

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday evening, we held our Key Stage 4 Options Evening. Parents and students were able to attend the evening together as we ran two presentations, one for each half year group. We hope parents found being able to bring their child along useful and that it helps the communication required to make the decision about which options to choose. A reminder that forms need to be completed online no later than Wednesday 19th April please. To help the decision making process, Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday (23rd March). The appointment booking system has opened, and, if you haven't done so already, appointments can be made by clicking [here](#) up to 2pm on the day.

On Tuesday evening, a significant number of students took part in our Spring Music Concert. As ever, our students really excelled themselves with some fabulous performances. Well done to all those involved and to our Music Department for their tireless work that supports our students to perform to such a high standard.

Year 11 students pick up their mock results on Monday. I hope these act as the spur to continue their hard work and the foundation to achieve great success in the summer.

Have a lovely 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

- 🕒 **Monday 20th March – Year 11 Mock Results Day**
- 🕒 **Thursday 23rd March – Year 9 Parents Evening (Remote)**

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 survery.



**THE HYGIENE
BANK**

We have continued to work with this national organisation in taking donations to give out to families within our school community. This week we received a donation from The Morgan Sindall company who provided us with various toiletries which we are in the process of bagging up and distributing. On Tuesday of this week we distributed £500 worth of sanitary products to students in all year groups. If you work for or know of an organisation that would like to get involved with the work of the Hygiene bank or you yourself would like to make a donation please do get in touch at chelmsford@hygienebank.com Thank you, Miss Grover.

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 11 *Year group and individual photographs*

Year 10 *Preparing for exams: how to revise*

Year 9 *How do people cope with the end of relationships*

Year 8 *How do we show Resilience?*

Year 7 *Spending money and budgeting*

Miss Grover

Faculty News

GCSE Film and A Level Media Studies



See below the range of Media and Film revision sessions available to Boswells' students.

Revision

Year 11 GCSE Film Studies Revision Sessions

Place: B1 and B6
Day and Time: Every Tuesday, 3.00-4.00pm

Date	Focus of Session
21.03.23	Slumdog Millionaire – Narrative techniques and Plot
28.03.23	Attack the Block – Aesthetics and Mise en Scene
Easter holiday	
18.04.23	Little Miss Sunshine – choosing the right sequence to discuss key SW points
25.04.23	100% E.L. – Genre and Score analysis
02.05.23	Comparison/Themes 1 & 1 F/20
09.05.23	Tutorial – Age Representation

Starts Tuesday, 21 March



A' Level Media Studies Revision Sessions

Starts Monday, 20th March

Visit B1 every Monday at 3.00pm

Date	Focus of session
20.03.23	Analysing unseen texts (component 1)
27.03.23	Revision of music video
Easter holiday	
20.04.23 (Thur)	Revision of Late Night Woman's Hour
24.04.23	Revision of Assassin's Creed
04.05.23 (Thur)	Exam technique for component 1 paper
08.05.23	Exam technique for component 2 paper



Looking to develop your film literacy?
Want a more adventurous choice of reading matter?

See the posters around B block and the Sixth Form to get new recommendations from those in the know. KS3/4 and A Level suggestions on each poster.

