

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had an enjoyable week.

It continues to be a very positive start to the term. Our students are working hard and producing plenty of excellent work. As always, our focus is on ensuring there is high quality teaching and learning in every lesson and it is clearly evident that our students are very much benefitting from this.

The Year 11 formal mock examinations are approaching fast, which run from Tuesday 31st January to Tuesday 7th February. Subject teachers will be discussing content that will be examined so that the students can prepare effectively. Due to the length of time required for afternoon exams, we will be bringing lunchtime forward for all students in the school. Therefore, for this period of time only, lunchtime will take place after period 3 (from 12.20pm to 1.00pm), with periods 4 and 5 after lunch. As with all assessments it is essential that students prepare as thoroughly as possible in order to perform at their best which will in turn allow for precise feedback to be given that will aid progress. Students should also make use of their PLC Revision folders and the school revision website, which can be accessed via the 'Student' tab on the school website.

Well done to our Year 7, 8 and 9 swimmers for their performances at the recent mid-Essex Relay Gala. They qualified for the finals in all bar one event. A special mention to the Year 9 boys and girls teams for their second place finishes. Some of our Year 7 and 8 students also competed in the District Indoor Athletics. Year 8 came 7th and Year 7 came 4th. A group of students also went to Wales for a very successful rugby and netball tour last weekend. Well done to all those that participated in any of these events.

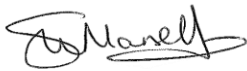
Next week, we have Year 13 Parents' Evening on Thursday, which (as with all parents' evenings this year) will be taking place remotely. I hope parents and carers find it informative and supportive.

On Monday 30th January, we have our next Parents' Forum meeting. These meetings take place half-termly and any parent may attend. The meeting gives parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have as well as hear about key aspects/developments in the school. Feedback from these meetings is really helpful as we make key decisions moving forwards. The meeting takes place at 6pm on Monday and if you would like to attend, please email Mrs Free on lfe@boswells-school.com. Further information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

As a school we are very grateful to have such supportive parents and carers. This support makes a huge difference to the progress and development of our students and there is no doubt that this has been a significant factor in the School's success over a number of years. Another key factor is the excellent staff that work at the School. We are lucky to have such hardworking teaching and support staff that are committed to ensuring your child achieves well at school and have such great opportunities. Please can I thank those parents that communicate their appreciation of the work our staff are doing. It makes a real difference to us all knowing that support is there.

As you will have seen in the news, the NEU teaching union announced strike dates this week, with the first one taking place on Wednesday 1st February. The strikes will impact on all schools nationally including ourselves and we are currently consulting with the union on how the strikes will affect us. I will of course communicate arrangements as soon as I can next week so that parents and carers can make any necessary plans.

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen 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-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

-  **Thursday 26th January – Year 13 Parents Evening (Remote)**
-  **Monday 30th January – 6pm - Parent Forum**
-  **Friday 3rd February – 3.15 -4.15pm - FOBS Pre-loved Uniform Sale**



FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale –Friday 3rd February

On Friday 3rd February 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.



MUSIC TOUR 2023



A limited number of places have become available for this exciting opportunity to visit France and Belgium with the Music Department in July 2023. The tour will depart on Sat 22nd July and return on Tues 25th July meaning no school term time will be missed.

The group will stay at Chateau d'Ebblinghem and will have a series of visits and concerts in the area including a day trip and concert in Bruges.

Please contact Mr Mouchel for further details and payment information (pmo@boswells-school.com)

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](#)

Weekly Challenger



THE
Boswells
SCHOOL

Challenger of the Week: w/c 9th January 2023

Faculty

English

Mathematics

Science

Humanities

Modern Foreign Languages

Performing & Creative Arts

Computing, Business & Technology

Physical Education

(Sportsperson of the week)

Student

Jack L – 8S2 – Bronte

Francis C – 9S1 – Bronte

Jasmine C – 10S2 – Bronte

Erin S – 8S2 – Attenborough

Catherine F – 11S2 – Holmes







Jack G – 7L1 – Attenborough

Nathan S – 8G2 – Hawking

Will S – 7M2 – Bronte

Donnay D – 11G2 – Bronte







House Tables

	100 Points
	150 Points
	180 Points
	80 Points
	80 Points
	100 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	1170 Points
	1355 Points
	1440 Points
	1210 Points
	915 Points
	1260 Points

Congrats!



Overall



the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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A community of lifelong learners where everyone can thrive