

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, a huge well done to everyone that was involved in the Whole School Production of 'Shrek' last week. If you attended one of the performances, I am sure you would have been highly impressed. To produce a show of that quality requires a huge amount of dedication from everyone involved, most importantly the students, who were outstanding throughout. Thank you also to those parents that contributed behind the scenes. During the week, we had the pleasure of welcoming both The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford to the School. They both thought the students were incredible. A big thank you to everyone that came to support during the week.

We are looking forward to some Boswells Christmas traditions including the Carol Service held at All Saints Church on Monday 12th December at 7pm and the prize draw for the FOBS Christmas raffle will be taking place in the Year 7 assembly on Friday 16th December.

If you would like to attend the Carol Service, please ask your child to collect tickets from the main school office. The FOBS raffle tickets were given out to students this week, please can you ensure that your child has handed you theirs and we kindly ask that you encourage your child to sell their raffle tickets and return the money and stubs to the main school office. The money raised goes straight back into the school and enhances the educational provision for our students. Money from previous raffles has been used to buy additional water fountains and picnic benches at the request of Student Voice.

Christmas Dinner for our students takes place on Wednesday 14th December. This needs to be pre-booked by midnight next Thursday 8th December via the link that was sent to you by email earlier today. A copy of the pre order form can be found [here](#).

The first Parents' Evening of the academic year takes place next Thursday (Year 11). If you haven't already booked your appointments, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Finally, just confirmation that school will finish for students at 12.20pm on Tuesday 20th December for the Christmas break.

Have an enjoyable 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

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

-  **Tuesday 6th December – 6pm - Parent Forum**
-  **Thursday 8th December – Year 11 Parents Evening (Remote)**
-  **Wednesday 14th December – Student Christmas Dinner**
-  **Monday 19th December – 3.15 -4.15pm - FOBS Pre-loved Uniform Sale**
-  **Tuesday 20th December – Last day of term- Students finish 12.20pm**



FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Monday 19th December

On Monday 19th December 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.

Cycling to School

If your child cycles to school it is essential they securely lock it inside the school grounds and make use of the bike racks. It is also essential that your child has suitable lights for their bike and are highly visible to other road users.



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](#)

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 *Student conferences, next steps and post 16 planning*

Year 10 *Wellbeing: The consequences of unhealthy coping strategies*

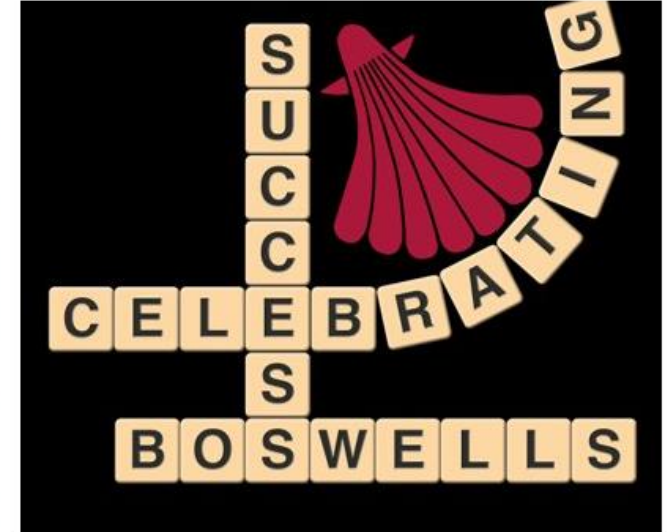
Year 9 *Risks of sexual relationships*

Year 8 *Managing emotions in relationships*

Year 7 *Relationship values*

Miss Grover

Celebrating Success



Challenger



The graphic features a dark red background with two stylized rockets on either side of the school logo. The rockets are white with red accents and yellow-orange flames. The school logo is a white shell-like emblem inside a red circle. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and red colors.

THE Boswells SCHOOL

Challenger of the Week: w/c 7th November 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	William M – 8S1 – Nightingale
Mathematics	Willow S – 7S1 – Hawking
Science	Navya K – 11 G1 – Cornwell
Humanities	Eve I – 10G2 – Cornwell
Modern Foreign Languages	Lily F – 9M1 – Holmes
Performing & Creative Arts	Mishika A – 7G1 – Nightingale
Computing, Business & Technology	Ben A – 10L2 – Cornwell
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Lyla B – 7M2 – Nightingale Julia K – 10S2 – Cornwell

Challenger







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Challenger of the Week: w/c 14th November 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Riley D – 7S1 – Bronte
Mathematics	Amelia G – 8M1 – Attenborough
Science	Jess W – 8S1 – Hawking
Humanities	Amy B – 8M2 – Hawking
Modern Foreign Languages	Lilly D – 8g2 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Maria R/P – 7G2 – Bronte
Computing, Business & Technology	Noah D – 9S2 – Holmes
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Jack W – 7M1 – Cornwell Charlotte H – 10S1 – Hawking







House Tables

	60 Points
	120 Points
	60 Points
	50 Points
	90 Points
	70 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	640 Points
	800 Points
	700 Points
	610 Points
	450 Points
	680 Points

Congrats!



Overall

Bebras UK Computing Challenge

The Computing Department run the Bebras Challenge in November. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. The aim of the Challenge is to solve as many problems as you can in 40 minutes. Each student that took part answered questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. All participants receive a certificate of participation and depending on their results can also receive a certificate of Pass, Merit or Distinction. These will be distributed to students over the next week.

We are very proud to announce that 16 students received Gold certificates this year, which means that they were placed in the top 10% Nationally in their age category. They are now automatically placed into the next round to complete the Oxford University Challenge.



The Oxford University Computing Challenge

2023 Challenge dates:
Round 1: 16th - 20th January
Round 2: 7th March

This will be online and completed in school and will take part during the week of 16 January 2023. If again successful they will go onto Round 2 on 7th March.

Gold Certificate Winners and through to the next round are:

Year 7 – Noah and Alexia

Year 8 – Dylan and Emily

Year 9 – Anna and Ryan

Year 10 – Ethan

Year 11 – Anthony, Wren, Jonathan, Filip, Fletcher and Reilly

Year 12 - Toby

Well done to all students who took part!

Miss Cater & Mr Ward
Computing Department

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Want to develop your rugby? Would you like to get fitter? Maybe make some new mates?

Chelmsford Rugby Club is on the look out for new players.

You don't have to have to be super fit or play in the school team. We want players of all shapes and sizes, ages, abilities and experience. You just have to want to learn and be prepared to put in some effort.

We train on **Wednesdays** at the rugby club (near Chelmer Village) - All you need is a mouthguard, boots and your first three or four sessions are free.

U13s 18:30-20:00

U14s 18:00-19:30

U15s 19:00-20:30

U16s 19:00-20:30

Contact **Matt Burley** on 07505 062 954
(crfcsharks@gmail.com) for more details or just come down on Wednesday evening and give it a go!



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