



The Boswells School Weekly Bulletin



Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a good week.

On Tuesday, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their GCSEs with their Leavers' Assembly and shirt signing at the school. This was followed by their Prom in the evening, which took place at Greenwoods Hotel and Spa in Stock. It was a fantastic occasion despite the rain and the students really looking the part! These are always very special occasions and it was great to see so many staff in attendance as well to celebrate with the students. We look forward to seeing them on examination results day, Thursday 24th August.

Next week is our Charity Week. There will be lots that the students can contribute to – For example, for a small donation the students will be able to pour buckets of freezing cold water over me and other members of staff when we are in the stocks. Year 7 & 8 students will also take part in a scavenger hunt around the school on Thursday, which is also a non-uniform day. As we operate a cashless system, donations can be made for the events taking place next week through Parentpay. Hopefully we can raise plenty of money for great causes.

We also have a busy schedule of evening events next week, with our Celebration of Dance taking place on Monday and Tuesday, Sports Awards on Wednesday and a Year 6 Induction Disco on Thursday.

Finally, to inform you that the term will finish at 12.20pm on Friday 21st July for our students.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Mansell
Headteacher

Attendance

ABSENCE LINE: 01245 264451 Press 1 or, use the Absence Reporting function in the Edulink App or via email: attendance@boswells-school.com

Please remember you are required to call The Boswells School absence line **each and every day** your child is absent by 8.00am, unless a pre-authorized absence or COVID related AND you have informed us you are self-isolating following a positive test.

The following examples are **not** reasons for absence: headache; stomachache; feeling tired; runny nose; sneezing; sore throat; period pains – please visit NHS Guide to School Absence for more details.

As of 24th February 2022, there is no legal requirement to test for COVID or self-isolate unless you are unwell and wish to do so.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: **0800 046 8687**

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Updated Government Guidelines on Student Attendance

- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible, avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Information and Notices

Upcoming Events

-  **Saturday 8th July – 11am to 1pm - Boswells 60th Anniversary**
-  **Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th July – Celebration of Dance**
-  **Monday 10th to Friday 14th July – Charity Week (See Posters enclosed)**
-  **Wednesday 12th July – Sports Awards Presentation Evening**
-  **Friday 14th July – 3.15pm to 4.15pm Pre-loved Uniform Sale**
-  **Friday 21st July – Last day of Term (12.20pm finish for students)**



FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Friday 14th July

On Friday 14th July between 3.15-4.15 there will be a FOBS sale of pre-loved uniform taking place in the theatre. Examples of items sold can be seen on the website [here](#). As ever donations to be sold would be greatly appreciated- particularly PE kit and blazers.

Safeguarding Information

The school has a great deal of information on the website in relation to safeguarding. The school's safeguarding team have their contacts on there, plus there is a reminder about the email address students or parents can use if they have a concern about a safeguarding matter which is letusknow@boswells-school.com.

If you feel your child needs support to learn about self-harm, Young Minds have a useful guide for parents as well as a parent helpline. Also, the calm harm app is a good resource for young people struggling with self-harm.

Young Minds self-harm guide can be found [here](#)

Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (9.30am to 4pm)

To view our safeguarding page on our website please click [here](#).

Free Breakfast in school

We offer ALL of our students FREE toast and porridge EVERY morning. Students can access this before school between 8.00 - 8.30am via main reception. It is served in the main survey.



Student Catering Accounts

Please can we ask parents/carers to check their child's catering balance and add funds to put the account in credit. Please be aware that it can take up to 24 hours for funds to reach the catering system from ParentPay.

In addition, can we remind parents/carers that the Free School Meal daily allowance is £2.40 and unused funds are not rolled over to future dates. Students cannot spend over the £2.40 limit unless additional funds are added.

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Free School Meals

Everyone is encouraged to check their eligibility for Free School Meals if you believe you may be entitled to them. The school has subscribed to a secure website which you will need to use to apply. Please click on the following link <https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>

The system is simple and clear to use with a step-by-step process and an immediate answer as to eligibility, with the school being informed automatically.

The amount allocated for a free school meal is currently £2.40 and covers the provision of a two-course meal. Water is always available from water fountains which are located around the school.

Keeping up to speed

As well as our website, you can keep up to speed with everything that is happening at the school by following us on Twitter (@BoswellsSchool) or on our Facebook page (The Boswells School Official). You can also sign up to receive our press and media releases direct to your email address. This service is free of charge and can be accessed by emailing boswellsnews@gmail.com and asking to be added to the distribution list.



