



October 2022

BULWELL BULLETIN



Principal's Message

Welcome to the October 2022 Bulwell Bulletin

Since our last bulletin in July, we have said farewell to the Class of 2022 on Results Day in August, welcomed our new Year 7s at the beginning of term, and met with prospective students and their families at our annual Open Evening in September.



I would like to thank everyone involved in our Open Evening. Each department activity was highly engaging, and the student helpers were role modelling our high expectations.

Feedback from our visitors, of which there were more than 200, was very positive. Many were saying that they had already applied for a place with us, and we look forward to welcoming them for transition in September 2023.

I wish you all an amazing two week half-term with lots of special moments, and look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 31 October.

Sara Wildes, Principal



News of the Term



ELECTION WEEK 2022

The week commencing 3 October was Election Week at The Bulwell Academy. As well as learning about democracy and the process of an election during tutor time, Years 7 to 10 also elected two reps per tutor group.

These students will be responsible for representing the views of their tutor group at regular meetings with Miss Fuller, Vice Principal, and the Principal, ensuring that all students have a voice.

During the last week of term the successful candidates were awarded with their tutor rep badges by Mrs Wildes. We look forward to the first official meeting of the tutor group reps after the half-term holiday.





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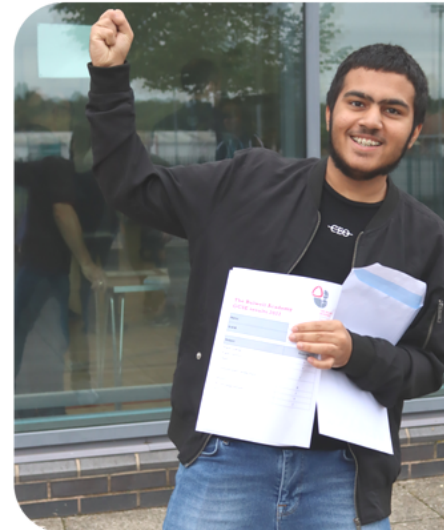
RESULTS DAYS 2022

The last two years saw GCSE grades decided by teacher assessment due to the educational disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Young people returned to the exam hall this year and The Bulwell Academy made extra efforts to ensure our students were prepared.



The Academy delivered numerous, well-attended after-school intervention sessions, additional holiday sessions and external tutor programs to help and support students to catch up with missed learning. The students responded brilliantly and the extra support paid off with many students achieving excellent results.

Principal, Mrs Wildes, said, "Our priority at The Bulwell Academy is ensuring that all students believe in themselves, have the confidence to aim high, excel in everything they do, and go on to lead happy and successful lives."



"I am very proud of the Class of 2022, and I look forward to hearing about their next steps."

SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS

The Academy has been fortunate to have two esteemed visitors from the world of theatre, television and film deliver two separate workshops to our Year 10s in preparation for Bulwell's performance of Macbeth at this year's annual CET Shakespeare performances.

Actor Ryan Early, who has performed in over 50 plays for BBC Radio 4 including long-running drama The Archers, delivered a 'voice and text' workshop to Year 10. Earlier in the term, we were joined by theatre designer, Mark Friend, who has worked alongside theatre greats such as designers Alison Chitty and John Napier, and directors Sir Peter Hall and Sir Trevor Nunn.





