

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We held two important transition events this week:-

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

On Tuesday Year 11 came for a Sixth Form taster day where we welcomed a record number of internal and external students to sample life at BFS Sixth Form. A big thank you to Mr Smith, Ms Norton and all staff involved in this enjoyable day.



WELCOMING OUR NEW YEAR 7S!

On Thursday evening we welcomed the Year 6 children and their families who will be joining BFS in Year 7 in September. It was the first large face to face event we have held since the pandemic and it was a fantastic evening.



Our students were the stars of the evening with Year 7 and Year 12 being enthusiastic tour guides, Treble Bass our school jazz band performing a great couple of songs to start the talk and our brave Year 7 Toby, Fiona and Natalie sharing their experiences.

We gave our guests a warm welcome and then I left the evening bursting with pride! A big thank you to all the staff who supported the evening. A shout out to Mrs Jenkins, Mr Whitfield, Mrs Parry, Mr Pate and Mrs Townsend.



WELL DONE!

Well done to all Year 7 and Year 9 who have done well sitting their end of year exams this week.

Mrs Mendez our Exams Manager and team have been extremely busy this term, but they can now have some well-deserved down time!

EXCITING EVENTS

We are entering the busy end of term period with lots of exciting events to look forward to, so do look at the dates in the newsletter.

BFS UNIFORM



For those of you who are interested in buying second hand uniform we have good stock thanks to donations from Year 11.

We plan to run a second hand uniform sale before the end of term and will email you the date and time.

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and the sun when it comes.



MRS S KING

KEY DATES

- 4 July - Y10 & Y12 Cyber Security Online Show and Elmlea Sports Day - Sports Leaders
- 5 July - Sixth Form Leavers Assembly/ Summer Ball and Elmlea Sports Day - Sports Leaders
- 6 July - Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Year 11 Summer Ball
- 7 July - Year 6 Transition Day
- 11 July - Year 9 & 10 Sports Day, Stoke Lodge and Year 7 & 8 STEM Day
- 12 July - Year 7 & 8 Sports Day, Stoke Lodge and Year 9 & 10 Careers/Uni Day
- 13 July - Year 7 Discovery Prize Grand Final and Y7 Girls Euros Football Festival
- 14 July - School Production at Redmaids
- 15 July - School Production at Redmaids
- 18 July - Annual Awards Evening (6.00-8.00pm)
- 20 July - 10th Anniversary - Summer Festival

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN IN YR12

Congratulations to Dan in Yr12 for being accepted into the Drawing Matters Architectural Residential this summer.

<https://drawingmatter.org/projects/education/architectural-drawing-summer-school/>

DRAWING MATTER



10 Year
anniversary



ALUMNI
PERFORMANCE

WANTED: PREVIOUS BFS STUDENTS TO PERFORM A SONG TO CELEBRATE THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Were you in Dynamics, Treble Bass, Orchestra, Folk band or another ensemble at BFS?
The music department are arranging a special alumni performance at an upcoming event with current and previous BFS students

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We will perform the songs "Hit The Road Jack" with a big band of previous BFS musicians, and sing the song "People Get Ready" with a big choir. This will take place at either the awards evening on the 18th July, or the end of year assembly on the 21st July (depending on availability)

This is also my last term at BFS so it would be so lovely to see you all and play some music again! – Mr Pate

If you'd like to take part, fill in the form at cutt.ly/bfs10performance and let us know if you can make it! (link in bio)

BFS presents...

Matilda



Thurs 14 July 7pm

Fri 15 July 2:30pm & 7pm

Redland Hall, Redmaids' High School, Westbury-on-Trym

Tickets £4/£2 concessions

Available to purchase via ParentPay



MRS CONWAY

I CAN AND I AM BUS

Through our membership of Bristol Education Partnership BFS was given the opportunity to welcome the I CAN AND I AM Bus for a week in June.

All our Year 8 students attended a talk from the founder of the charity, I Can and I Am, James Shone. James shared his life experiences of illness, partial recovery and his work now



Following a 16 year teaching career and having been offered a job as Headmaster in 2012, James was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Following 27 hours of brain surgery James unfortunately lost the majority of his sight. However, James is a man who embodies a positive attitude to life and a determination to turn setbacks into springboards. As a teacher, this was at the heart of his pastoral message and his focus now is on spreading the messages of 'I Can & I Am' to as many individuals across the UK and beyond as possible. Put simply, the heart of his charity is to inspire confidence in every individual to enable them to know who they are and what they are able to do, rather than focusing on what they can't.

The I Can & I Am team visit schools around the South West on the bus working with pupils and staff to improve self-esteem and inflate balloons of self-belief. Presentations from James Shone are combined with pizza making and wellbeing workshops on the bus. The messages are rooted in simplicity. Everyone has a balloon of self-belief inside them. When it's full, life tends to be good, we bounce back from setbacks, and we feel like we have purpose. When it's deflated, however, life becomes a struggle, things we may have once found easy become difficult, and it becomes hard to find hope.

