

Welcome

13th December 2024 We have reached the end of the penultimate week of the Autumn term. I'd like to congratulate students, as well as parents for maintaining high levels of student attendance since September. As we know, high attendance has such a high correlation to success at GCSE and Alevel, and missing school can lead to feelings of disconnection from school and peers. Moreover, children may experience anxiety about falling behind or struggling to fit in when they return to school. Attendance below 95.5% is below average so every day really does matter!

Parents & Carers As we approach the final week of term, importantly all students must attend school each day. While we will certainly enjoy some festive activities, normal teaching and learning will continue throughout the week. Missing school could cause students to fall behind, so we encourage everyone to be present to finish the term strong.

We're also excited to offer some fun Christmas-themed events, including:

- Christmas Dinner & "Bling Your Uniform" Day on Tuesday
- Rewards Assemblies throughout the week
- On Final Friday (Period 5): Bingo, Tutor Parties, Santa Run, and a Live Attendance Prize Draw. The school day ends as normal at 3.10 pm.

Additionally, on the final Friday of term, we'll have a £1 non-uniform day in support of charity. Please note that students must wear their school lanyards as part of the non-uniform dress code. We look forward to a fun and productive final week before the holidays!

This week, we had the pleasure of celebrating our Year 7 and Year 8 Reading Stars. Students were invited to join our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Griffiths, in the Compass (our library) for a cosy gathering featuring hot chocolate and croissants. It was a wonderful opportunity



to recognise their exceptional commitment to reading this term. I took a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of their passion for reading, the impressive volume of books they've tackled, and their outstanding performance on the Accelerated Reader guizzes. It was fascinating to hear about the diverse range of books our students are currently exploring - each student with their unique reading journey.

Reading regularly not only enhances literacy and language skills but boosts reading fluency and helps students decode unfamiliar words. Additionally, fiction plays a vital role in helping young people develop empathy and an understanding of different perspectives - skills that are especially important as teenagers navigate an increasingly complex social world. We are thrilled to see such a love of reading flourishing in our students, and we look forward to celebrating even more achievements as the year continues!

The great Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, famously said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Great things are built on the foundation of daily effort. The presence of our young people in school every day is the first step toward achieving greatness. Have a fantastic weekend,

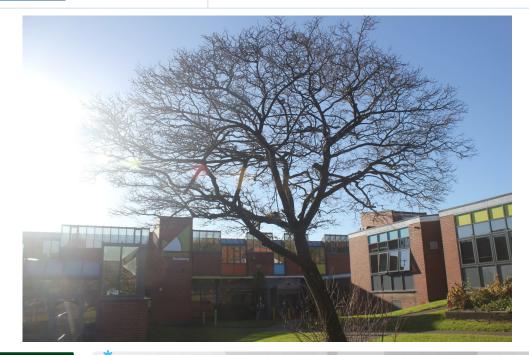
Mr Brown Headteacher



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Final Week Festivities

Deck the halls with tinsel and baubles it is time for Christmas Jumper/ Bling Day!

On Tuesday, 17th December (Christmas dinner day), students and staff are invited to wear their most festive Christmas jumpers or add a little holiday sparkle with items like baubles, tinsel, or other Christmas-themed accessories. This is not a non-uniform day but allows students/ staff to wear a Christmas jumper or an item of Christmas bling. The rest of the school uniform must be worn. This cheerful day is a chance to spread some holiday magic and kick off the final week of term in style. Let us make the school shine with festive cheer! On the last day of the school term, Friday, 20th **December** it will be a non-uniform day, with students and staff invited to wear their favourite outfits while contributing to a great cause. We kindly ask for a donation of £1.00 per student, which will go directly to the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. This incredible charity works tirelessly to fight childhood cancers and provide essential support to families in need. If you choose to come in your own clothes, there are a few rules: No ripped jeans, No cropped tops/bare midriffs, No offensive slogans, No caps.

STUDENTS MUST STILL WEAR THEIR LANYARD! Mrs Whitaker, Assistant Headteacher



Prohibited Items in School

Bosworth Academy is a strictly no-smoking and vaping campus. Ensuring school staff and students feel safe and secure is vital to establishing calm and supportive environments conducive to learning. We will not tolerate any student bringing a vape onto our site. We will search a student or their possessions where we have reasonable grounds to suspect that they may have a prohibited item such as a vape in school. Parents will then be informed if this has been required.

