

NEWSLETTER



BOA DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

This marks our last newsletter of 2024. It is the chance for you to find out what our pupils have been up to this term, day-to-day school life, interesting facts and a source for all your information. **Read and enjoy!**





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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we wrap up an exciting and productive term, we want to extend our warmest holiday wishes to all our students, parents and staff. It's been an incredible few months filled with creativity, exploration and achievement.

This term has been jam-packed with exciting activities and opportunities for our students to explore and develop their talents. From the hands-on DJ Workshops that got everyone grooving to our Mini Mega Event showcasing STEM and its endless possibilities, there's been no shortage of inspiration and discovery. In our Science lab, students have been conducting fascinating experiments that continue to ignite their curiosity and critical thinking skills.

Beyond the classroom, we've made unforgettable memories on school trips, including an inspiring visit to Comic Con and a magical journey to see The Wizard of Oz, and we saw our talented students shine during BOA Digital's Got Talent. Additionally, we're proud to have launched our school council, giving our students a platform to share their voices and shape our academy's future.

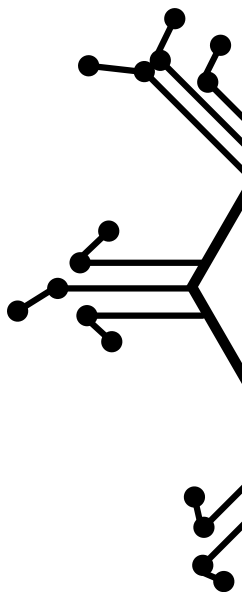
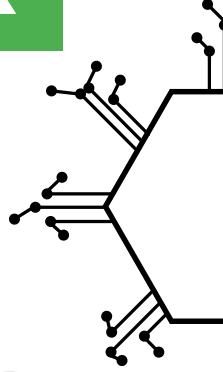
As part of our commitment to holistic development, extracurricular activities have been a focal point, offering students opportunities to explore interests in art, chess, drama, and more. These clubs have been a wonderful way for students to connect with peers, learn new skills, and unwind after a busy day of learning.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to build on this term's successes. We encourage all students to continue their hard work, embrace new challenges, and, most importantly, support one another in creating a positive and inclusive environment.

From everyone at BOA Digital Technologies, we wish you a joyful festive season and a bright, successful New Year. We can't wait to see you all again in January, ready for another fantastic term of learning and growth!

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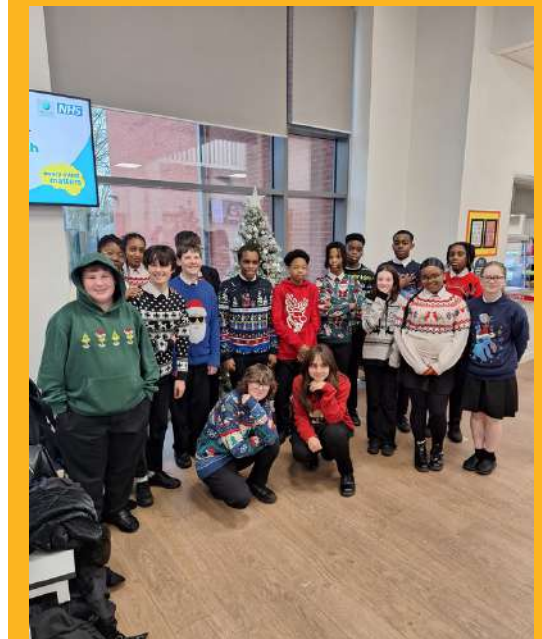


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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

To mark Remembrance Day 2024 the students from our Art Club have put together this fantastic poppy display to mark the occasion.

A big thank you to all who helped with this brilliant art piece.

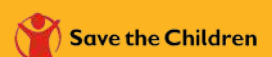


Last week we took part in Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

Everyone looked super festive and we all really enjoyed it. Check out these photos!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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Our after-school DJ Workshops this term were a huge success.

Students learned basic DJ skills and got hands-on with equipment, all guided by professional DJ Toni Gehan. They explored everything from beatmatching to live mixing.

