

would have impressed anyone passing by.

Welcome

20th September 2024 What a fantastic week it's been at Bosworth Academy! The week began with an exceptionally smooth fire drill. Watching 1,561 students and nearly 200 staff members gathered in complete silence, whilst safety checks were conducted, was a remarkable sight. The calm and orderly behaviour of our students is a true testament to their sense of responsibility. It's not every day you see nearly half the population of Desford standing together as one, a scene that

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers We hosted our 'Steps to Success' event for Year 11 students and their families, where we shared expert advice on preparing for GCSEs and Post 16 education. At Bosworth, we often remind our students that qualifications are like keys. But these keys aren't just handed out - they are earned through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Every lesson, revision session, and exam preparation is a step towards collecting those keys. And with every key earned, new doors of opportunity swing open. This journey is supported by a special partnership between our students and staff, who work tirelessly to help unlock each student's potential.



This partnership is something I've seen first-hand while visiting lessons this week. I've been especially impressed with the wonderful relationships forming between our new Year 7 students and their teachers, laying the foundation for success in the years ahead. Equally inspiring are our Post 16 students, whose strong bonds with staff, formed over seven years of learning at Bosworth, are now helping them unlock doors to exciting futures beyond our academy. And whilst

life at Bosworth inevitably comes to an end for our students, we understand the importance of preparing them for what lies beyond. That's why we are committed to providing the best careers and guidance education possible, ensuring they know the pathways that await them.

Our commitment to career guidance was exemplified through our Provider Access Talks, featuring insightful presentations from Caterpillar, Sheffield Hallam University, and experts on Degree Apprenticeships. These talks

offered students across all key stages valuable perspectives on life after Bosworth, broadening their horizons and inspiring future career paths. We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter, filled with stories of students embarking on their own journeys to success. From the vivid, imageprovoking poetry of our young writers to the inspiring accomplishments of Bosworth Alumni William Hollier, who has been using his hard-earned keys to unlock exciting opportunities abroad, our community shines bright. Join us in celebrating the dedication, teamwork, and talent that make Bosworth Academy an exceptional place to learn and grow.

Mr Dolinski

Deputy Headteacher



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Year 11 History in York

We brought history to life this week as our Year 11 History students visited York on Thursday. The historic city offered the students the opportunity to experience a Cold War nuclear bunker whilst they enjoyed a beautiful view of the urban landscape by climbing the 900 year old Clifford's Tower. Students also learned about and experienced the York Dungeons, where students were selected to take part in spooky reenactments of the terrors of York's past. Students showed great maturity and listened intently to





the tour guides who vividly shared stories about York's past. Students also had time to explore the city, with some being inspired by the awesome sight of York Minster and others choosing the culture experience of visiting the local Primark. The students now return to the classroom with shared experiences that developed their 6C values of Character, Citizenship and Critical Thinking that they will apply to their studies.

Mr Worn, Head of Key Stage Four



Provider Access Talks

Throughout this week we have welcomed visitors from a range of Post 16 and Post 18 providers who have discussed the options available to our students after they have completed their studies.



Monday and Tuesday saw representatives from Caterpillar discuss career opportunities with our Year 7 and 8 students.

On Wednesday and Thursday representatives from Sheffield Hallam discussed the benefits of going to university with our Year 11 students whilst Year 12 and 13 students learnt more about degree apprenticeships.

The week was completed when representatives from Leicester College and SMB College shared with Years 9 and 10 students the options available in Further Education.

We thank all of our visitors who gave insightful talks to our students which will further inform their decisions.

Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator .

Road Safety

Bosworth Academy is situated on a busy B road and to ensure safe navigation we ask students to be careful when crossing the road before and after school.

There are safe crossing points for pedestrians to use

in Desford to get from one side of the road to another whilst students should look both left and right to see if it is safe to cross.

We appreciate your support in this to have a safe and peaceful environment near the school and the wider community.

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KS3 Open Evening

Come and visit us to see what our school, our culture, and our value systems are all about. Our theme this year is 'Unlocking Potential: Where Students Thrive and Futures Shine'.



