

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, our Year 11 students have started their GCSE mock examinations, by the end of which, most students will have taken at least 10 examination papers over the course of just over a week. As a parent, I am sure you will be aware about how well your child has prepared for these examinations, but I have to say, from our end the students have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. With only about 10 school weeks remaining until written examinations commence for real, the feedback from this experience is going to be crucial in learning how to improve ready for the summer.

On Friday, some of our Year 10 students represented the school in the Jack Petchey Speaking Challenge. The feedback from the people running the competition was how excellent our students were and how well they represented the school. On Thursday next week (9th February), Year 10 Parents' Evening is taking place. Please ensure you have been online to book your appointments.

Please can I thank the parents who attended our Parents' Forum meeting on Monday. At the start of the meeting, two Year 7 students, Fern and Layla led a presentation about our Student Forum, some of the initiatives they have been discussing and the impact they have made. Well done to both students, who demonstrated great leadership, communication and bravery! The Parents' Forum meetings take place every half-term and any parent is welcome to attend. Further information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Next week is the final week before half-term. We finish at 3pm on Friday 10th February. Monday 20th February is a calendared staff training day, so students return at 8.30am on Tuesday 21st February.

Have a great 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

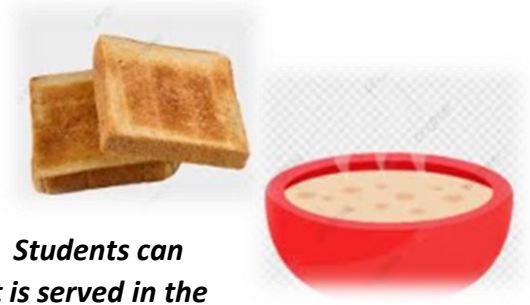
Upcoming Events

-  **Friday 3rd February – 3.15 -4.15pm - FOBS Pre-loved Uniform Sale**
-  **Thursday 9th February – Year 10 Parents Evening (Remote)**
-  **Friday 10th February- Last day of term – Students finish normal time**
-  **Monday 13th to Friday 17th February - Half Term Break**
-  **Monday 20th February – INSET (Staff Training) Day**

FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale Today!



Today between 3.15-4.15pm 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 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

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). 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](#)

The Boswells School Website

The Boswells School website has a wide range of information not only about the school but wider information to support you and your child. Below we have listed some of the pages you may not have visited recently.

British Values underpin the ethos of the school as we are community with a culture where tolerance, respect and integrity are championed. This page may provide a good reminder of how they are taught at school. It also provides a reference to the governments Prevent Duty.

 <https://www.boswells-school.com/curriculum/personal-development/british-values.htm>

The following page provides details about which elements of **First Aid** are taught through Personal Development. You may find the videos helpful as reminder to yourself about how to respond in a medical emergency. Topics covered including, cuts, burns, CPR and using a defibrillator

 <https://www.boswells-school.com/curriculum/personal-development/first-aid.htm>

Healthy Eating is taught in multiple areas of the curriculum including Food Technology, Science and Physical Education. This page provides practical ideas of how you increase healthier food choices into a diet. There is also some interesting facts about sugar which may surprise your household.

 <https://www.boswells-school.com/parents/healthy-eating.htm>

Our pre-loved uniform prices are listed on the below page. You will see we now sell a selection of football boots and school shoes through the kind donations from parents and students. Remember donations are always welcome.

 <https://www.boswells-school.com/parents/uniform/pre-loved-uniform.htm>

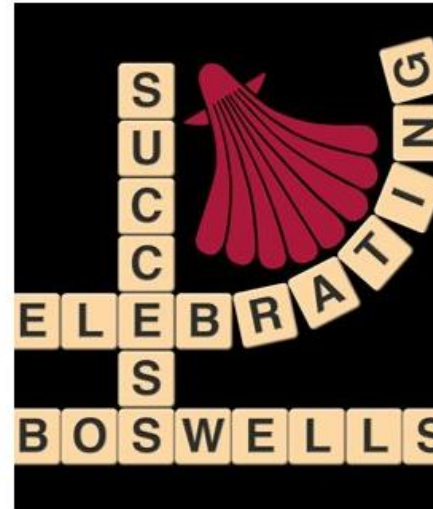
At a time when technology is increasingly part of our lives it is important that we know how to **keep safe online**. The below page has a wide range of parent guides to help reinforce the safety teaching which takes place in school. Remember we have the CEOP 'Report It' button at the bottom of every web page which you can click on to take you directly to the 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre'



<https://www.boswells-school.com/parents/online-safety.htm>

Celebrating Success

Tuesday night the Performing and Creative Arts Faculty took the Year 10 BTEC Musical Theatre class to London to see 'Tina: The Musical'. As part of their course, the students were required to watch the show to support their curriculum work. The students were an asset to the school and had a wonderful evening learning about the history of the rock performer, Tina Turner, through performance. A particular highlight for the students was the finale, where they were able to stand and dance! Thank you year 10.



Tina The Musical

Weekly Challenger



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Challenger of the Week: w/c 23rd January 2023

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Yasmin P – 7L2 – Cornwell
Mathematics	Beau S – 7L1 – Cornwell
Science	Stacey P – 11L2 – Bronte
Humanities	Katie C – 11L2 – Cornwell
Modern Foreign Languages	Olivia J – 9G2 – Attenborough
Performing & Creative Arts	Jennifer B – 8L2 – Attenborough
Computing, Business & Technology	Alice C – 9M2 – Hawking
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Phareedah J – 8G1 – Holmes Yasmin B – 10M2 – Nightingale







House Tables

	70 Points
	150 Points
	130 Points
	80 Points
	110 Points
	160 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	1270 Points
	1545 Points
	1620 Points
	1350 Points
	1035 Points
	1440 Points

Congrats!



Overall

Mock Bar Ipswich 2023 – Reginal Competition

On Saturday 28th January the Mock Bar team descended on Ipswich Crown Court for the Regional Mock Bar Competition. We arrived prepped to prosecute and defend our cases that students have been prepping for weeks. The students all performed amazingly well, with the jury ruling in our favour with every case. This demonstrated that the students argued their cases to convince those on the jury from other schools. The students received excellent feedback from the Judges. One described the level as exceptional and our barristers were better than many that had been in her courtroom. Our Court Clerk and Usher were also described as exceptional. The final Judge said that if he shut his eyes, our students sounded like his trainee barrister pupils. It was a great day for all involved – a huge congratulations to all students on the team.





Essex County Football Association- Casual Worker Opportunity- Disability Ambassadors

Essex FA is looking for two enthusiastic and experienced individuals with a passion for grassroots football to join the team as Disability Football Ambassadors. The successful candidates will be responsible for supporting grassroots football clubs in applying their learnings from the Disability Football Training to create and implement their own Disability Football game plan, creating more opportunities for people with disabilities. We are looking for individuals with a passion for developing opportunities within Disability Pathways and enjoys supporting others to offer more inclusive environments. The role is a casual worker opportunity, with flexible hours to work around current work commitments.

This is an excellent opportunity to support the growth of disability football across Essex. Applications are open until 5pm on *Sunday 5th February 2023.* For further information and to apply, please click [**HERE**](#).



A community of lifelong learners where everyone can thrive