



Welcome

31st October 2025

in the loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers

Wednesday evening saw our talented Year 11 football teams take to the pitch in a thrilling display of skill and true team spirit. Facing strong competition from local schools Redmoor and St Martins, our players rose to the occasion with confidence and composure. Their hard work paid off with impressive victories, securing their place in the next round of the tournament. A huge congratulations to all involved—your commitment and sportsmanship were a credit to Bosworth! And a special thanks to the PE staff who enable these fixtures to take place.

On Thursday, we proudly opened our doors to prospective Sixth Form students and their families. The evening was a vibrant showcase of what makes Bosworth Academy such a special place to continue your academic journey. From inspiring subject talks to engaging conversations with staff and students, the event was filled with energy and enthusiasm. We were especially proud to share some exciting news: over the half-term break, Bosworth was recognised by Alps as being in the **top 25% of Sixth Forms nationally** for our outstanding A level results. This recognition reflects the dedication of our students and staff across all subject areas.

Our current Sixth Formers played a vital role as ambassadors, speaking passionately about their experiences and subject choices. Their honesty and enthusiasm offered visitors a genuine insight into life at Bosworth—and why staying on for A levels here is such a smart and rewarding decision.

This week's assemblies have centred around our **Colours Rewards system** and the **6Cs**—our core values that shape the culture of Bosworth Academy: *Character, Collaboration, Communication, Citizenship, Creativity, and Critical Thinking*. As we return from half term, it's a timely reminder that academic achievement is just one part of the journey. Demonstrating strong character, working well with others, and embracing challenges are equally important. We encourage all students to reflect on how they can embody these values both in and out of the classroom.

Many of our students, staff, and families will be aware of the devastating natural disaster that has struck Jamaica this week. In response to this crisis, one of our parents—who is actively involved in coordinating a relief effort—is organising a delivery of essential supplies to support those affected. We are inviting members of our school community who wish to contribute to this important cause to donate items from the list below. Donations can be brought to **MLT** and will be collected on **Tuesday 4th November** for shipment to Jamaica.

Items Needed:

- Shower gels, soaps, moisturisers, shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpastes
- Antibacterial gels
- Baby wipes & nappies
- Female sanitary products
- First aid kits or new first aid items
- Torches & batteries
- Bags or packets of dog or cat food (please avoid tins due to weight)
- Lightweight instant foods such as Pot Noodles and cereal bars

Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference to families in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion.

Bosworth continues to thrive thanks to the energy, ambition, and kindness of our students and staff. This week has been a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together.

Miss Baxter,
Co-Head of School



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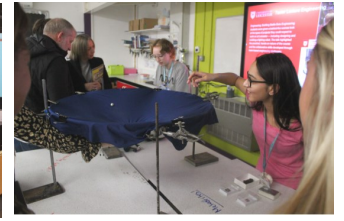
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Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday we welcomed prospective Year 12 students and their parents/carers from across Leicestershire to gain an insight into our Sixth Form at this year's Post 16 open evening. Our visitors were able to speak with existing Bosworth Academy Post 16 students along with teachers in departments across the Academy. The rich curriculum was in action across the Academy from dissections in Biology to live performances in Music. Throughout the evening presentations were given by Headteacher Mr Brown and Head of Sixth Form Mrs Holdback on how Bosworth Academy's Sixth Form will prepare students to succeed in the wider world with the development of global competencies along with academic success. We thank all those who attended and we look forward to seeing you in the future.



Sixth Form Tours

If you were unable to attend this week's Sixth Form open evening or you would like to take a closer look at what our Post 16 provision has to offer you can sign up for one of our personalised tours.



The tour will see a member of our Post 16 team guide you around the Academy where you can experience what life will be like for our sixth form students. Tours will run every Monday (apart from November 24) at 9.15am and will start at the Main Reception. Click [here](#) to book your tour and we look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Holdback, Head of Key Stage Five



Everyone Matters Mission

This week as part of their 'Everyone Matters' mission, Year 8 had a special visit from ex-student Morgan Newberry who is a para-cyclist.



Morgan gave a talk to the students about her background and how she got into para-cycling. She also described her training



regime and how she has worked alongside technology businesses to create a prosthetic to help her performances. Students were particularly excited to be able to hold one of the three World Championship medals that she won earlier this year! With two silver and one bronze medal, we hope that next year she is able to bring in a gold! As well as listening to Morgan, students were able to try their hand at some inclusive sporting activities such as archery, boccia, new age kurling and sitting volleyball. Students will now write up their mission using their knowledge from the afternoon

A huge thank you to Mrs Goodall for organising an informative and engaging afternoon!

Miss Hall, Curriculum Lead PE

Movember Almost Here

Saturday sees the start of the month of November and Movember 2025.



