

# Welcome

17th October 2024 On Tuesday I joined a group of our Year 11 students as they listened to Jasper from Maximize Your Potential. The session provided great advice to students ahead of their trial exams with top tips on gaining 'the edge'. Tutors have followed this up in morning sessions by supporting students in preparing their revision timetables. If your child is in Year 11 please ask them to share their plan as it's important that you know when they have committed to revision.

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers A reminder to parents and carers that as the colder weather moves in we expect students to wear a suitable waterproof or coat to school, and please remember that hoodies are not acceptable (and will be confiscated if worn in school). Sadly, with all the wet weather we have had to close our muddy field during breaks and lunches. However, students still have access to our 3G pitch, basketball and hard court pitches to run off their energy during breaks. Students who wish to stay in the warmer school building may do but must not occupy classroom corridors to avoid disrupting classes that are not on break/ lunch.

After half-term, we're thrilled to invite you to our Sixth Form Open Evening at Bosworth Academy on Wednesday, October 30th. This event offers an excellent opportunity for Bosworth Year 11 students and their parents, (as well as Year 11

students from local schools), to discover the many benefits of our esteemed Sixth Form, The Oaks. This summer, our Sixth Form students completed nearly 500 A-level exams, with an impressive one-third of the results achieving A\* or A grades — an outstanding accomplishment!

Join us for an informative evening from 4:30 to 7 PM, where you'll have the opportunity to engage with our subject experts, explore our outstanding new Oaks Study facility, and attend a presentation that showcases the unique features and benefits of our Sixth Form. This is a fantastic opportunity to discover how The Oaks can support your young person's educational journey and help them achieve their goals. You can reserve your presentation time slot here.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown

Headteacher



Wednesday 30 October 2024 4:30-7PM

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# **Post 16 Open Evening**

Prepare for the future by exploring the Post 16 options available at Bosworth Academy by visiting us on **Wednesday 30 October 2024** 

**4:30-7PM** and see how we inspire our students to be better than they ever thought they could be by helping them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live in.

Our students continue to outperform with A Level exam results being consistently above national and regional averages with A\*-E grades at 99.2% and 32% of Year 13 students achieving A\*/A









(2023/2024) however we believe that developing character and values is as important as exam results.

Post 16 students are able to think critically in a newly designed dedicated study area and they develop their learning in a full range of facilities including the world-class full sized football 3G pitch, design workshops and IT suites to name just a few.

During the open evening we will be showcasing each department with curriculum specialists bringing subjects to life whilst current Post 16 students will give valuable insights with testimonials.

The open evening is available to anyone who is considering their options for Post 16 study. Feel free to tour the Academy during your visit where we recommend you spend an hour at the school to get the most out of your visit.

We will be running **two identical presentations** during the open evening at **5PM and 6PM** where we will share our vision and your path to success. Choose your presentation time slot <a href="here">here</a> or by scanning the QR code.

You can preview the great choices we have on offer by exploring our <u>website</u>.

More details on the open evening can be found here. We look forward to seeing you! Mrs Holdback, Head of Key Stage Five



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# **Yorkshire Sculpture Park**

On Tuesday, Year 9 and 12 Art and Photography students travelled to Yorkshire Sculpture Park to immerse themselves in the sculptures embedded in the landscape and the indoor galleries to help inspire their coursework.

The rain held off and a great time was had by all taking in the artwork.

Miss Cooksey, Teacher of ADT







# **Maximising Achievement**

Earlier this week we welcomed Jasper from Maximize Your Potential to give study advice to Year 11 students ahead of their upcoming trial exams.



The sessions saw students learn about revision techniques that will give them the edge of their counterparts across the country.

Jasper, who is also an examiner, also gave tips on how to maximise exam preparation and set work out clearly on the exam paper.

We thank Jasper for the sessions which will set students up for success for the rest of the year.

