

Welcome

13h June 2025 This Wednesday, we welcomed stakeholders from across our school and wider community for our Strategic Planning Day. Together, we listened to keynotes and explored the latest in educational research and practice, and collaboratively set our priorities for 2025/26.

Weekly Newsletter for parents & Carers A key part of the day involved reflecting on parent feedback from last term's Edurio survey and hearing directly from our student leaders. Over 1,000 students had shared their thoughts on life at Bosworth in a questionnaire, and our student leaders confidently presented both what's working well and where we can improve. They answered questions from staff and Governors with insight and maturity, representing every year group with pride. By the end of the day, we identified several key areas that will shape our focus for the

year ahead.



It was good to hear how much our Year 12 students enjoyed their trip to the UCAS Discovery event in Sheffield. Events like this assist students in making decisions about their future beyond Sixth Form at Bosworth Academy. We pride ourselves on our excellent support in helping our students to define and exceed their potential - resulting in them making successful transitions onto their chosen pathways. Universities were represented from right across the country, as well as some apprenticeship and alternative training providers. A big thank you to our Sixth Form Team for planning and running these informative events.

The weather was kind to our Sixth Form Geographers as they participated in a visit to Manchester and the Peak District. You'll see some fantastic images and find out what they were learning about as you read on. A reminder that parents and carers should have already read correspondence about applying for bus transport for next academic year. Most families have already re-applied, and some routes are now full. If you haven't yet submitted your application, please do so as soon as possible to secure a seat. Applications are also open to those with students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 or from Year 11 into Sixth

Form. School transport is operated by Passenger Travel Solutions, and the deadline to apply is Friday, 25th July 2025. Final bus routes and stop details will be shared by Friday, 9th August 2025.

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a gothic themed creative writing workshop led by a specialist from Creative Learning Services. The themed session enabled students to showcase and enhance their creative writing talents - with some exception short stories written. Well done to all students and staff involved. As the poet William Wordsworth once said, "Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart." This beautifully captures the essence of creative writing, encouraging us to express our thoughts and feelings freely and imaginatively - which our Year 7 students certainly did. Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown, Headteacher





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Y12 Geography Residential

From 9–11 June, A-Level Geography students from Bosworth Academy took part in an enriching residential field trip to the Peak District and Manchester. The visit gave students the chance to explore a wide range of physical and human geography topics, with fieldwork supporting their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA).



In the Peak District, students investigated the beautiful Grindsbrook river valley near Edale, collecting data on river processes and carrying out a detailed flood risk investigation. They also visited Bakewell to study rural image and quality of life, gathering perceptions from both residents and visitors to



and visitors to understand how rural areas are experienced and managed.

A highlight of the trip was a day in Manchester, where students explored urban regeneration in the city centre, including the Northern Quarter and surrounding

areas undergoing transformation, bringing classroom learning to life.

Throughout the visit, students perfectly demonstrated Bosworth Academy's 6 Cs values through their teamwork, enthusiasm, and high-quality work. A big thank you to Miss Wilson, Mrs Kasuji and Mrs Symmons for their help in organising such a valuable learning experience—and to parents and carers for their continued support.

We encourage Year 10 and 11 students to

consider how visits like this offer fantastic opportunities to develop skills, apply learning in the field, and make Geography at A level a truly rewarding subject to choose after GCSEs!

Mr Blackmore, Head of Geography



iPay Update

I'm pleased to advise that we have received the refund data and funds from sQuid.

We have now completed all refunds due. These should appear on your child(s) IPay account in the



History section of your child's account and show as PC Revaluer, Cash.

Please check your child's IPay, the refund should be dated during the half term 26th May2025 - 30th May 2025

Should there be any issues please email <u>office@bosworthacademy.org.uk</u>.

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Sports Day 2025 Update

As we approach Sports Day at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium on Monday 30th June we wanted to give you some more details about the day and what your child needs to bring.



Students must come to the school in their school PE kit. There will be no need to bring their uniform with them. They will need to check the weather and bring appropriate clothing to keep them warm and/or dry so please bring a waterproof coat and jumper. Please note they will be expected to wear school PE kit and anyone wearing unsuitable clothing will be expected to borrow PE kit from the school. If the weather is hot and sunny please provide your child with sun cream and plenty of water.

