

Welcome

19th September 2025 We are proud of our strong values at Bosworth Academy, with a focus on every student and staff member aiming to 'be better than you thought you could be'. Building student confidence, self -belief and challenging limits are all important in defining potential. Our global competency 6Cs are at the heart of our curriculum. One of those Cs, Citizenship, is about understanding the world and acting responsibly in it. We focus on students learning to:

Think globally and act locally → seeing how issues in their community connect to the wider world.

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers Engage with global issues → such as sustainability, equity, peace, human rights, and social justice.

Take responsibility → for making positive contributions to their communities, both locally and globally.

Value diversity and respect others → appreciating different perspectives, cultures, and ways of life.



In assemblies next week, I will be focusing on the value of Citizenship as we highlight the importance of community and unity. In today's world, some of our children, colleagues, and members of the wider community are experiencing feelings of unease and exclusion. Symbols such as the Union Flag and the Cross of St George should stand as positive emblems of national pride, unity, and support. Outside of school, we have proudly displayed the Cross of St George when the Lionesses won the Euros, when the England men's team reached the Euros final, and we continue to fly the Union Flag with respect. Flags themselves are not the problem. The issue arises when these symbols stop representing unity and

instead become markers of division.

Bosworth Academy is proud to be an anti-racist school. We will continue to promote the values of inclusion and the celebration of diversity, alongside personal responsibility and respect for all. Our aspiration is to uphold a zero-tolerance approach to any form of discrimination. Above all, it is our priority that every member of our school community feels safe, welcomed, and included. That is our mission.

Visiting lessons this week I have been impressed with the engagement of students. It has been wonderful to see young people participating with enthusiasm, working collaboratively, and showing real curiosity in their learning. The quality of discussion, the thoughtful questions being asked, and the focus on developing deeper understanding all reflect the hard work of both students and our staff. It is a pleasure to witness such a positive and purposeful atmosphere across our classrooms. Our new students in Year 7 and 12 have settled in well, and many will have an opportunity to be

ambassadors for our school at our upcoming Open Evenings. These events are on Thursday 2nd October and our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 30th October, 4.30-7pm. Students should let their tutor and Head of Year know if they would like to support us on these evenings.

Desmond Tutu once said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." Understanding that when unfairness, discrimination, or harm is happening, staying silent or refusing to take a side is not actually 'neutral'. By doing nothing, you allow the injustice to continue, which in practice supports the oppressor. Let's all work together to celebrate our similarities and differences.

Mr Brown Headteacher



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BBC Radio Leicester

Be sure to tune into BBC Radio Leicester's Ady Dayman Breakfast Show all next week when Bosworth Academy will be featured on the Breakfast Club segment.



This week students from across all key stages were joined by Mr Grest, Mrs Goodall and Mr Macalinden for a recording session ahead of next week's broadcast.





Amongst the special features recorded were games of Pupil's Pet and Teacher Quiz, which also have a special-sports theme to coincide with former student, Emily Scarratt, competing in the Women's Rugby World Cup.



Well done to students from Year 7 Neve B, Year 8 Lucas G, Jonah H, William B, Year 9 Frankie B and Year 13 student Erin S-B who all showed great 6C skills representing Bosworth on the radio.

Breakfast Club will be on BBC Radio Leicester all next week around 8am.

Steps to Success Evening

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

Mr Worn, Deputy Head of School/Head of Key Stage Four

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Open Evening

Be better than you thought you could be at Bosworth Academy.



Come and visit us to see what our school, our culture, and our value systems are all about.

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 2 October 2025** and see how we inspire children to achieve and help them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live.

We also welcome those of you who are looking to join us in Year 12 but we do have a dedicated Sixth Form evening on Thursday 30 October 2025 which you might find more useful to attend.

The evening on 2 October 2025 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 available at the following times:

5:00PM 5:45PM

6:30PM

Book your presentation time slot today by going to our <u>Ticket Source page</u> or by scanning the QR code below.

You can view our current school prospectus by visiting our school website.

You can also learn more about the innovative Real LiFE Curriculum here. We look forward to seeing you there.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Prepare for the future by exploring the Post 16 options available at Bosworth Academy by visiting us on Thursday 30 October 2025. See



how we inspire our students by helping them believe they can make a difference to the world in which they live.

We are located in Desford, Leicestershire, conveniently situated between Leicester city centre and the town of Hinckley in the west of the county.

Our students continue to outperform with A Level exam results being consistently above national and regional averages with A*-E grades at 100% 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 including those not currently in Year 11.

The evening will run from 4:30 PM to 7:00 pm. 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.

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. You can book your presentation time slot on our

Ticket Source page or by scanning the QR code to the right. You can preview the great choices we have on offer by exploring our website.

We look forward to welcoming you!





Clubs Are A Go!