A fantastic day of learning and creativity. A big thanks to Toni for sharing her expertise and to all the students for their enthusiasm.

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FUN FACT

Mobile phones are the most popular device used for gaming, with more than a third (34%) stating this is their main access point.

Around 7 in 10 UK gamers say that playing games "helps them feel happier".

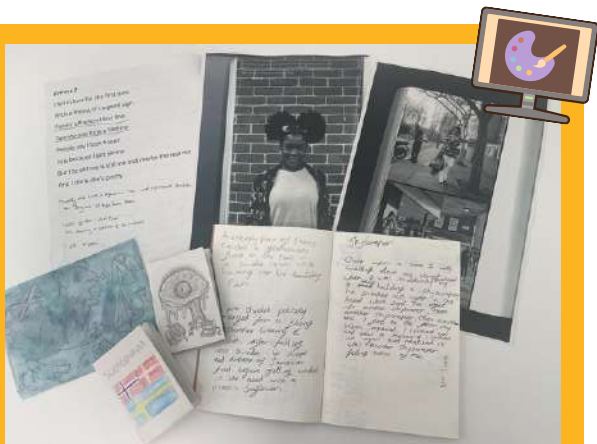
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MINI MEGA EVENT AT THE STEAMHOUSE

At the end of November, we took our Year 8 Girls on an inspiring trip to the **Mini MEGA Event at the STEAMhouse**, aiming at encouraging more girls to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The day was packed with hands-on fun, from cracking codes in the VR Cyber Escape, to creating AI art with Midjourney and solving mysteries with Cyber Women.

Each student received a Cyber Champion certificate, with Charlotte Walker awarded a £20 Amazon gift voucher for her outstanding teamwork and enthusiasm!



Year 8 pupils worked with resident artists this Autumn to create **digital zines**, to be showcased in a performance and displayed at Midlands Arts Centre (MAC Birmingham) and Southbank Centre in 2025. We're proud of their creativity!



DIGITAL ART

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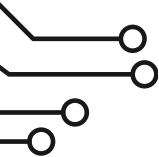
A SLAM DUNK START!

Our boys hit the court in their very first game against Yardley School last week and came out on top with an incredible **46 - 4** victory.

An outstanding shoutout to our players Eli A, Scott, Taleon (Y7), Sirius, Aaron, Gabriel S, Mike I & Isreal H. Your teamwork, dedication, and effort truly made this an unforgettable debut

Here's to many more victories ahead! Let's keep the BOA spirit alive and strong!





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SCIENTISTS IN ACTION!

SCIENCE

Our Year 7 students have been channelling their inner scientists, learning how to prepare microscope slides using onion skin in their Science lessons.

From careful handling to detailed observations, they've been exploring the microscopic world in fascinating ways!

A big well done to our budding biologists for their curiosity and enthusiasm.

STUDENT SHOUT OUTS



Year 7 - Naina Mall - For her brilliant contributions to class discussions.

Year 8 - Gabriel Shepherd - For his excellent participation in reading various characters in Romeo & Juliet.

Year 9 - Neavaeha Brown - For her outstanding use of PEEL paragraphs in her writing.

ENGLISH



Our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an incredible trip to **MCM Birmingham Comic Con Festival** at the NEC Birmingham as part of our Tech Project.

This reward for their hard work gave them the chance to explore illustration, animation, games development, and coding through interactive workshops with industry pros. The day was made even more magical with opportunities to meet beloved characters from Doctor Who, Star Wars, and many more iconic films and TV series!

Our students were a credit to the academy, showing enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. We can't wait to see how this inspires our future tech innovators!

TRIP TO COMIC CON!

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FUN FACT

The way we consume entertainment has drastically changed with digital streaming services. Platforms like Netflix and YouTube have made on-demand entertainment the norm.

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A TRIP TO OZ!

Some of our students had the incredible opportunity to attend **The Wizard of Oz** at The Old Rep Theatre. From the vibrant performances to the stunning set design, the production was a hit with everyone who attended!

A huge thank you to all the students who represented the academy with such pride and enthusiasm. You were an absolute credit to BOA Digital! This trip certainly got us all into the festive spirit...



