

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you've had a good week.

On Wednesday night, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was an extremely well attended event, recognition of the outstanding work taking place in our Sixth Form. As well as a huge number of Boswells students, there were also many from other schools in attendance. If you attended, we very much hope you found the evening useful and that all your questions were answered. A copy of the Sixth Form Presentation from the evening can be found [here](#).

We are very extremely proud of our students' achievements. In 2022, our A-level results were the best in Essex excluding the grammar schools. A number of parents commented to me on how positive the evening had been, which is testament to not only our excellent staff, but also our fantastic students who were highly professional talking to prospective students and parents about their experiences in the subjects they study. A particular well done goes to Marloes H and Joel M, who spoke passionately of their experiences in the Sixth Form in front of two large audiences in the Theatre. Further information about what our Sixth Form offers can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

On Friday, we marked Remembrance with all of our staff and students going outside for a two-minute silence. This is always a poignant event, and as always, our students were a credit to the school. A special mention must go to Anna in Year 13 who faultlessly played 'The Last Post' once again this year. It has become tradition for a member of the White household to play 'The Last Post' for 16 years now, with Anna following in the footsteps of her older siblings. A huge thank you to all of the White family for their contribution to what is such an important event each year.

This term, all of our year groups receive their first interim report. The reports will give you a clear indication whether your child is on course to achieve (or hopefully exceed) what is expected of them. The information is also crucial to us, as we analyse the data to inform our next steps and identify students with whom we need to intervene. We always expect our students to aspire for excellence by trying their best and this will be reflected in the 'Attitude to Learning' grades, which will be one of 'Excellent', 'Committed', 'Passive' and 'Cause for Concern' for each subject. We want every student to be actively engaged in each subject, so the former two gradings are what every student should be aiming for.

As always, if you have any concerns about specific subjects on your child's report, please do contact the subject teacher or Head of Subject and if it is a general concern, your child's Head of Year. All of the email addresses are accessible on the school's website.

The first Parents' Evening of the academic year is for Year 11 and takes place on Thursday 8th December. Information will be going out to Year 11 parents in due course. A reminder all Parents' Evenings this year will continue to take place remotely.

Finally, just a reminder Friday 25th November is a staff training day and the school will be closed for students.

Enjoy your weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S 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-authorised 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

-  **Wednesday 16th November – 9.10am and 9.30am Sixth Form Open Morning Tours**
-  **Wednesday 16th November – 7pm - FOBS Meeting**
-  **Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th November – SHREK – Whole School Production**
-  **Friday 25th November – INSET Day**

Safeguarding

Please click [here](#) to view our Safeguarding page on our website. Included on the website is useful information and documents to increase support.



The Children's Society



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Enclosed in this bulletin is information about an excellent online session for parents, carers and guardians in relation to keeping your child safe online and educating further about the risks of the inappropriate use of devices. Having worked with this company before we fully recommend the session.



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

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

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

We have guides on our website, including SIMS Parent, Office 365, ParentPay, Access E-Mails, and SatchelOne

<https://www.boswells-school.com/students-staff/user-guides.htm>

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](#)



Online Safety Awareness Session for Parents, Carers and Guardians in Chelmsford

The parents' workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it.

How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parents' knowledge.

The sessions are very up to date to reflect the changing risks faced by our children. Taking into consideration the increased online activity by our young people and how they have adapted to the online world.

This will include their favourite apps and games as well as looking at the dangers they face and how they can be groomed in games which ranges from receiving gifts for the younger player and being groomed on servers for the older ones.

The session will explore how all our young people are being influenced online and forming ideologies and views that might be diametric to parents, which can also give them a skewed view of the world. It will also cover how influencers work, which can lead our children to conduct dangerous challenges.

As well as discussing solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe which again ranges from settings on apps, to safe use of games and advice on how parents can approach the online arena.

Date: Tuesday 13th December

Time: 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Platform: Online via Zoom (link to be shared once you have booked your space)

REGISTER YOUR PLACE [HERE](#)



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Challenger *(week before half term)*



Challenger of the Week: w/c 17th October 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Yelizaveta K – 7L1 – Attenborough
Mathematics	Imogen B – 7M1 – Nightingale
Science	Makayla HB – 10S1 – Bronte
Humanities	Allen B – 10L2 – Bronte
Performing & Creative Arts	Callen M – 7S2 – Bronte
Computing, Business & Technology	Stanley H – 8M1 – Nightingale







House Tables

	50 Points
	110 Points
	90 Points
	70 Points
	30 Points
	70 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	560 Points
	640 Points
	590 Points
	500 Points
	330 Points
	600 Points

Congrats!



Overall