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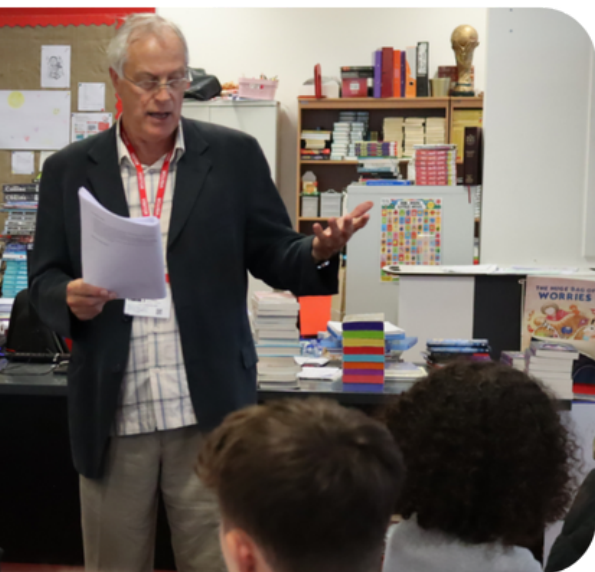
ARMY CAREERS DAY

Year 10's Army Careers Day began with a detailed presentation on the 250+ jobs associated with the British Army and the different routes into those varied roles.

During a personalised question and answer session students asked excellent and probing questions around the experiences of the soldiers and specific questions around how they got into their Army careers.

Students then had the opportunity to develop their teamwork and leadership skills in some fun exercises including a structure building competition and a 'cross the river' activity (pictured). Thank you to the British Army careers department for delivering an informative and enjoyable day.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP



Award-winning novelist, Paul Adams, delivered a fantastic workshop to Bulwell Academy's Sixth Form in partnership with the Royal Literary Fund. The workshop was aimed at enabling Year 13 to think creatively about the nature and purpose of writing and to assist them in considering the types of written tasks they might need to undertake in the future.

The full day course explored how to identify biased views in written communication, how to write informative letters such as letters of complaint to a landlord and gave students the opportunity to explore their knowledge and understanding of different forms of written communication.

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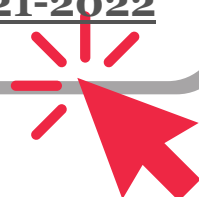


Final News ...

A year's worth of cross-Trust student opportunities have been compiled in a special version of Connected magazine.

The Best of Connected 2021-2022

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It's not okay...



Part of the Relationships & Sex Education curriculum in Ethics includes discussions around consent in relationships and why this is so crucial in our lives.

All students in Years 7 to 10 have spent the past few weeks learning about consent — they have attended interactive assemblies, researched the rules and laws for consent and created their own rule about what it is not okay to do.

The students' rules are being displayed around the school to showcase the amazing effort that all students have put into their Ethics learning.

It's not okay...

... to hold my hand after I said, "No".

... to invade people's personal space.

... to kiss me without consent.

... to manipulate me into doing things I don't want to do.

... to video me without my permission.

... to share photos or videos of me without asking first.



"You Reds" Charity Bake-Off



On the last day of term students dug deep to raise money for Nottingham Forest Community Trust which provides funding for community events for people of all ages.

Cakes were baked and bought by staff to support the sale. The winner of the "You Reds" Charity Bake-Off was Mrs Sladen's showstopper cake.

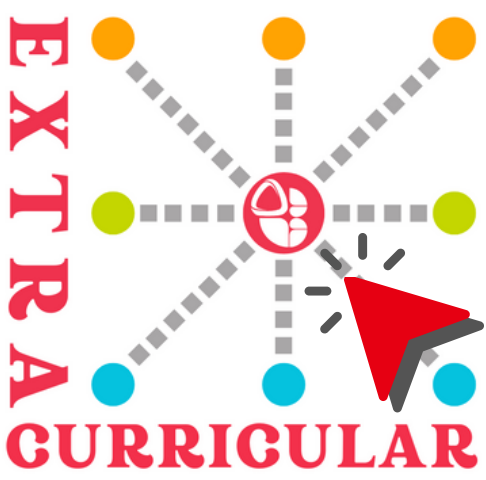
Thank you everyone for helping us to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

HELP WITH UNIFORM – PLEASE DONATE

As the cost of living continues to rise, many families are struggling to afford new school uniform. Our 'Uniform Shop' is proving very popular in helping to ensure that students are correctly kitted out. However, our stocks of school shirts, trousers and skirts are running low. If your child has outgrown their uniform, but it is still in good condition, we would be grateful if you could donate it to school to help other families.