Students will be at Saffron Lane for the vast majority of the day and will not be able to purchase lunch in the normal way at the school canteen. Students should make sure they bring enough food and drink with them from home. If your son/daughter is a recipient of FSM please place a lunch order via this link by Monday 23rd June. Some snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at Saffron Lane. Students will need to bring some money to make these purchases. Please also ensure your child brings enough water to last the whole day.

The nature of the day means that students' belongings may be unattended for periods of time. Please ensure all clothing is named and we would encourage students to leave valuables at home.

Parents will be allowed to spectate the event from 10.00am onwards and a separate seating area will be provided for your viewing pleasure. Please note students will be expected to travel to and from Bosworth via the school coaches as we have

tutor interventions planned that all students will need to be part of.

Finally if you have not yet made the £5 parent contribution and would like to do so please make payment via iPAY.

We are really excited about this event and it will offer a unique opportunity for students in KS3. Below you can see the current contributions to the Year 7 and Year 8 goals.

Mrs Hayton, Head of Year 8



Sports Day Sponsorship

Year on year the cost of Sports Day increases so this year, to help fund the event, we are asking companies if they wish to sponsor the event alongside fund-raising activities led by each tutor group as well as asking for contributions from parents.

Please get in touch if you would like to sponsor this event to help with the costs and ensure that we can continue to give our students this experience. Your company's name will be shared on our social media channels and also in our 'In the Loop' newsletter and via communication with parents regarding the event.

These are suggestions and can be discussed or adapted:

£500 - Sponsorship of the Sports Day x1

£250 - Sponsorship of the transport x4 (one per year group)

£100 - Sponsorship of the stand x 4 (one per year group)

£25 - Sponsorship of an event x 20 If interested then please contact Kirsty Hayton (khayton@bosworthacademy.org.uk) to discuss how you can support this.

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UCAS Discovery Event

Our Year 12s benefitted from attending the UCAS Discovery event in Sheffield last Friday. The event aims to assist students in making decisions about where and what they would like to study after Post-16.



Most universities were represented at the fair, as well as some apprenticeship and alternative training providers, such as the Royal Air Force. Students had the opportunity to explore the stalls to collect information by speaking with current students and staff from the universities and to

gather prospectuses.

Our Year 12s enjoyed the visit and found it valuable in starting them thinking about their UCAS applications, which they will begin this half term. Students will be supported in researching their options to help them shape a Plan A and Plan B, so they have an aspirational/realistic plan as well as a back-up plan. While Year 12 will be using tutor times to research future pathways, they are encouraged to spend some independent time looking at the UCAS website and planning their personal statement. The tutors and Head of Year will guide them through this process and we look forward to discussing with them their exciting ambitions for their next steps.

Miss Woolley, Head of Year 12

Upcoming Careers Events

Over the next few weeks we look forward to hosting a number of careers-related events up until the end of the academic year.



Please see below for details:

- Tuesday 24 June Year 10 Careers Talks
- Monday 30 June Year 12 Enterprise Day
- Monday 30 June KS4 Work Experience
- Wednesday 2 July Year 7 Guess My Job
- Wednesday 9 July Year 12 Futures Day

Careers Bulletin

You can now stay up-to-date on Careers news with our Careers Bulletin.

From apprenticeships to careers talks, advice and Post 18 options, you can get the latest on Careers by clicking here.

Careers Team

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Thank a Teacher Day

National Thank a Teacher Day is fast approaching on Wednesday 18th June 2025.

Led by The Teaching Awards Trust and supported by BBC Education, this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and recognise everyone working in education, from teachers and teaching assistants to site teams, admin staff and school leaders. Every role matters, and we would like to give you this chance to show your appreciation for all the brilliant people shaping young lives across our school.



Want to make someone's day? If you have encountered a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or even if it's the whole school team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on https://thankateacher.co.uk/. If you would prefer to send a handwritten message, you can drop these into reception and we will ensure they get to the member of staff on the day. In addition, there are lots of competitions with great prizes that you might like to get your young person involved with. See the link for more details. https://thankateacher.co.uk/for-parents-carers-pupils/

Thank you for supporting this important celebration. We look forward to marking National Thank a Teacher Day together on Wednesday 18th June 2025.