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!

If your child is looking to start with us in Year 7 in the next two years, come and visit us on **Thursday 3 October 2024** and see how we inspire children to be better than they ever thought they could be and help them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live.

The evening on 3 October 2024 will run from

4:30PM-7:00PM. Feel free to tour the school during this time. We recommend spending at least one hour at the school to get the most out of your visit.

Our presentations detail our story, our vision, and our values and give an insight into student life at our school.

There are three identical presentations at the following times:

5:00PM (SOLD OUT) 5:45PM (SOLD OUT) 6:30PM (Limited tickets available)

If you have booked a ticket for the 6:30PM presentation we recommend that you tour the school beforehand to experience the whole



Academy before the event finishes.

You can book your time slot <u>here</u> or by scanning the QR code.

You can view our current school prospectus by visiting our school <u>website</u>. We look forward to welcoming you.

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 (2022/2023) 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 here or by scanning the QR code.

You can preview the great choices we have on offer by exploring our website. More details on the open evening can be found here. We look forward to seeing you!



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Marvellous Medicine Winner

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Roald Dahl inspired 'Marvellous Medicine' poetry competition is David U in 7HBA.



Congratulations and well done on your amazing work David! We love the magical and mystical feel to your poem as well as the wonderful images that you have created.

Here is David's atmospheric poem for you to read and enjoy.

Whimsy's Brew by David U 7HBA

In a cauldron bright with the moon's soft glow, Add firefly light from the fields below, A phoenix feather, pure and light, And petals plucked in the heart of night.

Stir in laughter from the winds of May, With a dreamer's sigh at the break of day. Mix with a wisp of a cloud's soft gleam, Then sip and dance in a walking dream.

Let your spirit rise, Your thoughts take flight, And drift through stars until daylight.

Rewards Update

Last week we shared with you how students can earn reward points with the awards available to them once achieving these points.

Students can trade in their points for prizes at the Bosworth Bazaar.

We can now reveal that the Bosworth Bazaar is available to Post 16 students as well - take a look at the table below to see what the Bosworth Bazaar has to offer!



Bosworth Post 16 Rewards



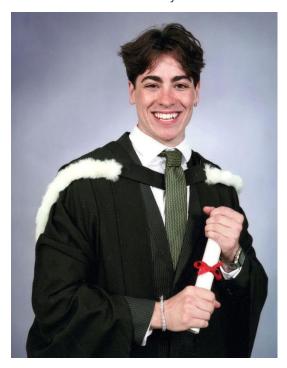
Be on the lookout for more prizes for earning the most reward points. Reward trips this academic year include:

- December Ice Skating trip High attendance, low behaviour points (during communicated dates during second half term)
- Easter trip TBC- Reward points criteria (different for each year group depending on average points at the time)
- End of year (end of June/early July). Year 7: Inflatables in school, Year 8: Drayton Manor, Year 9: Inflatables in school, Year 10: Alton Towers and Year 12: Student council to decide.



Alumni Profile

In this week's Alumni profile we catch up with former student, **William Hollier**, who completed his A Levels at Bosworth Academy in 2021.



"In the last three years since leaving Bosworth Academy, I have been studying Engineering at Durham University," says William.

"University has been the most rewarding thing I have done so far in my life and I would recommend it to anybody who enjoys learning, wants to challenge themselves, and have a lot of fun! "Bosworth Academy prepared me for this experience by helping to develop my independent learning skills, time management, and exposing me to various subject areas. This helped me pick a degree well suited to my interests, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

"I am now moving to America to pursue a Master's degree in Structural Engineering and am looking to develop my career through internship opportunities before I become a Graduate Engineer.

"My advice to current students is to make sure they are taking all of the required prerequisite subjects for university courses they may want to take. For example, I changed subjects in October when I first started as, for all engineering degrees at top universities, you have to have an A Level in Maths. If you want to improve your grades I would recommend using Seneca Learning to revise material then make sure to complete all the past papers that you have access to. Practice makes perfect," said William.

