

Welcome

17th October 2025 Today saw many of our students and staff wearing an item of red in support of Show Racism the Red Card Day. This national campaign uses the power of education and sport to challenge racism and promote inclusion. As a school serving a culturally rich and diverse population, we are proud to stand against discrimination in all its forms. We want every student to feel safe, valued and welcome - not just on one day, but every day. Events like this help reinforce the message that Bosworth Academy is a place where kindness, respect and unity are not just encouraged, but expected.

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers At Bosworth Academy, this campaign resonates deeply with our commitment to the Five British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These are not abstract ideals, but principles that come alive through the daily lived experiences of our students. This week has been a shining example of how these values are nurtured and celebrated across our school community.

From the Valencia trip, where our Key Stage 4 linguists immersed themselves in Spanish culture and strengthened their sense of global citizenship, to the Desford Stitch Extravaganza, where our textiles students worked alongside the local community to create garments for children in Africa, we have seen respect, compassion, and responsibility in action.

Our Post-16 students were inspired by visiting academics from the University of Leicester, who opened doors to the future with thought-provoking talks in Physics,

Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science. These sessions not only encouraged intellectual curiosity but also highlighted the importance of perseverance, collaboration, and liberty in shaping one's own path.

Meanwhile, the celebration of Diwali within our school

community reminded us of the power of tolerance and unity, as we joined millions around the world in honouring the triumph of light over darkness.

And in the spirit of democracy and healthy competition, our students excelled in national Mathematics Challenges, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and problem-solving at the highest level.

These stories, and many more within this edition, show how our students are not only achieving academically but also growing as thoughtful, responsible citizens who embody the values that underpin life in modern Britain.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers for their outstanding efforts in making learning both challenging and enjoyable. We thank our students for bringing energy, curiosity and kindness that make Bosworth Academy such a special place each day. And we thank our parents and carers for their ongoing and unwavering support in helping their children "be better than they ever thought they could be."

Have a wonderful half-term holiday!

Mr Dolinski,

Co-Head of School





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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 <u>Ticket Source page</u> or by scanning the QR code below.

You can preview the great choices we have on offer by exploring our website. We look forward to welcoming you!



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Valencia 2025

Hola a todos!

Our Key Stage Four Spanish students, along with students from Ibstock School, enjoyed the culture of Spain this week as we visited Valencia. After an early flight we saw the sights and sounds of this vibrant European city.





This once in a lifetime opportunity saw students visit Valencia Cathedral, the Science Museum whilst putting their culinary skills to the test with a paella cookery session. Following the cookery session students were given a guided tour of the gardens where the produce they had just cooked was grown.

All students practiced their Communication and Citizenship values throughout the trip which proved an unforgettable experience. We look forward to visiting the continent again.









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Desford Stitch

A group of Year 11,12 and 13 Textiles students were invited to attend this annual community event last Friday at the Church Hall.





They demonstrated both Citizenship and Creativity by making beautiful children's dresses, which will be sent to poor communities in Africa via the 'Aim For Change' charity.

The students were all a credit to the school, working hard all morning alongside members of the local community to produce quality, handmade garments for those in need.

As always, a range of lovely cakes were on hand

to power them through! Well done, everyone, you did yourselves and the school proud.

Happy Diwali!

This week, we join millions of people around the world in celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Diwali is a time to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.



At Bosworth Academy, we value the diversity within our community and recognise the importance of sharing and learning from different cultural and religious celebrations. Diwali reminds us all of the power of kindness, unity, and hope, values that shine brightly within our school. To all those in our community who are celebrating, we wish you a joyful and peaceful Diwali filled with light, laughter, and love. Happy Diwali!

Movember Approaches

As we approach the end of the first Autumn Half Term we look forward to the month of Movember. The focus for the Movember charity is to raise awareness of men's mental health, suicide awareness, testicular cancer and prostate cancer.

- Here is a link to the Movember support page which signposts to various ways you can seek support.
- Here is the link to the Team Bosworth page where we are asking staff, students, parents and the wider community to sign up and get involved in the 2025 campaign.

We hope to welcome you as part of the team, be that as an active member raising money yourself, making a donation or just sharing the campaign amongst your family and friends. United we Mo!

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Uni of Leicester STEM Talks

Exploring the Future: Leicester University Delivers Inspiring STEM Talks to Post-16 Students

Students were recently treated to a series of engaging and thought-provoking academic talks delivered by lecturers and admissions tutors from the University of Leicester. The sessions, aimed at Post-16 learners with interests in Physics, Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science, offered a unique insight into university life, subject pathways, and future careers in STEM.