# Valencia Languages Trip

Our Year 10 and 11 Spanish students will soon be visiting Valencia!

Students will be visiting the Spanish city between 12 and 15 October with the cultural visit being an ideal opportunity to use their language skills ahead of the upcoming trial exams.

Stay tuned on X (Twitter) to see photo updates of the trip!

Mr Mainard, Curriculum Lead MFL





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## Movember

The month of November is fast approaching and we are preparing to launch this year's Movember campaign.



Please take some time to visit the Movember website for details on the great work that they do. In short, they were created in Australia by a few mates discussing why so many males die young. The charity's focus is to raise awareness of men's mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer and they celebrated their 20th anniversary last year.

We are asking all of the stakeholders of Bosworth Academy; staff, students, parents and friends to sign up to our #TeamBosworth Movember page (click <a href="here">here</a> or scan the QR code below) and pledge to help us raise awareness and funds for this great charity.

Throughout the month you can choose the 'grow' or 'move' for Movember. To 'grow' you need to be clean shaven on the 1st November and grow a moustache throughout the month to showcase on the 30th. When asked why - share the goals of the charity. To 'move' you pledge to move 60km across the month by walking, running, cycling,

paddleboarding - choose your method. The reason for the 60km is linked to the 60 males who die by suicide each hour globally.

Please come and join us on this Bosworth Academy community project. If you can't join in then please donate to help up hit our fundraising target.

The topics of this event are deeply upsetting but

ones we have to address as a school. If you have any concerns regarding your mental health then please see the wellbeing support on our Academy's website.

Mr Grest, Assistant Headteacher



# **Attendance and Punctuality**

We're pleased to share the latest attendance figures across all year groups. Overall, attendance rates remain high, with several year groups achieving particularly impressive results.

**Year 7**: 97.9% - A fantastic start for our new students!

Year 8: 96.2% Year 9: 95.8% Year 10: 94.6% Year 11: 93.6% Year 12: 97.3% Year 13: 94.1%

A quick reminder: school learning starts at 8:40 AM each day, so students should aim to be in school by 8:35 AM at the latest. Punctuality is essential to avoid disruption to the day's lessons. If a student is late to school, they will receive a Time to Think consequence that same day during their break time. Additionally, accumulating three late arrivals to lessons will result in a Time to Think consequence during break time being issued. Maintaining good attendance and punctuality is key to academic success. We encourage all students to strive for 97% attendance and continue the strong momentum as we progress through the term.

Attendance	Comment
99% to 100%	Attendance Hero
97% to 98.9%	Good
96% to 98.9%	Below Bosworth Academy target
94% to 95.9%	Requires Improvement
90% to 93.9%	Cause for Concern
Below 90%	Serious Cause for Concern

Let's keep aiming for excellent attendance and punctuality across all year groups!

Mrs Whitaker. Assistant Headteacher

# **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

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## 40 Years of Dance

Bosworth Academy offers the opportunity for its facilities to be hired out by a range of clubs and activities. We caught up with Linda Williams, a recent recipient of the Lifetime Membership with the Royal Academy of Dance, whose dance academy has been running at Bosworth Academy for over 40 years!



# How does it feel to have been teaching dance for 43

It's been an incredible journey! Teaching dance for over 43 years has been both challenging and deeply rewarding. Watching students transform, not just as dancers but as individuals, is such a privilege. Dance is so much more than just movement – it builds confidence, discipline, and expression. Reflecting on all those years. I feel a deep sense of accomplishment and joy knowing I've helped nurture so many young talents.

## What have been some of the most memorable highlights during your teaching career?

There have been countless highlights, but a few stand out. Seeing former students go on to perform professionally or even become teachers themselves is always a proud moment. Participating in national and international performances & competitions, and winning awards with the students, has also been exhilarating. But honestly, some of the biggest highlights are the small, personal moments - like when a student finally masters a difficult step or gains confidence after struggling. Those moments remind me why I love what I do.

