

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a busy week, with over 250 families visiting the school for our Open Week Tours. These give prospective parents the opportunity to see the school in action, visiting classes as we tour around. From the feedback received, parents and children were very impressed by the working atmosphere and the learning taking place across the site. One of the things that we ask the Year 7 students to do when we visit their classes is to talk to the parents and children about their experiences so far. It was extremely positive to hear about how well they have settled and how much they are enjoying being at The Boswells School. For the parents of these students, there will be an opportunity to discuss how they have settled with your child's tutor at our Year 7 Tutor Evening that will be taking place later this half term.

We look forward to welcoming parents of next year's prospective Year 7 at our annual Open Evening on Wednesday evening from 5.30pm to 8.00pm, with Headteacher's talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

Please note that due to the Open Evening the previous night, school on Thursday 6th October will have a slightly later start. Students should arrive at 9.55am ready for period 2, which begins at 10am. Please refer to the letter I sent out earlier in the week.

Our Parents' Information Evenings have continued this week, with Year 13 on Wednesday and Year 9 on Thursday. These have been really well received so far and it has been great to have so many parents visit the school. We still have two to go, which take place on the following dates:

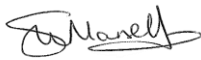
Year 7 – Thursday 20th October

Year 8 – Monday 10th October

If for any reason you were unable to attend or would just like to remind yourselves of the information that was presented, you can find the PowerPoint slides on our website by clicking [here](#).

The A-Block building work is progressing well. For any parent unaware, after trying for many years, we were fortunate to receive significant funding to replace the 4 fascias and all the windows of the big block in the middle of the school, where mainly Maths, Science and Language lessons take place. It is a 9 month project which started around Easter and is due for completion in February next year. These improvements will make a significant difference to students and staff for years to come and I am delighted that we have been given this wonderful opportunity that will benefit everyone at the school. As with any project of this scale, a significant amount of planning has taken place to ensure everyone is kept safe and that there is minimal disruption to teaching and learning. Equally though, it is impossible to have no disruption and there will be some noise on site. We are in continual communication with the project management and construction companies to minimise this, but the benefits of what we will have in the future will be fantastic.

Have a great weekend.



Stephen Mansell
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

-  ***Saturday 1st October – 10.00am - Year 11 Parents Study Skills Workshop***
-  ***Wednesday 5th October - 5.30pm - 8pm – Open evening for Year 6 students***
-  ***Monday 10th October – 6.30pm -Year 8 Parents Information Evening***
-  ***Tuesday 11th October – 6-8pm - Careers Evening***
-  ***Wednesday 12th October – 6pm – Parent Forum***
-  ***Thursday 13th October – 4-7pm – Year 7 Tutor Evening***
-  ***Thursday 20th October- 6.30pm - Year 7 Parents Information Evening***
-  ***Friday 21st October – INSET Day***

Attendance

ABSENCE LINE: 01245 264451 Press 1 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-authorised 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; stomach ache; 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

Behaviour Policy

We would like to draw your attention to **The Boswells School Behaviour Policy** which has been updated and can be found on the website [here](#).

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.



Data Collection - SIMS

If you need to check or change any of your child's information please use the Data Collection option in the SIMS Parent App. More details are available in the Data Collection help guide on our website https://www.boswells-school.com/ugc-1/1/68/0/sims_parent_-_data_collection.pdf. If you have any problems with the app, please e-mail simsparent@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.

NOTE: Please ensure the email address 8815416@sims-communications.co.uk is added to your “safe-senders” list to be sure that you receive our updates, but **please do not use** this address to contact us – it is for our outgoing e-mails **only**.

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](#)

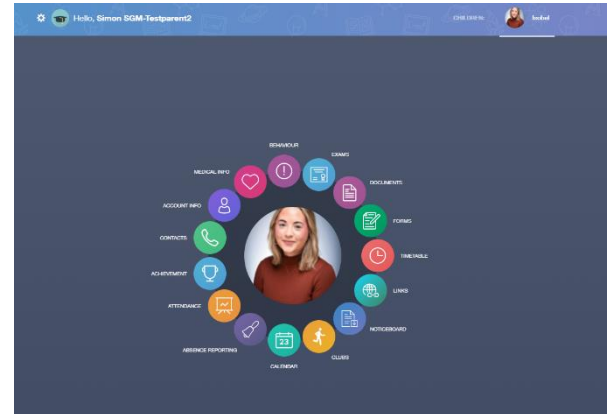


The replacement for the SIMS Parent & Student Apps

We know that parents find having up to date information about their child's time in school is invaluable and that two-way, timely communication is essential.