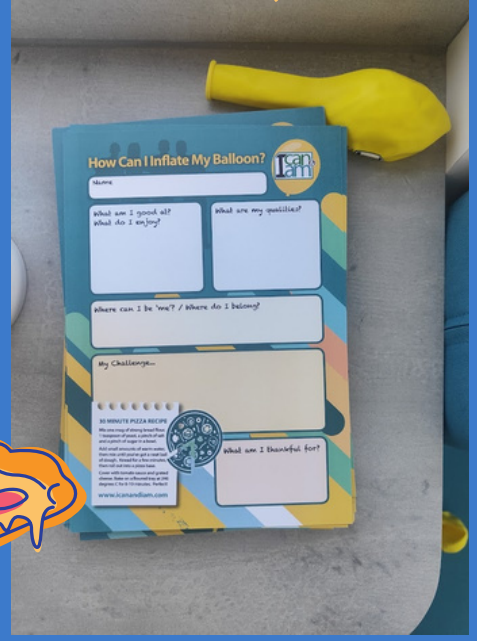
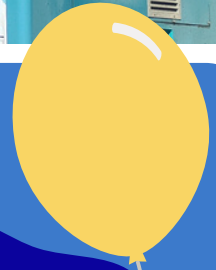


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I CAN AND I AM BUS



Students each completed an activity with a takeaway in the form of a pizza (yum!) and a reflection card, noting their strengths and setting a challenge for themselves. Do ask your Year 8 child about this at home.



BFS SIXTH FORM



MR SMITH

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

On Tuesday 28 June, our Year 11 students joined us for a day of taster lessons in the subjects that they have chosen for the Sixth Form. We began with an assembly from myself and Mrs King - which we used as an opportunity to congratulate them all on their hard work during their 20+ exams over the last few months. Students then spent time in each of their subjects; receiving their summer transition work and getting a better understanding of the demands of the subjects that they have chosen.

We were also joined by students from other schools in Bristol who have applied to be with us in September.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Results Day (Thursday 25 August) which will also be their opportunity to formally enrol with us.

YEAR 11 SCIENCE TRANSITION

Year 11 all enjoyed their Transition Day this week in Science, choosing from sessions of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and BTEC Applied Science.

There were loads of practical activities including heart dissections, titrations, endo and exothermic reactions and materials science.

We can't wait to see you all for the real deal in September!



THIS WEEK IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

DT design & Technology



MRS HARVEY

HARRY POTTER STUDIOS!

On Tuesday 28 June Year 10 DT students visited Harry Potter Studios, and what a trip it was!

We explored the two sound stages and backlot where the films were originally made and which are now filled to bursting with original sets, animatronic creatures, and special effects. Students were even able to experience green screen technology themselves and had a go at riding a broomstick. Students were a credit to the school and loved marvelling at how the magic of Harry Potter came to life.



The studios are a highly inspirational place for our Design and Technology students, we saw the entire design process that went into creating the films. From seeing the original designs, the intricate scale models, architectural drawings and videos of the engineers and manufacturers building the sets themselves.

One of highlights for many of our students was Gringotts Bank, showing how the pillars were cast and hand painted to replicate marble, and where the students watched a dragon (albeit not real!) climb through the floor and breathe fire.



The students then went on to view the intricately detailed model of Hogwarts castle. The model's courtyard, tower and turret were filmed and enhanced with digital effects to create unforgettably realistic views of the magical school. Model makers installed more than 2,500 fibre optic lights, which simulate lanterns and torches and even gave the illusion of students passing through the hallways.

Artists also used real gravel for rockwork and boulders, and real plants for landscaping and trees. The work on the model was so extensive that if one was to add all the man hours that have gone into building and reworking the model, it would come to over 74 years.

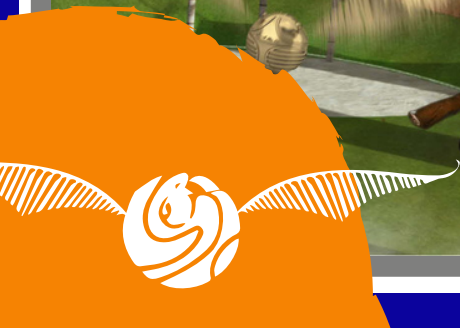


Not only did this trip link directly with their coursework, but hopefully open their eyes to some of the careers and pathways open to all our students. Students were insightful and full of wonder, asking the staff around the studios loads of questions about how and why the sets were built in the way they were, and what normally happens to them afterwards.

I was incredibly proud of all the students on the trip. I hope they enjoyed it as much as the staff did and we look forward to making this an annual GCSE DT trip!



