

# The Boswells School

## Weekly Bulletin



*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

Dear Parent/Carer,

I attended two evening events this week that are symptomatic of the outstanding effort and contribution our students are making.

On Tuesday evening, I attended the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford. This event celebrates outstanding achievements of students who have won Jack Petchey Awards over the previous year for all schools and clubs in the Chelmsford and Maldon area. Well done to all of our students who fully deserved the recognition for their efforts and conducted themselves impeccably.

On Wednesday night, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 7 Pantomime, which over 50 students took part in. The quality of the performances was excellent and there had clearly been a huge amount of work taking place behind the scenes. Well done to all the students that took part and to Miss Winstone, Miss Jenkins and Mr Hardaker for organising it. It certainly bodes well for future years in the performing arts.

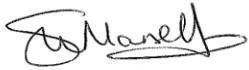
Last night, we held our Year 13 Parents' Evening and we hope you found it informative. I led an assembly with the year group on Tuesday about preparing for examinations and 'controlling what they can control'. Although they cannot control the amount of time left before the examinations, they can control how productive that time is. I have no doubts the students will act on the advice that their teachers are giving them and will achieve excellent things this summer.

Next week, our Year 11 students begin their final set of mock examinations. We wish them all every success with these.

Finally, it is always a pleasure to report on excellent individual achievements that take place out of school. Last Saturday, Max P in Year 7 ran in the Essex and National Country Championships cross country challenge that is arranged by the Essex Boys and Girls Club, held at the Layer Marney outdoor venue in Colchester. Max came 9<sup>th</sup>, which is commendable in itself, but perhaps more importantly won a medal for his fundraising. In total, he raised over £800 for Little Havens Children's Hospice. What a great achievement – Well done, Max!

If you would like to make us aware of a contribution or achievement that your child has made that we may not be aware of, please feel free to email me.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> January – 6pm - Parent Forum**
-  **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Industrial Strike Action**
-  **Week Commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 Mock Examinations**
-  **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 3.15 -4.15pm - FOBS Pre-loved Uniform Sale**
-  **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 10 Parents Evening (Remote)**



### **FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale –Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Free Breakfast in school**

We offer ALL of our students FREE toast and porridge EVERY morning. Students can access this before school between 8.00 - 8.30am via main reception. It is served in the main survery.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

# Personal Development at Boswells

Every student in Years 7-11 have one PD lesson a fortnight along with their tutor session in morning registration. Some of the topics that we cover are quite hard hitting and are part of the national Relationship and Sex Education framework, we always ensure that what we deliver is age appropriate. This week in PD year groups have been doing the following:

**Year 11**     *Looked at payslips and what it meant to pay tax*

**Year 10**     *C.V writing in preparation for mock interviews in March*


**Year 9**        *Had a presentation from Essex Police and Fire service on knife crime*

**Year 8**        *Began working on the 'Respect project' which is a national programme looking at preventing the risky behaviour of young people*

**Year 7**        *How do we talk about health and emotional well-being?*

*Miss Grover*

# Weekly Challenger









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## Challenger of the Week: w/c 16th January 2023

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
Mathematics	Raze Y – 10L1 – Attenborough
Science	Amelie C – 10L2 – Holmes
Humanities	Isabelle C – 8L2 – Holmes
Performing & Creative Arts	Xavier M – 9L2 – Holmes
Computing, Business & Technology	Lin G – 8M1 – Holmes
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Jed Y – 9L2 – Bronte Scarlett P – 11M1 – Cornwell









# House Tables

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

*Congrats!*



Last Week

	1200 Points
	1395 Points
	1490 Points
	1270 Points
	925 Points
	1280 Points

*Congrats!*



Overall



## 'Back to Backnang'



Last week we were delighted to welcome in a group of German exchange pupils from our partner school the Max Born Gymnasium in Backnang. The pupils attended lessons during the mornings with their partners and in the afternoons took part in local visits to Baddow Hall School which is twinned with the Schiller Schule in Backnang, to Chelmsford Community Radio at Moulsham Mill where they contribute each Sunday to the programming with a slot they create in their school radio club called 'Back to Backnang', to Chelmsford Museum and of course to Chelmsford city centre and to London for a bit of retail and sightseeing! We also had a combined Anglo – German bowling trip one evening to Braintree.

It was great to see some different faces around school and pupils in Year 11 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> form enjoyed meeting them. Many of them now plan to stay in touch and feel they have made friends to keep!

The German pupils learnt a lot from attending lessons and seeing how our and their schools differ in terms of lesson delivery and expectations. They were impressed by what they saw.

Huge thanks go to all the admin staff at Boswells that worked hard behind the scenes to make this venture happen.

We are looking forward to going over to Backnang in July for our part of the reciprocal visit.