Mrs Connoly, Lead for Staff Mental Health, Wellbeing and Workload, Bosworth Academy

Bus Transport

All students who require bus transport must reapply for their space including those who received transport in the current academic year.



Reapplications are essential to ensure accurate route planning and seat allocations. This applications also applies for incoming Year 7 students.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit applications is Friday, 25th July 2025, and final route and stop details will be confirmed by Friday, 9th August 2025. Routes and stops may be adjusted based on submissions to assign students to their nearest available service and ensure efficient use of transport resources. Applications can be submitted via the Passenger Travel Solutions website below:

<u>Bus Pass Applications 25 - 26 — Passenger Travel Solutions</u>

High School Musical

High School Musical tickets have gone on sale via iPay for the followings dates:

- Wednesday 25th June
- Thursday 26th June
- Friday 28th June

All performances will start at **7.30pm**. We are also offering the opportunity to purchase tickets externally as well via the following link: www.ticketsource.co.uk/bosworthacademy

Mrs Jones, Teacher of Drama



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Year 10 Post 16 Taster

This half term, Year 10 students will be having a taste of the Bosworth Post-16 experience through optional master classes and personal statement workshops held in our Oaks Social and Study areas.







Students will be able to sign up to attend master classes in a range of subjects to give them an insight into A Level pathways and experience what it feels like to be an A Level student at Bosworth Academy.

The options will be: Art, Craft and Design, Film Studies, Further Maths, Food Science and Nutrition, Music, Photography, Psychology, Spanish, Textiles and Theatre Studies. We hope students enjoy this experience and that this opportunity supports their Post-16 applications, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future. More details will be sent home for all Year 10s.

The Oaks Sixth Form

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.



If you still wish to have a personalised guided tour of the Academy please contact the Post 16 team at lbrookes@bosworthacademy.org.uk

SEND Picnic in the Park

Join the Leicestershire County Council SEND team at Picnic in the Park – a SEND celebration event hosted at the Pavilion, County Hall on 24th June from 4.30 to 6pm.

Help the council celebrate the children and young people of Leicestershire who either have SEN support or have an EHCP. Please note that this is an event for families and adult supervision is required at all times.

Bring a picnic and have a go at some exciting activities. Confirmed is an ice-cream van (free ice-creams for all children and young people – parents can buy an ice-cream), Wheels for All, LeicesterShire Music team, Leicestershire County Cricket, football, Early Years activities, petting corner, selfie booth and a range of other sensory activities.

To celebrate achievements, you could send in a photo of your child or young person and/or something that they are proud of (photo, words or representations). Please can you send these to caroline.davis@leics.gov.uk by 19th June. These will be displayed at the event.

Please book your place at:

https://bit.ly/inclusive-celebration-event

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Exams For the Week Ahead

Exams to be taken week beginning 16 June 2025 are listed below. The full exam timetable for Summer 2025 can be found here.

Week Beginning 16th June				
16-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	Chemistry ADV Paper 2
16-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	French ADV Paper 2 Writing
16-Jun	1h 45	AQA	GCSE	Physics
16-Jun	1h 15	AQA	GCSE	Science Trilogy Physics 2
16-Jun	1h 15	Eduqas	GCSE	Music
17-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	Physics P3 Sections A & B Opt A
17-Jun	1h/1h15	AQA	GCSE	Spanish Writing
17-Jun	1h	OCR	AL	PE: Socio-Cltrl Physl Actv Sprt
18-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	Biology ADV Paper 3
18-Jun	2h 30	AQA	AL	Computer Science ADV Paper 2
18-Jun	1h 45	AQA	L2 Cert	Level 2 Cert in Further Maths 2
18-Jun	1h 30	Edexcel	AL	Further Maths
19-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	Mathematics ADV Paper 3
20-Jun	2h	AQA	AL	Chemistry ADV Paper 3
20-Jun	1h 30	Edexcel	AL	Further Maths. Dec 1
23-Jun	1h30	Edexcel	AL	Further Maths Dec 2

Year 11 Exams

Students are remaining in school during their exams and attending lessons as normal. Students have received personalised timetables which are designed to maximise learning time in preparation for each exam.