Keeping us up to Date

It is important that we have the most up to date information for you and your child.

If any of your contact details, or those of your child, have changed, please let us know by using the **Update Information** option in the Edulink App or by e-mailing admin@boswells-school.com.

Useful Guides

We have guides on our **website under the Parent tab**, including Edulink, E-Mails, ParentPay, Teams, Parents Evening, SatchelOne, Office 365 and Folder and a copy of the IT usage agreement. All can be found by clicking [here](#).

SatchelOne have excellent help guides for all aspects of the system including troubleshooting.

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/>

Contacting Us

Main Reception is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm. Staff contact details can be found on our website – [Our Staff](#)

If you wish to contact us, you can call on 01245 264451 between the hours above, but in most cases the best way to contact us 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 will endeavour to deal with them as soon as practicable.

Please remind your child that there are multiple forms of support accessible to them at school. If they have a concern with a subject, they should communicate with the subject teacher directly or additional help can be sought from the subject Head of Department. Their tutor who they see daily is the best person to inform about any concerns or ask any questions which are not related to a subject. They may also wish to access support in their relevant student services – year 7 and 8 is located in the C block corridor near the front office and Year 9,10 and 11 is based in B Block by the staffroom. Here students will find their Head of Year and members of the Pastoral team. They may also wish to report any safeguarding and wellbeing concerns through the email address letusknow@boswells-school.com.

Miss Noble (Deputy Headteacher) is the safeguarding lead and students are welcome to see her to access support. Her office is in B block on route to the Drama and Music departments. There are lots of support and information websites and helplines accessible on the Safeguarding page of the website following the link below:

<https://www.boswells-school.com/safeguarding.htm>

As a school we aim to respond to communication from parents within 48 hours. To ensure you get the best support please ensure you direct your communication to the most relevant member of staff. Subject queries should in the first instance go to the subject teacher and then the Head of Department of Faculty. Pastoral concerns should go via tutors and then the Head of year. A list of staff details can be found on the link below:

<https://www.boswells-school.com/about-us/our-staff.htm>

The Boswells School Current Vacancies



Please click [here](#) to view current Staff Vacancies



For CLP Vacancies please click [here](#)

Personal Development at Boswells

Every student in Years 7-11 have one PD lesson a fortnight along with their tutor session in morning registration. Some of the topics that we cover are quite hard hitting and are part of the national Relationship and Sex Education framework, we always ensure that what we deliver is age appropriate. This week in PD year groups have been doing the following:

Year 10 *How does what you post catch up with you?*

Year 9 *Protecting your online reputation*

Year 8 *Employment rights and career aspirations*

Year 7 *How different is the online world from reality?*

Miss Grover

House Tables

	130 Points
	170 Points
	130 Points
	90 Points
	30 Points
	80 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	2806 Points
	3340 Points
	3076 Points
	3070 Points
	2386 Points
	3178 Points

Congrats!



Overall

CARNIVAL

PENALTY SHOOTOUT

BEAN BAG TOSS
SWEETS IN A JAR

TIN CAN TOSS
APPLE BOBBING



FRIDAY 14TH JULY
LUNCHTIME ON THE FIELD!

£5 FOR 5 TICKETS

THERE ARE POINTS
TO BE EARNED FOR YOUR HOUSE AT EACH
GAME

THE HOUSE WITH THE MOST POINTS WILL
RECEIVE THE MONEY FOR THEIR CHARITY

CHARITY WEEK

10th July – 14th JULY

Year 7,8,9,10,12

Krispy Kreme doughnuts

£1.50 each, collect

lunchtime form DS2

Wednesday 12th July



Year 7 and 8 ONLY Domino's
Cheese & Tomato pizza £1 a
slice, Thursday 13th July collect
lunchtime from the Sixth Form

PAY ON PARENTPAY BY 6th

**July for Doughnuts and 10th July Domino's pizzas. We
are raising money for – Fairtrade Foundation**

CHARITY WEEK 10th JULY -14th JULY

Yr7/8 SCAVENGER HUNT

THURSDAY 13TH

P4 YEAR 7 - £50 prize

P5 YEAR 8 - £50 prize

TEAMS OF 5
IN HOUSES

**PAY ON PARENT PAY – DONATE A MIN OF A £2
BY 7TH JULY**

The house that raises the most money will be given a 5-minute head start!

The first team to arrive back at the sixth form with the final clue will win the prize of £50.

WINNING TEAM
£50 PRIZE

We are raising money for – Fairtrade Foundation,
MIND & WaterAid.



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