While vaping is not considered as harmful as smoking cigarettes, many health experts have warned non-smokers not to start vaping, over concerns it could cause long-term damage to their lungs, hearts and brains. Vapes contain a lot of nicotine, which is very addictive. Getting addicted to nicotine makes it harder for teenagers to focus and concentrate on their learning. Further reading <u>here</u> <u>at BBC News site</u>.

Nationally and in Leicestershire police have reported a rise in illegal vapes reported both locally and nationally, and there is an ongoing concern about the impact on young people.

Police said illegally produced vapes and e-cigarettes could contain contaminants, high levels of nicotine and banned substances which are potentially dangerous to users.

Important advice is that parents start by educating themselves, so they know what they're talking about with their child, and to take an inquisitive and curious approach to what their teen's experience is. The most important thing is keeping it as a dialogue. If you do have any concerns about your child vaping then please contact your GP or click on

<u>Turning point</u> who work one-on-one with students needing support.

Mr Brown, Headteacher



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PS16 Applications Deadline

Year 11s — don't delay and apply today to Bosworth Academy The Oaks Sixth Form ahead of Sunday 15 December deadline.



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.

See our latest newsletter <u>here</u> to read about Post 16 news for this term, from a trip to Paris to raising money for Movember.

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



Wellbeing Advent Calendar

The lead up to the winter break can be a fun and exciting



time. For a few students though, it can be anxiety inducing and stressful.

The Young Minds organisation has created a series of wellbeing advent calendars. They are made tribute both to Christmas and the needs of pupils. To download these resources, please follow the link below:

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/ resources/wellbeing-advent-calendars/

Mrs Whitaker, Assistant Headteacher

Nicotine Tooth Picks

In our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, we would like to bring to your attention Nicotine toothpicks which **must not be brought into school.**

These seemingly harmless items are, in reality, a growing concern due to their potential health risks. Nicotine toothpicks are small, flavoured wooden sticks infused with nicotine. Their discrete nature makes them easy to conceal, raising concerns about their use among teenagers. Despite being marketed as an alternative to traditional smoking products for over 18 year olds, nicotine toothpicks still pose serious health risks, particularly for young people. Nicotine is highly addictive. These products not only violate school rules but also undermine our efforts to create a healthy, safe, environment for learning.

Talking to Your Child About Nicotine Toothpicks As parents and guardians, you play a crucial role in educating your children about the risks associated with nicotine products. Here are some tips for starting this important conversation:

- Be Informed, Learn about nicotine toothpicks, their risks, and why they appeal to teens. Understanding the product will help you answer questions and provide accurate information.
- 2. Create an Open Dialogue, Approach the conversation with empathy and openness. Ask your child if they've heard about nicotine toothpicks or seen them among peers. Avoid being confrontational; instead, focus on listening to their thoughts and concerns.
- 3. Discuss the Risks, Explain how nicotine impacts the developing brain and the risks of addiction.
- 4. Set Clear Expectations, Reinforce your family's values and the school's policies regarding nicotine products and the fact that they are banned from school site. Make it clear that using such products is not acceptable and explain the reasons behind this stance.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Paris Post 16 Trip

Last week, 24 Post-16 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Paris! The trip included visits to iconic landmarks such as la Tour Eiffel, l'Arc de Triomphe, les Champs-Élysées, Notre-Dame, the Palais de Versailles, and l'abbaye de Montmartre.







However, the highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the visit to our partner French school, Le Lycée Carcado-Saisseval. The morning was spent building connections with the French students, exchanging presentations about their respective schools, and participating in three interactive workshops. These workshops encouraged students to communicate and share perspectives on shared challenges faced by young people in modern society. Topics included challenging racism, celebrating diversity, and navigating life as teenagers today. Discussions were brought to life through collaborative poster-making, with students presenting their work to the larger group. It was inspiring to witness their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork in this realworld learning context.

In the afternoon, the French students guided us through an exciting Paris rally, which fostered even more collaboration, learning, and fun. This trip gave our students a hands-on experience of life in a vibrant European capital city. They embraced the opportunity to forge meaningful connections with their French peers, navigate the city like locals using public transport, and immerse themselves in Parisian culture through shopping, sightseeing, and everyday interactions.

School trips like this provide lifelong learning experiences, helping students develop crucial social and cultural skills that will benefit them in the future.

Mr Mainard, Curriculum Leader MFL and LiFE MAT Subject Lead Partner



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Year 8 Go to War

Year 8 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Newark Civil War Museum this week.