If you require any help with uniform, please email:
enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk

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for
UNIFORM
POLICY**



After-School Activities

Our [Extra-Curricular Timetable](#) detailing our after-school clubs and curriculum catch-up sessions can now be found on the Academy website. If your child would like to join a club, they should see the activity lead for a Parental Consent form. Forms and timetables are also available from Reception.

School Reminders



"We see parents as partners in their child's education."

Two-way communication between home and school will help students make the best possible progress. On Parents' Evenings, all parents/carers will have the opportunity to book a short appointment with each of their child's teachers to discuss their progress.

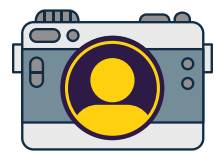
Year 9 takes place first on Thursday 10 November. Keep an eye on your emails for an invite to book your appointments.

Parents' Evening Dates 2022-2023	
Year 9	Thursday 10 November
Year 10	Thursday 15 December
Year 11	Thursday 19 January
Year 9 Options	Thursday 2 March
Year 8	Thursday 4 May
Year 7	Thursday 22 June

HALF-TERM REVISION

Students in Years 11 have been invited to attend half-term revision sessions in preparation for mock exams. Please complete the parental consent form sent home for your child to take part.

- Monday: English, Science, Geography 9.00am to 12.15pm; Art, 9.00am to 10.30am
- Tuesday: English & Maths, 9.00am to 12.15pm
Art, 9.00am to 10.30am



SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students had their photo taken in September to provide the school with up-to-date photos for student profiles. Sample photos were also sent home with instructions on how to purchase from Tempest. Please take time to do this over half-term if you have not already done so.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17 Oct to Fri 28 Oct	Half-Term Holiday
Mon 17 Oct to Tues 18 Oct	Year 10 & 11 Revision Sessions
Monday 31 October 2022	Back to School
Thursday 10 November 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 November 2022	Year 11 Revision Ready Evening
Wednesday 21 December 2022	INSET Day (School Closed)
Thurs 22 Dec to Wed 4 Jan	Christmas Holidays

TERM DATES 2022-2023



ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

* Top Prize *

Carrera mountain bike



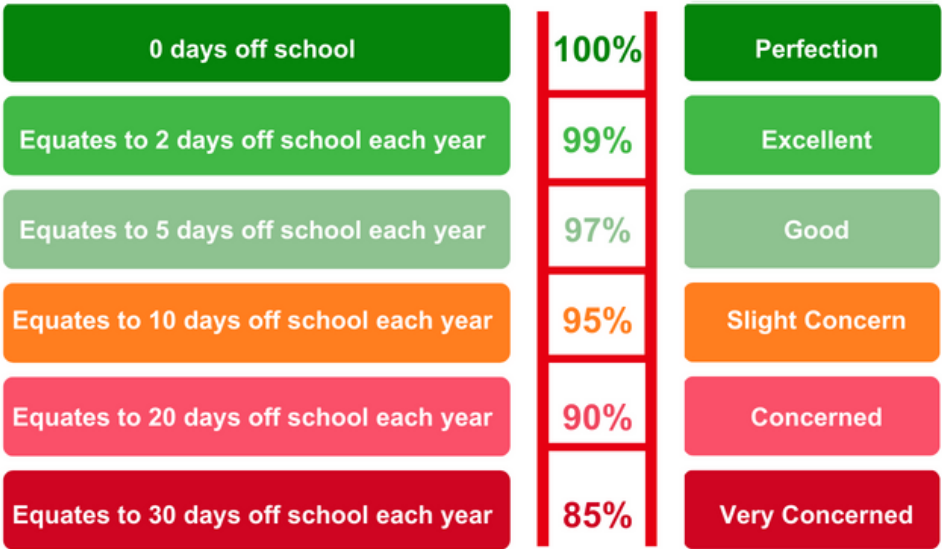
GET IN TO WIN

December sees the return of our annual Attendance Advent competition.

