

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

MEET THE TUTOR

Last night we held our Year 7 and Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening. Year 7 were able to show their families around the school and where they have their lessons. It was a lovely event and I want to thank all the parents/carers who attended. It is the beginning of a very important partnership between home and school.

THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Year 8 students have been developing their communication skills and confidence this week by touring the potential Year 7 children and their families around the school. We have welcomed a very high number of families on the tours and Year 8 have been amazing answering all their questions and showing a sense of pride in BFS. We will be awarding them all Community house points for their important contribution to the school.



BFS FIXTURES

Once again, I am delighted to report that BFS sports fixtures are back and BFS is doing extremely well. Only last night Year 8 girls netball beat St Bede's and our amazing U14 girls' football have started their campaign after being Southwest champions last year.



WELL DONE!

Finally, I want to praise how well Year 11 and Year 13 have settled into our Work Hard culture with many of them extending their school day by attending period 7 lessons or doing independent study in our GCSE Study Hub in CF01.

To be successful in the GCSEs and A levels this summer students need to be working hard from now on. Going over their learning from lessons, practising questions and testing themselves on subject knowledge.

Mr Fernandes has organised for a learning company to visit school to work with Year 11 to understand how to revise and build revision timetables this term. We will ensure parents/carers receive this information to support their child when at home.

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter.

Best wishes



MRS S KING

KEY DATES

- 6 October - U14 Girls English Schools Football
- 6 October - Climate Challenge Event
- 10-14 October - Y13 Geography Field Work at Slapton Sands
- 10 October - Y7 Team Building
- 17 October - Y7 Team Building
- 18 October - Y7 Team Building
- 15-19 October - Year 13 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
- 19 October - Year 13 History, Politics and Sociology trip to London

BECOME A BFS PARENT GOVERNOR



We are seeking nominations for a parent to stand for election as Parent Governor of (RET) Bristol Free School. There is one vacancy, to begin from November 2022 to October 2026.

The nomination form must be returned by Friday 7 October 2022. For more information please contact admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



GOOD LUCK MISS URCH



Our amazing Head of Year 9, Miss Urch is running the London Marathon this Sunday. Miss Urch is running to support Cancer Research. Hopefully you are still smiling like this at the end! #LeadingByExample helping more people #LiveLongerBetter

Please support Ms Urch and Cancer Research if you can:

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/becky-urch1>

BFS COMMUNITY NEWS



THE STATE FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.....



Mr B R Middleton, son in law to Ms Dark from our catering team was involed in the Queen's funeral. Colour Sergeant B R Middleton spoke with us about his military career and lead up to the Queen's funeral.

I signed up for the British Army in 2006, at Bristol City Centre recruitment office, I was 18 years old. I had chosen to join the Household Division Foot Guards. The Regiment I selected was 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. This regiment is steeped in history since 1656 and has been in all major conflicts and wars since. I did my six month training cycle in Catterick, Yorkshire completing my Combat Infantryman's course.



I then moved to Wellington Barracks, London, where I completed 8 months of Ceremonial roles at Buckingham palace, Tower of London, St James' Palace and Windsor Castle. I then finally joined my chosen regiment at Lille Barracks, Aldershot. Due to being 6ft 2, I was selected to join The Queen's Company.

During my time in the Army I have climbed the ranks from Guardsman, Lance Corporal, Lance Sergeant, Sergeant and now I'm a Colour Sergeant. I have also travelled the world visiting many different countries; France, Cyprus, Germany, Romania, Latvia, Canada, USA, Kenya, are just a few.

This Company is the only Company in the Armed Forces to be personally aligned with Her Majesty, and she held the position of our Company Commander. This was the reason that it was our company that provided the Bearer Party and Escort Party for her funeral.

I have served 2 tours in Afghanistan, and I'm currently on tour in Iraq, which we flew back from to conduct the funeral. We have now returned. I also took part in 3 Trooping the Colours as part of Her Majesty's Birthday.



INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

MR MACBLAIN

It gives me great pleasure to announce the winners of the first House competition, run by the MFL department. The competition was themed around Creative Writing with the task being to write a short story or poem, in a foreign language and to provide an English translation. There were lots of wonderful entries and choosing a winner was very hard. I would like to congratulate Nicholas – 9TG7 for his superb entry in German about a young person wishing to visit Germany.



ASHTON



DURDHAM



BLAISE



CANFORD

Our runners up were; Katy 8TG4 who took us on a journey into Spain and Merle 9TG6, who gives us an insight into the dangers of falling conkers. Congratulations all. Nicholas has earned himself 24 House Points and Katy and Merle 16 each. Our next fortnightly competition will be run by Miss Rowden who plays an active role in supporting students who speak additional languages - details below.