### Do you have an estimate of how many students you've taught over the years?

It's hard to say exactly, but I would estimate thousands of students. Some have danced with me for years, while others I've taught in workshops or lectures. Each one of them has left an impression on me, and it's amazing to think about how many lives I've touched through dance.

### In your opinion, what qualities make a great dancer?

A great dancer is someone who combines technique with passion. You can teach steps, but you can't teach heart - and that's what really makes a dancer stand out. Perseverance is also key, as dance is full of challenges and setbacks. The best dancers are the ones who push through and keep refining their craft. Flexibility, strength, and musicality are crucial, but so is the ability to connect with the audience and bring emotion to every performance.

## How has Bosworth Academy supported you in your role as a dance teacher?

I first started teaching dance at Bosworth Academy in the early 80s! For years it has provided a space for us to hold our classes and rehearsals, which has allowed us to work with students from all over Leicestershire. It's been part of our journey over the years, helping us grow and develop along the way.

Would you recommend Bosworth Academy as a venue for hiring out facilities, and if so, why? Yes, I would! The academy offers a functional space for a variety of events. It has potential for hosting everything from rehearsals to performances.

If you would like to host an event or club using Bosworth Academy's facilities please click here.

# **UKMT Maths Challenge**

On Tuesday 1st of October, 90 students in Year 12 and 13 took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This is a competition held every year to challenge some of the country's top young mathematicians. They are set 25 challenging questions worth 4 marks for a correct answer, however any incorrect answers lose 1 mark. 47 of our students have achieved either bronze. silver or gold certificates:

In Year 12 there were: 18 Bronze, 9 Silver and 2 Gold.

In Year 13 there were: 7 Bronze, 7 Silver and 4

Our top 5 for Year 12 are: 1) Kyle Y, 2) Harry W 3) Adam G, 4) Rufus W and 5) Cerys P. Our top 5 for Year 13 are: 1) Jacob W, 2) Harley G, 3) Justin B, 4) Nathan S and 5) Navpreet K Kyle Y, Harry W, Jacob W, Nathan S, Harley G and Justin Bhave all made it through to the next round so a massive congratulations to them! Miss Barrowcliffe, Teacher of Maths

# **Campfire Tales Competition**

Can you create the most terrifying short story?

We're looking for the perfect tale to be read under the full moon on Halloween or around a campfire in a dark forest.





Put your short story into the entry box in the library by 4th November for your chance to win. Open to KS3 and KS4 - prizes for both Any questions - please ask Mrs Cooper or Mrs Griffiths

## Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: How Much Is Left Over?

A boy has four lengths of string, each the same length.

He cut the first into pieces 4cm long and found that he had 1cm left over.

He cut the second into pieces 9cm long and found that he had 1cm left over.

He cut the third into pieces 7cm long and found that there was 1cm left over.

If he cut the fourth into pieces 11cm long, hopw much is left over?

The length he cuts is 1 more than a multiple of 4, 7 and 9.

The Lowest Common Multiple of 4, 7 and 9 =  $4 \times 7 \times 9 = 252$ 

Therefore the string is 252 + 1 = 253cm 253 / 11 = 23

# So there is none left over

This week's puzzle:

How many triangles can be drawn having points in the grid as vertices?

# **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: https://

freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/

Leicestershire (County): https://

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

/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 pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you would like further details.

If you have further queries about Free School Meals and the support we offer, please contact the

Jane Manning Associate Senior Leader, Pupil Premium Coordinator

jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk

## Uniform Reminder

As part of our commitment to maintaining high standards, we would like to remind all students and parents about the importance of adhering to the school uniform policy, specifically regarding skirt

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of students rolling up their skirts, which is against the school's dress code.

