

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Thursday, we held our first Parents' Evening of the year, which was for Year 11. I hope it was a positive experience for parents that attended last night. The students have their next set of formal mock examinations towards the end of January, so there will be plenty to work on as the students approach these. The next two Parents' Evenings are for Year 13 on Thursday 26th January and for Year 10 on Thursday 9th February, both from 4pm. Information about how these will work and how to book appointments will be sent to parents of these year groups in due course.

Our Year 9 students return from Munich tomorrow following a packed four days visiting all the sights and practising their German. I would guess they'll be extremely tired next week, but I am sure the experience was worth it!

I met with Mr Wells and our Eco group this week. They have some fantastic plans this year and have already started having an impact. With the support of some excellent work behind the scenes from Mrs Hepworth and a donation from the Woodland Trust, the students have been tree and hedge planting at the back of the school field. They have also led a campaign in school to turn off lights and appliances to save energy (which will also save the school money). After Christmas, the group will be focussing on reducing one-use bottles by encouraging students to bring in their own water bottles and refilling them in school.

On Tuesday, we had our second Parents' Forum meeting of the academic year. The Parents' Forum meets once every half-term with Miss Noble, Mr Jones and myself. It gives parents the opportunity to learn more about what we do, to raise their views and work with us to support the further development of the provision we offer our students. Any parent is welcome to join, so if you are interested, please contact my PA, Mrs Free (lfe@boswells-school.com). You can find more information plus notes from the meetings on our website by clicking [here](#).

We are very much looking forward to our Carol Service, which is being held at Springfield Church this Monday (12th December) at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please ask your child to collect tickets from the main school office.

FOBS (Friends of Boswells School) raffle tickets were given out to students last 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. The prize draw for the FOBS Christmas raffle will be taking place in the Year 7 assembly on Friday 16th December.

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

Have a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Mansell', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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

-  **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 would be greatly appreciated- particularly PE kit and blazers.

Free Breakfast in school

You may or may not be aware, but 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

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](#)

Challenger



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Challenger of the Week: w/c 21st November 2022

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Student</u>
English	Billy H – 7S2 – Cornwell
Mathematics	Lily S – 8S1 – Bronte
Science	Grace W – 11L2 – Holmes
Humanities	Finley S – 7L2 – Cornwell
Modern Foreign Languages	Maisy S – 8S1 – Bronte
Performing & Creative Arts	Elsie I – 7L1 – Attenborough
Computing, Business & Technology	Viviane M – 7M1 – Attenborough
Physical Education (Sportsperson of the week)	Darcy B – 9M2 – Attenborough Ellie May G – 10S1 – Nightingale



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Challenger of the Week: w/c 28th November 2022

Faculty

English

Mathematics

Science

Humanities

Modern Foreign Languages

Performing & Creative Arts

Computing, Business & Technology

Physical Education
(Sportsperson of the week)

Student

Elizabeth C – 8G1 – Holmes

Maja G – 9M1 – Holmes

Josh M – 9L2 – Cornwell

Wesley F – 10G1 – Hawking

Abi G – 10M1 – Bronte

Toby M – 7M1 – Bronte

George G – 8S1 – Nightingale

Harley B – 7S1 – Nightingale

Niamh S – 10L1 – Nightingale

Subject News

English News

In English, Year 7 classes have been studying biography and autobiography since September and are now applying their new skills by writing about an inspirational person of their choice. Well done to all the students who have worked hard this term.



Media Studies News

Our A Level Media students work hard every year on their practical, design and representation skills.

Today we celebrate some examples of students' UK and International film posters.



Reading Recommendations

Need some gift inspiration?

The English department has compiled lists of great YA books that would make perfect stocking fillers for your children.

Take a look on the English Twitter feed at @EnglishBoswells

Two overlapping posters titled 'Boswells' Reading Recommendations' are displayed. They feature a grid of various young adult book covers, suggesting a list of recommended reading for children.

WINNERS

Congratulations to Hannah Groves and Katie Blaze who were joint winners of the Boswells' Autumn Film Competition.

Both received certificates and film goodies.

A certificate and a small gift box are shown, representing the prizes awarded to the winners of the film competition.







House Tables

	50 Points
	10 Points
	40 Points
	30 Points
	20 Points
	60 Points

Congrats!



Last Week

	710 Points
	870 Points
	790 Points
	670 Points
	510 Points
	750 Points

Congrats!



Overall