

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

## Y7 TEAM BUILDING

Last Monday the first of the Year 7 Team Building days at Clifton College took place. The rest will be happening next week and is an important part of building our community spirit in Year 7. We have been delighted with how well they have settled into BFS.



## THANK YOU YEAR 8

I would like to give a big shout out for Year 8 who have been amazing over the last few weeks giving school tours to our Year 6 visitors. We have welcomed over 1000 visitors in school over the last three weeks and I have received so many complimentary comments about Year 8. This experience has really benefitted their confidence and social skills too.

## YEAR 11

Last week Year 11 were given a very interesting presentation about how to remember knowledge and the best way to prepare for exams. Next week students will receive revision timetables so they can start to plan their revision over half term. Mock exams will be starting on 18 November, and we want students to be fully prepared for these and take them very seriously.



## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Next week we will be hosting our Sixth Form Open Evening which we are very excited about as it has been a long time since many parents and carers have been on the school site.



Finally, I need to remind you that Friday 21 October is an INSET day so school will be closed to students.

Wishing you a great weekend and half term.

Best wishes



**MRS S KING**

# KEY DATES

- 17 October - 7TG1, 2 & 3 Team Building
- 18 October - 7TG6 & 7TG7 Team Building
- 15-19 October - Year 13 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
- 19 October - Year 13 History, Politics and Sociology trip to London
- 20 October - End of Term 1
- 21 October - INSET DAY
- 31 October - Start of Term 2
- 31 October/1 November - Year 11 Art trip to Falmouth University (invitation only)
- 2 November - Y12/Y13 English Students - 'Hamlet' at Bristol Old Vic



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

If possible, please book medical appointments outside of school hours. Although medical appointments are generally authorised, they still count as an absence in a student's attendance record. If a medical appointment is unavoidably in school hours, please email proof of the appointment to [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) at least 24 hours prior to the appointment. Proof can be email / text confirmations or photos of appointment slips / letters. Please also state the time that you will be collecting the student from the Student Gate. Please collect students by buzzing at the Student Gate. It is the responsibility of the student to be at Student Services to sign out at the collection time.

Many thanks

Attendance Team.

# GENERATION JUICE

Generation Juice will be demonstrating and launching the new self-service Drinkshub machines in the canteen at lunchtime on Wednesday 19 October.

There are a range of flavoured juices to choose from costing 80p for large (500ml) and 50p for small (250ml) and you can simply pay with finger scan or buy as part of a meal deal. This will replace the sale of drinks in single-use plastic bottles as part of our strategy to reduce plastics in school and reduce our carbon footprint.

Water is freely available from the water bottle fillers in the canteen and sports hall.



In readiness for this, students will be given BFS branded drinks bottles in tutor time on Tuesday, as part of our 10-year anniversary celebrations. Students should put their name on it, as they will all look the same, and keep safe in bags.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR AT BFS

## TERM 1

We are so pleased to offer a range of clubs and activities with something for everyone! Below we have some quotes from our wonderful students about how much they enjoy our clubs and what they've been up to this term. We would love to see every student in a club, so have a look at our programme here

<https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/documents/EC%202022.pdf>  
and come along!



### ART CLUB - DHUVRIKA, EMILY, EVE



Art Club is a really exciting club where you can do an abundance of different activities and you can also make friends! In addition, the teachers are really nice and super helpful!



Art is my favourite subject and something I feel passionate about. I love how we do things related to the month of October and so far it has been amazing to draw and make things related to the month. In my opinion art is the best thing EVER!!

### MENTAL HEALTH CLUB - SOPHIE



The Mental Health Club is a creative outlet after a stressful day at school. It is a safe space with kind people and it's a relaxing place at the end of the day. We do different activities every week, we have done painting, collages, wool art, lots of things that are fun. At the end of the club I feel positive, have chatted with new friends and a good distraction. I enjoy going to mental health club and would recommend it to others!

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## TERM 1

### SCIENCE CLUB - EMILY



Science Club is a fun place to expand your knowledge and skills. I really enjoy taking part in lots of interesting experiments and working together with my friends. Since Year 7 I have been going to Science Club and have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have taken part in lots of different experiments and challenges such as elephants' toothpaste. Additionally, we've done lots of experiments based on different themes for example Zombie Apocalypse and being detectives where we looked at fingerprints and invisible writing. I have really enjoyed these different topics. Miss Kelly and Mr Innes are both extremely enthusiastic and perform experiments, occasionally with unexpected results! I have gained lots of new skills and knowledge which will be useful in class.



### MODEL UNITED NATIONS – ALYSSA



Coming to a club can be really fun because it can help you meet new people and gain life experience. I think MUN helps to develop your social skills further, as well as letting you understand the big issues that happen in our world today.

### LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS- SHILOH



I love Language Ambassadors because I love languages! As a Language Ambassador I was fortunate enough to go to Primary Schools to give taster sessions on Spanish, promoted Korean, Italian, Arabic and Japanese in school and it's a good way to embrace our school values. You can meet new people and learn about different societies.





