

# Weekly Bulletin



**11.06.2021**

## Message from the Headteacher.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

The students have returned following the half-term break in a positive manner and of course without Year 11 and Year 13, who have completed all of their assessments. We will miss having those year groups in school during the remainder of the academic year, but are staying in touch until the end of this month through welfare calls being conducted by all of our teaching staff. We will also see Year 11 (restrictions permitting) next month for their Prom, which we are very much looking forward to.

Year 12 started their Progression examinations on Thursday this week. From our experience so far, the students have been very thorough in their preparation so hopefully they will be in a position to really show what they are capable of. On the flip side, it will help us and them to identify areas for improvement moving forwards into Year 13. Year 10 examinations start on Tuesday next week and we will be using the Theatre, Gym and Sixth Form Common Room to conduct these.

Thank you to all the parents that have expressed an interest to be part of our new Parents' Forum. The purpose of the group will be to work with us to look at how we can further improve aspects of the school and we are hugely excited about the first meeting which will be taking place at 6pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you didn't previously respond, but would be keen to be part of this group moving forwards, please email my PA, Rachel Smyth, [rsh@boswells-school.com](mailto:rsh@boswells-school.com)

We have had one or two questions related to the 21<sup>st</sup> June date that the Government have pinpointed as the earliest date where the country will 'open up'. Whether it happens on this date or a few weeks further down the line, the changes do not apply to schools which are expected to keep the current arrangements until the Government guidance for schools changes. At the present time, there is no indication when this may be, but I would certainly expect we will be keeping the current arrangements until the end of term. Due to Year 11 and 13 leaving, we are able to do more with the other year groups in school, enabling Year 9 and potentially Year 8 to spend time in practical-based areas. As soon as there is further news to share, I will let you know.

I hope you have a great weekend and are able to enjoy the good weather.



**Stephen Mansell**  
Headteacher

### **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](mailto:boswellsnews@gmail.com) and asking to be added to the distribution list.





## Attendance

Please remember you are required to call The Boswells School absence line every day your child is absent by 8.30am, unless pre-authorised absence or COVID related AND you have informed us you are self-isolating following a positive test OR in quarantine after returning to the UK.

Attendance will need to see evidence of a test result – either to show a child is positive and authorised to be off school and subsequently a negative result to enable them to return to school.

ABSENCE LINE: 01245 264451 Press 1 or via Email: [attendance@boswells-school.com](mailto:attendance@boswells-school.com)

**If your child has:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

### 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

## Diversity Week 2021



This year's annual Diversity Week will be week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will be celebrating Diversity and Pride month through the following activities:

- Raising money for [MindOut](#) and [akt](#) two charities working to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ young people.
- Selling rainbow flag ribbons for students to wear on their ties or blazers
- LGBTQ+ education in tutor time for staff and students
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Non uniform day in your house colour to represent the pride flag.
- Boswells bake-off will be diversity themed

Diversity week is always a really fun week of our school community and we look forward to sharing the experience.

## Essex Police Virtual Roadshow



Essex Police are launching a 2-week Virtual Roadshow to engage with children and young people and listen to their views about policing in the community.

The Roadshow will take place via Microsoft Teams from Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June to Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July and will offer Primary Schools/Secondary Schools/Colleges/Universities and Sports Clubs an opportunity to take part in the following interactive sessions each day:

- Have Your Say About Policing in Your Community – Do You Feel Safe Where You Live?
- A Career in Essex Police are there Barriers to Joining?
- Hate Crime – an Interactive Session with a Successful Poet. Submit Poetry and Creative Writing to an Essex Police Campaign to Help Prevent Hate Crime.
- Making Informed Choices – Hear from the Police the Reality Versus the Marketing of Crime.

Children and Young People will be able to send questions into the Police and the road show will cover the following areas:

- Dot Com Digital Primary School Programme Created with Essex Police and children to help protect children from emerging digital threats; Cybercrimes; Bullying; Knife crime; Child Sexual Exploitation; Gang culture; Positive Action; Recruitment – barriers to recruitment – challenging belief systems about the Police; Barriers between Diverse communities and the Police.

Follow this link to meet the Roadshow Team and find more information about the events: [The positive action virtual roadshow | Essex Police](#)

**There are limited places to join this unique Police event.**

**[Register your interest in our virtual roadshow | Essex Police](#) to receive more information and to have your say on the Essex Police road show.**

## Local Community

The Boswells School is located within the Springfield community, and we all have a social responsibility to be considerate to our neighbours.

We would like to remind everyone to please park safely, legally and considerately.

The Highway Code clearly states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." The idling of your engine when stationary increases air pollution, as cars can pump out almost twice the emissions when standing as they do while in motion. Exposure to these emissions can have serious negative effects on health.

## LFD Testing at Home

The Department for Education (DfE) guidance is to continue testing at home twice weekly. Students have been provided with additional home test kits in school over the past two days.

- Please test twice a week at home (Wednesday and Sunday)
- Report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country, especially any instances of new variants.

Please continue to report any positive cases **immediately** to the school, so we can carry out contact tracing. A confirmatory PCR test for a positive lateral flow device test should be booked straightaway either [online](#) or by calling **119**.

Students who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the student can return to school, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.

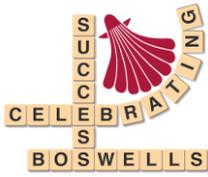
### Year 11 Students

Year 11 students will be able to collect LFD home test kits when they come in to school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June to collect their Leavers Hoodies. In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, students should come to the front (main) reception of the school, and follow the schedule (emailed out) based on their form.

Alternatively, Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#) online, or otherwise anyone over the age of 18 can pick up lateral flow home test kits from these [collection points](#).

## Wellbeing Bulletin

All students in Year 11 and 13 would have received, via their school email, a wellbeing bulletin on Wednesday. It has some messages and some tips about a range of issues related to careers, wellbeing and projects to get involved in. Anyone can view a copy of the document by clicking on the link [here](#)



## Whole School Challengers of the Week

**Challenger of the Week: w/c 24th May 2021**

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Charlie D – 7G1 – Attenborough
Mathematics	Leon G – 8S2 – Rowling
Science	Nicole G – 7G1 – Bronte
Humanities	Hope C – 8S2 - Attenborough
Modern Foreign Languages	Miruna-Antonia B – 7M2 – Bronte
Computing, Business & Technology	Jaden M – 8G1 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Jaden M – 8G1 – Attenborough
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Jamie B-F – 8M1 – Hawking Katie O – 10S1 – Cornwell

# The Boswells School House System

Congratulations to **Cornwell House** – Weekly Winners

## Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Totals



## Overall House Totals

