

## **Weekly Bulletin**



24.01.2020

### Greetings from the Headteacher.....

The students have been doing a number of things to mark our Eco Week. There have been a number of subject areas that have adapted their lessons to ensure this has been a focus as well as a number of fund raising initiatives that have taken place outside the classroom, including some bake sales. The week concludes with a non-uniform day, which is raising money for eco projects in school and the Australian Bushfire Fund.

On Tuesday, our Year 11 students attended a revision study skills conference. The sessions were designed to focus on how to revise for examinations, sharing some key techniques. For parents that attended our study skills sessions earlier this year, you will be very aware of how powerful some of these can be for retaining information. The students were excellent throughout. With their mock examinations commencing the week after next, it should give them the foundation to really focus on making some significant progress.

Well done to all our Year 11 Food and Nutrition students who have been cooking as part of their practical examination this week. The students had to design and cook three dishes each within a set time. The results were excellent and will go a long way towards what we hope will be fantastic achievements in the summer.

Last weekend, some of our Year 9 students went on a Rugby and Netball trip to Wales. Despite the long coach journey there and back, the students had a fantastic time, competing on the netball court and rugby pitch and played in a great spirit. Even the weather was good! Well done to all those that took part.

Finally, just to make you aware that We have been made aware of an inappropriate app called Yubo (formally called Yellow). It is targeted at young people and marketed as a 'Tinder for teens'. Not only have we been informed that this is an exploitative site it is also a financial scam.





## Challenger of the Week

## The Performing & Creative Arts

Oscar Ithier 8L1

Awarded in Dance for performing in his duet assessment with excellent focus and commitment to the rest of the class.

Well done Oscar!





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

Next week, there are a number of events taking place, including our A-level Music Showcase on Tuesday evening and Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Steve Mansell **Headteacher** 

#### **Upcoming Events**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – BTEC Acting Component Showcase – B16, the Drama Studio at 6pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – A Level Music Showcase – Theatre Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 Parents' Evening Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – A Level Dance Showcase Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 12 Parents' Evening Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 KS4 Options Evening, 7pm in the Theatre Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Parents' Evening Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Music Concert 7pm in the Theatre

#### 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 <a href="mailto:boswellsnews@gmail.com">boswellsnews@gmail.com</a> and asking to be added to the distribution list.

### **Essex Youth Conference**

On Thursday this week 12 of our year 9 students attended an Essex Youth conference that was organised by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. The day started with a workshop delivered by the Southend Combat Academy who led a light warm up. Students then completed workshops on Human trafficking, hate crime and staying safe in the digital age. After lunch there was a chance to meet the police dogs and have a Q and A session with the police commissioner, police officers, fire officers and representatives from the Essex ambulance service. It gave students a real insight into the work that is done locally to keep us safe.

Miss Grover Assistant Headteacher - Head of Lower School (Years 7 to 9)



# **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	5-6PM Y5&6 BAD Co with LWX in B16
		3.20-4.30pm Y8-10 production/design club –B19 – LWX	
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 17th January 2020

Well done to these Forms for having the best attendance in their year groups for week ending 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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

#### **Duty Students**

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

Ayza Fahim Imogen Higgins Daisy Cooke Aaiza Sharif Sienna Wild

#### 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 10



Weekly Challenge 9 Answers: Tulip, spasm, claw, up and is.

## 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 <u>Miss Cater in</u> <u>room C22 on Thursday or Friday break/lunch/afterschool.</u> 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!