BOA DIGITAL'S GOT TALENT: THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

DRAMA

Staff and students have been putting together a showcase called **BOA Digital's Got Talent: The Christmas Special**. Students have been showing off their talents in all sorts of activities.





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THE REVIEWS ARE IN FOR OZ...

Class 7G have written their own reviews of *The Wizard of Oz* which they saw at The Old Rep Theatre. See what our students had to say below.



Naina



“ My favourite part was when everyone get what they wanted. The tin man got a heart, the scarecrow got a brain, the cowardly lion got courage and Dorothy got to go home after she spent a long time in Oz. ”

Jacob



“ My favourite part was when the tin man did the ‘Bye, Bye, Bye’ dance, because I love the song! ”

Emily



“ The Wizard of Oz is a great performance overall, most of the show was very funny and the music was amazing. ”

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS!

SCHOOL LIFE

We have recently set up a **student council**, so we'd like to introduce our members:

Oliver Bristol

Tendi Herbert-Bowen

Mohailam Zakaria

Cita Jackman-Barrett

Niamh Bristol

Harry Baxter

Charlotte Walker

Santana Mai-Fuller

Ruayd Al-akwaa

Charlie Jelley

Jaiden Donovan

Eesa Dean

Michaela Thomas

Sophie Coone

Shyro Ferril-Williams

Shyro Ferril-Williams

Romaio Thompson-Jones

Sirius Forde

Lucy Clarke

Kaejah Ricketts

Regan Muldoon

Mosiah Cole

Nathaniel Moxam

Kiana Humphrey

Laziah Sheffield-Francis

Ocean-Sienna Simons

Penny Weight



FUN FACT

AI is not a new development. In fact, AI has been around since the 1950s! In the 1950s, Alan Turing, a British mathematician and World War II code-breaker, developed the Turing Test to determine whether a computer has intelligence.

It focused on a computer's ability to make humans believe they were talking to another person.



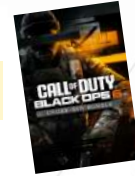
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2024 was a memorable year for Technology.

Here are 10 facts & things that happened this year.

1

The UK's best-selling video game of 2024 is **Call of Duty: Black Ops 6**



2

The UK's **Online Safety Bill** is finally law. The OSA is one of the world's most ambitious pieces of online safety legislation, imposing significant obligations on up to 100,000 services.



3

Apple debut the new **iPhone 16 Pro and Pro Max**. Powered by the A18 Pro chip and built for Apple Intelligence, the Pro lineup introduces larger display sizes, Camera Control, innovative pro camera features, and a huge leap in battery life.



4

We now live in the **age of AI**. Hundreds of millions of people have interacted directly with generative tools like ChatGPT that produce text, images, videos, and more from prompts. Their popularity has reshaped the tech industry.



5

Apple will start shipping its first mixed-reality headset, **the Vision Pro**, this year. Its killer feature is the highest-resolution display ever made for such a device.



6

Meta's **Facebook** held **approximately 60% of the social network market** in the UK as of last month. Whilst Instagram accounted for 13.45%.



7

2024 saw **TikTok take over with trends** and viral videos. Some of these included: Moo Deng the Pygmy Hippopotamus, Demure vs. Brat, dance trends, lip syncs and the Give Me My Money prank.



8

It looks like sports dominated the **top 3 global searches** of the year:

1. Copá América
2. UEFA European Championship
3. ICC Men's T20 World Cup



9

The **Odysseus moon lander** (IM-1), operated by the US firm Intuitive Machines, was the first US-owned spacecraft to land on the Moon in over 50 years.



10

Inside Out 2 became the highest-grossing animated film ever, earning £1.148 billion worldwide and surpassing Frozen II, which previously held the record with £1.141 billion.





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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We recently held a Christmas card competition at BOA Digital Technologies. This years theme was Digital E-Card.

The design must be original by students, which included no clipart, Canva or AI.

The winner of the competition was Milda (Year 9).

Runners up included Lola (Year 7), Abi (Year 8) and Oliver (Year 9). See their designs below.



