



The Oaks



Bosworth Academy

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Welcome

As the weather warms up we are getting increasingly close to exam season with students honing their revision skills and finding out more about the science of learning in tutor periods.

Another series of mocks has provided an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on what they already know, and what still needs to be embedded in their long term memory.

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy for our sixth form students, and you can read more about what has been going on in this edition of The Oaks newsletter. We are really proud of the successes of our sixth form basketball team as well as students Aimee, Lily, Connor, Amninder, Honor, Ayi, Santino, Oliwia, and Freya who participated in the National Finals of the UK Space Design Competition. Freya will now go on and represent the UK at the International Space Settlement Design Competition at the Kennedy Space Center in the USA! Another amazing success is that of Liam who won first prize in the Show Racism the Red Card competition which encourages young people from schools and other educational settings to produce creative work with an original anti-racism theme. Read more in this edition about his composition and his invitation to the awards ceremony.

The last few guidance meetings are taking place for students who have applied to us for a place to study A levels in Year 12 next year and we will be inviting successful applicants to attend the AS taster day on Thursday 26th June, where they will have an opportunity to sample the subjects they have selected and get an idea of what life will be like in our highly successful sixth form.

We look forward to welcoming them.

Louise Holdback

Assistant Headteacher,

Head of The Oaks Sixth Form



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Bosworth's Big Gig

Bosworth was truly rocking on Thursday 27 March as students from across the age groups came together and performed in Bosworth's Big Gig Comic Relief fundraiser.

Students from Years 7-13 demonstrated their talents across a range of instruments, from guitarists to a flute soloist.

The event was organised by Year 13 Music students Leila W, Noah B and Aimee G as part of their coursework. They did an amazing job of planning and executing the event, demonstrating many of the 6Cs throughout the process.

The event raised a total of **£236.02 for Comic Relief!** Thank you to all those who attended and well done to all the performers who showed what amazing talent we have at Bosworth Academy.



Colours Evening

In January we celebrated the achievements of Key Stage Four and Five students for their work in each 6C value over the course of this current academic year.



Before the awards were given out Assistant Headteacher, Mr Moore, discussed the importance of the 6Cs in how they build student agency and prepare students for the outside world. Head of Years from across Key Stage Four and Five then recognised students who are excelling in each of the 6Cs with certificates and badges awarded. There were also special awards for:

- Year 11 and Year 13 students who showed great dedication in the recent trial exams.
- Students who have 100% attendance this academic year.
- Character awards to Post 16 students

Well done to all students and we look forward to hosting the next Colours Evening.



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UK Space Design Nationals

Over the weekend of the 8th - 9th of March, we took nine of our Sixth Form students — Amiee, Lily, Connor, Amninder, Honor, Ayi, Santino, Oliwia, and Freya — to participate in the National Finals of the UK Space Design Competition.



This large event comprised over 260 students from 25 schools and colleges across the UK. Students were put into teams of around 60, given a company name, and asked to complete a challenging design brief over approximately 22 hours. They then presented their designs and were judged on their innovation and compliance with the mission brief. This year, the brief was to design a proposal for a settlement called Astoria, a permanent settlement in the Asteroid Belt. Astoria is designed to resupply missions to the outer solar system, extract resources by mining asteroids in the belt, and sell these valuable resources to other settlements in the inner solar system. The competition uses an RFP (Request for Proposal) which includes the scope of the project and information about what needs to be purchased. The four teams then created their proposals, meeting all the requirements, and bid to win the contract. Our students performed fantastically well, especially as it was our first time attending. The event is very demanding, requiring Critical thinking, Collaboration, and excellent Communication. Chris Coldicott and I were extremely proud of their resilience, especially after very little sleep, working right up to the deadline to ensure everything was perfect. Special mention must go to Freya, who won the David Dangoor Award for Innovation.

Although our team's company, Sapien, did not win, the work that went into the proposal was incredible and will benefit our students not only in the next stage of their lives but also as they progress in their future careers.

We are proud to announce that Freya will represent the the UK at the International Space Settlement Design Competition. The ISSDC is a highly prestigious competition that brings together some of the brightest young

minds from around the world. Headteacher, Mr Brown, said: "being selected is a testament to Freya's exceptional problem solving skills, teamwork, and passion for space and engineering."



Freya will be an integral part of the UK team of 12 students who will compete at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida this July.

CanSat Launch

In March our Post 16 CanSat team launched their design: On Monday, we made the finishing touches to the can, and last minute work with the electronics. We faced a big problem with fitting the electronics motherboard inside, and so we had to saw off the radio transmitter that had been soldered on, and adjusted our code to save our data to a file, which we could access after the launch, rather than the Cansat transmitting the data down to the ground station during the launch. Furthermore, the launch requirements were slightly different compared to the Cansat guidelines, which lead us to remake the parachute to fit the new specifications.



On Tuesday, we went down to Westcott Business Park, which is a rocket launch site for many external companies. There, we did any very last minute adjustment to the can, including gaffer taping wires, and covering the whole can in gaffer tape and securing the cap using gaffer tape.