Please don't forget our termly competition as well! I am sure there are lots of wonderful family histories within our community and I would love to hear about them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NICHOLAS – 9TG7 FOR HIS SUPERB ENTRY IN GERMAN ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON WISHING TO VISIT GERMANY.

by Nic 9TG7 Note:
 in German (I'm still learning, but I can say everything below, I'm nowhere near fluent.)

Lisa wohnt mit ihrem Sohn, Manuel, in Augsburg. Es ist Sommer und sie wollen ~~am~~ im Urlaub gehen. Dann hat Lisa eine Idee.
 Sie sagt: "Manuel, willst du Märchen besuchen?"
 "Ja, natürlich!" Manuel antwortet: "Wie willst du reisen?"
 "Mit dem Zug."
 "Nein!" er klagt: "Der Zug is immer zu voll!"
 "Wie willst du dann reisen?"
 "Ich will mit dem Auto reisen," sagt Manuel. "Es ist schneller als der Zug und nicht so voll."
 "Schneller als der Zug?" sagt Lisa.
 Sie öffnet Google Maps.
 "Hmm... hier sagt es: die Autofahrt dauert eine Stunde aber die Zugfahrt dauert vierzig Minuten. Ich habe Recht. Wir werden mit dem Zug reisen."
 Lisa hat Recht aber Manuel freut sich nicht auf die Zugfahrt.

English translation:
 Lisa lives with her son, Manuel, in Augsburg. It is summer and they want to go on holiday. Then Lisa has an idea. She says: "Manuel, do you want to visit Märchen?"
 "Yes, of course!" he replies. "How do you want to travel?"
 "By train."
 "No!" he complains. "The train is always too full!"
 "How do you want to travel then?"
 "By car," says Manuel. "It is faster than the train and not so full."
 "Faster than the train?" says Lisa.
 She opens Google Maps.
 "It says ~~two~~ here: the car ride takes an hour but the train ride takes 40 minutes. I am right: we will travel by train."
 Lisa is right but Manuel isn't looking forward to the train ride:



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RUNNERS UP, KATY AND MERLE



MERLE, Y9

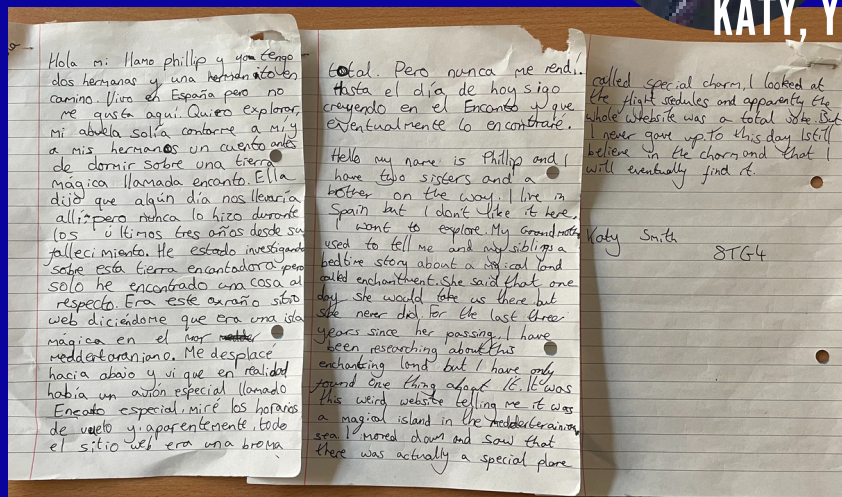
Eine weitere Bombe verfehlt mich und landet auf dem Boden wo eine Explosion, Trümmer auffliegen lässt. Ich renne und stelle mich hinter den Baum während ich zusehe, wie kleine Splitter an mir vorbeischießen. Ich rutsche am Baum hinunter, bis ich sitze, und atme tief durch. Der beißende Herbstwind fährt mir durch meine kurz geschorenen Haare und streicht mir meinen rücken hinunter. Ich stelle mich wieder hin. Jeder Schritt knirscht, wenn ich mein Gewicht auf den Teppich aus Schutt verlagere. Meine Füße tragen mich dorthin, wo ich eben noch stand. Ich begutachte die kahle Stelle, wo die Bombe eingeschlagen hat. Ich stehe noch stocksteif da, als die nächste Bombe an dieselbe Stelle fällt. Es ist nicht genug Zeit. Ich reiße meine Hände hoch, um mein Gesicht zu schützen, und dann fliegt der Schutt in die Luft. Alles legt sich, und ich blicke auf die Kastanie, die inmitten der vertrockneten Blätter liegt.

A bomb falls. The character hides behind a tree. They then go back to where the bomb struck and look at the bare earth. Another bomb falls in the same place as before. They don't have time to run. Ends with talking about the conker lying among the dried leaves.

The story is exactly 150 words.