To be in with a chance of winning the top prize - a Carrera mountain bike - students need to attend school on time every day in December. The lucky winner will be announced on the last day of term - Tuesday 20 December.

There will plenty of opportunity to win other prizes during the month with our '12 Days of Christmas' lucky draw held from 5 to 20 December. To be entered into the draw each day, students need to continue to attend every day on time.

ATTENDANCE LADDER



How close is your child to 100%?

Excellent attendance is essential to giving students the best life chances, empowering students to take advantage of all educational opportunities and to achieve their potential. Missing just 17 days in one year can mean dropping a full grade at GCSE level.

We expect students to arrive at school on time every day without exception. Missing school for any reason, even for one hour, means lost learning time and reduced chances of success. We work closely with the local authority to ensure attendance is one of our top priorities. For guidance on school attendance and possible legal sanctions, please visit: gov.uk/school-attendance-absence

For support and queries, please email: attendance@bulwellacademy.org.uk

SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

'READY TO LEARN' CHECKLIST

Having all of the below items ready the night before school will support your child to be organised and ready to learn. You can also support your child by reminding them to jot their homework in their planner and to check that they have completed everything on time.

- ☒ **Homework completed**
- ☒ **Bag ready: books, planner, pencil case**
- ☒ **Uniform ready**
- ☒ **PE kit & trainers ready**
- ☒ **Water bottle & lunch sorted**



Uniform and equipment checked every day. Be ready to learn.

LOST ITEMS

The following replacement items can be purchased on ParentPay and collected from the Uniform Shop at the beginning of the school day.

If you require your ParentPay login details, please email:

parentpay@bulwellacademy.org.uk



Academy Water Bottle £4

Student Planner £5

Pencil Case £1

School Tie £6

THE SCHOOL DAY

Gates open / Breakfast Club: 8.00 to 8.20 am

Line-up: 8.25 am

Period 1 begins: 8.30am

School finishes: 3.50pm on Monday, 2.50pm Tuesday to Friday



Reading for Pleasure



The holidays are here! This is a perfect time to stretch out or curl up with a good book. Why not visit your local library to borrow some books or delve through the shelves at a charity shop?



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

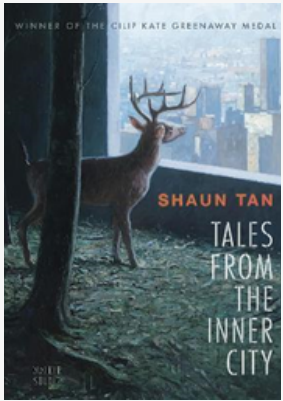
October is Black History Month. Why not visit the [BookTrust](#) website for a list of their favourite books about black history for teenagers?

[Find out more about Black History Month here.](#)

RECOMMENDED READS by Bulwell Librarian, Mr Hunt

'Tales from the Inner City' by Shaun Tan, author of 'The Arrival'

This stunning art and short story collection tells the often whimsical stories of animals and insects living side-by-side with humans in the inner city. Crocodiles living on the 87th floor of a business block, fish floating on pollution in the sky, dogs standing by their human friends for as long as history can record. If you love animals, art and imagination, this collection of stories is a must read!



Black History Month recommendation: 'Black and British'

Celebrating Black History Month? David Olusoga's 'Black and British' is a great place to start. This accessible and well-researched history book teaches readers about the long legacy of black citizens and visitors to the British isles, celebrating their contribution to the nation.



Manga recommendation: 'A Silent Voice'

This emotional seven volume series follows Shoya, whose friends turned on him after he severely bullied a deaf girl in their class. Now an adult, Shoya has nothing to live for, but he wants to make up for what he did to Shoko before it's too late.