They loved the gory bits. Working in groups to investigate the types of injuries inflicted in battle and thought about the likelihood of survival for the bodies they inspected. Students also learned about the different roles of soldiers and the weapons they used,



and took part in a mini battle. True to life, some traitors swapped sides to ensure that they won. Next they went on a walking tour of Newark and learned about the three sieges of Newark which being Royalist was attacked by the Parliamentary army. Finally they visited the gallery and linked artefacts to produce their own narrative of part of the Civil War and then took the opportunity to try on some of the costumes available for guests. **Mrs Wright, Humanities Teacher**



Weekly CanSat Report

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.

This week we have:

- Received the feedback from the judges for our preliminary design review, getting a merit or distinction in our sections about team organisation, project planning, mechanical design, and outreach program.
- We are doing some more fundraising as we begin testing next week, and we plan to sell some wool worry worms, based on the responses to our Google form. These can be purchased in the canteen area during break and lunch.

In order to fund this project, we have set up a Go-Fund Me 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



small worry worms - £1.00 medium worry worms - £1.50 large worry worms - £2.00

We are based in the canteen during break and lunch

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Prom 2025 Fundraiser

We will be starting our Year 11 2025 Prom fundraising with a special Christmas Bake Sale on Thursday 19 December.

Come by the Dance Studio in the Performance Block during all breaks and lunches. Cakes will be sold at either 50p or £1 paid by cash. We look forward to seeing you there! Mrs Jones, Head of Year 11



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 <u>here</u>. As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Associate Senior Leader



Basketball Success

Both Bosworth Academy's **Year 8** and **Year 9** basketball teams were victorious once again, winning the latest Hinckley and Bosworth District tournaments for their age groups.

The Year 8 team were entered into a round robin format with four other teams and won all their games as follows: **Bosworth**



Academy 17 - 8 Redmoor

17 - 8 Reamoor

Bosworth Academy 14 -10 Hastings Bosworth Academy 12 - 10 South Charnwood Bosworth Academy 20 - 9 Brookvale Groby Year 9 basketballers were also victorious in all their matches - winning their three-team group before progressing to the semi final and then final against Brookvale Groby. The final was a really close affair and both teams were well matched with Bosworth winning **19-16**.

Full results were: Group A

Bosworth Academy 16-0 Heath Lane St Martins 2 - 8 Bosworth Academy Semi Final Bosworth Academy 25 - 5 Redmoor

Final

Bosworth Academy 19 - 16 Brookvale Groby Well done to both teams! Mr Bell, HBSSPAN Officer



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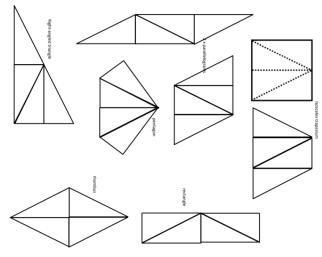
Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: Find the shapes?

A square has been dissected into four congruent right-angled triangles.

Show how the following shapes can be made from the four triangles:

- a) a parallelogram
- b) an isosceles trapezium
- c) a pentagon
- d) a rectangle
- e) a rhombus
- f) a right-angled triangle



This week's puzzle: Christmas Boxes

Work out the contents and cost of each of the Christmas boxes from the given clues.



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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: <u>https://</u>

freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/

Leicestershire (County): https://

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

/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 <u>pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk</u> 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

jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk



Charity Coat Collection

As the colder months approach, we need your help to keep those in need warm this winter. Open Hands Charity is collecting coats and warm clothing to distribute to individuals and families facing homelessness and hardship. Your donations can make a significant difference in their lives, providing comfort and warmth during this chilly season. 12YCO are organising a collection of gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, jumpers and blankets to support the charity this Christmas. Together, we can spread warmth and kindness in our community! Please bring all donations to **S11** during tutor time until **Monday 16th December**.

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The holiday season is fast approaching! While we hope you're excited to kick back, relax, and enjoy some wellearned rest with friends and family, it's still vitally important that we do all we can to safeguard the children and young people in our care over the festive period.

However, it can be tricky to know what specific steps we can take to ensure our winter break is as calm and riskfree as possible, which is why we've put together this week's free guide. Check out the expert advice on keeping youngsters safe over the festive season. Back to Contents

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The Compass

Reading Celebration

We celebrated our brilliant readers in KS3 this week, with a lovely celebration breakfast for those who achieved their AR points target.