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!

Emily Retires as WC Winner

After winning her second Women's Rugby World Cup winner's medal with England's Red Roses last month former Bosworth Academy student Emily Scarratt has retired from the playing game.



Emily ends her playing career with 119 caps which saw her be an 11-time Six Nations champion, World Player of the Year in 2019 and England women's all-time leading scorer with 754 points. Scarratt also appeared in five World Cups, an English record in both the women's and men's game.

[Emily told BBC Sport:](#) "Rugby has given me everything; incredible team-mates, memories, and experiences I'll carry with me forever."

Emily has been a pioneer in women's sport and is an inspiration for everyone at Bosworth Academy to maximise their potential and be better than they thought they could be.

We wish Emily all the best in her future coaching career inspiring the next generation. (Image:Getty)



Forensic Linguistics Day

On Monday, Professor Tim Grant, Institute of Forensic Linguistics, Aston University, delivered a specially tailored lecture to Year 13 English Language and Psychology students.



He explained the discipline's fundamental drive to improve the delivery of justice through the analysis of language.

Students learnt about authorship analysis, comparative analysis, sociolinguistic profiling, author searches and the application of Forensic Linguistics in solving crime.

Prof Grant discussed real cases and gave guidance on how to find more information about this career.

Students also attended a workshop. One case involved a husband accused of murdering his wife. His alibi was a series of texts from her phone after the time the police believe she was killed.

Undisputed texts sent from each of their phones were compared and then compared with the disputed messages. Students examined these messages to draw their own conclusions.

Another task involved an email sent in 2019 to a Premier League football club. The club was being threatened with a terrorist attack and held to ransom for bitcoins. A decision had to be made as to whether the game was to go ahead.

Students also got to examine an online exchange of East London Street slang based in Jamaican English. This was at the heart of a conspiracy to murder case. Here, the forensic linguists were asked to determine the meanings of words and students had first-hand experience of this challenge.

Further information about Prof Grant's fascinating work can be heard via his [podcasts on the Aston University website](#).

Clubs Back In Action

The second half of the Autumn 2025 sees our lunch and break time clubs swing back into action. From Warhammer to table tennis, Model UN to Esports, be sure to check out our full clubs' timetable [here](#) and find your passion.

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner



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/



UKMT Senior Maths

On Thursday 9th of October 94 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.

48 of our students have achieved either bronze, silver or gold certificates:

In Year 12:

23 Bronze

11 Silver

1 Gold

In Year 13:

3 Bronze

4 Silver

4 Gold

Our top 5 for Year 12 are:

1) Thomas C

2) Max C

3) Alex C

4) Veer N

5) Huey W

Our top 5 for Year 13 are:

1) Kyle Y

2) Harry W

3) Adam G

4) Cerys P

5) Dhillan Bi

Kyle Y, Harry W, Adam G, Carys P and Thomas C who have all made it through to the next round so a massive congratulations to them!

Miss Barrowcliffe, Teacher of Maths



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 [link](#) for a webinar, aimed at parents and carers, that discusses these study approaches in detail, and outlines ineffective strategies that students should avoid. There is lots of useful practical advice, based on the latest evidence from research, that parents/carers can use to support learning outside of the classroom. The strategies discussed are ideal for all students in Year 7-13, **particularly those in Year 11-13 who have upcoming exams.**

I recommend that you watch the webinar with your child, discuss their work in school and how they can implement the strategies at home in preparation for end of topic tests and exams. 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 [subject by subject overview](#) 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 self-quizzing to help students maximise the lasting impact of their revision.

Mrs Smoczynski, Assistant Headteacher

Careers Newsletter

Be sure to keep up to date on the latest Careers news in our main [Careers newsletter](#). If you have any questions or wish to organise a one-to-one meeting please contact me at:


































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Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator



Maths Puzzle of the Week

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

PUZZLE #1	 +  =  - 	 = 8
	 =  + 	 = 12
	 =  - 4	 = 4
PUZZLE #2	 -  =  - 2	 = 7
	 +  = 	 = 6
	 =  + 1	 = 3
PUZZLE #3	 =  + 	 = 4
	 =  + 1	 = 8
	 - 5 = 	 = 9

This week's puzzle: Rearrange the letters

How many different ways can you arrange the letters in these words?

- a) BAT
- b) FANG
- c) GHOST

Without listing them can you predict how many ways you can arrange the letters in the word SPIDER



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 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 school.



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.

Items that you may find in the school pantry:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Rice Jarred sauces Cereals Crisps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tinned fruit and vegetables Soup Sugar, tea and coffee Tooth brushes Toothpaste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shampoo & Conditioner Shower gel Sweet treats Sanitary products
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pantry@bosworthacademy.org.uk

SEND Information Report

We are happy to share details about our SEND provision in Bosworth Academy's [SEND Information Report](#).