BFS QUIDDITCH



BFS COMPUTER SCIENCE



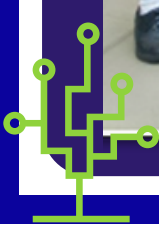
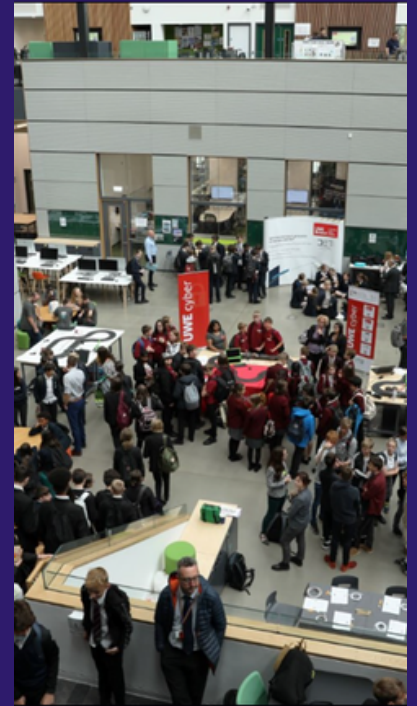
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UNLOCK CYBER TASTER DAY

On Monday 27 June, 23 secondary schools from across the West of England region attended the Unlock Cyber Taster Day event at UWE, Bristol.

Over 300 pupils aged 12 – 14 years took part in 12 different employer-led activities. The aim was to help them discover what cyber is all about. Activities included Scalextrics – controlling the leader board and speed of the cars, investigating fake social media accounts, wiretapping – cutting network cables and investigating data, capture the flag challenges, creating and identifying phishing emails, cybercrime scene investigations, encryption exercises and deceiving machines to affect cyber-attacks.

Unlock Cyber is an employer-led initiative working collaboratively to raise awareness and engage with young people to nurture and develop a cyber-talent pipeline. Working together with partners involved in the delivery of Computer Science and Cyber we reach out to secondary schools, academies, and colleges across the West of England.



BFS COMPUTER SCIENCE



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CYBERCENTURION COMPETITION



CyberCenturion is a national cyber education initiative for 12-18 year-olds in the UK and UK overseas territories. The programme is designed to excite, educate and motivate students to pursue further education and careers in STEM and cybersecurity, which helps to build a diverse talent pool to supply the UK's workforce needs.

Its objective is to deliver an inspirational competitive education experience, which provides:

- practical learning about cyber in the real world
- development of technical and employability skills that are useful in any industry
- motivation to pursue Cyber/STEM subjects and careers



YOU CAN FIND DETAILS HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.STEM.ORG.UK/CYBERCENTURION#PREVIOUS-EDITIONS---CYBERCENTURION-VIII](https://www.stem.org.uk/cybercenturion#previous-editions---cybercenturion-viii)

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OR MEET ME ANYTIME AT CG14.

BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME



MR NOUAS

33 LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT BFS!

The Language Ambassadors have been busy this week updating displays! At Bristol Free School, students and teachers alike speak many different languages. There are a total of 33 languages spoken at the school and we are very proud of this! To celebrate this diversity within the school community we have made hands with how to say hello in each of these languages! Here is how - have a go for yourself:

Languages Spoken at Bristol Free School

How to say "hello" in them:

- Arabic = مرحبا (marhaba)
- Urdu = عليكم السلام (as-salaam-alaikum)
- Somali = Soo dhowow (say as you see)
- Bengali = নমস্কার (nomoskara)
- Chinese = 你好 (nǐ hǎo)
- Farsi/Persian = سلام (salam)
- Polish = Cześć (chech-sh-ch)
- Hungarian = Szia (zee-ya)
- Manding/Mandinke = I ni ke/I ni wal (ee-nee-keh/ee-nee-wal)
- Hebrew = Shalom (shah-lom)
- German = Hallo (ha-loo)
- Albanian = Përshëndetje (per-shon-de-tea-yeah)
- Punjabi = ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ (sat sri akaal)
- Malayalam = ഹലോ (hal-oh)
- Kurdish = چۆنی (sillaw)
- Spanish = Hola (oh-la)



Portuguese = Olá (oh-la)

Lithuanian = Labas (la-bas)

Russian = привет (pree-vee-et)

Turkish = Merhaba (mehr-ha-bah)

Twi = Agoo (ah-goo)

Vietnamese = xin chào (sin chow)

Bulgarian = Zdrasti (dras-tee)

Ukrainian = привіт (preh-veet)

French = Bonjour (bon-zj-oor)

Romanian = Buna ziua (boona zee-wah)

Thai = สวัสดี (so-wah-dee)

Italian = Ciao (ch-ow)

Japanese = こんにちは (kon-ni-chi-wa)

Kannada = ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ (namaskāra)

Gujurati = નમસ્તે (namastē)

Hindi = नमस्ते (namaste)

You are
welcome
in our
school

Ласкаво
просимо
в нашу
школу