**MRS JENKINS**

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry so we are organising collection for North Bristol Food Bank during week commencing Monday 17 October. As a school we are aware of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our local and wider communities. In the lead up to half-term we are once again asking our students and their families/friends to support the North Bristol Foodbank, linking to their Harvest campaign.

Students should bring the items on the list below to their tutor groups from Monday 17 October. Further information relating to the foodbank is on their website. <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/>

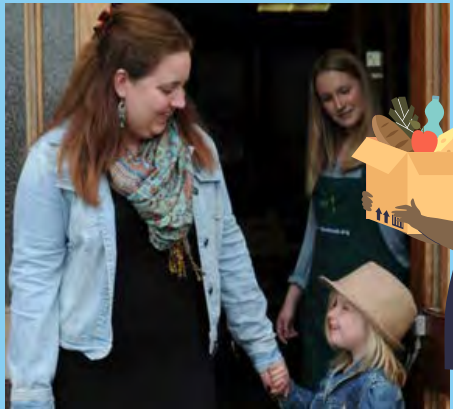


## HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

- Cooking Sauces
- Deodorant
- Savoury Crackers
- Sponge Puddings
- Breadsticks
- Tinned Meat
- Crisps
- Toothbrushes
- Tinned Fruit



**NORTH BRISTOL FOODBANK**  
**HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS**





# BFS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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**MS BOARD**

**AS A MEMBER OF THE BRISTOL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP, BFS HAVE ENROLLED FOUR OF OUR YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN THEIR STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME FOR 2022-23.**

The first meeting was held this Monday at Clifton High School with other schools from around the city. We had a great address from Libby Bowles from Sustainable Hive about what makes a great leader and watched examples of notable speeches from recent history to get the inspiration flowing.



We then asked ourselves what characteristics make a great leader and which of these could be useful in our school lives at BFS.

The next step in the programme is to design a social action project to improve our school community. We had some super ideas that we have brought back and will be submitting to our Senior Leadership staff. We are looking forward to putting our plans in place and showing how student leadership is integral to our school values of Community, Ambition and Opportunity.



**A MASSIVE WELL DONE TO SUSIE, KAIRA, JACOB AND ISHAQ FOR REPRESENTING BFS IMPECCABLY AND FOR THEIR IMMENSE ENTHUSIASM THROUGHOUT THE DAY!**

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# HOUSE PARLIAMENT



MR SMITH

## FIRST HOUSE PARLIAMENT MEETING

Today, we held our first 'House Parliament' meeting of the year. The newly elected representatives, selected by the Head Students after an assessment of their anonymised applications, assembled for an opening Q&A with Mrs King and a discussion on classroom and corridor behaviour with Mr MacBlain. Students asked about the type of trips that are being organised this year and about the development of land close to the school and gave their suggestions to help the flow of movement in the corridor between lessons.

Last year, the House Parliament worked successfully on a number of initiatives; including reducing plastic in the canteen (we are about to provide everyone with a reusable BFS water bottle and have installed self-service juice machines in response), increasing the breadth of enrichment and trips on offer (we wrote home with an extended list of planned trips in response) and about canteen queues (we opened a new outside serving hatch in response).

This year, the Parliament will again work in different committees to work on more ways to continually improve our school (more to follow through the year).

At our next meeting, we'll be joined by the company which runs our catering to discuss students' feedback.





## RUGBY SUCCESS



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ED AND OSCAR

Congratulations to Ed and Oscar who both were selected to represent a combined Bristol Bears and Schools team to face a touring Argentinian side. It was a great opportunity for the Year 13 students to continue their rugby development and further network with other students







# BFS EAL



## EAL INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

MISS ROWDEN

I have been SO impressed with the number of entries for the EAL House competition, which has been taking place over the course of the last week. It has been amazing to see so many students increasing their knowledge and awareness of different languages, especially those spoken within our school community.



## CONGRATULATIONS ARTHUR!



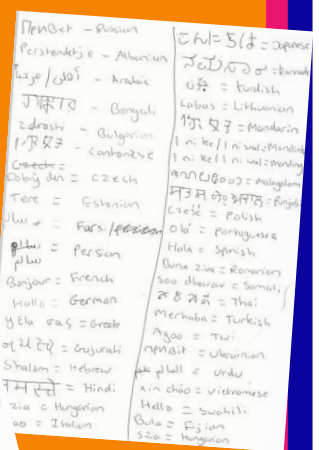
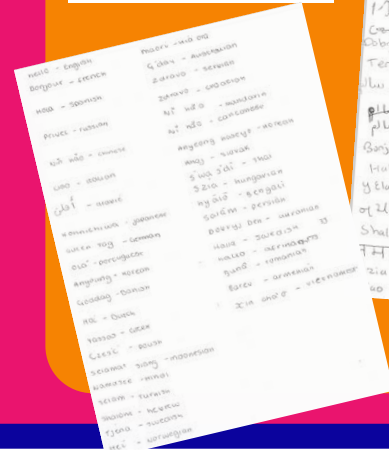
In 1st place for a whopping 133 languages and an amazing poster of his research is Arthur T (11TG3) (Durdham)

