

The Boswells School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had an enjoyable half-term. This week started off with Sports Day on Monday. A large number of students took part over the course of the day, competing in a wide variety of track and field events. The students took huge pride in their performances and really gave their all. What was particularly clear was that the students love a medal! We wish the students that go on to represent the school every success in the District Sports competition that takes place the week after next.

If your child is in Year 11 or 13 and spent much of the half-term preparing for the remainder of their examinations, I am sure this will go a long way to ensuring they enjoy the success that they deserve. Although there has naturally been a degree of nervousness, there has been an overwhelming sense of positivity around the exam venues and we hope this is a good sign for when the students receive the results in the summer.

Over the course of this week, our Year 10 Geography students went to Walton-on-the Naze for their coursework study. The weather has been very kind and the students got a lot out of it. Next week many of our Year 7 students go to Danbury for their activities camp, whilst our Year 10 students have a week out of school doing work experience. Year 12 started their Progression Exams on Thursday, which will be a key indicator of the progress they are making towards their A-level examinations next year.

I hope you 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

-  Monday 12th to Friday 16th June – Year 10 Work Experience
-  Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June – Year 7 Danbury Camp
-  Monday 19th June - Drama Extravaganza Performance – 7pm
-  Wednesday 22nd June – Art Exhibition – 5.30pm to 7.30pm



FOBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Friday 30th June & Friday 14th July

On Friday 30th June and Friday 14th July 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.

Safeguarding Information

The school has a great deal of information on the website in relation to safeguarding. The school's safeguarding team have their contacts on there, plus there is a reminder about the email address students or parents can use if they have a concern about a safeguarding matter which is letusknow@boswells-school.com.

If you feel your child needs support to learn about self-harm, Young Minds have a useful guide for parents as well as a parent helpline. Also, the calm harm app is a good resource for young people struggling with self-harm.

Young Minds self-harm guide can be found [here](#)

Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (9.30am to 4pm)

To view our safeguarding page on our website please click [here](#) .

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.



Student Catering Accounts

Please can we ask parents/carers to check their child's catering balance and add funds to put the account in credit. Please be aware that it can take up to 24 hours for funds to reach the catering system from ParentPay.

In addition, can we remind parents/carers that the Free School Meal daily allowance is £2.40 and unused funds are not rolled over to future dates. Students cannot spend over the £2.40 limit unless additional funds are added.

Free School Meals

Everyone is encouraged to check their eligibility for Free School Meals if you believe you may be entitled to them. The school has subscribed to a secure website which you will need to use to apply. Please click on the following link

:<https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>

The system is simple and clear to use with a step-by-step process and an immediate answer as to eligibility, with the school being informed automatically.

The amount allocated for a free school meal is currently £2.40 and covers the provision of a two-course meal. Water is always available from water fountains which are located around the school.

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](#)

House Tables

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

Congrats!



Last Week

	1930 Points
	2360 Points
	2310 Points
	2130 Points
	1580 Points
	2260 Points

Congrats!



Overall



Thursday 22nd June
5.30 - 7.30 pm

THE BOSWELLS SUMMER ART SHOW

Join us in celebrating a selection of
KS3, GCSE and A Level Work.
Refreshments served.
Entry donations welcome - all proceeds
to go towards the Art Department.