Mr Keech's recommendations

BOOKS

- LANE
- CITY OF GLASS

FILMS

- THE MONUMENTS MEN
- QUEEN & SLIM

Mrs Ross' recommendations

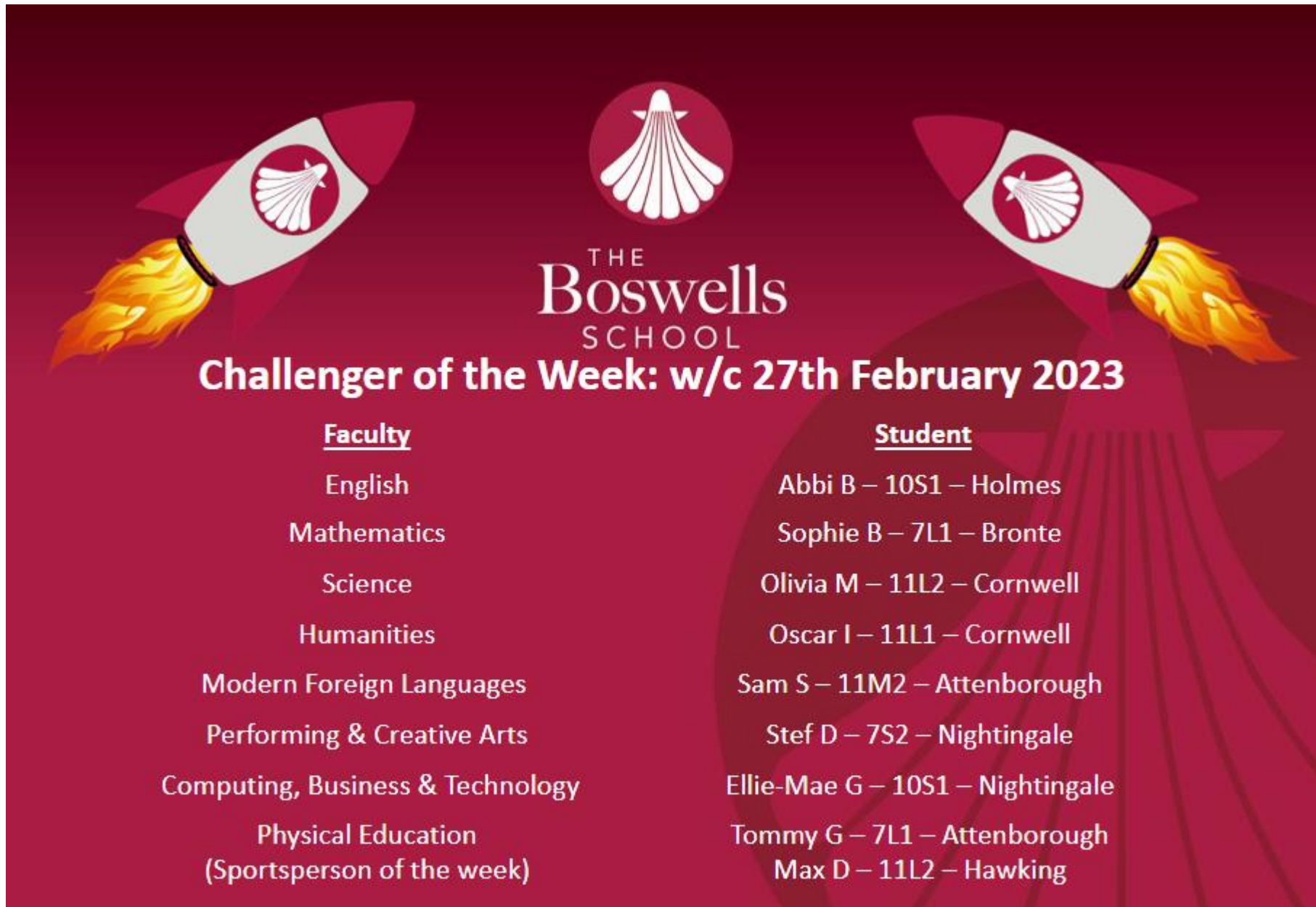
BOOKS

- ENEMY
- Margaret Atwood CAT'S PAW

FILMS

- THE MONUMENTS MEN
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Weekly challenger



Challenger of the Week: w/c 27th February 2023

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Abbi B – 10S1 – Holmes
Mathematics	Sophie B – 7L1 – Bronte
Science	Olivia M – 11L2 – Cornwell
Humanities	Oscar I – 11L1 – Cornwell
Modern Foreign Languages	Sam S – 11M2 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Stef D – 7S2 – Nightingale
Computing, Business & Technology	Ellie-Mae G – 10S1 – Nightingale
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Tommy G – 7L1 – Attenborough Max D – 11L2 – Hawking

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House Tables

	30 Points
	60 Points
	40 Points
	20 Points
	10 Points
	50 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	1540 Points
	1900 Points
	2030 Points
	1720 Points
	1320 Points
	1850 Points

Congrats!



Overall



The Learning Program

Live Lesson for KS4 students next week

To help GCSE students get revision ready we're resuming Live-Lessons from Wednesday 22nd March. These Zoom based tuition sessions are run by teachers that use Tassomai in schools, and they're free to attend for all students.

Our next Live Lesson

Wednesday 22nd March at 5pm

[GCSE Biology: Homeostasis & Response](#)

Info about Live Lessons and sign up links for all sessions are at:

tassomai.com/live-lessons.



'The Adventures of Mr Toad' which is being performed at the Chelmsford Theatre Studio (formerly the Cramphorn Theatre) on Tuesday 21st – Saturday 25th March. There is a cast of 39 and 13 of those children attend The Boswells School.

Tickets can be booked by clicking [here](#)



The poster features a cartoon illustration of a green toad wearing a blue scarf and a brown hat, driving a vintage green and white convertible car on a dirt road. The background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky with white clouds. At the top left, there is a logo for 'offspringers presents' with four stick figures above the text. The title 'THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD' is written in a stylized, serif font. Below the illustration, the dates '21 - 25 March 2023' are prominently displayed in large white letters on a green background. Further down, the showtimes, book, music, and lyrics information, and contact details are listed in white text on the green background.

offspringers presents
THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD

21 - 25 March 2023
Tuesday to Saturday 7.30pm, Saturday matinee 2.30pm
Book, Music & Lyrics by PIERS CHATER-ROBINSON
Based on "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame
CHELMSFORD THEATRE STUDIO
TICKETS FROM £18.00
A £1.50 BOOKING FEE IS APPLICABLE PER TRANSACTION
BOX OFFICE - 01245 606505
WWW.CHELMSFORDTHEATRE.CO.UK

The Adventures of Mr. Toad
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

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