

Welcome

27th November 2025 This week, Year 8 has been touring Desford and learning about the village that has been continuously inhabited since the

Roman era. Evidence of Romano-British kilns and artefacts show that people have lived here for centuries, with the village later recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. The parish church of St Martin, dating largely from the 13th

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers century, and historic buildings from Tudor and Georgian times remind us that Desford has always been a place where community and heritage meet. Exploring local history is more than a walk through the past; it is a vital part of our curriculum. By studying the stories, landmarks, and traditions of places like Desford, students gain a deeper understanding of how their community has been shaped over time. This helps them see history not as something distant, but as something lived in the streets, buildings, and countryside around them.

At Bosworth Academy, this is exactly what our ReaLife and 6C curriculum is designed to achieve.

Creativity, communication, critical thinking, citizenship, collaboration, and character are not abstract ideals but lived experiences. When Year 8 imagine life in Roman or Tudor Desford, they are practising creativity and critical thinking. When they share ideas with their classmates and present their findings, they are developing communication and collaboration. And when they reflect on their place in the community, they are building citizenship and character. These values are not confined to the classroom; they are woven into the wider life of our school.

Our Movember fundraiser shows how students live out citizenship and character, with Year 10 student Harry L raising over £500 to support men's health and challenge stereotypes. In Reading Academy, Post-16 students mentor younger pupils, modelling communication and collaboration while helping KS3 readers grow in confidence. Year 7's contribution to the Desford Christmas Tree Festival highlights creativity and citizenship, as they connect with the community through a joyful celebration of past, present, and future. For Year 11, the Trial Exam Results Evening is about more than grades; it is about building aspirations, developing character, and

> preparing for the next big step in their lives.

Across all these stories, one theme shines through: connection.

Our students are connecting with their studies, their communities, and their futures. Through the 6Cs, we are not only teaching knowledge, we are shaping young people who are creative, collaborative, resilient, and ready to serve the world around them.

Mr Dolinski Co-Head of School





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# **Desford History Tours**

Year 8 have been learning about the local history of Desford, which is a fascinating village that is at least as old as the Romans! They have walked

around the village and learned about Romano-British kilns, stables, WW2 airfields, and the medieval parish church of St Martin.



Desford really is a living timeline of community and heritage!

But this visit is about more than history. It is about how our 6C curriculum - creativity,

communication, critical thinking, citizenship, collaboration, and character - comes alive in practice. Students will use this knowledge to create a range of marketing materials to promote Desford and encourage visitors to this fascinating village.

**Creativity**: Students are asked to create signs, maps, posters and leaflets to increase footfall in the village.

Communication: They share ideas, ask questions of local guides, and present their findings back to peers, learning how to express themselves with clarity and confidence.

**Critical Thinking:** By examining artefacts and historical records, they learn to question evidence, weigh perspectives, and understand how history is constructed.

**Citizenship**: Exploring the village helps students see themselves as part of a wider community, recognising the importance of respecting and contributing to the places they live.

Collaboration: Working in groups, they build collective knowledge, learning that teamwork strengthens understanding and achievement. Character: Through reflection, resilience, and curiosity, students develop the agency and personal qualities that will serve them well beyond school.

If you want to get a brief insight into what students have been learning, you can watch this brief tour of the village, which was recorded on a pretty chilly and windy day!

Desford film powerpoint

Mr Claricoates, Assistant Headteacher

# **Reading Academy**

There is a real 'buzz' of enthusiastic reading in The Compass at the moment - Reading Academy is alive and kicking!



Reading Academy is a paired reading scheme aimed at helping our KS3 pupils with their reading skills - and thanks to the enthusiasm of our Post-16 students the scheme this year is bigger than ever!

We currently run this initiative twice weekly during tutor time. Pupils from Years 7 and 8 are encouraged to read an engaging book



that falls within their reading range with guidance from their Post-16 reading 'buddy'.

Many thanks to all of our Post-16 students as, without you, this would not have been possible - and many thanks to our KS3 readers - you are making incredible progress!

