

# Welcome

17th January 2025 It's been another action packed week at Bosworth Academy. Our Year 8 students became detectives in the British Army Supporting Education (BASE) workshops! Tasked with solving a theoretical theft of confidential files, they analysed evidence such as fingerprints, footprints, handwriting, and witness statements.





Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers teamwork, focus, and problem-solving skills throughout the activity. They will revisit again next week to work with our Year 10 students. Join us for our Key Stage 4 Options Evening on Thursday, 6 February 2024, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This event is for Year 8 students and their parents/ carers to explore GCSE subject options. Our diverse curriculum allows students to choose subjects that really engage them while equipping them with the skills needed for our Sixth Form, further study or training. Some A-levels require specific GCSEs, and our Options Evening will provide valuable information to help families navigate these choices and support students in making informed decisions for their future.

Year 8 students have come back from the Christmas break with a fantastic attitude and are busy preparing for their Real LiFE Mission - the 10X Challenge. Read on for

Year 11 and 13 are responding to their results from the trial exams and reflecting on how they can make even

more information about what this involves.

more progress this term. In early February, the second set of trials begin. I know Year 11 students are already attending the range of extra sessions on offer during breaks, lunch and after-school. Look out for opportunities for extended revision offered by some subjects over the February half-term. I am confident that 2025 will be a successful year for our school and our wonderful young people and I look forward to working together with you all!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown Headteacher



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# **Year 8 Options Evening**

On Thursday 6 February 2024 between 4.30pm-7pm we invite students from Year 8 and their parents/carers to our Options Evening event for Key Stage Four subject options.



Our students leave Bosworth Academy confident that they can be future leaders, ready to adapt to an ever changing world and transition into job sectors that don't even exist yet!

Our GCSE curriculum allows students to choose from a wide range of subjects that they are interested in, but most importantly provides the necessary skills to progress onto further study or training.

Whilst all of our subjects allow students to progress onto further study, some A-level subjects require the subject to have been studied at GCSE level first. Our option evening and presentation events aim to give parents and carers the information they need to support their children in choosing their GCSE options.

You can learn more by visiting our Key Stage 4 curriculum page: <a href="www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/curriculum/key-stage-4/">www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/curriculum/key-stage-4/</a>

Additional information about the options process will be sent to you through our various school communication mediums soon.

To learn more about the options process there will be two identical presentations held on **Thursday 6** 

February at 5:15pm and 6pm. You can sign up to our presentations here or by scanning the QR code. We look forward to seeing you at the event to begin your child's journey into Key Stage Four.

Mr Dolinski, Deputy Headteacher



#### **10X Mission Launch**

This week saw the launch of the next Year 8 Real LiFE Mission - the 10X Challenge.

# REALIFE curriculum

Mrs Wright introduced the mission to Year 8 students during this week's assembly where she spoke about how students can use their Creativity, Collaboration, Communication and Critical Thinking skills to develop a business scheme which will also need to be sustainable.

Year 9 students May P, Monika K, Dylan M, Myat L

and Niamh O discussed their 10X Challenges from last year including 'Bloom It' plant growers and 'Pampered Pets' cuddly toys. Current Year 8 students will now think about their business ideas. research, plan and pitch the proposal to gain a £10 investment. The Real LiFE curriculum across

English, Maths,
Science,
Computing,
French,
Performance and
ADT will look to
develop these
plans further.
We look forward to
seeing the

business proposals
Year 8 students will devise.







## **Year 8 Boys in Textiles**

Last Friday, 12 Year 8 boys spent the day learning about Textiles surface pattern and construction.





The students designed and made a pair of shorts (which they got to keep!). Alongside this, they gained knowledge of the huge variety of careers within the Textiles industry, and that Textiles definitely isn't just for girls!

We had a really enjoyable day and the outcomes were fantastic!

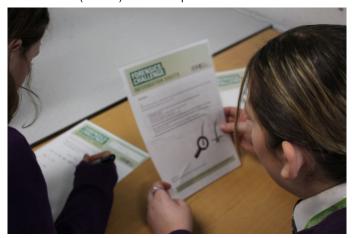
Mrs Hartley, Teacher of Textiles





#### Year 8 BASE Workshop

Our Year 8 students played detective this week as they participated in British Army Supporting Education (BASE) workshops.





Students worked in groups to solve a

theoretical crime

of a theft of confidential files.

Working through evidence packs, students looked at fingerprints, footprints, handwriting examples and witness statements to narrow down the list of suspects.

Using Communication, Critical Thinking and Collaboration skills the students were able to correctly identify the culprit.

British Army personnel, who ran the workshops, were impressed with the students ability to work together, stay focused and complete the tasks competently.

Well done to all students who took part and we thank BASE for running the workshops.

Mr Grest, Head of Key Stage Three



## **Revision Academy Returns**

Our Revision Academy returns during the February half term break between Monday 17th and Friday 21st of February.

These specialised revision classes are designed for students in Years 11 and 13 to focus on certain subjects.



We aim to maximise all opportunities to support students in achieving their target grades and support them in securing their options for further education and career prospects.

