



Greetings From THE HEADTEACHER.....

Dear Parent/Carer

There was a hugely positive start to the academic year yesterday. Firstly our new Year 7 students arrived at the start of the day, possibly a little bit nervous, but very much excited about the day ahead. I greeted them in assembly and I was hugely impressed with how smart and focussed they were. The assembly is very much about helping them feel at ease, but at the same time to ensure that they are aware of the high expectations that we have of every student in the school. I fully expect them to live up to these expectations and judging by the number of smiling faces at the end of the day, their experience at The Boswells School has started well!

At break, all the other year groups arrived (apart from Year 12 who started today). Firstly, I would like to thank you as parents, as the students looked extremely smart and there was a great sense of positivity, anticipation and excitement.

One of the reasons for this is that the students know that they attend a very successful school and, as I wrote to you earlier in the week, this year was no exception for external examination results.

In terms of attainment and progress, our Year 11 and Year 13 students last year really did do themselves and the school proud. I won't repeat everything that was in the letter, but our results are way above national averages and continue to put us as one of the highest achieving schools in the county. We are very proud of our students' achievements, which are significant for them in terms of them making the next steps in their lives. No matter what their starting points, it is so important that they have the highest aspirations which is why we have so many students off to universities such as Oxford, Sheffield, Exeter and Leeds following a seven year journey with us. We have a large number of last year's Year 11 students returning to our Sixth Form this year along with the most external students we've ever had, a consequence of the success of those that have gone before. Having those role models at the school is so important for our younger students as it inspires them to want to do the same.

Every single student worked incredibly hard and deserved their success. I would like to thank the staff whose expertise and tireless support of the students has helped us achieve these results. I would also like to thank you, the parents, as without your unwavering support these achievements would not be possible.

Please can I extend a warm welcome to the parents of our new students that have joined the Boswells' community. We very much look forward to working with you and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

To help all parents, we will be running our Parents' Information Evenings again this year. The first two are the Year 11 and Year 12 evenings, which take place at 7pm in the school theatre on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th September respectively. Invitations will go out next week and we hope to see you there.

Next week, the FOBS AGM takes place at 7.00pm on Wednesday, followed by a meeting at 7.30pm to which parents who would like to join can attend. FOBS (Friends of Boswells School) consists of a number of parents, who arrange fundraising events to raise money that goes towards resources that enhance the experience of our students at the school.

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On Saturday 14th September, we are holding a 'Meet the Students' morning for children in Year 6 and their parents. It gives prospective students and parents the opportunity to hear from our current students about their experiences and achievements at Boswells. There are two sessions, at 9.30am and 10.45am. If you, or a friend, have a child in Year 6 and would like to attend, please email Mrs Lucas on lls@boswells-school.com.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Mansell
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Friends of Boswells (FOBS) AGM and Meeting - *7pm Wednesday 11th September 2019 (Restaurant)*

Meet the Students (Year 6 students and Parents) - *9.30am and 10.45am Saturday 14th September 2019*

Years 7-13 Photographs - *Monday 16th September 2019*

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - *7pm Tuesday 17th September 2019*

Year 12 Parents' Information Evening - *7pm Thursday 19th September 2019*

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.

NOTICES

School Photographs

The school photographer will be taking individual photographs of all students who have the relevant permissions to on, Monday 16th September. In addition to individual photographs, sibling pictures will be taken at lunchtime in the Theatre.

FRIENDS OF BOSWELLS (FOBS)

The Friends Of Boswells School (FOBS) work to raise much needed additional funds for the school. If you would like to get involved with the FOBS team we have our first meeting of the year on Wednesday 11th September 2019 in the school Restaurant and welcome existing members to the AGM at 7pm and new members from 7.30pm.



Please contact Miss Noble cne@boswells-school.com with any queries.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Please be aware we have been made aware that Essex County Council plan to temporarily close the footpath between Helston Road and Pump Lane for its entire length of 65 metres.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 16/09/2019 to 22/09/2019 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting, and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while works to improve the footpath are undertaken.

The alternative route will be via the existing footway from Pump Lane and then Sidmouth Road to Helston Road.

The Order will come into effect on 16/09/2019 and may continue in force for 6 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

DRAMA CLUB TIMETABLE – AUTUMN TERM – 2019-20

Clubs begin W/B 9th September 2019

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool	Evening
Monday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20-5pm Y10 Youth Arts Festival – B16 - LWX/DHR • 3.20-4.30pm –B14 – production rehearsal - Y8-13 (see separate production schedule!) JWE 	
Tuesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20-5.30pm – Y9 Shakespeare Festival JWE • 3.20-4.30pm –B19 – Y8-10, production/design club LWX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-6PM BAD Co with LWX in B16
Wednesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20-4.30pm –B14 – production rehearsal - Y8-13 (see separate production schedule!) LWX 	
Thursday	12.35-1.20 KS4 BTEC coursework drop in with LWX in B6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20-4.30pm Y7 club with LWX/JWE in B14/B16 	
Friday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20-8pm production - Y8-13 extended rehearsal's ONLY ON; 8th, 15th & 22nd November 	

Key dates - Autumn:

Wed 2nd October – 5.30-8.30pm – B16 - open evening clubs! - Y7-9

Mon 21st October – 2.20-5.30pm - B16 – Splendid 'Faustus' & workshop – Y9-11

Tues 22nd October – all day - Mercury, Colchester – Youth Arts festival tech/dress rehearsal - Y10

Tues 22nd October – 7.30pm - Mercury, Colchester – Youth Arts festival - Y10

Wed 6th November – all day - Theatre – Shakespeare festival rehearsal - Y9

Wed 6th November – 7pm – Theatre – Shakespeare festival - Y9

Mon 25th November – all day – Theatre - PRODUCTION tech/dress rehearsal – Y8-13

Tues 26th November – P4&5 – Theatre - PRODUCTION to primaries – Y8-13

Tues 26th - Sat 30th November – 7pm (&2pm on Sat) –PRODUCTION performances - Y8-13

KS3 **ART** Clubs Autumn 2019

Art Clubs will
start...

Week
beginning
Monday 9th
September!



Mondays After School...

Mrs Gravelle's Art Club in B22
From 3.30- 4.30pm
Yr 7-9

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

Want to sit and do
your own artwork?
Come to B19 where
you can draw,
doodle, colour or
paint at your own
pace exploring your
own ideas!

Thursdays After School...

Miss Armstrong & Miss Glynn's Art Club in B19
Creating site specific art work for exhibition
Yr 8-9

GCSE **ART** Students

The Art rooms are available for you to use at the following times..

	Lunchtime	After School 3.20-4.30pm
Monday		Miss Armstrong- B19
Tuesday	All Rooms Open	Mrs Gravelle- B22 Miss Glynn- B17
Wednesday	All Rooms Open	
Thursday	All Rooms Open	
Friday	All Rooms Open	