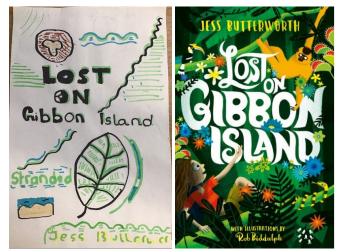
This target involves the individual's reading ability/ level, and also their accuracy target, which is to be 85% correct on average when answering book quiz questions.

Well done to following students who achieved both their targets:

7 SMC - Ethan C., Lucas G., Eve M., Henry S. 7 HBA - Nico G, Zachary P., Sukhmani R. 7 GWR - Josie-Mae E., Alysia P, Ayushi Y. 7 JGO - Stanley L., Harjan N., Mya O., Olivia S. 7 RPI - Avaani A., Ashleen K., Lukas M., Syrus S., Jay C., Hanna L., Simriti M., Violet T. 7 EPY - Eben S. 7 Sri - Viren S. 7 RWT - Divya N., Isaiah V. 7 JWI - Filip R., Simran S. 8 HCH - Alfie F., Amelia T., Benjamin W., Beau W., Yashvi S. 8 MDY - Adam A., Jessica C., Harleen K. 8 RGR - Dilly C., Isabella H., Hollie W. 8 GHI - Logan A., Keira B., Jaiden B., Jena B. 8 LMA - Charlie B., Riley B., Lottie-Rae P. 8 Rwa - Johnny S., Olivia W., Mylie W., Sophia W. 8 GMU - Japiot C., Robert T. 8 JSM - Myla H., Katie K. 8 STH - Isabelle L., Amara M.

Bookbuzz Challenges

Our Year 7 students are busy reading and quizzing our Bookbuzz book selection for this year. Their challenge is to read their Bookbuzz book, which they received as a gift from the school in October. They also have the additional challenge to read the other books in the Bookbuzz selection, which are available to borrow from the school Library - they receive reward points for each book read. An additional creative challenge of designing alternative book cover for Bookbuzz book/s is on offer too and this is the first one that has been submitted:



Encourage your child to pop to the school Library and take part in these challenges.

Christmas Gifts Ideas

If you need some inspiration for some last minute small book gifts, here are some great ideas from Scholastic for all ages: <u>https://</u>scholasticuk.cmail20.com/t/d-l-scjryk-ditrhuttij-h/



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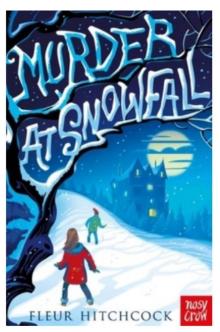
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Book Recommendations

Key Stage Three

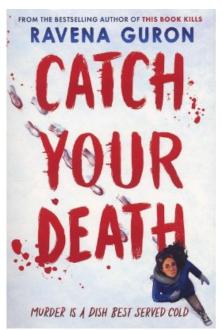
When Lucas and Ruby find an abandoned trunk covered in snow. Lucas says there's bound to be a body inside. Ruby laughs but what if he's right? Nervously she starts to open it, and immediately wishes she hadn't. From that moment on, they're drawn into a thrilling mystery, one that they have to solve before the falling



snow smothers all trace of wrongdoing.

Key Stage Four

Trapped in a mansion with a murderer and a family of liars how would you survive? Someone has poisoned wealthy Emily Vanforte in the middle of a family dinner which means Devi, Lizzie and Jayne are trapped in the house with a killer and a mystery to solve. With knives under floorboards, vanishing guns



and secret passages in the walls, no one is safe and everyone is a suspect. But in a house of liars and corruption, will the girls save themselves...or learn to fit in?

A classic who did it murder mystery, great characters, lots of suspects and many twists and turns along the way.

Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
Friday 20 December	End of autumn term 3.10pm
Monday 23 December — Monday 6 January 2025	Christmas holidays. School closed
Thursday 16 January 2025	2PM finish for teacher training
Thursday 13 February 2025	2PM finish for teacher training
Monday 17 — Friday 21 February	Spring half term. School closed.
Thursday 13 March 2025	2PM finish for teacher training
Monday 14 — Friday 25 April 2025	Easter holidays. School closed.

Term Dates 2024-25 Term Dates 2025-26

Regulation Support

Beacon House have published a brilliant collection of resources specially designed by their therapists to support regulation, connection and rest during December.

Download for free here and share with family and friends so everyone can access what they need during this busy time Take a look here: <u>https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winter-resources/</u>

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

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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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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