There are various sessions running each day. Payment for the session is through the sQuid app on a first come, first serve basis. Places will be in demand and the deadline for booking is Tuesday 11th February. Each two hour session costs £5 which covers resources and exam booklets.

We are also offering Year 10 students the opportunity to attend a revision session on Tuesday 18th February. This session will cover the four topics we study in GCSE RS (Christianity, Islam, Relationships & Families and Religion, Peace & Conflict) with a focus on exam technique. This session will be available on sQuid week commencing 27 January.

Students will need to make their own transport arrangements for getting to and from the Academy. Students are also expected to bring their own lunch. Students are not required to wear uniform during revision academy. In previous years, over 100 students have attended our revision programme and found the experience to be extremely rewarding. I hope that you agree that this is an opportunity not to be missed and a great way to kick start revision if this still hasn't begun.

A full timetable will be announced in due course. Miss Alexander. Head of Interventions

#### Year 11 Tassomai

Starting from Monday 20th January, we are relaunching Tassomai with Year 11.



Daily Tassomai quizzes should be part of all student's revision plan.

We are asking students to complete a daily quiz 4 out of 7 days a week. Any student that meets this goal will be entered into a weekly prize draw to win a £10 voucher. Daily reminders will be set on Satchel One to remind students to complete these quizzes.

Please can you support your child in completing these quizzes as good Tassomai engagement is proved to lead to better grades in science.

Click <a href="here">here</a> for a parent/carer guide to Tassomai if

you would like any more information.

Mrs Kirkham, Teacher of Science

# **KS4/5 Colours Evening**

Our Key Stage Four and Five Colours and Awards evening is on **Tuesday 21st January** and starts at **5.30pm**.



The evening will celebrate the achievements of our Key Stage four and five students and we are looking forward to sharing these achievements with their families.

If you have been invited to the evening please make sure you reply to the invite. We are really proud of our students and Colour's Evenings are an excellent opportunity for us to reward all their success.

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# **Exam Preparation — Effective Revision Strategies**

Students at Bosworth Academy are developing 'The Core Four' - strategies designed to improve study skills for effective revision.

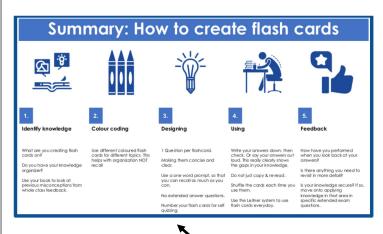
Some study strategies are more effective than others.

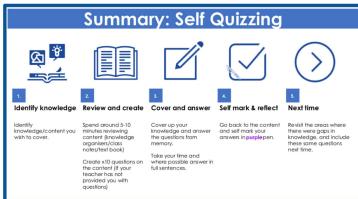
Click this <u>link</u> for a webinar, aimed at parents and carers, that discusses these study approaches in detail, and outlines ineffective strategies that students should avoid. There is lots of useful practical advice, based on the latest evidence from research, that parents/carers can use to support learning outside of the classroom. The strategies discussed are ideal for all students in Year 7-13, particularly those in Year 11-13 who have upcoming exams.



I recommend that you watch the webinar with your child, discuss their work in school and how they can implement the strategies at home in preparation for end of topic tests and exams.

Mrs Patel, Associate SLT





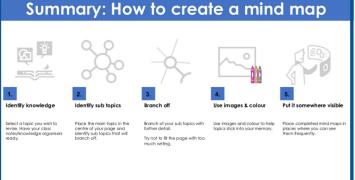
Why the Core Four?

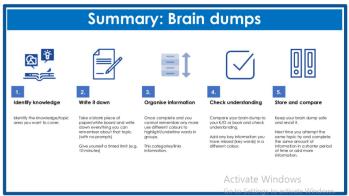
- Builds confidence
- Reduces exam anxiety and stress
- Improves grades

Click each summary for more details









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#### **Tour The Oaks Sixth Form**

Take the opportunity to tour The Oaks Sixth Form ahead of choosing Bosworth Academy as your Post 16 destination.



Tours will be running throughout January on the following dates, all at 9.15am:

- Monday 20th January
- Friday 24th January
- Friday 31st January

The tours will allow you to experience learning in action whilst you will also being able to ask our Post 16 team individual questions.

Spaces are limited so we recommend you book as soon as possible —click <u>here</u> or scan the QR code below to reserve your place.



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.



## **Online Wellbeing Course**

The NHS Leicester Partnership NHS Trust and Leicester City Council, in collaboration with the Solihull Approach, provide free, expert-designed online courses to support families in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.





These courses cover:

#### General Parenting Support:

Understanding children's feelings and behaviour across all developmental stages, from antenatal care to adolescence.

#### Teen Emotional and Mental Health:

Specialist resources for teenagers to help nurture emotional well-being.

#### Benefits:

- Gain insights into raising emotionally aware, sociable, and confident children
- Access reflective and supportive learning without fear of judgment
- Designed by NHS professionals with evidence-based content.

Please sign up here.

Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

#### **Extra Curricular Activities**

We now have a wide range of clubs for students to participate in during lunchtimes and after school. For full details including timetables click <a href="here">here</a>. As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner







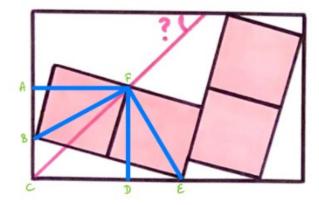


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#### Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last time's puzzle: What's the Angle?



In the above diagram A is horizontally across from F and D is vertically below. So the quadrilateral ACDF has all four interior angles 90 degrees and so is a rectangle.

Considering angles at *B* and using that *FB* is a diagonal of the left-hand square, we have:

 $\hat{CBE} + 45^{\circ} + F\hat{B}A = 180^{\circ}$ 

Over at E, we have:

 $\hat{FED} = 45^{\circ} + \hat{BEC}$ 

Then as triangle BCE is a right-angled triangle:

 $B\hat{E}C + C\hat{B}E = 90^{\circ}$ 

Putting those together,

 $F\hat{E}D = 45^{\circ} + B\hat{E}C = 45^{\circ} + 90^{\circ} - C\hat{B}E = F\hat{B}A$ 

So triangle *FAB* and *FDE* are similar, and the lengths of *FB* and *FE* are the same, so they are congruent. This means that the lengths *FA* and *FD* are also the same and so the quadrilateral *ACDF* is actually a square.

The line CF is therefore at 45 degrees to *CD* and so the requested angle is also 45 degrees by angles in parallel lines.

This week's puzzle: Replace the number



Look at the number grid opposite,
Which number should replace the
question mark to form accurate
equations, knowing that three
numbers are shown per row (i.e. two
of the numbers form a two-digit
number)?

# **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: <a href="https://">https://</a>

<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.



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With 22% of its billion-strong user base being aged13-17, the popularity of TikTok among the younger generation is indisputable. Providing entertainment in the form of a stream of short-form video content while allowing its users to post videos of their own, the app has skyrocketed to prominence over the last few years. With a platform as popular and gargantuan as TikTok, it can be intimidating trying to figure out how best to safeguard children and young people using the app. This guide details the concerns and suggested strategies to reduce these risks for the app's younger users.

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# The Compass

#### **Library News**

#### Virtual Author Event



Some of our lovely Year 7 students got a chance to attend a virtual author talk on Wednesday morning. The amazing Elle McNicoll talked to students about her novels and writing. Elle is a bestselling and award-winning novelist and screenwriter. Find out more about her here <a href="https://ellemcnicoll.com/">https://ellemcnicoll.com/</a>.

Her debut novel, A King

of Spark, has been adapted for television and is available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

This event was organised for schools by the brilliant reading charity BookTrust, <a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/</a>, as part of their BookTrust Represents programme, created to promote and improve representation in children's books.





#### **Book Recommendations**

#### **Key Stage Three**

No matter how quiet it is, you've got a voice, Storm. You should use it to speak up for yourself. Storm has never liked to stand out from the crowd, but ever since she started Year 7, her life has been full of people telling her she needs to speak up, make friends and be more like her popular big brother. Then Storm breaks a school record, and finds herself the new

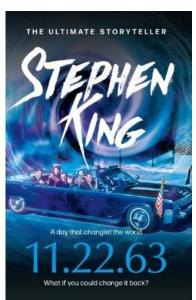


star of the athletics team. But as she's thrust into the spotlight, her home life and friendships start spiralling out of control, and it's time for Quiet Storm to show that she has something to say.

#### **Key Stage Four**

King takes his protagonist Jake Epping, a high school English teacher from Lisbon Falls, Maine, 2011, on a fascinating journey back to 1958 - from a world of mobile phones and iPods to a new world of Elvis and JFK, of Plymouth Fury cars and Lindy Hopping, of a troubled loner named Lee Harvey Oswald and a beautiful high school

librarian named Sadie



Dunhill, who becomes the love of Jake's life - a life that transgresses all the normal rules of time.

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#### **YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT**

#### **HARDSHIP FUND**

The fund will support young people from Leicestershire,
Leicester and Rutland, in the greatest financial need, to
overcome economic constraints and access physical
activity and sport as a participant, official, coach, volunteer
or talented sportsperson. Young people should be aged 21
years or under on 31st March 2025, or up to the age of 25
years for young people with SEND.

active-together.org/fundingfinder/1812







#### LET'S GET MOVING

# **Careers Fair**



Are you aged 14-21? Come and find out about:









Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4:30-6:30pm Power Stadium, Filbert Way LE2 7F







#### **Dates For Your Diaries**

DATES	EVENT
Tuesday 21 January	KS4/5 Colours Evening. 5.30pm. Invite only.
Thursday 30 January	Y10 Textiles DMU trip
Thursday 13 February	2PM finish for teacher training
Monday 17 — Friday 21 February	Spring half term. School closed.
Thursday 13 March	2PM finish for teacher training
Monday 14 — Friday 25 April	Easter 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 here.

Careers Team

#### **Job Opportunities**

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

Teacher of French
 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 we will be on the Week One timetable 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

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studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

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IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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