

The Boswells School



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the first Parents' Bulletin of the new year, so it seems apt to wish you a very happy and prosperous 2023.

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, a day after one of our biggest events of the year, our annual Presentation Evening. As is traditional, this event took place in Chelmsford Cathedral and recognised 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.

In the past week, our Year 12 students have been completing their first set of formal examinations. They seem to have taken these in their stride and I am sure will be looking forward to receiving their results and finding out where they can improve.

For our current Year 11 and 13 students, we are on the final run towards the summer examinations. Revision and intervention sessions have already started to take place. I have just been up to the Maths Faculty, for example, who are running Year 11 revision sessions after school on a Thursday. Year 11 Formal Mock Examinations commence in the week beginning 30th January, with the Year 13 ones in the week beginning 20th February. Year 13 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 26th January and information will be sent to parents at the start of next week.

I wrote to you at the end of last term with a reminder of our expectations with regards to uniform and conduct. I would like to thank you for your support as the vast majority of our students come to school presented in an exemplary manner. We are extremely proud of our students at the school and undoubtedly there is a correlation between good presentation and high expectations. It is one of the reasons why we are so successful.

Have a good 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

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](#)

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** *How to avoid going into debt*
- Year 10** *C.V writing in preparation for mock interviews*
- Year 9** *Risks of sexual relationships including unintended pregnancies*
- Year 8** *Choices in romantic relationships*
- Year 7** *What effects my well being?*

Miss Grover

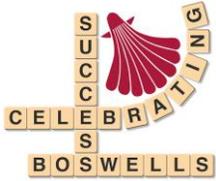
Funds raised from Non-Uniform Day on 18th November 2022



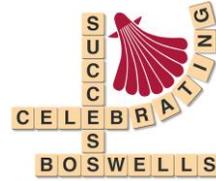
**THANK
YOU**

for raising a fantastic
£1593.43

The money you have raised will be used
to help change the lives of children and
young people facing disadvantage in
communities across the UK.



Celebrating Success



Over the holiday season we all celebrate in different ways.

Alexander in, year 7, had something extra to celebrate this year, as he appeared in '*Dolly Parton's- Smoky Mountain Christmas Carole*' at the Southbank Centre, London.

Alexander was cast in the role of '*Tiny Tim*', sharing the role with other boys, he performed in multiple shows, both evening and matinee performances. The show ran from mid December to early January.

We were so excited to hear of this opportunity for Alexander and he has spoken about his experience with such excitement and pride.

We hope there are many more professional opportunities for Alexander in the future and we wish him luck in his performing career.

Alexander's family has kindly shared many photos with us, and also a link to the Curtain Call video:

<https://youtu.be/JVvEy4F8LPM>



House Tables- (End of Last Term)

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|  | 1070 Points |
|  | 1205 Points |
|  | 1260 Points |
|  | 1130 Points |
|  | 835 Points |
|  | 1160 Points |

Congrats!



Overall

Computing Clubs

Chess Club

Compete against others, demonstrating and developing your strategic mind while applying pattern recognition to your game. **Please complete the “Lunchtime Computing Clubs” form on Satchel One.**

Every Tuesday Lunchtime – C22 – 13:25 – 13:55



Computational Thinking Club

Develop your problem thinking skills, using Decomposition, Patterns and Algorithms to complete a range of fun activities! In pairs or teams, attempt Rubik’s cubes, Puzzle boxes, Checkers and various card/board games. **Please complete the “Lunchtime Computing Clubs” form on Satchel One.**

Every Thursday Lunchtime – C22 – 13:25 – 13:55



Minecraft Club

Develop your creativity and problem solving skills in the vast open world of Minecraft! **Please complete the “Lunchtime Computing Clubs” form on Satchel One.**

Every Monday/Friday Lunchtime – C22 – 13:25 – 13:55



A community of lifelong learners where everyone can thrive