As the new term kicks off, Bosworth Academy is buzzing with excitement thanks to the launch of a wide range of student clubs and activities — offering something for everyone, whether you're sporty, creative, curious, or competitive.



From high-energy basketball, netball, and trampolining, to imaginative and artistic pursuits like art, crochet, and choir, students have plenty of opportunities to explore their passions and try something new. For those who love strategy and storytelling, clubs like Warhammer and Dungeons & Dragons offer a chance to dive into fantasy worlds and build friendships through gameplay. Tech-savvy students can get involved in esports or even create music videos, combining creativity with digital skills. These clubs not only provide fun and relaxation but also help students develop teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving abilities.

To make it easy for everyone to stay informed, the weekly club timetable is emailed directly to students.



Parents can also view the latest schedule by visiting the school website and checking under the Students tab. You can also access the schedule here.

Whether you're looking to stay active, express yourself, or connect with others, Bosworth Academy's clubs are the perfect way to enrich your school experience. So why not give something new a go this term?

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner

QuitReady Visit

On Wednesday 8th October, our school will be hosting QuitReady, a service that supports both young people and adults to stop vaping or smoking.



Location: Canteen/reprographics area

Time: Break and lunch

This is a great opportunity for students to:

- Ask questions
- Get practical advice
- Access one-to-one support

If your child is unable to speak with QuitReady during the day, you can also find more information and make a self-referral online at

www.quitready.co.uk.

Alternatively, if you would prefer, we can support your child with a referral through their year team. Mrs Whitaker, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Arbor Parent App

The Arbor Parent Portal has been specifically designed to improve how parents and



school staff communicate.

The school can send and receive information via the Arbor app and portal and Parents can view key information relating to their child, including:

- real-time attendance data
- real-time behaviour information including rewards
- academic progress reports
- timetables
- communication channels

You can install the app on your phone:

Apple and Android.

More details on Arbor can be found at: www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/parents/parent-portal-arbor/

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York History Trip

While York may be known for its medieval towers and winding streets, it was a concrete bunker from the 1960s and a dungeon full of drama that truly captured our students' imaginations and raised a few eyebrows.

After a magical stroll through The Shambles where one student exclaimed, "I felt like Harry Potter walking down Diagon Alley" and a windswept climb up Clifford's Tower, our historians descended into the York Cold War Bunker, a preserved relic from one of the tensest periods in

modern history. This wasn't just a museum it was a time capsule, built during the height of Cold War anxiety. The décor, a curious mix of blue, cream, and orange, wasn't just retro, it was the result of colour psychology studies designed to keep bunker staff calm while monitoring potential nuclear fallout. There was even talk that our own school might benefit from a similar palette, anything to help soothe the chaos of corridor life. Students quickly realised this was

more than just a building; it was a space layered with meaning, where every object told a story. Above the bunk beds sat ROC uniforms and personal belongings, quiet reminders of the volunteers who trained here to detect atomic blasts. Their resilience was striking, ordinary citizens prepared to sacrifice their own lives, driven by the belief that their actions might save others. As students took in the sparse living quarters, one exclaimed in disbelief: "What, no phones?" The tour guide gently explained that mobile phones hadn't been invented yet, prompting a moment of stunned silence and a sudden appreciation for the realities of Cold War

The highlight? AUDREY—the Atomic Weapons

Detection Recognition and Estimation of Yield device. It didn't look like a computer, but it was an extraordinary piece of 1970s technology designed to measure nuclear explosions. Students were amazed by its function and rarity: one of the only surviving devices of its kind in the world.

Not every moment was textbook perfect. Upon arrival in York, one student pointed at the 13thcentury city walls and asked earnestly, "Is that the Berlin Wall?" A mental note was swiftly made by the history teachers: clearly, work to do. The day ended with a plunge into the theatrical

chaos of the York Dungeon, where students met

10 unforgettable characters from history. From the fearsome Viking Ivar the Boneless, to the plotting pyromaniac Guy Fawkes, the Dungeon brought the past to life with eerie enthusiasm. Isabelle Billings, a York witch, cast her chilling tale. while Dick Turpin, the infamous highwayman, barked his legendary command: "Stand and deliver!" Students were captivated by the storytelling, the jump scares, and the immersive atmosphere that made history feel thrilling, terrifying, and unforgettable. "It was a

banging trip," one student declared and few disagreed.

Throughout the day, our students were excellent engaged, curious, and brilliant representatives of our school. Their enthusiasm, thoughtful questions, and respectful conduct made us proud.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke, Mr Kirk, and Mr Worn for supporting the trip, and an especially big shout-out to Mrs Symons for her tireless work behind the scenes to make it all happen. From cobbles to Cold War chills to candlelit confessions, York delivered and so did our students.

Mr McKenna, Teacher of History





Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: What number?

In a magic square each row, each column and both main diagonals have the same total. What number should replace x in this partially completed magic square?