Ms Slater, Teacher of English

# **School Closure**

Bosworth Academy will be closed on Friday 28
November 2025 as the whole of the LiFE Multi Academy Trust has a disaggregated training day. The school will reopen on Monday 1st December at 8.40am.





# **Christmas Tree Festival**

Our Year 7 students and Mr Grest happily decorated Bosworth Academy's tree for the Desford Christmas Tree Festival being held over this weekend.

This year's theme for the trees is Christmas Past, Present and Future. The tree will be on display at Desford's St Martin's Church over Christmas until Twelfth Night for everyone to see.

Mrs Hayton, Head of Year 7





# St Martin's, Desford 23<sup>rd</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Christmas Past, Present & Future 28th - 30th November



#### Church open

Friday 10am – 8pm Saturday 10am – 6pm Sunday 12 – 6pm

Refreshments & Children's activities

#### Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto

Friday 4pm – 8pm Saturday 12 – 6pm Sunday 12 – 6pm



Christmas Hamper Raffle in aid of LOROS



Carols round the Tree Friday 28th at 7pm

The trees will remain in Church over Christmas and until Twelfth Night.

# **Movember Update**

We are rounding the final bend of this year's Movember fundraiser and we have currently raised £2,574 with three days remaining!

Our highest fundraiser this year has been Year 10 student Harry L who has raised over £500. We caught up with Harry on his fundraising efforts: "Every Movember member is determined to hit a total of 60KM in the month of November. I have been working hard to hit that goal and only have a few more KM left to do. I have tried to add to that goal by completing a few KM each day. I have mostly been doing walking around my local area and at Bradgate Park; a place that my family often visits, but also go for the occasional run "This is my first time doing Movember and it has been a difficult but rewarding and enjoyable experience. To know that this money is going a long way towards helping men's mental health and other factors such as testicular cancer, it pleases me since this is a serious issue that men struggle with in today's society with all the stereotypes we have to deal with.

"It is massively important to try and raise as much as possible for this cause. Men struggle to talk about themselves and how they are doing, it is easy to just say they are fine when in reality it's much deeper and more serious than that. People often stereotype men to be emotionless robots and to expect us to get over it or just carry on. Taking a deeper look into it doesn't show this and actually in the past we have brushed this aside. It's nice to know that we have a whole month where we can fundraise and help those in need of this cause," said Harry.

It's still not too late to donate to our <u>Team</u>
<u>Bosworth Movember</u> and help us reach our target.

# **Christmas Showcase**

The Performing Arts department will be hosting a Christmas showcase on **Thursday 11 December 6:30-8:00pm**.

Students from across KS4&5 dance, music and drama have been invited to perform and showcase their talents. Due to limited audience capacity, tickets are initially only available for families of students performing in the event. Updates will be provided should tickets be available to the wider school community. Thank you in advance for supporting the Performing Arts department.

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# **Football Tournament Win**

Well done to our Year 8/9 who won the Development Tournament this week.



Captain Dan wrote the following match report: Tuesday night saw Bosworth Academy host a football tournament for Year 8 and 9 against eight other schools. We fielded a team of Year 9s and one Year 8. The early games went fantastically well. In our first game we got to kick-off and we really made it count. The ball got played back to Stan B who sent a lovely ball up to Alfie F who took a touch and ran down the wing. He crossed it into the box where Harry B was waiting and, with a great finish, he put us 1-0 up in the first 15 seconds! Two minutes later we strike again with another class assist from Alfie, Josh T scores an amazing goal to seal the win. 2-0 for our first game.

In the second match we were straight in again. In the first minute Zach H played the ball up to Dan T who made a great run and his shot just hit the side netting. 0-0. In the dying embers of the match the ball was played in from the wing and Harry Berry was there to win it with the last kick of the game. 1-0. We had made it to the Semi-final!

Kick-off goes the opposition's way but we started strongly again with a great press and won possession back straight away. Our pressure and determination paid off when a long goal kick from Stan was followed up by Harry B who scored a great finish. Josh T made it 2-0 with a lovely chip over their keeper who had absolutely no chance. 2-0 and we were in the final.