Following the 16th June Year 11 Physics exam students who don't have an exam can go home and only need to be in school after this date to sit an exam.

Students who are unable to get home will be able to remain in school and take part in supervised revision independently. For all exams following 16th June, students will only need to be in school for their exams.

Mr Worn, Head of Key Stage Four

Exam Contingency Days

The afternoon session of Wednesday 11 June and the morning and afternoon sessions of Wednesday 25 June have been designated by the JCQ as contingency sessions for examinations in the event of national or significant local disruption. This means that should any exam need to be rescheduled these are the contingency dates. Miss Baxter, Deputy Headteacher



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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.

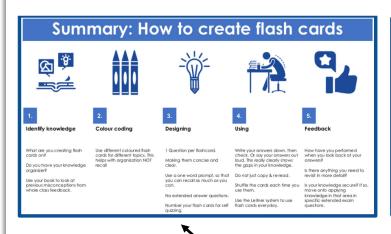
Some study strategies are more effective than

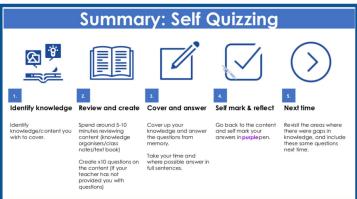
Click this link for a webinar, aimed at parents and carers, that discusses these study approaches in detail, and outlines ineffective strategies that students should avoid. There is lots of useful practical advice, based on the latest evidence from research, that parents/carers can use to support learning 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



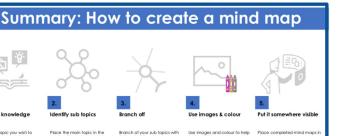


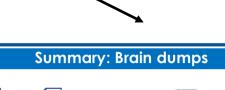
Why the Core Four?

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

Click each summary for more details









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Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: How Many Blinks?

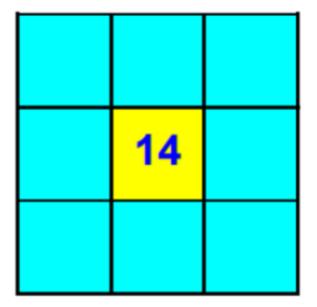


Estimate how many times you blink in your life Assumptions:
You live 80 years
You blink 15 times a minute
You don't blink in your sleep—8 hours a day
Number of blinks per minute x minutes in an hour x hours per day x 365 x lifetime

 $15 \times 60 \times 8 \times 365 \times 80 = 210240000 \text{ times}$

This week's puzzle: Number Square

Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 in each of the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?



Free School Meals 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)
- Leicestershire (County)





Pupil Premium: We now have a dedicated Pupil Premium email address that you can contact for any queries. If you wish to get in touch please email:

pupilpremium@bosworthacademy.org.uk

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.



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Generative AI can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning – but it's not without its hazards. With 3 in 4 pupils now using generative AI (up from just 2 in 5 last year!), it's more important than ever for parents and educators to understand the risks. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the key safety concerns around generative AI tools and offers expert advice for keeping young users safe. From encouraging critical thinking to safeguarding their privacy, find out how to help children use AI safely and smartly.

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The Compass

Library News

Our KS3 students have reading targets set for them using our Accelerated Reader programme. These are individually based, using students' individual reading levels. Students have to achieve a certain number of points from book guizzes they take over a specific period of time. We have just finished our spring marking period (roughly last 3 months) and students have received reward points for achieving their points and accuracy targets.





points target, but were 100% correct for every single book

I wanted to give a special shout out to 2 of our Year 7 students who both not only achieved their



quiz. They received a special 100% gold badge - huge well done to Avaani A. & Toby H. They are the only two students to have achieved this, from the 500 students we have in KS3! Another full house on our reading bingo challenge has been achieved by Yashvi

Creative Writing Workshop

Some of our Year 7 students were able to attend gothic themed creative writing workshops led by Jo, who is a librarian with the Creative Learning Services (library service for schools)

@MidlandsCLS





Jo brought with her number of mysterious objects and pictures to inspire our students. Their gothic stories were amazing and all students had a wonderful time which you can see from this feedback:

"I loved the session and the gothic writing"

"I thought it was good,

"It was good! I liked writing the story it was my favourite bit. Writing is one of my favourite things. I also liked the word games. It was fun"

"It was good and fun to write creatively"

"It was really fun and enjoyable especially the drawing we did and also scary at the same time" "It was really good. I loved it"

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The Compass

Empathy Day

Why is empathy important?