In 2nd place with an impressive list of over 20 languages and an ability to recite 'hello' in 15 of them is Jasmine K (7TG6) (Ashton)

In joint 3rd place with a fantastic list of more than 20 languages is Ben T (7TG6) (Blaise) and Hattie B (8TG3) (Ashton)

Some other fantastic entries were received from the following students also:

Abdullah A (11TG6), Badr E-H (11TG3), Ella M (11TG3), Aila V (11TG4), Chloe C (11TG1) and Antoine G (11TG2)





MR MACBLAIN

# HISTORY HOUSE COMPETITION

## HISTOGRAM

As part of this year's House Competition the History Department is challenging you to explore your local history! We are encouraging students to find a site or object of historical significance and photograph yourself with this. You should include a short caption (history puns welcome) of no more than 20 words related to your picture.

Entries need to be submitted to [r.ruston@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:r.ruston@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) by 24 October



## WHY NOT VISIT?



### HOUSE POINTS TO WIN!

All entries will receive 8 House Points.

Runners up will receive 16 House Points

Winners will receive 24 House Points



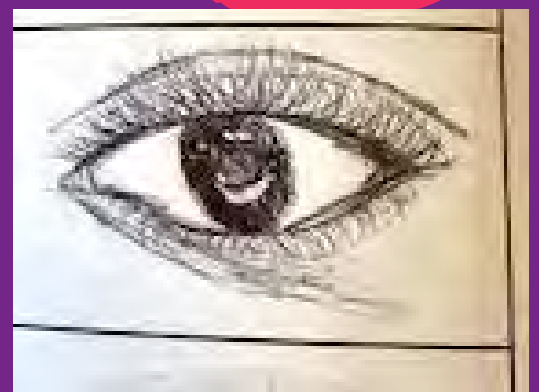
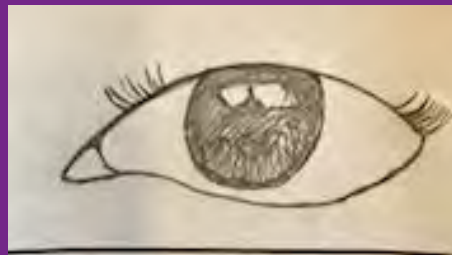
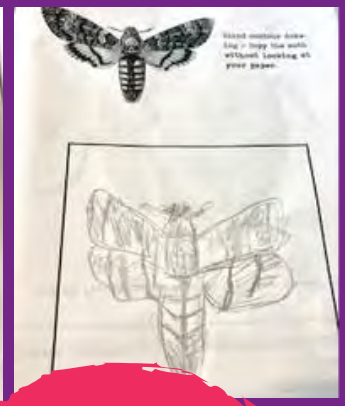
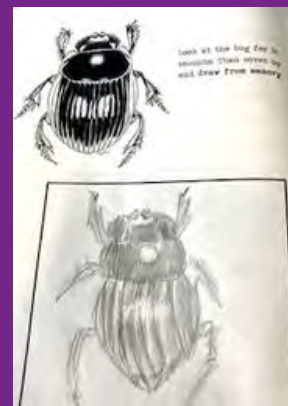
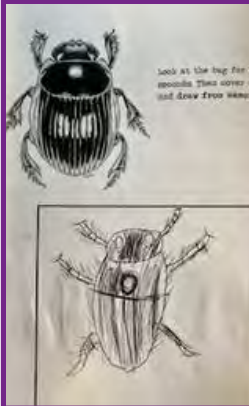
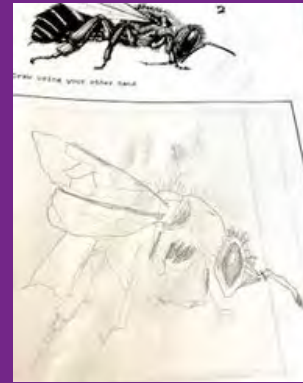


# THIS WEEK IN ART

MRS KINNERSLEY

## EXPERIMENTAL DRAWING

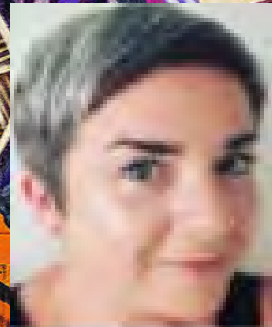
Year 8 have been looking at experimental drawing skills and bugs. Tonal drawing, blind drawing, left-handed drawing, continual line and drawing from memory.



YEAR 9 HAVE  
BEEN DRAWING  
EYES!!



# THIS WEEK IN ART



MRS KINNERSLEY

YEAR 12 ART HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING MATISSE AND LOCAL ARTIST SOPHIE RAE AND WORKING WITH LARGE COLLAGE PIECES.







# CLIFTON COLLEGE SO FAR!



ASHTON

BLAKE

CANFORD



**You** are  
welcome  
in our  
school

Ласкаво  
просимо  
в нашу  
школу