We wish William all the best in his future successes in America.

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

Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle:

The length of a rectangle is increased by 40% and the width is decreased by 30%. Find the percentage change in area.

 $1.4 \times 0.7 = 0.98$

Therefore the area has decreased by 2%.

The area of an enlarged circle is twice the area of the original circle.

By what percentage has the length of the radius of the original circle been increased?

If the area scale factor is 2 then the scale factor is

 $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.414$

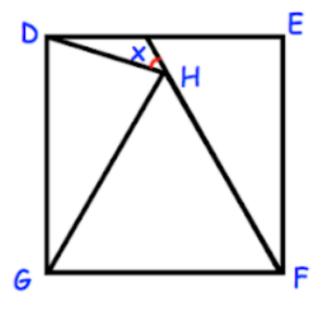
So the percentage increase in radius= 41.4%

This week's puzzle:

DEFG is a square.

FGH is an equilateral triangle.

Find x.





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 here.

As a reminder, transport will not be provided for after school clubs.

Mrs Coulson, Associate Senior Leader













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 including a stocked pencil case and a calculator
- revision guides and additional in-school academic support
- a contribution towards the cost of trips
- mentoring by staff or Post 16 Students

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-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 see details below and email

pupilpremium@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you would like further details.

Miss Manning, Associate Senior Leader



Bosworth Academy School Pantry

We have a great resource at Bosworth Academy to support families in our community. If you ever find your family struggling to get basic cupboard and hygiene products you can access them through our school pantry.

If you would like to arrange a time to collect some items, please do not hesitate to email the link at the bottom of the page.

Tinned fruit and vegetables Soup Sugar, tea and coffee Tooth brushes Toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditioner

pupilpremium@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Steps to Success

On Tuesday, we held our 'Steps to Success' evening for Year 11 parents, thank you to all who attended.

The Main Hall was packed out and parents and students moved to top tip sessions on English, Maths, Science and



Wellbeing following some advice on Year 11 and revision. There was also careers guidance on

The presentation slides can be viewed by clicking on the following links:

Year 11 Steps to Success 2024/25

Trial Exams

Science

English

Post 16 Options

Throughout Year 11, as with all years, we are here to support so please get in touch if you require any help.

Mr Worn, Head of Key Stage Four

AOT Young Person's Forum

Leicestershire County

Council are continuing the



Leicestershire

Outreach Team's Young People's Forum for 2024-25.

The young people involved in last year's AOT forum produced some top tips for Autism Awareness Week and an infographic around transition.

Their hard work and ideas were recognised nationally and have been shared by national networks such as the Autism Education Trust and the National Autistic Society. They also have designed a logo for the Forum which the county council hope to reveal very soon.

If you are interested in having your child take part please contact me or a member of the SEND team.

Mrs Croucher, SENDCo

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Final Fantasy XIV is an online game which allows thousands of players to occupy a far-reaching world simultaneously and has risen to a high level of popularity in more recent years. According to a study from the UK Safer Internet Centre, 73% of young people have experienced unpleasant or inappropriate behaviour while enjoying an online game. As an always-online game, several safety concerns can arise when playing this PEGI 16 -rated multiplayer title – especially for young people. The week's guide offers expert advice on the risks present in Final Fantasy XIV, and suggests steps you can take to ensure young people are as safe as possible online.



The Compass

Book Buzz

The library has been buzzing with our Bookbuzz books this week!



Bookbuzz is a programme run by BookTrust (a reading charity focused on getting children reading),

which gives students the chance to choose and keep a book they'll love from a collection of 16 titles,



selected by a panel of BookTrust reading experts. We are extremely lucky that our school buys into this programme and we are able to gift each of our Year 7 students one of the Bookbuzz books. Students have been busy this week watching the information video about the books and having a look at the sample copies available in the Library. The order for books will be placed early next week and our Year 7s will receive their gifts as soon as they arrive, towards the end of October. There will be a number of competitions connected to these books, which our students will be encouraged to take part in.