Applying to Leicester: Courses, Societies & Opportunities

Each session began with an overview of the application process, including what admissions tutors look for in a strong personal statement and interview. Students were introduced to the wide range of undergraduate courses available at Leicester across the STEM disciplines, and were encouraged to explore the university's vibrant extra-curricular scene, including academic societies, coding clubs, and engineering competitions.

Computer Science: Cracking the Caesar Cipher
The Computer Science talk took a hands-on
approach, using the Caesar Cipher to
demonstrate how classical encryption techniques
can be used to solve real-world problems.
Students were challenged to think like computer
scientists, applying logic and pattern recognition to
decode messages — a brilliant introduction to the
problem-solving nature of the subject.

Mathematics: Predicting Viral Videos

In the Mathematics session, students explored exponential growth through the lens of social media. The talk focused on modelling how and why videos go viral, using mathematical functions to predict viewership trends. This real-world

application of maths sparked lively discussion and showed how abstract concepts can have tangible impact.



Physics: The Dynamics of Geomagnetic Storms
The Physics lecture delved into the terrestrial
magnetosphere, exploring how it interacts with the

ionosphere and ring current during geomagnetic storms. Students were introduced to cutting-edge research and the physics behind space weather — a fascinating topic with implications for satellite

technology and global communications.

Engineering: Building Battle Bots

Engineering students were given a behind-thescenes look at the types of projects they could expect to work on at Leicester — including designing and building a fighting robot. The talk highlighted the practical, hands-on nature of the course and the collaborative skills developed through team-based engineering challenges.

Expert Advice from Admissions Tutors

Many of the guest speakers were admissions tutors from their respective faculties, offering valuable insights into what makes a successful university applicant. They shared tips on how to stand out, what questions students should be prepared to answer, and how to demonstrate genuine passion for their subject.



Looking Ahead: A Visit to Leicester

Following the success of the talks, there are plans to organise a follow-up visit to the University of Leicester, giving students the chance to explore the campus, meet current undergraduates, and experience university life first-hand.

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner

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Prom Passport Credits

Over the past two weeks Year 11 students have been able to start to earn their Prom Passport Credits ready for the full launch in January. Year 11 students can be rewarded each week for the following:

- 100% Attendance
- No late marks
- Attending revision sessions and being activity engaged in these
- Finishing their personal statement
- Creating a revision timetable
- Showing their tutor revision they have completed

It has been great to see students receiving so many points with students over the last two weeks receiving a



total of **4,830** as a year group! We are very proud of our students.

Below is the Tutor Board Leader Board with 11 JAL taking the prize for the second week!

Position	Tutor Group	Average Points per tutor group
1	11 JAL	26.2
2	11 AHE	25.3
3	11 SEL	22.2
4	11 CBK	20.2
5	11 LAR	19.2
6	11 PGO	18.0
7	11 SKA	16.2
8	11 EML	14.2

Over half term please encourage your child to revise and send any pieces of outstanding revision to <u>jiacobs@bosworthacademy.org.uk</u>.

After half term revision sessions will begin. The revision sessions have been sent to students and parents today via emails.

If you have any concerns about your child and their upcoming exams please do not hesitate to contact us on the same email above.

Miss Jacobs and Mrs McQuaid Head of Year 11/ Assistant Head of Year 11

Stories Behind the Statues

Children will have the chance to explore the fascinating stories behind statues from around the world, including the mystery of why so many are missing their noses! Through this interactive workshop, they'll learn how faces and features reflect race, culture, and identity, before designing and



sculpting their very own clay statue to take home. This free, family-friendly workshop is a fun, handson way for children aged 5 and above to explore history and culture during the October half term. For safeguarding reasons, parents or guardians are expected to stay with their children throughout the session.

We'd love for our Bosworth community to take part in this unique and creative opportunity. Please do share this event with friends and family who may be interested.

Click here to learn more.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and bring this exciting learning experience to more young minds!

Huge Xbox Donation

We'd like to say a massive thank you to the mysterious donor who kindly gifted the school an **Xbox**, complete with controllers and games! The console has already been put to excellent use, our students have been having a fantastic time playing together.

Your generosity has truly brought smiles to our school community.

Thank you for giving the Xbox a new home, it's very much appreciated!