The final was a tight game against strong opposition. As soon as we got the ball we were pressing forward but their defence was strong. Towards the end of the game Alfie made a brilliant run down the wing and put a superb cross into the box for goal machine Harry B to finish a brilliant move with a goal. At 1-0 we fought hard to protect our lead and our goalkeeper Stan made an incredible save to secure the victory. One more for the trophy cabinet!

## **Alumni Talk**

On Wednesday 3rd December, Mitch Jackson is coming to speak to our students regarding his journey in the world of sports coaching. He is currently the Strength and Conditioning Coach to Chase Jackson. Chase Jackson is the USA Shot Put Record holder and is on her journey to the LA 2026 Olympics with the aspiration of Gold.

Mitch is working with our A Level PE students to link real life with some of what we have covered in class. The focus will be on his expertise of preparing Explosive Power athletes for competition. We are looking at Phases of training and S+C training. As well partaking in a Plyometrics session.

We are excited to welcome Mitch back and hear about his career and what the future holds for him and the athletes he is helping to prepare for their next big competition.

# Y8/9 Rugby County Cup

The Y8/9 combined rugby team have enjoyed incredible success in the first two rounds of the County Cup.

On Monday 17th November, they enjoyed a convincing win against Ivanhoe, 60-10. A great first match together. Lucas and Tegh getting 6 tries between them.



1. Cole 2. Harry 3. Kallum 4. Jack 5. Will 6. Jonah 7. Rajan 8. Billy 9. Noah 10. Toby 11. Brad 12. Tegh 13. Joszua 14. Ben 15. Lucas 16. Jovan. On Tuesday 25th November, an away trip to Oakham School, the boys came away 56-5 victors. The defence was robust, resulting in many turnovers by Billy, Will and Rajan. Lucas' line breaks from inside centre, helped him to score 2 tries. Billy backed up his defence work with powerful runs through contact to score twice. Will, Raian, Jozsua and Noah all went over too. Toby's precise boot converted all eight tries. Onto the next round... Well done to all players; 1. Cole 2. Harry 3. Kallum 4. Elliott 5. Will 6. Jonah 7. Rajan 8. Billy 9. Noah 10. Toby 11. Ben 12. Lucas 13. Jozsua 14. Jovan 15. Rhys 16. Jack 17. Brad.

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facilityhire@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

or scan the QR code



















# **Leicester Forest Rugby**

Leicester Forest Rugby Club are looking for additional players for those who would like to join. Mr Gough, Teacher of PE



# **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
- 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/parentportal-arbor/

# **Extra Curricular Activities**

We now have a wide range of clubs for students to participate in during break times and after school.

For a full timetable, please click here.

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

Mrs Coulson, Lead Practitioner













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# Y11 Trail Exam Evening

We would like to invite you to our Year 11 Trial Exam Results Evening on Tuesday 9th December, an important event designed to support students as they prepare for their final GCSE examinations.

To help manage numbers and give you the best experience, we are offering two session times. Please sign up for either 5:00pm or 5:45pm



using the following link. <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bosworth-academy/t-dkaynzq">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bosworth-academy/t-dkaynzq</a>

During the evening, there will be a short presentation outlining the next steps in Year 11, including revision guidance, key dates, and how you can support your child over the coming months. Following this, students will receive their Trial Exam Results, giving them a valuable opportunity to experience what Results Day will feel like in August.

Key members of staff will also be available to discuss any questions, concerns, or support needs you or your child may have.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say how well our Year 11 students conducted themselves throughout the trial exam period. We are extremely proud of our students.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our students

Mr Worn, Deputy Head of School and Miss Jacobs, Head of Year 11

# **Careers Newsletter**

Be sure to keep up to date on the latest Careers news in our main <u>Careers newsletter</u>. If you have any questions or wish to organise a one-to-one meeting please contact me at:

hmorar@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

Mrs Morar, Careers Coordinator

## **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

# **Year 11 Revision**

We now have a range of revision sessions for Year 11 to prepare for exams later in the year.

Click here to see a full timetable.

