



The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week.

As we approach the end of another half-term, it has once again been a very eventful and successful one, with much packed into a very short space of time.

For our students in Years 11 and 13, next half-term will be the final stretch in terms of their time in the main school or the Sixth Form. For many in Year 11, it won't be the end of their time at Boswells, with the majority having applied for the Sixth Form, but it will be a bit of an end of an era (as far as wearing uniform at least!). For our Year 13 students, the next step will be to university, an apprenticeship or the workplace.

Speaking of our students doing examinations, they really have started off fantastically well. It is clear to see how much hard work has gone into their preparation and, certainly for most, there have been no real surprises so far. We hope that continues and the positive momentum continues throughout the remainder of the examinations.

Time really does seem to fly as on Thursday evening we met our new cohort of students starting in Year 7 this September. The aim of these meetings is for us to find out information about every individual child in order to help make their transition from primary school to Boswells as smooth as possible. It also gives their parents/carers the opportunity to ask any questions as for many, this is a totally new experience. The evening was extremely well attended and we look forward to seeing the students in July for the induction days and disco.

Finally, please may I draw your attention to the Standards and Expectations letter [here](#).

I wish you all an enjoyable half-term. The first day back is Monday 5th June, starting at the normal time.

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

-  **Monday 5th June - Sports day** – Please click [here](#) to view letter sent to parents/carers
-  **Wednesday 7th June – Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale** (see flyer on page 10 of this bulletin)

Safeguarding Information

The school has a great deal of information on the website in relation to safeguarding. The school's safeguarding team have their contacts on there, plus there is a reminder about the email address students or parents can use if they have a concern about a safeguarding matter which is letusknow@boswells-school.com.

If you feel your child needs support to learn about self-harm, Young Minds have a useful guide for parents as well as a parent helpline. Also, the calm harm app is a good resource for young people struggling with self-harm.

Young Minds self-harm guide can be found [here](#)

Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (9.30am to 4pm)

To view our safeguarding page on our website please click [here](#) .

Student Catering Accounts

Please can we ask parents/carers to check their child's catering balance and add funds to put the account in credit. Please be aware that it can take up to 24 hours for funds to reach the catering system from ParentPay.

In addition, can we remind parents/carers that the Free School Meal daily allowance is £2.40 and unused funds are not rolled over to future dates. Students cannot spend over the £2.40 limit unless additional funds are added.

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/](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.

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

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/>

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](#)

House Tables

	115 Points
	205 Points
	105 Points
	190 Points
	110 Points
	140 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	2015 Points
	2505 Points
	2395 Points
	2270 Points
	1680 Points
	2360 Points

Congrats!



Overall

Weekly Challenger



THE
Boswells
SCHOOL

Challenger of the Week: w/c 8th May 2023

Faculty

English

Mathematics

Science

Humanities

Modern Foreign Languages

Performing & Creative Arts

Computing, Business & Technology

Physical Education
(Sportsperson of the week)

Student

Aayan M – 7L1 – Bronte

Seth S – 11L2 – Bronte

Emily B – 8M2 – Nightingale

Katie B – 9L1 – Bronte

Charlotte B – 11S1 – Holmes

Aryan H – 7S2 – Attenborough

Alice – 9M2 – Hawking

Elsie I – 7L1 – Attenborough

Abi G – 10M1 – Bronte

Celebrating Success



Art Success

Well Done to all our Art students for completing their courses. They have worked so hard over the last two years! Please see below a selection of work that will be exhibited at our annual exhibition on Thursday 22nd June 5.30pm-7.30pm. We will be celebrating all of our GCSE and A-Levels students work alongside a selection of KS3 and Art Club work. We hope you can attend!

The Art Department



Raising money for the
Boswells Pond area.



Lunchtime
Wednesday
7th June in
the New Dance
Studio (DS2).

Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale



Pre-order
Doughnuts
£1:50 each

on ParentPay

Deadline for orders **26th May**
(Last Day of term).



Cisco Networking Academy



We are pleased to announce that we are now a Cisco Networking Academy. This will now allow our students to access and complete certification-aligned courses in topics relating to Computer science even

if they choose not to study this as an option at GCSE or A Level.

Cisco have 29,300 educators around the world and 95% of students completing courses obtained a job or further education opportunity from this. Miss Cater is already a Cisco Instructor and has been working on a European project to develop the Computing curriculum so that our students can develop the skills, knowledge and attributes they will need in their future careers and that universities and industries are looking for.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn the fundamental skills of the future: python programming language, cyber security, Internet of Things, Infrastructure Automation, OS & IT, Data Science/Analysis and networking. The Cisco Networking Academy is working with a number of organisations around the world including the Open University and this will allow our students to have access to some of the opportunities that they offer.