We are pleased to introduce a new messaging system and app to replace the SIMS Parent and Student Apps. EduLinkOne is a widely used school communication system from Overnet Data.

EduLink is reliable and easy to use. It provides all of the information that has been available in the Parent App including timetables, attendance, behaviour and reports plus some additional new functionality including in-app messaging, online absence reporting, online forms and, coming soon, the ability to view and register for after-school clubs.



You will receive an e-mail with your username and instructions to register your account. We strongly recommend that you download the app after registering.

Once you have downloaded the app, you can uninstall the Parent App (unless you use it for another school). Over the next few weeks we will disable our current SIMS Parent accounts.

More details and instructions are available on our website

[EduLink - Registration guide](#)

[EduLink - Quick guide](#)

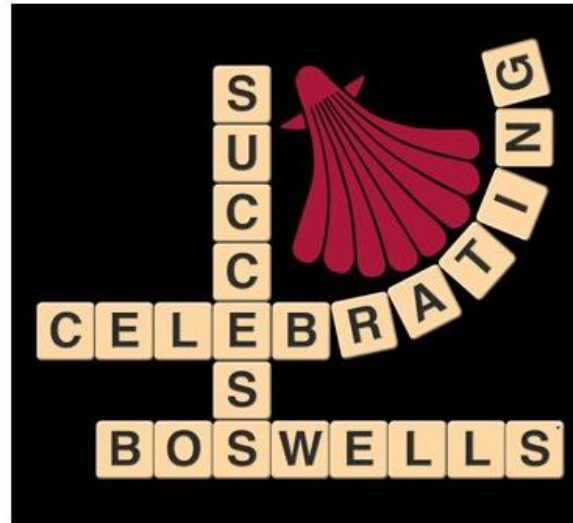
[EduLink - full parents guide](#)

If you have any questions or any problems, please e-mail edulink@boswells-school.com

Please note:


If you have viewed the demo on the EduLink website, you will notice that there are several options that are not available in the Boswells version of the app. We haven't rolled out all functionality at this stage but may do so in the future and we will keep you updated. In particular, for homework please continue to use Satchel:One and use ParentPay to top up your child's catering account and to make other school payments.

Celebrating Success



Year 13 in English have been working hard recently on project work, here is a selection of their work

Challenger









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Challenger of the Week: w/c 19th September 2022

| <u>Faculty</u> | <u>Student</u> |
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| English | Melosa H – 8S – Hawking |
| Mathematics | Navya K – 11G1 – Cornwell |
| Science | Jake B – 10L1 – Holmes |
| Humanities | Josh M – 9L2 – Cornwell |
| Modern Foreign Languages | Brandon B – 9G2 – Hawking |
| Performing & Creative Arts | Eva F – 7M2 – Hawking |
| Computing, Business & Technology | Noah C – 7L2 – Nightingale |
| Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week) | Rebecca O – 7L2 – Attenborough Jess W – 10L2 – Cornwell |

House Tables







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|  | 90 Points |
|  | 50 Points |
|  | 100 Points |
|  | 60 Points |
|  | 30 Points |
|  | 80 Points |

Congrats!



Last Week

Including last week's penalty shootout results

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|  | 170 Points |
|  | 150 Points |
|  | 190 Points |
|  | 200 Points |
|  | 100 Points |
|  | 230 Points |

Congrats!



Overall

CyberFirst Girls Competition – Year 8 girls

What is cybersecurity?

- It is the ways that organisations and individuals protect themselves against cyber-attacks.

What type of skills will I need?

- The field requires all types of people: problem-solvers, creative minds, team-workers and leaders. As for your computing knowledge – don't worry – you'll learn along the way!

What do I need to do?

- Grab your friends to form **teams of 4** or just turn up to **C22 on Monday lunchtime** and we'll find you some teammates.

What will we do?

- Solve challenges in teams for a chance to win prizes!

Further information please see Miss Cater or Mr Ward in Computing

