

# Th Boswells School

## Weekly Bulletin



*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023*

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week.

Last weekend, four teams represented the school in the Volleyball National Finals. All of them did incredibly well. The Under 16 and Under 18 girls just narrowly missed out in their respective finals, but the Under 15 girls and Under 18 boys went one step further and became national champions. This is an incredible achievement by the students, who were cheered on by staff, family and friends. Well done to all the students and staff involved!

On Thursday and Friday of this week, we have been holding our annual Community Dance Show. This unique show celebrates the work of our students. Thursday night was a sell out and the show did not disappoint. Again, well done to everybody that took part and a big thanks to everyone that attended and showed their support. This event always raises a good amount of money for charity and I'm sure this year will be no exception.

Next week there will be a further day of industrial action taking place on Tuesday by NEU members, so the school will only be open to Year 11, 12 and 13 students once more. Year 7 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday evening and Year 10 start their examination week earlier that day.

Finally, we received some very sad news in that one of our former colleagues, Philip Boreham, passed away last week. Philip will be sorely missed by us all at the school and I am sure will be fondly remembered by many of our current and ex-students. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this difficult time.

I hope you have a good 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](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**

-  **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Community Dance Show**
-  **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday**
-  **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Industrial Strike Action**
-  **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents Evening (Remote)**
-  **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday - Coronation of King Charles III**
-  **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Forum**

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



**Four of our Year 9 students (Betsy, Olivia, Meghan and Kimberley) were interviewed by Vicky Ford before the Easter break when she came into school to visit the Sixth Form Politics class. The interview was sent to our partner school Max Born Gymnasium where the Radio Club put it into their 'Back to Backnang' slot on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April on Chelmsford Community Radio.**

**Please click the link below to listen to the interview.**

<https://www.mixcloud.com/chelmsfordcr/sunday-backtobacknang-230423-chelmsford-community-radio/>

## **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.



## **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.lgfl.org.uk/](https://pps.lgfl.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](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](#)

Our new app, EdulinkOne has proved to be very popular with parents and students. Below, we hope to answer some of the questions we are frequently asked.

If you have any further questions or still need to register, please e-mail [edulink@boswells-school.com](mailto:edulink@boswells-school.com)



### Behaviour & Achievement

- **Why do I get e-mailed behaviour incidents but not achievements?**

We are keen to celebrate your child's achievements with you and your child. Details of any achievement entries are always sent directly to the Edulink app as a 'push' notification – details of how to view these are below.

It is equally important that we share any negative behaviour as you may want to discuss this with your child to support them. Negative behaviour entries are sent as a 'push' notification but are also sent directly to your inbox as an e-mail. We appreciate that this may appear to be concentrating on the negative but the decision to e-mail only behaviour entries was based on a number of factors:

- Whilst the vast majority of parents have registered for the app and are actively using it, some haven't and we wanted to make sure that we reach these parents as well
- We are pleased that we send around 9 times more achievement than behaviour messages and we are conscious of clogging up your inbox with excessive messages.

For this reason, we encourage as many parents as possible to download the Edulink app to make sure you receive as much information as possible.

- **I see very little information on Achievement and Behaviour Entries**

Details of achievement and behaviour entries are available under the achievement and behaviour icons on the main menu.

We are working to include more information in these entries to make them as valuable as possible.

As the comments that we record for behaviour entries may contain sensitive information or details of other students involved in an incident we have made the decision to not publish these comments to parents or students. If you would like to discuss an entry, please contact the teacher concerned directly for more information. In the case of serious incidents, a member of staff will contact you.



### Messages & Notifications

- **I receive general messages to both the Edulink app and my e-mail. Do I have to receive them in both?**

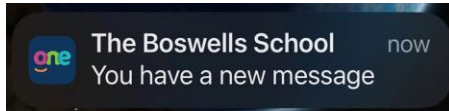
To ensure that all parents receive them, general messages, are sent to both the Edulink app and your e-mail Inbox. We are unable to change this.

As long as you are sure that you are receiving all messages in the app, you may be able to set up rules on your e-mail account to either delete any messages from us or move them to another folder. We are unable to support or help with this but your e-mail provider's website will have details. **Please bear in mind though, doing this means you must always have push notifications turned on and be logged into the Edulink app to ensure that you don't miss any messages.**

- **I'm not receiving notifications of new messages**

You must have 'push' notifications turned on for the Edulink App. This is usually controlled through your device's settings options.

- **I've received a pop-up on my phone to say I have a new message. How do I read it?**



You will receive a notification that you have a new Edulink message .



Tap the envelope icon in the top right hand corner of the app (the number indicates how many unread messages you have)



Tap the message to read it. Tap **Mark all read** to mark all of your messages as read.



## General

- **I've forgotten my username**

Once you have registered, you can use your e-mail address as your username

- **I've forgotten my password**

Use the reset login option on the logon screen and follow the instructions to reset your password

- **I can see my child's report in the Documents section but I can't view it.**



Click the download icon to download the document.

You must have a PDF Viewer app installed on your device. These are readily available at no cost from your devices app store.

- **I've changed some details in "Update Information" but I can still see the old data**

Once you submit changes, they are sent to the school admin team for review. Once they have been accepted, the details in the app will be updated.







## House Tables

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

*Congrats!*



Last Week

	1760 Points
	2180 Points
	2210 Points
	1950 Points
	1530 Points
	2100 Points

*Congrats!*



Overall



# FILM REVIEW

## Winner

Congratulations to **Hannah** in **Year 9** who won the **Boswells' Film Review Competition** for her critical review of the film *Murder Mystery*.

Hannah won house points for **Attenborough house** and a £10 Amazon gift voucher.



# ***PE Extra-Curricular Timetable – Summer 2023***

	Before School 7.40-8.25	Lunch	After School	Evening
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Fitness - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - DPG	<b>PE Department Meeting</b>	<b>Athletics - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - All Staff	<b>Under 18 Boys Volleyball</b> - Boys - DLS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Cricket - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - CRY, DPG, DLS	<b>Jumps Club - Long, Triple, High</b> - Years 7, 8, 9, 10 - Boys & Girls - SLE, DPG, SBE	<b>Volleyball - Upper School</b> - Boys & Girls - SBE, SHN	<b>Under 18 Girls Volleyball</b> - Girls - DLS
	<b>Squad Swimming - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - HBN		<b>Rounders - Year 10</b> - Boys & Girls - SHN	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Volleyball - Years 8, 9</b> - Boys & Girls - DLS, SHN	<b>Middle Distance - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - SHN	<b>Primary PE Academy</b> - Years 5, 6 - CRY	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Tennis Interhouse - Year 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - DLS	<b>Throws Club - Shot, Discus, Javelin</b> - Years 7, 8, 9, 10 - Boys & Girls - CRY, SLE, SBE	<b>Rounders - Years 7, 8, 9</b> - Boys & Girls - SLE, SBE, HBN	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Volleyball - Year 7</b> - Boys & Girls - SBE	<b>Hurdles - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - CRY		
	<b>Tennis - Years 7, 8, 9, 10</b> - Boys & Girls - SLE			

# PRE-LOVED PROM

Prom attire  
for students in need

We are offering pre-loved dresses, suits,  
& accessories FREE OF CHARGE  
to Chelmsford senior school students for  
their 2023 prom celebrations.

Due to limited supply, we will be prioritising  
families who would otherwise struggle to  
purchase an outfit.

Please fill out our form online,  
or call us to make an appointment  
or donation

<https://bit.ly/3mPyVEb>

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