BOYS SHINE IN 3 - 0 VICTORY!



Year 8 boys played Small Heath Leadership Academy last month. An evenly matched first half 0 - 0.

Second half we raised the tempo scoring 3 goals from Abbdul, Jaiden D and a great solo effort from Evan B.

The boys were well behaved and a credit to the school. Well done to all.



P.E.

Our Year 9 boys were at Waverley School for the for the second round of the cup. A fierce and passionate game, with Waverly taking the lead, the boys worked hard to equalise through Eli. Second half Waverly took the lead again, despite 100% effort and hitting the post we did not find the target again, final score 2 - 1 Waverley.

Well done to all, the boys were well behaved and a credit to the school.

THE SCORES ON THE DOORS...



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WIZARD OF OZ

STUDENT SUCCESS!

Year 9 student Oliver recently won a competition for tickets to see The Wizard of Oz.

The competition took place over October half term and BOA Group Productions' set local children a task to draw their idea of the 'Brummie Land of Oz'. Oliver was one of 2 winners.

We asked Oliver what inspired his art piece:

“ On my way to school each day I see Ozzy the Bull at the train station so he had to be in my picture. Then I Ozzy-ously drew some of the things I love about Birmingham. Lots of hidden things if you look closely. ”

Buy one of the programmes at The Old Rep to see Oliver's artwork in all it's glory. Well done Oliver!



CHILDREN IN NEED 2024

In November, we had an amazing Non Uniform Day, where students rocked their favorite outfits and donated to support Children In Need. The generosity was overwhelming, and together we raised a fantastic amount for a great cause.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made a difference!



SCHOOL LIFE

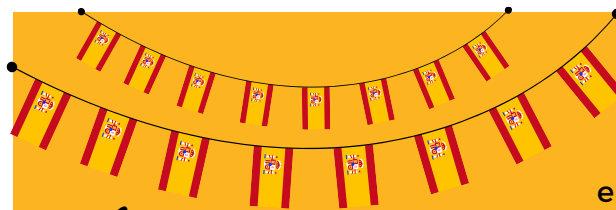
SPANISH

Spanish class 8L enhanced their learning through music this term, students were more engaged when introducing the song **Mi Gente** by **J Balvin**.

The upbeat Reggaeton track instantly energized the students as they learned new vocabulary through its lyrics. They decoded phrases like bailando (dancing) and mi gente (my people) and then split into groups to further translate lyrics.

By the end of the lesson, students not only understood the song lyrics which focus on unity, inclusivity and celebration, they also discovered how much fun learning Spanish can be.

MUSIC ENERGIZES LESSON



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KEY DATES FOR THE CALENDAR



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025



BOA DIGITAL - TERM 3

Monday 6 January - Friday 14 February 2025



STAFF TRAINING DAY - NO SCHOOL

Monday 20 January 2025



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025



SCHOOL DAY TIMES

MONDAY & TUESDAY

9am start - 4.15pm finish

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

9am start - 3.15pm finish

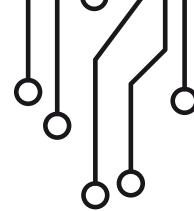
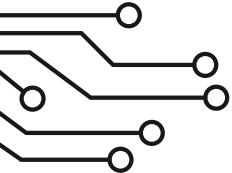
FRIDAY

9am start - 2.30pm finish



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To see our full list of after school clubs and team fixtures
visit our website.



for taking the time to read through our last newsletter of 2024. We will be sending one out at the end of every term so you can keep up to date with everything going on at the school.

If you have any questions for the team, or would like something to be included in our next letter please email info@boa-digital.co.uk

**We will see you again when we are back at school
on Monday 6th January 2025**



20% off tickets for selected performances
The Wizard of Oz

Valid for the following performances:

- Friday 20 December, 7pm
- Saturday 21 December, 7pm
- Saturday 28 December, 7pm
- Sunday 29 December, 7pm
- Monday 30 December, 7pm

Use the promocode
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at the checkout

Visit oldrep.co.uk to book tickets.



Happy New Year!