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



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players. Friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.

Pokémon TCG Pocket has exploded in popularity, with over 100 million downloads worldwide. The mobile trading card game is packed with quick battles, colourful decks, and the thrill of opening booster packs – but the excitement can come at a cost. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide helps trusted adults navigate the risks – from addictive spending habits to endless new card sets. With tips on monitoring purchases, managing play time, and encouraging fairness, the expert advice supports parents in keeping young players safe while still enjoying the game.



The Compass

Library News

We are getting ready for Halloween in our library with some spooky book recommendations...




and short ghost stories competitions.



SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION FOR 5-18 YEAR-OLDS

This spook-tacular writing competition challenges you to create a ghost story in just 250 words that will send chills down the reader's spine on the brightest of days. From creepy houses, strange goings-on, sinister shadows and ghostly apparitions... what will inspire your ghost story? We can't wait to find out! Your ghost story could be published in a book and we have great prizes up for grabs too!

PRIZE:
Our favourite 3 writers will each win a **£25 cinema voucher!**

Scan me to watch the video! 

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Accelerated Reader Rewards Awarded Last Week

Year 7
Bronze badge - Angeline J.

Year 8
Bronze badge - Ethan C., Max P., Annika R., Harjan N., Olivia S., Phoebe H., Filip R., Fatmata J., Myla C., Dylan S., Jay C.
Silver badge - Ethan C., Max P., Harjan N., Olivia S., Phoebe H., Daisy L., Avaani A.

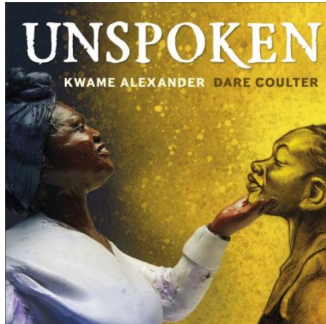




The Compass

Book Recommendations

Key Stage Three



How do you tell a story that starts in Africa and ends in horror? About strength and pride and refusing to be broken? One that still hurts and still loves? Kwame Alexander tells the story that's hard to hear. Told through the lens of a teacher

speaking to their young pupils, and in multiple art styles from award-winning artist and sculptor Dare Coulter, the story of slavery becomes one that you can tell with the bravery to lift your voice. This book is an exploration of the story of slavery: from Africa to the tall ships, from back-breaking work in a strange land to resilience and eventual emancipation.

Key Stage Four



Escaping from slavery in Jamaica in the 1660s, a young girl joins a pirate crew in a bid to earn her fortune to free her family. Kemosha and her brother have lived their whole lives in slavery. Sold away to work in lawless Port Royal, Kemosha takes her chance to escape brutal treatment. With fortune on her side, Kemosha befriends Ravenhide, a

man with a mysterious past who teaches her the art of swordfighting, and introduces her to the beautiful runaway Isabella. Yet Kemosha's greatest test yet is upon the deck of the Satisfaction: the notorious Captain Morgan's ship. His next adventure on the high seas could be the making of Kemosha - and her one chance to earn enough pieces of eight to buy the freedom of her brother...

Dates For Your Diaries

DATES	EVENT
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
Monday 1 – Thursday 4 December	Paris Trip. Post 16
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](#)

Friday 14th November
down at The Bridge.

During both breaks.
All cake donations welcome.
Cakes range from 20p-£1
See you all there!

**Cake Sale for
Children in Need**



Lunch Menu

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

Please see below for the menu for next week which is the second week on rotation.

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

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH THIS WEEK?				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Meatballs in Rustic Tomato Sauce Pasta Shells Broccoli & Cauliflower Garlic Bread Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Peas / Sweetcorn Salad	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti Pasta Greenbeans & Carrots Garlic Bread	Saucy Jerk Chicken Rice & Peas Corn on the cob Coleslaw	Jumbo Fish Fingers Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans
Creamy Tomato Chicken Pasta Shells Broccoli & Cauliflower Garlic Bread Salad	Cheese Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Peas / Sweetcorn Salad	Arabiata Chicken & Rice Greenbeans & Carrots Garlic Bread	Tikka Flatbread White Rice Corn on the cob Coleslaw	Pork Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans
Vegan Balls White Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Garlic Bread Salad	2 Choice menu today	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Pasta Greenbeans & Carrots Garlic Bread	Veggie Flatbread White Rice Corn on the cob Coleslaw	Cheese & Onion Slice or Vegan Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day







Filled Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily
Bosworth Academy Week 2

If you would like information on which foods contain allergens please ask a member of the catering team who will be happy to help

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](#)

Attendance Support:

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IT Support: ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk



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