We would also like to say thank you for everyone who has helped with the competition; we've gained a lot of experience from this, and hopefully next year, we will build an even better can!



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Show Racism the Red Card

Amazing News from Bosworth Academy!
We are thrilled to announce that one of our Year 12 students, Liam W, has won the National Show Racism the Red Card competition! Competing against 500 schools from across the country, he impressed the judges with his heartfelt and emotional rap song about racial injustice and unity.



A line that struck me was: **"They make us look bad when our brothers on the news."** His lyrics shed light on the unfair stereotypes and challenges people of colour face, making his message both powerful and thought-provoking.
We are immensely proud of his achievement, and he will be attending the award ceremony at Nottingham Forest Football Club, where he will also be performing to celebrate this incredible accomplishment.
Liam's success is a reminder of the power of using our voices for change.

Y13 to Milan in 12 Months

It was great to hear recently from last year's Year 13 student, Ellen B, on how she is progressing at university:

"It's Ellen, a previous 3D design student. I thought I'd update you on life in Edinburgh at my interior design course.

"I have completed my first big project. I pitched to hiring architects and interior designers to secure an internship in Milan for next academic year. Quite a successful outcome."

Well done Ellen - we look forward to hearing all about the internship in Milan.

Our Sixth Form truly opens doors for future opportunities.



CV and Careers Workshop

In February a group of Year 13 students gained advice in a workshop run by Careers Transition Coach, Phil Sterne.

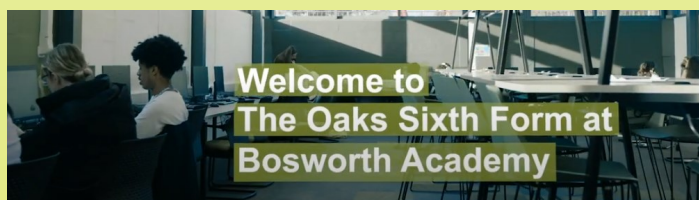
Students were able to consider their interests inside and outside the classroom which they can mention in their CVs and applications for work.

Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity were then used by the students to draw an ideal candidate who had qualities employers are looking for, such as time management and compassion. We thank Phil Sterne for hosting such a valuable session which will enable our students to discuss their qualities and interests in their work applications.



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UCAS Event at King Power

In March a group of Year 12 students went to the King Power in order to aid them in choosing their future pathways.

At the UCAS event, students could walk around to different university stands and learn more about their options progressing past A-Levels. With

universities from up and down the country, it gave students a real understanding of the range of cultures universities can provide.

Seminars took place to give students a further understanding of both student finance and degree apprenticeships.

With the majority of our Year 12 population attending, it meant that most of them now have a further understanding of the options available to them once they finish their journey with Bosworth.

I found it very useful to help broaden my ideas of where I want to attend university. Thank you to the careers department for organising this for us!

Erin S-B, Year 12 student



DMU Talks

Our Post 16 students got a greater insight into university life week starting 17th March when a representative from De Montfort University gave informative talks during tutor times.



On Wednesday 19 March Year 12 students learnt more about the options available to them when moving into higher education with 150 universities covering over 30,000 courses nationwide to choose from. Whilst at university students can participate in a wide range of societies with well-being support and career advice available at universities such as De Montfort University.

Degree Apprenticeship Talk



In March students in the sixth form had the opportunity to attend a presentation by ex-student Freya who shared her experience of her first term as a degree apprentice with JLR.

During her presentation she explained what degree apprenticeships are, and how to apply for them. She talked about

each stage of the process from finding vacancies, the timeline and the assessments which take place. She then went on to explain how her course is split between university and the workplace and some of the opportunities open to her in her role as a degree apprentice in Product Design Development.

The room was packed with more students than ever considering degree apprenticeships as a viable option to the traditional university route. An opportunity to earn while you learn without any debt at the end of the course!



The next day saw our Year 13 students learn more about student financing with a discussion on tuition fee loans and maintenance loans when attending university.

Students were walked through the steps they would have to do to apply for student financing.

Applications are now open and can be made at www.gov.uk/student-finance/apply

We thank De Montfort University for hosting such informative talks to prepare our Sixth Form students for this pathway.

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U19 Basketball Finalists

Bosworth Academy's U19 basketball team finished a great season in March by making the Leicestershire and Rutland County Schools finals, playing at Leicester Riders Mattioli Arena.



The final was a repeat of last year's final as Bosworth faced off against WQE after beating Uppingham School in the semi final.



Our team gave a brilliant fight against a stacked WQE College, full of great basketballers, but WQE came out on top to clinch the title. Our Year 11 team won their final to clinch their four successive title—can they go even better next year at U19 level?

U18 Badminton Bronze

Well done to our U18 badminton team who won bronze in the U18 Leicestershire badminton in March.

Some strong performances from Avani G, Tom W, Ed S, Hermish P and Dan T when we beat WQE in the 3rd/4th place playoff.

Miss Hall, Curriculum Leader PE



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