KATY, Y8



Hola mi nombre Phillip y yo tengo dos hermanas y una hermana menor camino. Vivo en España pero no me gusta aquí. Quiero explorar, mi abuela solía contarme a mi y a mis hermanos un cuento antes de dormir sobre una tierra mágica llamada encanto. Ella dijo que algún día nos llevaría allí pero nunca lo hizo durante los últimos tres años desde su fallecimiento. He estado investigando sobre esta tierra encantada pero solo he encontrado una cosa al respecto. Era ese extraño sitio web diciendome que era una isla mágica en el mar mediterráneo. Me desplacé hacia abajo y vi que en realidad había un avión especial llamado Encanto especial miré los horarios de vuelo y aparentemente todo el sitio web era una broma.

total. Pero nunca me rendí. hasta el día de hoy sigo creyendo en el Encanto y que eventualmente lo encontrare. Hello my name is Phillip and I have two sisters and a brother on the way. I live in Spain but I don't like it here. I want to explore. My grandmother used to tell me and my siblings a bedtime story about a magical land called enchantment. She said that one day she would take us there but she never did for the last three years since her passing. I have been researching about this enchanting land but I have only found one thing about it. It was this weird website telling me it was a magical island in the mediterranean sea. I moved down and saw that there was actually a special place

called special charm. I looked at the flight schedules and apparently the whole website was a total joke. But I never gave up to this day. I still believe in the charm and that I will eventually find it.
Katy Smith STG4



BFS HOUSE COMPETITION



To enter, first choose your level:

CLOSING DATE: 3RD OCTOBER!

- 1) Find out, write down and learn how to say 'hello' in 1 other language spoken at BFS (1 house point)
- 2) Find out, write down and learn how to say 'hello' in 5 of the different languages spoken at BFS (2 house points)
- 3) Find out, write down and learn how to say 'hello' in 10 of the different languages spoken at BFS (3 house points)
- 4) Find out, write down and learn how to say 'hello' in 15 of the different languages spoken at BFS (4 house points)
- 5) Find out, write down and learn how to say 'hello' in 20+ of the different languages spoken at BFS (5 house points)

SHOW MISS ROWDEN YOUR RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE IN DF15 TO CLAIM YOUR HOUSE POINTS!



BFS EAL



**THE DIVERSITY OF OUR
COMMUNITY IS AMAZING, HERE
ARE SOME LANGUAGES YOU CAN
LEARN TO SAY HELLO IN.**



Did you know that we also have a fantastic Language Ambassador Scheme at BFS? The main point of this initiative is to celebrate the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity and to raise the profile of languages at BFS. If you are interested in finding out more about this scheme or signing up, please speak to Mr Nouas in DF19.

- Albanian = Përshëndetje (per-shon-de-tea-yeah)
- Arabic = مرحبا (marhaba)
- Bengali = নমস্কার (nomoskara)
- Bulgarian = Zdrasti (dras-tee)
- Cantonese = 你好(néih hóu)
- Czech = Dobrý den (dob-ree den)
- Estonian = Tere (the-reh)
- Farsi / Persian = سالم (salam)
- French = Bonjour (bon-zj-oor)
- German = Hallo (ha-loo)
- Greek = γεια σας (ya-sass)
- Gujurati = નમસ્તે (heck e)
- Hebrew = Shalom (shah-lom)
- Hindi = नमस्ते (namaste)
- Hungarian = Szia (zee-ya)
- Italian = Ciao (ch-ow)
- Japanese = こんにちは (kon-ni-chi-wa)
- Kannada = ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ (namaskāra)
- Kurdish = چۆن (sillaw)
- Lithuanian = Labas (la-bas)
- Mandarin = 你好 (nǐ hǎo)
- Mandinke / Manding = I ni ke/I ni wal (ee-nee-keh/ee-nee wal)
- Malayalam = ഹലോ (hal-oh)
- Punjabi = ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ (sat sri akaal)
- Polish = Cześć (heck-sh-ch)
- Portuguese = Olá (oh-la)
- Romanian = Buna ziua (boona zee-wah)
- Somali = Soo dhowow (say as you see)
- Spanish = hola (oh-la)
- Thai = สวัสดี (so-wah-dee)
- Turkish = Merhaba (mehr-ha-bah)
- Twi = Agoɔ (ah-goo)
- Ukrainian = привіт (preh-veet)
- Urdu = السلام عليكم (as-salaam-alaikum)
- Vietnamese = xin chào (sin chow)
- British Sign Language (BSL)

NETBALL VS ST BEDE'S

Netball fixtures this week v St Bede's. Well done to all the students involved, the results are as follows:

Y8 won 20-6. Player of the match - Sofia.
Y9 lost 14-2. Player of the match - Matilda W
Y10 lost 21-9. Player of the match - Grace F
Y11 won 22-2. Player of the match - Chloe C

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SIXTH FORMERS FOR THEIR HELP WITH UMPIRING, SCORING AND TRAINING.





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BFS Sixth Form Open Event

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or virtually on Thursday 3 November

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