

Weekly Bulletin



17.01.2020

Greetings from the Headteacher.....

It has been a case of hitting the ground running this term for many of our Year 11 students who have been straight into examinations and coursework. Already some of our students have sat an IT examination or a Child Development examination. Our GCSE Dance Showcase took place in the Theatre on Monday night. As usual, the standard of their work was highly impressive. As I publicised last week, revision classes and interventions are very much under way and the Year 11 provision can be found on our website by clicking the following link <https://www.boswells-school.com/curriculum/exams-revision.htm>. Next week, we are holding sessions during the school day for all Year 11 students on revision techniques, which should be extremely valuable for them.

On Wednesday night, we held our own Pantomime, performed by our Year 7 Drama students and students from our community BAD (Boswells Amateur Dramatics) group. The evening was a huge success, which was especially pleasing as it was the first time we had run anything of its kind. Well done to all the staff and students involved!

On Wednesday last week, nine of our Year 9 students went to the University of East Anglia as part of the Brilliant Club initiative, which we have been running for a few years now. The aim of The Brilliant Club is to increase the number of students from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly selective universities. Postgraduates at the university are paired with our students to support them to complete a dissertation, the result of which leads to a presentation ceremony at the university later this year.

There have also been a number of trips taking place, with an English Theatre trip to see 'A Christmas Carol' on Monday and a trip to Cambridge University for some of our MFL students on Tuesday. Today, some of our students will be heading off to Cardiff for the PE tour. We hope they have a great time!

Several of our students represented the school at the Mid Essex Swimming Relay Gala with our Year 11 boys placing 1st overall. Well done to all those that took part!



Challenger of the Week

The Performing & Creative Arts

Alex – 7G1

For really exploring pattern within her work in Art and developing a very interesting final piece.

Well done Alex!



Greetings from the Headteacher.....(continued)

Last night, we held our Year 13 Parents' Evening. It was good to see such a great turnout, with the vast majority of parents and students attending. We hope those that attended found the evening very helpful and gave good advice on what the students need to do to help them towards achieving well in the examinations.

Next week sees the next FoBS meeting, which takes place in the Restaurant on Wednesday at 7.30pm. If you are interested in supporting initiatives aimed at fundraising to enhance the education of our students, new members are always welcome! And finally, just a reminder that it is Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th January and Year 12 on 6th February. The parent booking system will be on Monday 20th January for Year 10 and Monday 27th January for Year 12 to make appointments.

We are also holding our own Eco week next week and many of our subject areas are embracing the theme. More on that in next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Steve 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 and asking to be added to the distribution list.

Modern Foreign Languages

'Why Not Languages?' trip to Magdalene College Cambridge

On Tuesday 14th January a group of year 9 pupils took part in an event at Magdalene College Cambridge, which was designed to show pupils the benefits of continuing with studying a foreign language at A level or at degree level. Pupils were given an insight into typical life at university by student ambassadors and had taster lessons not just in German, French and Spanish, but also in Portuguese, Russian, Arabic and Mandarin so that they could see what it would be like to pick up a new language from scratch for a degree. It was explained how language degrees work, how subjects can be combined into joint honours degrees with humanities or sciences, for example, and even how many students who have completed an A level in a language at 6th form then choose to continue with a language course alongside their degree to keep up their language skills, which would enable them to become more employable and better global citizens in the future. It was very enjoyable and worthwhile event and we hope to take part again next year.



Boswells Lower School Pantomime

Wednesday 15th January

This year saw our first ever lower school pantomime. It was a transition project for our resident B.A.D. Co. performers from Y5&6 as well as the first public drama showcase for Y7 who aren't able to be involved in the whole school production in their first term starting here at Boswells. It was a fantastic event that saw over 150 audience members clapping and cheering at the comic and ridiculous characters featured within the three pantomimes showcased. Y5&6 club, performed in two parts, presented 'Hollie & Gretel', an adaptation of the original 'Hansel & Gretel' fairy tale. Y7 drama club was divided into 2 separate groups; each presenting a full, 50 minute pantomime of their own! One group performed 'Snow White & some Dwarves' and the other group performed 'Cinderella'.

It was a complete sell out and the audience certainly played their part with the interaction with our panto characters. It was a fantastic evening of song, dance and most of all acting.

The evening not only featured students on stage, but we had some of our older students helping backstage too. Y9&10 helped with makeup, technical and directing. Also, our production design club, which runs every Tuesday, made the props for all the pieces.

It was an extremely successful evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all involved and/or watching! In fact, despite being a new show in our calendar, it went down so well, we may just have to do it again next year!