The Esports Club is just one of numerous clubs on offer for students at break and lunch times—the full clubs' timetable can be found here.

Thank you for your continued support in helping students make the most of their school experience.

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner

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HBSSPAN Sport Leaders

This term we've hosted two fantastic KS1 Football Festivals at Bosworth Academy and Hinckley Parks, with over 180 KS1 children representing their schools — many for the very first time!



The children learnt new football skills, played fun friendly matches against other schools, and even got to take a penalty at the end! Lots of smiles, teamwork and happy faces all round!

A massive thank you to our amazing Bosworth Academy Sports Leaders for refereeing and supporting the event — you were brilliant!

Well done to everyone who took part — what a great celebration of sport and staying active!

Gareth Bell, HBSSPAN School Games Organiser

Ghost Story Trip

On Wednesday 15th October, our GCSE and A-Level Drama students visited The Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham to



see 2:22 – Ghost Story as part of the live theatre component of their course.

Students represented the school brilliantly, their behaviour was exemplary, and several members of the public even commented on how impressed they were!

The performance itself was full of tension and suspense, with plenty of jumpy moments that kept everyone on the edge of their seat!

Mrs Jones, Teacher of Drama

Global Media Artwork

Well done to the Art Club who have transformed G3 into a great space to display Global Media student work!

Particular praise goes to Nicola W in Year 9, Yuvraj L in Year 11 and Alexia and Lola in Year 12.

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Headteacher









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Maths Challenge Success

Well done to seven of our girls from Year 12 and 13 who took part in one of 2 challenges recently to test their mathematical problem solving skills at a very high level.

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

Two of our Year 13s took on the Olympiad for Girls, which involved spending 2 hours 30 minutes tackling five challenging problems. A huge well done to Carys P and Amninder K who did amazingly well to achieve a distinction and merit respectively.

Mathematical Competition for Girls

Meanwhile a further five students spent 90 minutes tackling their 5 problems in the inaugural Competition for Girls. All five did brilliantly with Lois R, Diya T and Aimee R gaining a merit and Chloe H and Emily K achieving a distinction.

Really well done to all the girls.

If you would like to test your skills at one of these challenging questions, here is an example:

Tom has a large supply of two types of dominoes, Type A and Type B. Type B dominoes can be rotated 180° so that the grey square is on top.





pe A type

Tom wants to select three dominoes and place them next to each other to create a 2×3

rectangle (so the dominoes remain vertical, as shown above). He wants both top and bottom

rows of his rectangle to contain at least one square of each colour.

- (a) (i) How many sequences can Tom make which contain exactly one Type A domino?
- (ii) How many sequences of three dominoes can he make in total?
- (b) Each of the white squares on Type B dominoes has a whole number between 1 and 6 (inclusive) written on it. Grey squares have no numbers on them. There are several copies of each numbered Type B domino. (The numbers do not change when a Type B domino is rotated; for example a 6 does not become a 9.) Tom wants to select and arrange three dominoes as before (with both top and bottomrows containing at least one square of each colour, and using dominoes of either type), but now he also wants the numbers on the

least one square of each colour, and using dominoes of either type), but now he also wants the numbers on the top row to add up to 6 and the numbers on the bottom row to add up to 6.

In how many ways can he do this?

Mrs Chauhan

Core Four Revision

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 others. Click this <u>link</u> 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. Further details on The Core Four can be found here.

Mrs Smoczynski, Assistant Headteacher

Revision Guides

With trial exams fast approaching for Year 11, it's important that students feel prepared and confident that they can succeed.

To help with this, here is a <u>subject by subject</u> <u>overview</u> of what topics students will be examined on, key areas to revise and resources to help them with this.

It's important for students to strike a balance between revision and rest, so creating a revision timetable that is manageable and realistic will be invaluable.

We recommend the Core Four strategies of flashcards, mind maps, brain dumps and selfquizzing to help students maximise the lasting impact of their revision.

Mrs Smoczynski, Assistant Headteacher

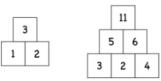
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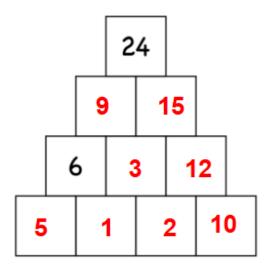
Maths Puzzle of the Week

Last week's puzzle: Complete Sum Pyramid

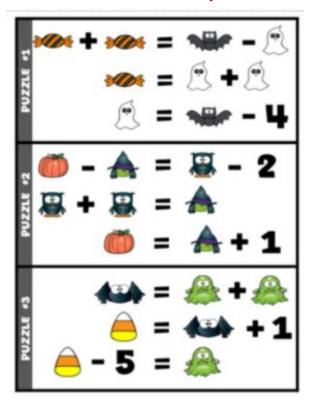
These pyramids are called Sum pyramids. The number above each pair of connected numbers is their sum.



