

# Weekly Bulletin



**28.05.2021**

## Message from the Headteacher.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yesterday and today marked the final days for Year 13 and Year 11 respectively. I said in last week's bulletin what a credit to the school they have been and the last couple of days have just emphasised this. Their conduct has been exceptional. It has been an emotional time for many, but an exciting time too. 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 the 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. Whatever they are choosing to do, we wish them every success and hope they stay in touch.

I had the pleasure of interviewing for our Head and Deputy Head Prefect positions at the end of last week and was highly impressed with the Year 12 students that had applied. The students were required to write an application letter followed by an interview with Mrs Whitehead (Head of Sixth Form) and I. They all presented themselves impeccably and spoke passionately about how they would carry out the role. We hope the experience will be helpful for them in the future applications for job roles. Well done to Kate Wilkins and Matthew Gilbert who were appointed Head Prefects and Oli Headington and Isobel Jeffrey who were appointed Deputy Head Prefects. For others that were unsuccessful, there will be other opportunities, including heading up some of the prefect committees.

### Year 9 GCSE Options process

As the timetable for the next academic year begins to be finalised the GCSE Options process reaches the final confirmation stage. GCSE option allocations for current Year 9 students will be confirmed in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June. Letters will be sent via email to parents/ carers to confirm the options that have been allocated for each student. Where it has not been possible to allocate students all of their preferred options the students will have been spoken to directly by Mr Jones prior to the confirmation letter being sent.

## **Farewell to Lynne Haste, Catering Manager**

Today we say a fond farewell to Lynne who has been employed at the school for 22 years as part of the school catering team. Lynne is leaving the school to enjoy her retirement, and we thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her a very happy retirement.

## **Half Term Contact Tracing and Testing**

Should your child develop COVID-19 symptoms on either Saturday or Sunday (48 hours after they were last in school), the school is responsible for contacting all close contacts to tell them to self-isolate whilst results of a confirmatory PCR test are awaited.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 on either Saturday or Sunday, please email [admin@boswells-school.com](mailto:admin@boswells-school.com)

Please continue to use the home test kits to test twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday) over half term and test before returning to school, even if you do not have symptoms. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

A reminder that the students return after half-term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and that the school will be closed on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June for a Non-pupil / INSET Day.

I hope you have a great weekend.



**Stephen Mansell**  
Headteacher

## **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - INSET Day

## **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](https://twitter.com/BoswellsSchool)) or on our Facebook page ([The Boswells School Official](https://www.facebook.com/TheBoswellsSchoolOfficial)). 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.





## Attendance

Please remember you are required to call The Boswells School absence line every day your child is absent by 8.30am, unless pre-authorized absence or COVID related AND you have informed us you are self-isolating following a positive test OR in quarantine after returning to the UK.

Attendance will need to see evidence of a test result – either to show a child is positive and authorised to be off school and subsequently a negative result to enable them to return to school.

ABSENCE LINE: 01245 264451 Press 1 or via Email: [attendance@boswells-school.com](mailto:attendance@boswells-school.com)

**If your child has:**  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

### 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

# Free School Meals

We have subscribed to a new secure website to process applications. You **do not** need to re-apply if you are currently in receipt of free school meals [Click here](#) for further details and to check your eligibility.

The system is simple and clear to use with a step-by-step process and an immediate answer as to eligibility.

The daily allowance for free school meals is **£2.40**.



## Whole School Challengers of the Week

**THE Boswells SCHOOL**

### Challenger of the Week: w/c 17th May 2021

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Martha N – 8L2 – Hawking
Mathematics	Lily F – 9M2 – Cornwell
Science	Savannah B – 8M2 – Rowling
Humanities	Kit L – 8S1 – Hawking
Modern Foreign Languages	Abbi G – 8M1 – Bronte
Computing, Business & Technology	Steven C – 9S1 – Cornwell
Performing & Creative Arts	Rachel B – 7S1 – Bronte
Physical Education	Malachi M – 9S2 – Attenborough
(Sportsperson of the week)	Miki M – 10S1 – Cornwell

# The Boswells School House System

Congratulations to **Rowling House** – Weekly Winners

**Bronte** and **Cornwell** are currently tied for 1st Place Overall!

## Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 Totals



## Overall House Totals