Laura Willcox

Assistant Head of Performing and Creative Arts
(The Boswells School)



Mid Essex Swimming Gala

Thursday 16th January

Several of our students have recently represented the school in the Mid Essex relay galas. The standard at these events is particularly high, so to qualify through the heats to get into the finals is an excellent achievement in itself.

Well done to all those involved, but particular congratulations to the following squads for their excellent finishing positions.

Year 9 boys 2nd place overall

Year 10 boys 2nd place overall

Year 11 girls 2nd place overall

Year 11 boys 1st place overall

Drama Club Timetable – Spring/Summer Term

Clubs begin w/c 20th January 2020

Day	Lunchtime	After School	Evening
Monday		3.20-4.30pm Y10&11 club – B16 - JWE 3.20-4.30pm Y8 club –B14 – LWX	
Tuesday		3.20-4.30pm – Y9 'box of tricks' - JWE 3.20-4.30pm Y8-10 production/design club –B19 – LWX	5-6PM Y5&6 BAD Co with LWX in B16
Wednesday		3.20-4.30pm Y11 exam rehearsal (see separate production schedule!) – B16 - LWX	
Thursday	12.35-1.20 KS4 BTEC coursework drop in with LWX in B6	3.20-4.30pm Y7 club with LWX/JWE in B14/B16	
Friday		3.20-4.30pm Y11 exam rehearsal (see separate production schedule!) – B16 - LWX	

Key dates - Autumn:

Wed 29th January – Theatre trip – Les Mis – **Y10 BTEC**

Wed 11th March - Theatre trip – 'I Think We Are Alone'– **Y10 & 11 BTEC & Y9 club**

Tues 12th May – The Sandon School - Box of Tricks – **Y9**

Wed 8th July – P3-5 - Theatre – Tech/dress Drama Extravaganza – **Y5-13**

Wed 8th July – 7pm - Theatre – Drama Extravaganza show – **Y5-13**

Student Reception News

Week ending 10th January 2020

Well done to these Forms for having the best attendance in their year groups for week ending 19th December 2019.

Year	Form
7	7S1
8	8M1 & 8S1
9	9M2 & 9S1
10	10M1 & 10M2
11	11S2

Duty Students

Thank you for all your help, you have all been great:

Annika Begum
James Stewart
Joseph Shipman
Oscar Ithier
Jack Doyle

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents/carers – Please remember you are required to call the Boswells Schools absence line **every day** your child is absent.

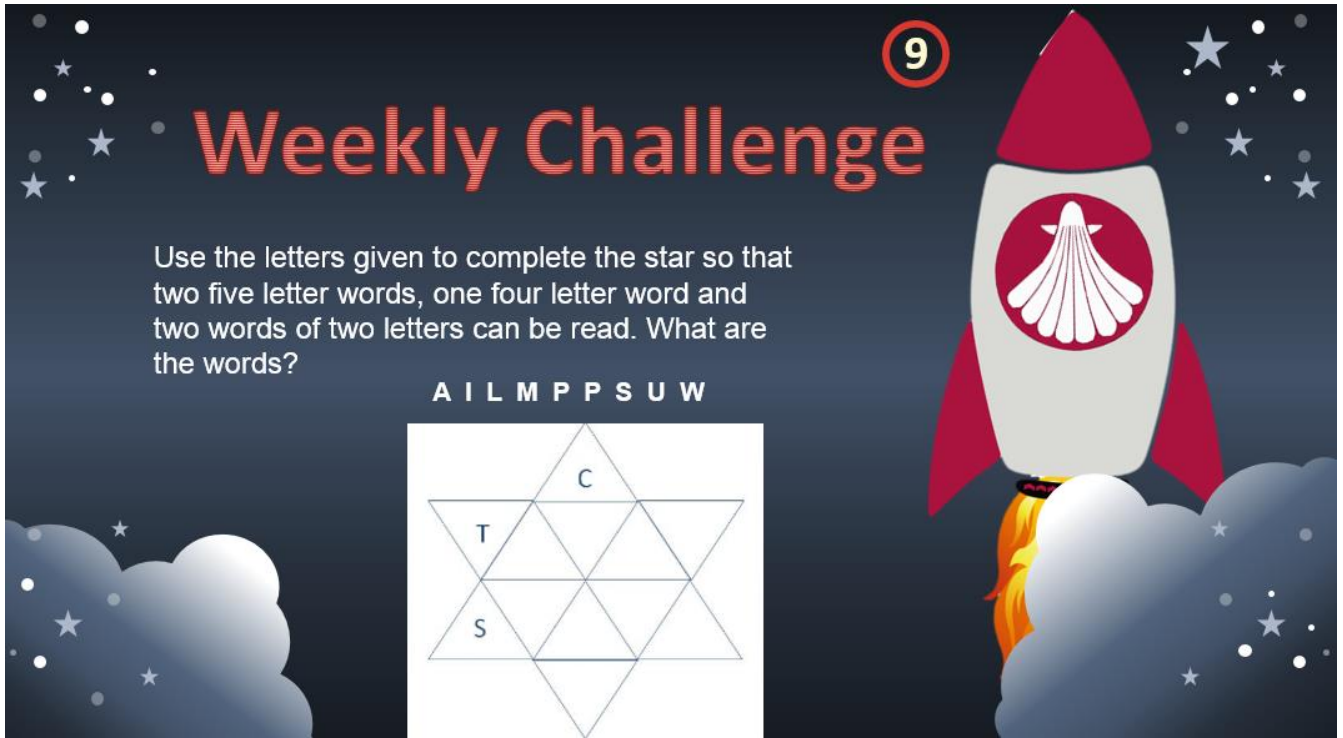
If your child is sick you **DO NOT** have to keep them off school for 48 hours if you feel that they are well enough to attend.