12

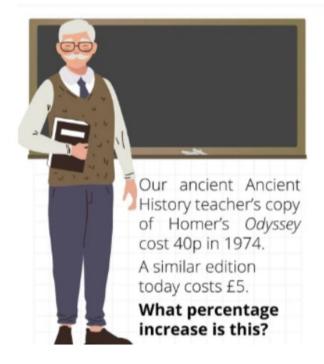
From the first column, we see that the common total is 13+5+X=X+18. For this to be the middle row total the number in the central square needs to be X-2. Then, for the total of the top-left to

13	
5	15
X	

bottom-right diagonal to be X+18. The bottom-right number has to be 7. This means that the top -right number has to be X-4.

Now from the bottom-left to top-right diagonal, we have x+ (X-")+ (X-4) = X+18. Hence 2X = 24. So X = 12.

This week's puzzle: What percentage?



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)
- <u>Leicestershire (County)</u>

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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With Snapchat's ever-evolving features, it's essential for parents to stay informed about new and emerging safeguarding risks. From Al chatbots to paid content options, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide takes a closer look at the platform's most pressing dangers – plus the latest updates to be aware of. Whether it's sextortion, overspending on Snapchat+ or the effects of screen addiction, this guide provides up-to-date advice to help keep young users safe. It's essential reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand Snapchat's key risks – and support a safer, more positive experience for the children in their care.



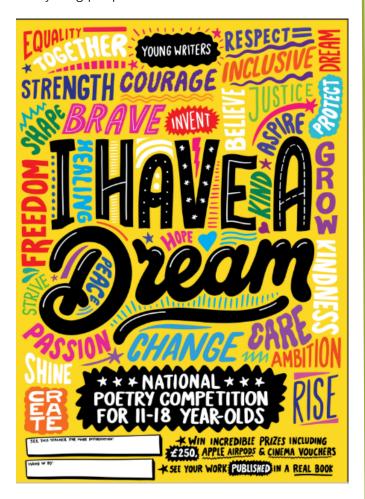


The Compass

Library News

Calling all writers and anyone who just wants to have a go at being creative!

Dreams are personal, universal, powerful. What do our young people dream about?



'I have a dream' competition invites young people to get creative and write a poem on the theme of dreams.

From personal hopes and ambitions to dream worlds or darkest fears, this competition offers a flexible, inspiring framework for young writers to find their voice & express themselves.



It gives them freedom to be creative, reflect on real-life goals or imagine the future in a fun and engaging way.

Entry forms available from the Library.

All entries must be handed in to Mrs Griffiths in the school library by the end of the day on **Monday 13** October.

Prizes to be won:









The Compass

Book Recommendations

Book recommendations for this week are some of the books shortlisted for the SLA Information book award:



The Information Book Award is an annual event, now in its fourteenth year. The award was founded to support school libraries, celebrate the value of non-fiction books and highlight the amazing quality

of information books available for children and young people.

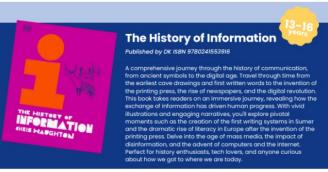
Reading information books for personal interest and pleasure gives children and young people the opportunity to follow their natural curiosity, explore new areas of knowledge and build on existing interests. The books they encounter will provide models for their own writing.

The Information Book Awards brings together a panel of expert judges who select the winning titles in the three age categories. The many hundreds of children participating in the IBA Book Club vote for the Children's Choice in each category and an overall favourite. Trophies are awarded at a special awards ceremony in November, bringing together representatives from across publishing, libraries and the education community.





Welcome to Asial Discover the incredible history and diversity of Asia in all its splendour, with this stunningly illustrated and fact-filled encyclopaedia. Dive deep into this vast and epic continent, looking at its incredible past, its fascinating present, and its exciting future. Amazing Asia celebrates the five geographic regions – East, West, North and Central, South and South East. Amazing Asia brings readers right up to date, exploring everything from the origin of Asian migration, to pockets of lits culture all over the planet. Find out about Asia's reach across the globe with K-pop, martial arts, street food, sport, Bollywood, gaming and spirituality, as well as the rise in business and technology.





Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 2 October	Open Evening. 4.30-7pm
Monday 20 — Friday 24 October	Autumn Half Term. School Closed
Thursday 30 October	Sixth Form Open Evening. 4.30-7pm
Friday 28 November	Disaggregated Day. School Closed
Friday 19 December	Last day of Autumn 2025 term
Tuesday 6 January 2026	First day of Spring 2026 term

Full term dates can be found below.

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Lunch Menu

We will now be having the lunch menu on a twoweek rotation.

Please see below for next week's Week One menu or click the links for Week One and Week Two

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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Anti-Bullying Form: Report here

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