

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 11 students experienced their first formal mock examinations of the year this week. They took place in the Theatre, Gym and Library designed to mirror the type of experience the students will face next summer. The students have conducted themselves extremely well so far, although I think the challenge and intensity have been a shock to many. The examinations finish on Thursday next week and results will be cascaded to parents through their child's interim reports next month, followed by Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8th December.

We also held our Year 8 Parents' Information Evening in the Theatre on Monday, which was very well attended. The presentation evening can be found on the website by clicking on the link [here](#).

On Tuesday night, we hosted our Careers Evening, which is one of the biggest events on the school calendar. A big thank you to all the businesses, universities and other institutions that had stalls at the event, it was great to see so many present. Hopefully it gave our Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students a clearer idea of what they may want to do after they leave The Boswells School. This really is a unique event which we have not been able to run for the past 2 years due to the pandemic. It is one that takes plenty of planning, as I am sure you will agree if you attended and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Page, our Careers advisor, who each year spends a significant amount of time organising the event.

We are very lucky to have our own dedicated careers advisor, so if you have any questions related to Careers, you can email Mrs Page directly on ppe@boswells-school.com. Alternatively, Mrs Page is accessible to our students during the school day. Her office can be found in the school library.

A big thank you to the parents who came to our first Parents' Forum meeting of the year on Wednesday evening. The main area that was discussed was about how we celebrate success at The Boswells School. You can see all the ways in which we award and reward students at the school by clicking [here](#). If you would like to join our Parents Forum, please email my PA, Mrs Free, on lfe@boswells-school.com. More information about our Parents' Forum can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

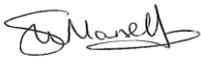
It is hard to believe that our Year 7 students are nearly a half-term through their secondary education. On Thursday evening, we held our Year 7 Tutor Evening. We hope parents found this useful in finding out how well their child has settled at the school.

It is fantastic to see so many students accessing our extra-curricular offer, including rehearsals for our upcoming production, Shrek. Information relating to the clubs we offer can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

Those that pick up their children at the end of the school day will know how busy and congested it can get. Please can I ask that parents avoid picking their child up on Burnham Road at the front of the school or outside of the Gym gates where at all possible. With up to 1500 students leaving the school site it is important we aim to keep these areas as clear as we can.

Finally, a reminder that this half-term finishes at 3pm on Thursday 20th October as Friday 21st is a Staff Training Day. The students return to school at normal time on Monday 31st October.

Have a great 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; stomach ache; 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

-  **Thursday 20th October - 6.30pm - Year 7 Parents Information Evening**
-  **Friday 21st October – INSET Day**
-  **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October – Half Term Break**
-  **Tuesday 1st November – 7pm – Work Experience Parents Meeting**
-  **Wednesday 9th November – 6pm-8pm - Sixth Form Open Evening**
-  **Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th November – SHREK – Whole School Production**

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 up to Date

If any of your contact details have changed, please let us know by emailing admin@boswells-school.com. It will soon be possible to check and update your details in the EdulinkOne app.

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.

NOTE: Please ensure the email address 8815416@sims-communications.co.uk is added to your “safe-senders” list to be sure that you receive our updates, but ***please do not use*** this address to contact us – it is for our outgoing e-mails ***only***.

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](#)

Celebrating Success



Year 7 Dance

In this week's Dance lesson 7S2 focused their creative skills upon creating a striking and complex end position to their group dances. As you can see from the images, they used a range of physical skills and team work to create a variety of challenging positions.



Weekly Challenger



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Challenger of the Week: w/c 26th September 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Ishani – 10L1 – Attenborough
Mathematics	Evie D – 10S2 – Cornwell
Science	Rebecca W – 9L2 – Nightingale
Humanities	Skye F – 9S1 – Hawking
Modern Foreign Languages	Natalia C – 9S1 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Finley H – 9M1 – Attenborough
Computing, Business & Technology	Oscar P – 7L1 – Holmes
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Dulanja P – 8L2 – Nightingale Mia P – 10S2 – Bronte



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Challenger of the Week: w/c 3rd October 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Rebecca T – 8G2 – Nightingale
Mathematics	Annika B – 11L1 – Hawking
Science	George H – 10G2 – Bronte
Humanities	Kezia B – 7S1 – Holmes
Modern Foreign Languages	Nancy S – 8L1 – Hawking
Performing & Creative Arts	Robert M – 7M2 – Bronte
Computing, Business & Technology	Spencer P – 7L1 – Holmes
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Molly B – 7S1 – Nightingale Zuzanna W – 10S1 – Cornwell

House Tables

	120 Points
	150 Points
	170 Points
	70 Points
	30 Points
	90 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	360 Points
	380 Points
	410 Points
	350 Points
	150 Points
	420 Points

Congrats!



Overall

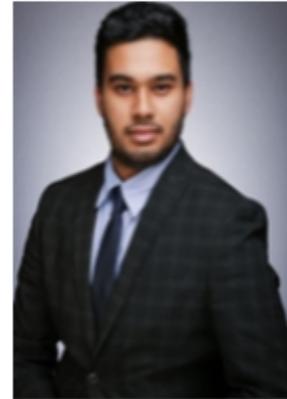


Jack Petchey Winner!

Saahil has been a volunteer in the library since he was in Year 9. He is now in Year 13 and has always been willing to help and learn new skills.

Saahil mentors' younger students as they learn how to become a 'student Librarian'. He also runs numerous errands to help with the smooth day to day running of the library. Early on Saahil took the initiative to create labels to display the range of genres within the library. Saahil has in-depth knowledge of shelving, tidying, displaying and organising both fiction and non-fiction books. He is always well presented, cheerful and talkative. I am sure that when he leaves school next year his presence will be a loss to the library but a gain for his future employer.

Well Done Saahil!



Youth Voice Conference

You, and young people from your organisation are invited to our Youth voices listening conference, workshops & information fair



We are excited to send out this official invitation to the Youth Voice Conference in October 2022, with the purpose of listening to young people around issues of safety. The youth Voice conference is being organised in partnership with Essex Boys and Girls Clubs (EBGC), Essex Council For Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS), Essex Police, The Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VUU) and Essex Young Assembly. There will also be a range of local partners, organisations and charities attending the day.

FREE lunch, and refreshments.... Plus a free goodie bag if you are lucky enough to qualify as a young person!

When: Saturday 22nd October 2022

Where: Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford

Time: 10am - 2pm. Registration from 9:30am

TO BOOK PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK: <https://forms.office.com/r/dQryBpS3Pn>

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE

hosted by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs and Essex Council For Voluntary Youth Services

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2022 10am-2pm (Registration from 9:30am)
AT ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY, CHELMSFORD

If you are a young person aged 13 and above living in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock) or an adult working with young people we want to hear from you! This conference is the perfect opportunity for you to give your opinion to those that can make a change within our community on all subjects on keeping young people safe.

Workshop topics to include: Mental health and wellbeing, staying safe in public, LGBTQ+ and hate crime awareness, VUU listening report findings, what to do in an emergency, Where do you feel safe in your community and more!

Workshops / question panel with influential industry leaders / networking/ information fair/
Essex Police Youth Strategy Launch!

FREE LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AND A CONFERENCE WELCOME PACK!

For more information please contact Rebecca on rebeccas@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

Scan or Click here to book your space!
<https://forms.office.com/r/dQryBpS3Pn>



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