



The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin

12th January 2024

As this is the first newsletter of the term, I wish you every happiness for 2024!

We have some new teaching appointments this term. Mr Davis and Mr Mansfield re-join our Science Faculty and Mrs Anderson has joined us in the capacity of SENDCO and Teacher of English. We are excited by the appointments and wish all three every success.

This academic year seems to have flown by thus far, but has been hugely successful, with much to build on as we hit the ground running this term. I write this, the day after one of our biggest events of the year, our annual Presentation Evening. As is traditional, this event takes place in Chelmsford Cathedral and recognises the outstanding effort and attainment of a significant number of our students. It was a fantastic evening – Well done to all those that received awards and also to those who performed. It is also good to see so many ex-Boswells students who have left us to move on to pastures new.

As we start the new term, it is worth resetting expectations with regards to uniform. We are extremely proud of our students at the school. One of the areas that makes them stand out is how well they present themselves. Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed appropriately, following our uniform policy (including jewellery and nails). A reminder that students should not be wearing hoodies to school, but should have a coat particular during this cold spell that we are experiencing. As is usual, we will insist upon maintaining our high standards and will pick up any students who do not comply with our uniform expectations.

Finally, please can I remind parents and carers to avoid dropping off or picking up your child directly outside the school site, particularly at busy times, as not only does this cause significant congestion, it also risks the safety of students when such large numbers are arriving or leaving school on foot. There are many side roads in the vicinity of the school where students can be dropped off or picked up. Your support with this is hugely appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Mansell
Headteacher

Year 7 Pantomime - We're off to see the Wizard, Wednesday 24th January 2024

Tickets are priced at £7.00 (adults) and £5.00 (concessions). Tickets can be purchased [here](#) using our online ticketing system, Ticket Source. Should you encounter any difficulty purchasing tickets please contact Miss Nelson at enn@boswells-school.com. Please note students who are performing in the show do not require a ticket for themselves.

E-Scooters

We know e-scooters are becoming more of an issue and a danger for our young people; with instances of children in primary school even owning e-scooters.

Key points to remember:

1. Privately owned e-scooters are **illegal** to ride on the highway. Ones you can buy from shops like Halfords can only be used on privately owned land, with the landowner's permission.
2. Trial hire scooters can only be ridden by people 18 years plus, with a driver's licence. These scooters can only be used by the person who create the Tier account.
3. Students storing e-scooters on school grounds can cause a fire risk with lithium battery fires.
4. Riding an e-scooter puts the rider at much higher risk on the roads, any collision may be more serious.

Read more about e-scooters [Warning over illegal use of E-scooters ahead of Christmas | Essex Police](#)



Gingerbread House Competition
As is traditional at this time of year we ran a Gingerbread House design competition over the Christmas holidays.

There was a link below to Mary Berry's classic recipe for those who wanted some help, and it was lovely to see how creative everyone who entered was. The winning gingerbread house was designed and made by Rebecca O, who is in Attenborough and has picked up 60 additional house points for Attenborough. Rebecca also receives a £10.00 Amazon voucher.

A big well done and thank you for all of you who entered. Next year's competition looks set to be bigger already!

British sign language club

Is your new years resolution to learn something new?

Are you interested in Language and want to learn another form of communication?

Come and give it a go 😊

A reminder that BSL club runs Thursday lunchtimes in B16 starting again on 11th January

1:30-2:00

Open to all years, students and staff regardless of experience

Achievement points for all students who regularly attend



Covering basic vocab in line with Level one

- Alphabet
- Hobbies
- Animals
- Interests
- Basic conversation
- Holiday seasons
- Colours
- Family
- Numbers/ months of the year
- Money
- and much more



NEW YEAR, NEW DRAMA CLUBS !





YEAR 9 DRAMA CLUB-MONDAYS 3-4PM – B14 (begins 15th Jan)



KS4 DRAMA CLUB-MONDAYS 3-4PM – B16 (begins 29th Jan)



YEAR 8 DRAMA CLUB-THURSDAYS 3-4PM – B16 (begins 18th Jan)



YEAR 7 PANTO CLUB CONTINUES ON FRIDAYS 3-4:30 – Theatre!







Term 2 – Computing Clubs



Day	Lunch	After School
Monday	STEM Girls (Years 7 & 8)	Tech Crew Club
Tuesday	Chess Club	Computing Club
Wednesday		
Thursday		GCSE Booster
Friday	Minecraft Club	

Scan the Computing Cat to Join



All clubs starting Monday 15th

Room – C22

Lunch – 1.25pm – 1.55pm

After School – 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Any questions? Please come and see Mr Ward in C22.





MONDAY LUNCHTIMES IN A35

Hang out and have fun engineering, doing cool tricks, dissecting and even explosions

Restarts next
Monday 15th

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.

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

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.

Meal Deal / Free School Meal Provision - The menu offered by our caterer has been updated and the following items are now available as part of the Meal Deal Provision for £2.40

From the cold fridge:

Pasta pot or sandwich (**Yellow Sticker**)

Dessert- Yogurt / Jelly (**Green Sticker**)

Water (**Blue Sticker**)

What's included in the deal is advertised on the cold fridges as seen in the image below:



Or

Main meal (canteen only)

- Choose one from the Main meals on offer on the day
- Plus 2 Sides **AND** salad or vegetables
- Plus a piece of Fruit



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 endeavor 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>

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/>

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).



The Boswells School Current Vacancies



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



For CLP Vacancies please click [here](#)

Homework Club – is run in the Library Monday – Thursday until 4.30pm.

Maths Department – Homework support clubs after school in A17 for the following Year groups:

Year 7 & 8 Mondays;

Year 9 & 10 Tuesdays; and

Year 11 Thursdays.

Upcoming News and Events along with our school calendar can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).