Place some of the numbers from 1 to 24, not repeating any number to complete this Sum Pyramid. Can you find more than one solution? One example:



This week's puzzle: Find the Value Find the value of each symbol.



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.



SEND Information Report

We are happy to share details about our SEND provision in Bosworth Academy's <u>SEND</u> Information Report.

If you have any queries about the report please feel free to contact the SEND department. Mrs Jones, SENDCo



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They're everywhere online, but do you really know what memes are saying? This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the role of memes in youth culture - and why they're not always as harmless as they seem. From hidden messages to misinformation, we break it down.

Plus, we share four simple ways parents can guide young people to engage more safely with memes - encouraging empathy, critical thinking and healthier digital habits.



The Compass

Library News

'I have a dream' Young writers national competition We had some wonderful entries for this competition - well done Isabelle B., Phoebe H., Insher V., Neve B., Thomas S., Ella R., Max P., Olivia S., Maggie F. and Anna I. - all received reward points.

Our internal, in school winners are Isabelle B., Phoebe H. and Insher V.





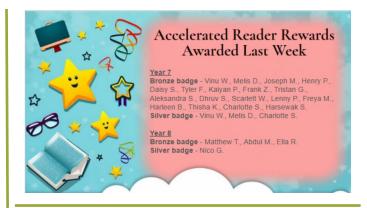


Harry Potter Book Day Activities

Last week's Thursday, 9 October, was a Harry Potter book day and to celebrate this, we had lots of Harry Potter activities in the Library. Well done to all who took part - they've all had reward points. Our winners were - Japji G., Naira S., Avantia B. and Ayaz D.

Mrs Griffiths, School Librarian





Book Recommendations

Black history month is celebrated in the UK in October and is all about recognising and celebrating the often overlooked contributions, achievements and history of black people in society.





Key Stage Three and Four

Discover the joy of Black
History - a piece for every
day of the year. Meet well
known figures and unsung
heroes, read about famous
and lesser known key
cultural moments and
discover brilliant information
about Black people
throughout history, from
ancient times to the modern
day. With accessible pieces



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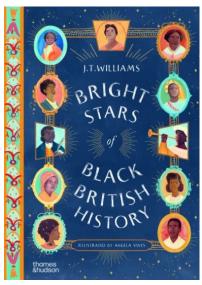
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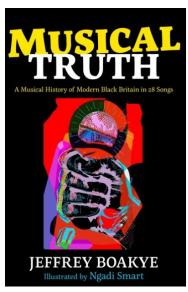
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of history broken down by date, this gorgeous hardback is perfect for all ages, revealing a rich history that is relevant to us all.

This important and timely book delves into the life stories of important figures - including Tudor trumpeter John Blanke, storytelling freedom fighter Mary Prince, and Notting Hill Carnival founder Claudia Jones - many of whom are only just beginning to get the recognition that they deserve. Brought to life



through hand-painted illustrations by awardwinning illustrator Angela Vives, Bright Stars of Black British History shines a light on the courage, resilience and talent of remarkable individuals who have left a lasting mark on our collective history.



A history book with a twist, structured around a playlist of twenty seven songs, listed chronologically. Each song is a jumping off point for deeper social, political and historical analysis, tracking key moments in Black history, and the emotional impact of both the songs and the artists who performed them. The book redefines British history, the

Empire, and post colonialism, and invites readers to immerse themselves in music and think again about the narratives and key moments in history that they have been taught up to now.

Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
Monday 20 — Friday 24 October	Autumn Half Term. School Closed
Thursday 30 October	Sixth Form Open Evening. 4.30-7pm
Thursday 13 November	2PM Finish for Teacher Training
Sunday 16 — Wednesday 19 November	Disneyland Paris Business trip. Y9 & Post 16
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.

Term Dates 2025-26
Term Dates 2026-27





Lunch Menu

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

Please see below for the menu for the first week back.

You can also preview upcoming lunch menus by clicking the following links for Week One, Week Two and Week Three menus.

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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