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Friday, 5th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all managed to have a break over May half-term and are keeping safe.

I forwarded you a letter at the start of the week from the CEO of the Chelmsford Learning Partnership, Paul Banks, which was sent to all parents of the children in the Trust's Secondary schools.

The good news is that we will be able to start bringing students in Year 10 and 12 back for some face to face provision from 15th June. You can access the full guidance [here](#). The government have also issued some guidance for parents and this can be accessed [here](#).

We are very much looking forward to this, appreciating that this is only a first small step towards returning to some kind of new normality. It is much more challenging to envisage what schools will look like in September, but we will continue to support every child the very best we can whilst they are working remotely until a time that the government states it is safe to do so.

Year 10 & 12 'Progress and Well-being' meetings

Invitations were sent out yesterday for the face to face 'Progress and Well-being' meetings we will be holding between 15th and 26th June. Invites were only sent to those that responded to the questionnaire to say they would like one. If you are a parent of a Year 10 or Year 12 students who did not receive an invitation, but would like one, please email your request to admin@boswells-school.com. We will be looking to make alternative arrangements for the small number of Year 10 and Year 12 students that are unable to make it into school at this time. We will be informing parents of plans beyond 29th June in due course.

Year 11 & 13 Prom

Mr Jones, Head of Upper School, has emailed all parents of Year 11 and Year 13 students this afternoon to inform them that we are having to postpone their respective Proms. We have held out as long as we can, but circumstances dictate that it will not be safe to run these events at the planned times. We appreciate that the students will be deeply disappointed, but ultimately not surprised, about this news. We will be providing refunds at this stage, but with the caveat that we will look to run something for them when venues re-open and it is safe to do so.

School Uniform

For parents starting to think about school uniform for September, we will be sending information out towards the start of next week.

Remote Learning

Well done to all our students who are continuing to produce some fantastic work at home. Please encourage your child to send their work to their teacher if it is not requested and it is something they are especially proud of and we will continue to showcase students' work over the course of this half-term through our weekly updates. Equally, if your child is struggling with any subjects, please ask them to email their teacher. If you have any concerns with your child's well-being or lack of engagement, please email their tutor or Head of Year. All staff email addresses can be found on the website: <https://www.boswells-school.com/about-us/our-staff.htm>

Year 6 to 7 Transition

I appreciate there are many parents of children at the school with siblings that are due to start with us in September. From next week, we will have a weekly update for all parents of prospective Year 7s to support their transition into the school.

Year 11 to 12 Transition

There will be news on how this will work remotely in the next couple of weeks.

Emails from Tutors

Year 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 form tutors will be sending the third wave of emails to their tutees from the middle of next week. (Years 10 & 12 are having the face to face meetings instead). As usual, it is essential that your child responds to their tutor when they receive this email. Miss Noble will alert parents when tutors start to send these.

Cross-Curricular Project

For two weeks, from June 29th, we are launching a cross-curricular fortnight in Key Stage 3. We can now reveal that the theme will be 'Investigative Reporting'! Staff are busy working on their resources and it's all looking very exciting indeed. This will be a chance for students to think about their subjects creatively and really think outside the box. Year 9 will follow a cross-curricular theme in their core subjects only. Please keep an eye on the school's departmental Twitter accounts for some titbits of info. We can't wait!

Key Stage 4 Options

Thank you to parents and students who have been liaising with Mrs Jones over Options choices. We are almost there and more will follow from Mrs Jones next week, with offer letters following shortly after. To make sure that students' time is best served as we move towards the end of the year, we will soon move to bridging work for Year 9 to support the transition into Year 10. Information on this will come with the Options choices update next week.

Celebrating students' work

It has been brilliant to see so many examples of the work our students are proud to share with us. This week, our selection of work comes from Maths and Drama.



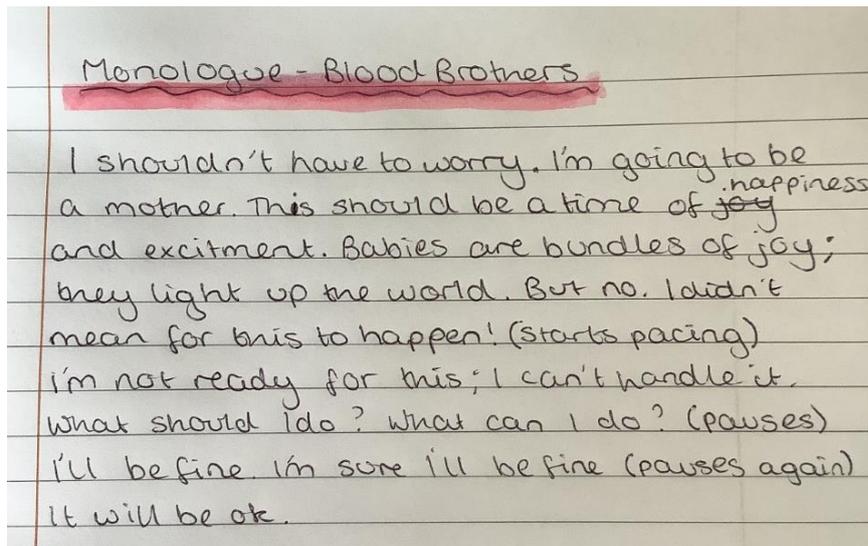


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Fantastic effort this half term from the [@BoswellsMaths](#) mathematicians.

102,000 questions answered, 3550 hours of learning and over 1000 hours of videos watched. Keep up the great work and stay safe

In Drama, Year 9 students are studying Blood Brothers and were asked to 'choose 3 of the most significant moments of the story and create a still image for each key moment. It can be any of the characters you have learnt about. Add a written/or verbal thought aloud.' The work here is from Chloe:



In Year 7 and 8, students have been working on myths, legends, sequels to Romeo and Juliet and becoming experts in different kinds of staging.



Drama sequel staging

In my sequel for Romeo and Juliet the scene opens when Romeos cousin (Benvolio) finds the lovers both dead in the family tomb.

This is how I decided the recreate that scene of the play to show the staging I have imagined for this scene. This staging has a higher platform where the main action happens.

I have made a model out of a painted cardboard box and used other corrugated cardboard to make the tomb details. I have made this look like ancient stonework to look old and realistic.

I image the scene will open with spotlights on Romeo and Juliet and then another spotlight turns on when Benvolio enters.

Contacting Us

Just a reminder that the best way to contact us whilst the school is closed is via the school email account (admin@boswells-school.com). You should expect to receive a response within 2 school days, but if your queries are urgent, we are trying to deal with them as soon as we can. Please do not leave messages on the school's voicemail as these are only being picked up on a weekly basis.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Mansell
Headteacher