

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, a big thank you to everyone for your support this term thus far. As always, there is a huge amount of work taking place across the school that should be celebrated.

Yesterday, a number of Year 8 students were off timetable completing the Faraday Challenge. This was an excellent STEM opportunity for the students involved, organised by our Science Faculty. It is part of a national competition run by the Institution of Science and Technology. Well done to those students that took part with such enthusiasm.

We are extremely proud of our students' performances in the sporting arena. Win, draw or lose, our students always represent the school with pride, and I was particularly pleased to receive the following from a fellow Headteacher following a football fixture this week.

"Over the years, our PE departments have established an excellent working relationship and it was again illustrated tonight when the two teams played such a positive inclusive game. Your students were polite, respectful, and even took the time to congratulate one of our boys who was permitted to take a carefully managed penalty. This was a beautiful example of outstanding sportsmanship reflecting the obvious strong positive character of your players."

It has been an unusually quiet week in terms of evening events this week, but that all changes next week with our Whole School Production of 'Shrek'. Starting with a performance to local Primary Schools on Tuesday, through to Saturday evening, there are six performances in total which involve nearly 200 of our students. The production is a sell-out all week and I know many of you are looking forward to it.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday (25th November) is a non-pupil day.

Have a great 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

Upcoming Events

-  **Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th November – SHREK – Whole School Production**
-  **Friday 25th November – INSET Day**
-  **Tuesday 6th December – 6pm - Parent Forum**
-  **Thursday 8th December – Year 11 Parents Evening (Remote)**
-  **Monday 19th December – 3.15 -4.15pm - FOBS Pre-loved Uniform Sale**
-  **Tuesday 20th December – Last day of term**



School Ties

If your child requires a new school tie, please contact the school where you will be able to purchase a new one. Our uniform provider Schoolwear Plus have advised that they will not have ties back in stock until December 9th at the earliest.

FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Monday 19th December

On Monday 19th December between 3.15-4.15 there will be a FOBS sale of pre-loved uniform taking place in the theatre. Examples of items sold can be seen on the website [here](#). As ever donations to be sold - particularly PE kit and blazers.

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](#)

Challenger









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Challenger of the Week: w/c 31st October 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Amy R – 8G2 – Cornwell
Mathematics	Ronnie B – 7L1 – Cornwell
Science	Ishani M – 10L1 – Attenborough
Humanities	Gabrielle L – 10G2 – Hawking
Modern Foreign Languages	Wes F-M – 10G1 – Hawking
Performing & Creative Arts	Viviane – 7M1 – Attenborough
Computing, Business & Technology	Laxmi P – 8G2- 8G2 – Attenborough
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Poppy W- 7S1 – Hawking Alex C-A – 9M2 – Holmes







House Tables

	20 Points
	40 Points
	50 Points
	60 Points
	30 Points
	10 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	580 Points
	680 Points
	640 Points
	560 Points
	360 Points
	610 Points

Congrats!



Overall