Thank you

Miss Crisp and Miss Hampshire

Weekly Challenge

Challenge 9

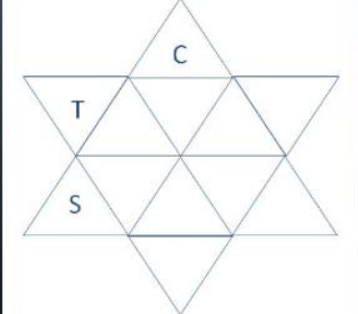


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Weekly Challenge

Use the letters given to complete the star so that two five letter words, one four letter word and two words of two letters can be read. What are the words?

A I L M P P S U W



Weekly Challenge 8 Answer: V. (The letters that follow a vowel in the alphabet).

The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition

Do you like breaking codes and solving ciphers?

Can you, and your friends, unravel the Tale of the Bouncing Bombe?

Would you like the chance to use your mathematical skills to win some great prizes?

Then the Alan Turing Cryptography Competition is for you!

Now in its ninth year, the Alan Turing Cryptography Competition is aimed at secondary school children up to Year 11 (England and Wales), S4 (Scotland), Year 12 (Northern Ireland). You don't need to be a computer whizz or a mathematical genius — you just need to keep your wits about you and be good at solving problems!

Sounds great! How can I take part and what do I have to do?

The competition starts on **Monday 27th January 2020**, and you can register your team with **Miss Cater in room C22 on Thursday or Friday break/lunch/after school**. A team consists of at most 4 members. If you don't have a team come along and we can put a team together from other interested students.

The competition is only open to persons who are in full-time education (including home schoolers) in the United Kingdom up to and including Year 11 (in England and Wales), S4 (Scotland), and Year 12 (Northern Ireland).

What can I win?

1. If your team are the first to solve any of the six chapters, then each team member wins £15 in Amazon gift vouchers.
2. Each member of the teams that finish in first, second and third place on the leader board win £30, £25 and £20, respectively, in Amazon gift vouchers, and the teams' schools will win a trophy.
3. Each chapter also has a number of spot prizes: for each chapter, spot prizes (of £10 Amazon gift vouchers per team member) can be won by up to ten randomly chosen teams — but you'll have to be fast: spot prizes can only be won before the next chapter is released!

Matrix Challenge 2020

The Matrix Challenge is an innovative cyber competition, designed and delivered by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit in partnership with our colleagues from the 11 regional organised crime units across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Matrix Challenge will be available to all 11-17 year olds within the UK on the 20th January 2020. The game takes around 30 minutes to complete and covers 5 key topics, CMA 1990, staying safe online, steganography, fault finding in lines of code and cracking a cipher. The challenge will also include a timed multiple choice quiz.

MATRIX CHALLENGE IN A NUTSHELL

The Matrix Challenge qualification game will be live in January 2020 and will run for 4 weeks. The top entries in each region will be invited to a regional semi-final. The top 3 competitors in each age category will then be selected for a grand final in July 2020 where top technology prizes and the chance to be crown Matrix Challenge UK Champion will be up for grabs.

How is the programme structured?

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| <p>Step 1
PLAY ONLINE
Take part in our online game between 20th January to 14th February 2020. The top scorers around the country progress to step 2.</p> | <p>Step 2
SEMI FINAL
Each of the 12 ROCU's around the UK will hold an event to get their 2 top 3's (11-14 and 15-17) who will be invited to step 3.</p> | <p>Step 3
NATIONAL FINAL
The best players from around the UK will take part in the grand final with industry partners.</p> |
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MATRIX
CHALLENGE 2020



If you are interested please see Miss Cater, Head of Computing in room C22 Thursday or Friday break time/lunchtime/afterschool. Competition will run in C22 afterschool Monday 20 January 2020.





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