Empathy is being able to experience and understand other people's feelings and points of view. It is a crucial life skill every child and young person deserves the chance to develop, and a force for social change. We are not born with a finite amount of empathy, and this skill can be developed at any time.



What is Empathy Day?

Empathy Day is a national event, which inspires children, young people, and families to develop their empathy superpower and put it into action to change the world.

By taking part in Empathy Day, children, young people and the wider school community will:

- Learn more about empathy and build specific empathy skills: perspective-taking, empathic listening, naming, and sharing emotions and social action.
- Experience empathy through rich encounters with books, authors and illustrators
- Be inspired to drive change by putting empathy into action.

Empathy Day is underpinned by scientific research showing that we can all learn to be more empathetic, it's a learnable skill. Plus, research shows that books are a powerful tool – when young readers identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view (http://empathylab.uk/research).

When is Empathy Day 2025?

This year, Empathy Day is on Thursday 12th June, with run-up activity taking place from May. What is the theme for Empathy Day 2025?

This year's theme is JUMP INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY. When children jump into a book, they identify with the characters and learn to see things from another person's point of view, starting to develop their empathy skills.

Book Recommendations

Key Stage Three



Keedie

Elle McNicoll

Keedie Darrow is driven by her fieroe passion for justice. She is always ready to defend those who are vulnerable, but it can lead her into trouble. A hugely engaging character, even as she battles her own issues. A wonderful novel that challenges misconceptions around neurodivergence.

Knights Of

Running Away For Beginners

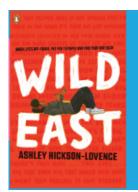
Mark Illis

This novel opens as Jasper receives a cancer diagnosis. He deals with his fear by running away with friends. As he has time to reflect, connections deepen. And while life is still soary, we know that Jasper has the resilience to face what is to come.

Scholastic



Key Stage Four



Wild East

Ashley Hickson-Lovence
Ronny is a Black teenager
traumatised by violence, but making a new life in Norwich. Readers
will hold their breath for Ronny
and rejoice as he finds a talent that
helps him reach towards a positive
future. An unputdownable verse
novel, with expertly crafted
characterisation.
Penguin

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Former Parent Fundraising

Steve Wright, whose children attended Bosworth Academy, is raising money for the Bodie Hodges Foundation with a range of activities.

This charity supports families who have bereaved a child.

Steve will be running the Great North Run in September whilst closer to home a Coffee and Cake Morning will be held at St Martin's Church Centre in Desford on 28 June 10am-1pm. You can donate directly to Steve's fundraising here.



3G Boots

A reminder that students need to bring boots when on the 3G/in the dome. We have an increasing number of students not bringing boots for their PE lessons. Please contact Miss Hall on shall6@bosworthacademy.org.uk if there are any issues with your child's football boots.

Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
Monday 16 — Monday 23 June	Exam season Y11,12,13
Friday 20 June	Y11 Prom 7-10pm King Power Stadium
Wednesday 25 — Friday 27 June	High School Musical. 7pm start
Thursday 26 June	Early finish. School closes at 2pm
Monday 30 June	Y7 & 8 Sports Day Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium
Thursday 10 July	Last day of Summer 2025 term
Tuesday 12 August	Y13 Prom 7-11pm The City Rooms Leicester

Term Dates 2024-25
Term Dates 2025-26

Job Opportunity

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

 Cleaning Operative
 For more information please click <u>here</u> or contact hr@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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Lunch Menu

We will now be having the lunch menu on a two-week rotation.

Next week's menu can be found below on the Week One timetable.

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@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Student Support:

studentjusttalk@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

Attendance Support:

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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