More information about he Bookbuzz programme can be found here https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/

Mrs Griffiths, School Librarian

Accelerated Reader

All our KS3 students, Years 7 & 8, are expected to read at least 20 minutes a day, as part of their homework.

We use Accelerated Reader (AR) programme to help us monitor students' reading progress, so every time your child has finished reading a book that has an AR level, they should complete their AR book quiz. Year 8 students are used to this from last year and all Year 7 students are being introduced to this during their library lessons, either week or next one. Please encourage them to read and remind them to take the AR quiz once the book has been read.

Students are expected to have a reading book, either library book or their own book from home, with them every day - this is part of their equipment. They must have their library book with them for their fortnightly library lesson.

Mrs Griffiths, School Librarian

Book Recommendations

Key Stage Three

Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the Chief Horologist in charge of Big Ben. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac determines to find him.



Hunting a trail of clues through

London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and embarks on a race against time to save his father - and time itself.

This is an exciting story with intrigue, puzzling clues and mind boggling science.

Key Stage Four

Desperate for answers, and to stay out of the hands of the social services she grew up in, Asha turns to her hacker friends for help.

Her search leads her to Zu Tech, the hit games

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studio where Maya was a lead coder, and as Asha begins to unravel the riddle of her death, she realises that the only way to uncover the truth is from the inside. Asha ghosts her old life and infiltrates a Zu Tech eSport tournament as they launch 'SHACKLE', the revolutionary Virtual Reality video game Maya was working on - and which

hides a monstrous secret... You don't play the game; it plays you.

Job Opportunities

We are looking for a new Finance Assistant to work in our LiFE MAT Central Finance team, based at Braunstone Frith Primary Academy. Please contact Sarah Trim via email at strim@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk for an informal expression of interest (enclosing a copy of your CV.) We also have the following positions available at Bosworth Academy:

- Temporary Cleaner (Sept-Dec AM position) AM shift: 12.5 hours per week Monday to Friday 2.5 hours each morning for 6.00am to 8.30am
- Permanent PM Cleaner PM Shift: Between 15 hours per week, between 3.00pm to 8:00pm. Post is term time plus 3.6 weeks across the 12 weeks of holidays Paid at Grade 4 (Point 6) £22,982 FTE (£11.88 per hour). Required ASAP dependent on applicants notice period.
- Weekend Lettings Officer Grade 6 pay point 9-10 FTE Salary £23,898 -£24,300 per annum. (Actual Salary £3,229.46 - £3,283.78 pro Rata). Based on 10 hrs every other Saturday) Required ASAP. Closing Date 10th October 2024
- **Premises Officer** Grade 8 (points 15-18) 37 hours per week for 52 weeks across the academic year on a three shift pattern. Salary: full time equivalent is £26,427 - £28,776 Required ASAP Closing Date 8th October 2024

Please express your interest by contacting: hr@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Dates For Your Diary

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 3 October	Open Evening 4.30pm-7pm
Tuesday 16 October	KS3 Colours Evening (Times TBC)
Monday 21 — Friday 25 October	Autumn half term School Closed
Wednesday 30 October	Post 16 Open Evening 4.30pm-7pm
Friday 29 November	Disaggregated Day School Closed
Friday 20 December	End of autumn term

Term Dates 2024-25



Leicestershire Local Offer **Special Educational Needs** and Disabilities Roadshow



Thursday 26th September 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, LE3 8RF

Come along with your child / young person to have a go at activities and find out about Local SEND services and support available

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

We are inviting children and young people to come along to this Roadshow to have a go at some activities on offer. These include:

- Music Sound and Sensory
- Positive Mental Health

Please book your FREE tickets via

No Bake Food

Cricket Cinema showina

Free parking available

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

https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/

en/service/Local_Offer_SEND_Roadshows_2024





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Lunch Menu

We will now be having the lunch menu on a two-week rotation. This will start on Week One next week, week commencing Monday 23rd September.

You can see next week's menu below with Week One and Week Two menus 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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Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

Attendance Support:

attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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