

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you've had a good week.

We are approaching the formal examination season for Year 11 and Year 13 students. To support the students' preparation for these examinations, they will be granted study leave. This will commence on Monday 15th May. Therefore, the last day in school before the examinations commence for both Year groups will be Friday 12th May.

Year 10 have been involved in Mock Interviews this week, which is a key part of our careers provision. In advance of these the students have been writing letters of application and curriculum vitae. We have been extremely fortunate to have such excellent support from the local community coming in to lead the interviews. The feedback from the interviewers has been that they have been extremely impressed with how our students have conducted themselves. We hope that the students will benefit greatly from this experience and that they enjoyed wearing business dress to school for the day. They definitely looked the part! The next step for them will be work experience, which takes place over the course of a week in June.

We are pleased that the vast majority of students wear their uniform impeccably and we very much appreciate the part you play in this. We have recently though had a growing number of girls attending school in leggings and with jewellery on beyond what we stipulate within our rules. Neither are allowed and we will follow up any issues with individual students and their parents in the same way as we would do for any uniform infringement. If you would like to remind yourself of our expectations regarding uniform, please click [here](#).

On Monday of next week, the options process will start for our Year 9 students when they will have an assembly and receive their options booklet. Parents have a significant part to play in supporting their child to make these decisions and are invited to attend the Options Evening, which will be taking place in the Theatre later that day. Information with regards to the arrangements have been sent directly to parents and carers of Year 9 students.

Next week, we also have our Spring Music Concert taking place in the Theatre on Tuesday evening. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I will be sending out a letter later today regarding arrangements for next week's strike days on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Mansell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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 13th March – Year 9 Options Evening**
-  **Tuesday 14th March – Spring Music Concert**
-  **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March – Planned Industrial Strike Action (further information to follow)**
-  **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](#).

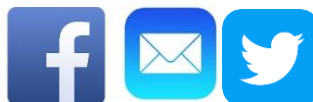
Free Breakfast in school

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.



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.

A community of lifelong learners where everyone can thrive

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](#)

Weekly challenger



THE Boswells SCHOOL

Challenger of the Week: w/c 20th February 2023

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Kristiina P – 9M1 – Bronte
Mathematics	Yehor D – 11G1 – Attenborough
Science	Katie B – 9L1 – Bronte
Humanities	Jack G – 7S1 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Emma T – 10L1 – Hawking
Computing, Business & Technology	Bobby B – 8G2 – Hawking
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Alice W – 8S2 – Attenborough Kieran B – 10M2 – Cornwell

House Tables

	40 Points
	140 Points
	100 Points
	120 Points
	100 Points
	130 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	1510 Points
	1840 Points
	1990 Points
	1700 Points
	1310 Points
	1800 Points

Congrats!



Overall



**SPRING MUSIC
CONCERT**
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

BOSWELLS THEATRE
7PM
£7/£5

- **Boswells Orchestra** • **Choir**
- **Ukulele Club** • **Duets**
- **Advanced Vocals** • **Jazz Band**
- **Student Bands** • **Solos**

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