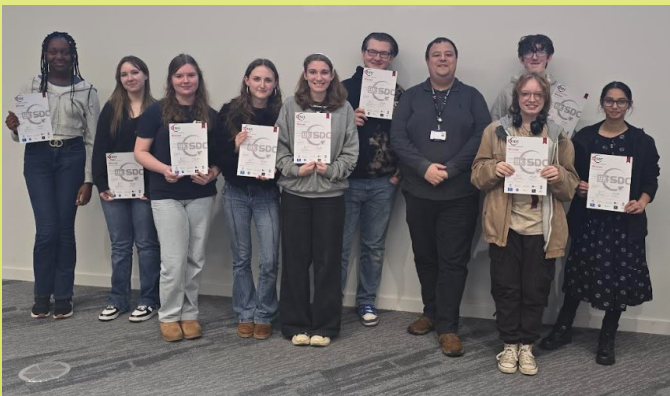
During the 12-hour day, the students designed a mining base on Mars under the imaginary company, Kepler Automation. The design process included developing a factory to produce large metal casks, devising transportation methods to distribute these casks across Mars, organising staff housing and work rotas, planning living quarters and food production for the staff, and determining the energy source for the Mars base.



Throughout the day, they worked as a team to create detailed plans, hold planning meetings, and prepare a presentation of their ideas for judging. The students presented their ideas with clarity and confidence, answering the judges' questions in-depth. With great anticipation, they awaited the final results. I am pleased to announce that Bosworth Academy won and was praised for their outstanding teamwork throughout the day. They now advance to the national competition, held at Imperial College in London. During the two-day event, the students may be selected as final prize winners of a trip to The Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

Head of Science Chris Coldicott and I are extremely proud of the team and wish them the best of luck for the finals.

Mrs Coulson, Associate SLT



## CanSat Competition

We're a team of six Post-16 students entering the ESA CanSat Competition, where we have to design, manufacture and then launch a can-sized satellite to the height of 400m and collect scientific data on its way down.



So far we have:

- Sent in a Preliminary Design Review to the CanSat judges, we will receive the results of this (pass/ fail/ needs improvement) next week;
- Done some testing on prototype can (A drop test from 40m, to determine the damage done on different materials, so that we can decide the best one for our can);
- We have ordered an accelerometer for more tests planned later this month;
- We have sent in designs to a 3D printing company, to make a few prototype cans to do more detailed testing.
- We are planning to do some more fundraising in order to raise enough money for the prototype cans, and so we have decided to do a worry worm raffle, for which we are sending out a Google form to gauge the demand.

In order to fund this project, we have set up a Go-Fund Me, (can be found on the QR code) where we will print names, or a small message for donors. More information is on our Go-Fund Me page.

The CanSat social links:

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

Twitter - [@CanSatBosworth](#)

Bosworth CanSat Team



## Desford Stitch Extravanga

Post 16 Textiles students took part in the Desford Stitch Extravanga again in November. The annual event is organised by the Desford Loving Hands group with the aim to produce items to be distributed to those in need through the LOROS charity. This year, we were making tote bags which will be distributed to local hospices/ hospitals for Macmillan Nurses to return personal belongings to loved ones.



The students worked super hard all day, demonstrating their Creative, Critical Thinking and Citizenship skills to produce a beautiful range of tote bags, made with love (and powered by tea and delicious cake!!).

Excellent work ladies!

**Mrs Hartley, Teacher of Textiles**



## Peer Mentoring

During November a group of our Year 12 students began peer mentoring sessions with those from Year 11.



This new group got to know one another during tutor time. They will now work on revision classes on GCSE Maths and Science with Year 11 students who will be able to learn from those who sat their exams less than six months ago.

We have seen great results of peer mentoring over the past five years the programme has been running. It is also a great opportunity for Post 16 participants to grow their 6C values of Collaboration, Citizenship, Character and Critical Thinking. Taking part in peer mentoring is also be a great addition to your university or job applications where you are volunteering your time to help others.

The peer mentoring sessions are held twice a week during tutor time. Post 16 students who are interested in taking part must have earned grade 6 or above in Maths and Science at GCSE. If you wish to take part please contact

[smainard@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:smainard@bosworthacademy.org.uk)

We look forward to our Year 11 students developing over the next few months as they prepare for their next trial exams and final end-of-year exams.

**Mr Mainard, Associate SLT**

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