

Bulletin



KEY DATES

- 15-16 June -SubSea Grand Final - Aberdeen
- 16-17 June -Bronze qualifying DofE expedition
- 18-20 June Silver qualifying DofE expedition
- 18-20 June Year
 12 Gold Practice
 expedition
- 1 July INSET Day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Penalty notices can be issued to parents and carers if they fail to ensure the regular attendance of their child at school. Most commonly they are issued for unauthorised holidays, but they can also be issued for irregular attendance at school. Penalty notice fines are currently £60 per student per parent. So, if two parents take a student on an unauthorised holiday, both parents may receive a £60 fine. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in a prosecution from the local authority. In cases of poor attendance at school, the local authority may deem prosecution to be a more appropriate measure than a penalty notice. A prosecution can lead to fines of up to £2500 or imprisonment.

Penalty notices and prosecutions are mentioned on attendance letters that we send home to the parents and carers of students with concerning attendance records. This is because the local authority consider it to be best practice to inform parents of the consequences of poor attendance from the earliest point that a concern is raised.

As a school, we prefer to work with parents to solve attendance issues at an early stage and only use prosecution as a final resort. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact your child's year leader or the Attendance Team.



This week Year 9 French students have been exploring the Islamic influence on French language and culture. We have looked at French-speaking countries in 'La Francophonie' and identified the links between Arabic and French language. We have even practised pronouncing some Arabic words. In Monday's lesson student Maraj Bilal shared how to write names in Arabic, noting the difference in scripts and the way that Arabic writes and is read from right to left. We looked at current news articles discussing Ramadan and sports and written to French president Macron expressing our opinions. Well done Year 9 for engaging with this topic and developing your cultural awareness through languages.

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- b. 3 million
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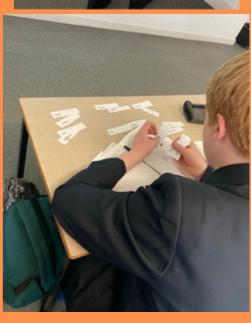


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On Tuesday, our Year 13 students took their Paper 1 A Level exam in listening, reading and writing. They have now completed two of the three papers for their A level. Later in the week Year 13 student, Harry, came in for a final lesson on essay writing techniques ahead of their writing exam on Friday 17 June. The students study both El Laberinto del Fauno/Pan's Labyrith by director Guillermo del Toro and La Casa de Bernarda Alba/The House of Bernarda Alba by Federico García Lorca.



WEDNESDAY: THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS LEARN KOREAN.

On Wednesday student Language Ambassadors were treated to a fantastic session learning Korean by Year 10 student Evie Bush. Evie has taught herself Korean from scratch from the start of lockdown and is also learning French, Japanese and Spanish.

Evie said: "Teaching the Language Ambassadors was very fun but scary. I really enjoyed sharing what I know with everyone!" We definitely have a languages teacher in the making here!





STUDENTS REALLY ENJOYED THE SESSION



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INTERESTING AND HAD A
LOT OF GOOD EXERCISES TO
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"I THINK THAT THE LESSON
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INFORMATIVE. MY
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY WAS
USING THE FLASHCARDS TO
WRITE NEW PHRASES IN
KOREAN. EVIE WAS A
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CAPABILITY."



Year 7 took part in a café lesson with Miss Pearson where they practised using their transactional language to order food items in a café. They used language they have learnt this year to making conversations between serving staff and customers to order food and drink.

They used menus they had designed and written in previous lessons and they also recalled their numbers to ask for the all-important l'addition!









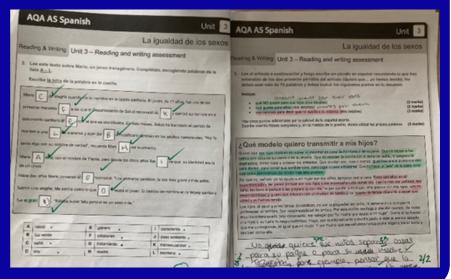
JE N'AIME PAS!



YEAR 12 DIRT LESSON AND EXAM-STYLE TECHNIQUES

MRS COLEMAN

Year 12 students have been busy using their red pen to correct their recent end of unit assessments. After these performances, they will complete lessons on exam techniques and how to approach exam-style translations for their upcoming Year 12 exam at the end of the month. They received written feedback on their work and corrected it using red pen, writing a response to their achievements as to how they would approach a task differently next time, together with next steps for their own independent learning moving forward. ¡Mucha suerte con el examen!



PICASSO AND CUBISM YEAR 8 SPANISH

This week in Spanish Year 8 have been learning about the Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso, and his invention, Cubism. They have learnt about this influential artist's life and the techniques he used to create his famous Cubist artwork. The pupils then had the chance to replicate and create their very own Cubist portrait, which they then described in Spanish.











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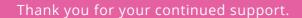
Year 7 & Year 8 cricket team played their first ever home cricket match against St Bede's on Thursday 9 June at St Monica's!





CALLING ALL OVERDUE BOOKS TO THE LRC! THE LRC IS ASKING YOU TO RETURN ALL OVERDUE BOOKS BY 8 JULY.

Please take a little time over the next few weeks to check under beds, behind sofas and in the kitchen cupboards for any items that have been borrowed and forgotten about. The LRC will be doing a stock check during the week starting 11 July and it is important that we check all the books so that we can make sure our shelves are bursting with fabulous resources ready for September. Just post it in the returns box in the LRC and we will take care of the rest.





BFS CAREERS





DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYER TALKS

Today we were delighted to host Stephen Beggs for our employer talk about careers in civil engineering.

Stephen is a director at Curtins, which is an award winning, leading consultancy working within the built environment. They are well known for their work as civil and structural engineers and have numerous offices around the UK. Stephen gave an inspirational talk on the numerous opportunities available in the civil engineering industry. He spoke to the students about what to expect when working as a civil engineer and the many exciting projects students could potentially work on world wide.

Their website has a useful guide on the different entry routes and careers options: https://www.curtins.com/careers/



HISTORICAL POETRY

Competition

Write a poem about a historical event of your choice. You could write one on the Norman Conquest, the Reformation or even World War One!

PRIZES TO BE WON!



Submit your entry by 1st of July 2022 to Miss Horton, DF.05 s.horton@bristolfreeschool.org.uk