We ask for parents' support in ensuring that students leave for school dressed in compliance with the uniform policy. Staff will be reminding students of the correct uniform expectations, and students found not following the guidelines will be asked to adjust their skirts to the correct length. Let's work together to ensure that our school continues to reflect the high standards of presentation that we value.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Mrs Whitaker, Assistant Headteacher





A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year. Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames. It can be difficult to know where to start when teaching children and young people about this potentially life-saving topic. That's why we've put together this free guide, offering expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night to lighting a few scented candles.

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# The Compass

# **Library News**

Our school has been buzzing with reading and books this week just that little bit more, as our **Bookbuzz** books, the gifts for our Year 7



students, have arrived and were given out to students at the start of the week! Ask your child to show you their book, if they haven't done so yet.

These are all of the 250 books for our students. in order of popularity, with

'Murder at Snowfall' proving to be the most popular of all - a thrilling mystery of a book! Our students now have the challenge of reading their book and completing their AR quiz when they have finished it.

They will be challenged to write a book review for their book and also to create an alternative book cover for it.

They can also explore the student zone of the Bookbuzz website to discover more about the books and authors in this year's selection. <a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/</a>







# **Book Recommendations**

### **Key Stage Three**

It's not easy being a Remarkable in the Unremarkable world. Some things are cool - like getting a pet hellhound for your twelfth

birthday. Others, not so much - like not being trusted to learn magic because you might use it to take revenge on an annoying neighbour.

All Nic Blake wants is to be a



powerful Manifestor like her dad. But before she has a chance to convince him to teach her the gift, a series of shocking revelations and terrifying events launch Nic and two friends on a hunt for a powerful magic tool she's never heard of...to save her father from imprisonment for a crime she refuses to believe he committed.

#### Key Stage Four

Roman Bright appears assured and confident, but in reality, school is a tricky space for them. Finding love - or even friends - when you're the only non-binary kid for miles around isn't

When anonymous postcards from 'Big Red' start showing up in Roman's locker and shortly afterwards entire walls of brightly coloured graffiti appear around the



school signed by the same person, Roman is intrigued. Do they have a secret admirer? Roman thinks they know who is leaving these messages their mega-crush and almost-boyfriend from last year, JJ. But when it becomes clear JJ isn't going to reveal themselves, Roman has to decide if they can be brave enough to make the first move. Will Roman finally get their happily ever after?

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# **Cricket League Champions**

Well done to Year 7 students Toby P, Bradley C, Thomas J and Agam B who were part of the Leicester Ivanhoe Cricket Academy team that won the Leicestershire and Rutland Youth League Incrediball League this year beating Countesthorpe in the final by 21 runs.

Leicester Ivanhoe Cricket Academy are on the lookout for new players with teams in u11, u13, u15, u17 and u19 and are also starting an u13s ladies team.

Those interested should contact the club here.





# Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow



**Tuesday 12th November 2024** 

10.00am - 1.00pm

The George Ward Centre Barwell LE9 8DG

# Come along and find out about Local SEND services and support

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

Please book your FREE tickets via

https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local\_Offer\_SEND\_Roadshows\_2024

Free parking available

To find out more about the SEND Local
Offer in Leicestershire please visit
www.leics.gov.uk/send



# **Dates For Your Diaries**

DATES	EVENT
Wednesday 16 October	KS3 Colours Evening 6PM. Invite only.
Monday 21 — Friday 25 October	Autumn half term School Closed
Wednesday 30 October	Post 16 Open Evening 4.30pm-7pm
Thursday 14 November	2pm finish
Friday 29 November	Disaggregated Day School Closed
Friday 20 December	End of autumn term
Monday 23 December — Monday 6 January 2025	Christmas holidays. School Closed

Term Dates 2024-25

## **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

# **Job Opportunities**

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

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Computer Science (Part Time/Maternity Cover)

Please express your interest by contacting: <a href="hr@bosworthacademy.org.uk">hr@bosworthacademy.org.uk</a> or click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

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## **Lunch Menu**

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

Next week is Week Two 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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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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