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: Pack the Boxes

Answer: 10 possible solutions

{Crate 1}, {Crate 2}, {Crate 3} {15,10}, {13,8,4}, {11,9,2,2,1} {15,10}, {13,11,1}, {9,8,4,2,2} {15,10}, {11,8,4,2}, {13,9,2,1} {15,10}, {11,9,4,1}, {13,8,2,2} {11,10,4}, {15,8,2}, {13,9,2,1} {11,10,4}, {15,9,1}, {13,8,2,2} {13,8,4}, {15,9,1}, {11,10,2,2} {13,10,2}, {15,8,2}, {11,9,4,1} {13,10,2}, {15,9,1}, {11,8,4,2} {13,11,1}, {15,8,2}, {10,9,4,2}

This week's puzzle: Arrange the Numbers

Can you arrange the numbers 1-15 in a triangle where the number below each pair of numbers is the difference between those two numbers?

Here's an example using the numbers 1 - 10:

Can you complete the triangle below?

# **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.



# **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** 



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engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, Back to Contents most importantly, safe.





# The Compass

# **Library News**



Our top reader, for the whole of KS3, is Viren S., who has just achieved a 2 million words read certificate!
Well done Viren!



# **Creative Writing**

We have a number of great Christmas/winter competitions and activities happening in the library over the next few weeks:



#### National competition to take part in:



- Word limit -100 words
- Collect entry form from Mrs Griffiths in the Library
- Deadline to hand in finished short stories - Friday
   12 December





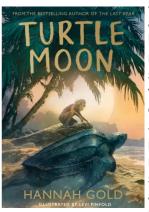


# The Compass



### **Book Recommendations**

**Key Stage Three** 



Silver Trevelon's parents aren't happy. They haven't been happy since the nursery they decorated started gathering cobwebs, waiting for the baby brother or sister that never came. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs. Under the hot tropical

sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn.

Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle and uncovering long-buried secrets...

#### **Key Stage Four**

There are no more cheerleaders in the town of Sunnybrook.

First there was the car accident - two girls dead after hitting a tree on a rainy night.

Then the murders happened - two girls were killed by the man next door. The police shot him, so no one will ever know why he did it.

# **Dates For Your Diaries**

DATES	EVENT
Friday 28 November	Disaggregated Day. School Closed
Monday 1 — Thursday 4 December	Paris Trip. Post 16
Thursday 11 December	Performing Arts Christmas Showcase. 6.30-8pm
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

Monica's sister was the last cheerleader to die. After her suicide, Sunnybrook High disbanded the cheer squad. No one wanted to be reminded of the girls they'd lost. That was five years ago. Now the faculty and students at Sunnybrook High want to remember the lost cheerleaders. But for Monica, it's not that easy.

FIVE GIRLS
LIED
FIVE GIRLS
DIED
CHEERLEADERS
KARA THOMAS

Her world is starting to unravel.

After she discovers the letters in her stepdad's desk, unearths an ancient phone, and meets a strange new friend at school, Monica can't just move on.

Whatever happened five years ago isn't over. People know more than they're letting on and somehow, Monica is at the center of it all. There are no more cheerleaders in Sunnybrook, but that doesn't mean anyone else is safe.

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### Lunch Menu

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

Please see below for the menu for next week which is the third 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? Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday (uesday Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Chicken Tikka Masala Beef Lasagne Savoury Beef Mince & Seasoned Mashed New Baby Potato iled White Rice Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg Herby Diced Potato BBQ Baked Beans Gravy Crusty Bread Katsu Curry BBQ Chicken Breast Diced Chicken & Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Pork Sausage Roll egetables in Gravy Seasoned Mashed New Baby Potatoes Boiled White Rice Herby Diced Potato Roast Potatoes Potato Mixed Veg BBQ Baked Beans Fresh Salad Garlic Bread Onion Salad Naan Bread Green Beans Crusty Bread Gravy Vegan / Vegetable Curry Vegan Cottage Pie Boiled White Rice Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg Crusty Bread BBQ Baked Beans Fresh Salad Garlic Bread Onion Salad Naan Bread Gravy Dessert Of The Day Filled Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily Bosworth Academy Week 3

# 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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