

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to term 2 and I hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

Today we held our Sixth Former For A Day. Year 11 experienced lessons and life as a BFS Sixth Former which we hope will inspire them for their post-16 choices next year. Thank you to the Sixth Form team who also organised other colleges to come into BFS to support Year 11 with college applications.



SUCCESS TOGETHER

Next Wednesday Mr Fernandes has invited parents and carers of Year 11 into school for a Success Together Event.

The focus will be how to about support your Year 11 child with revision for the upcoming mock exams. Please see the school website for a copy of the letter and mock exam timetable.

Y11 FALMOUTH TRIP

This week Mrs Kinnersley took a group of Year 11 students to Falmouth School of Art in Cornwall. I believe the weather was very stormy but having spoken to the students they had a great time.



YEAR 13 VISIT LONDON

Another very exciting trip was the Y13 visit to London just before half term. Mr Ruston and Ms Norton reported a very interesting day as they were in Westminster just before the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, had just resigned becoming the shortest serving PM in UK history. A story they can share for years to come!



Y8 SUBJECT EVENING

On Thursday Year 8 will have their virtual subject evening so school will finish slightly early to accommodate this (2.45pm).

Looking forward to another busy and productive term.

Best wishes



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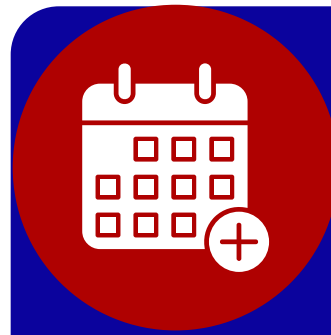
KEY DATES

- Wednesday 9 November - Success Together Event for Year 11 Parents/Carers
- Thursday 10 November - Year 8 Subject Evening
- Friday 11 November - Remembrance Day
- Thursday 24 November - Y12 Subject Evening
- Thursday 1 December - 'Blood Brothers', Cardiff Millennium Theatre
- Tuesday 6 December - Y13 Pastoral Day
- Monday 12 December - GCSE/A Level Certificate Evening
- Tuesday 13 December - Y10 HPV2 Vaccinations
- Wednesday 14 December - Xmas Lunch & Music Extravaganza
- Thursday 15 December - Last day of Term

NOVEMBER MOCKS

Please find the Mock Timetables for Year 13 & Year 11 following the link below.

<https://bristolfreeschool.org.uk/exams>



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Penalty Notices and Prosecution
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.

Many thanks

Attendance Team

HOUSE UPDATE

Firstly I would like the opportunity to welcome you back from what I hope was a restful and relaxing half term, and to get prepared for an action packed Term 2. I have had the pleasure of delivering assemblies this week and I really wanted to focus on the positives of Term 1. We have awarded an incredible 24000 house points in Term 1 alone with some students already pushing upwards of 70 house points. A truly remarkable amount and we have easily surpassed the total compared to this time last academic year.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to send a reminder about some of our expectations and standards within school. We expect all students to be on-site by 8.25am so that they can be in their tutor room by 8.30am. Students must adhere to our uniform code. We are seeing an increase in piercings and I must reiterate that we allow one piercing per ear lobe only, that is a gold or silver stud. We do not allow nose-piercings.

You may have noticed that we are now running a '1 minute detention'. This may not sound as though it is much of a sanction, but its purpose is for the teacher to have a quick re-set of any low-level classroom expectations that have not been met. We have found it to be very useful and having a face to face re-set after a lesson that has not gone well, is proving to be very powerful in making sure the next lesson goes smoothly. For more severe misdemeanours, students will still receive a same-day after school detention.



MR MACBLAIN



CONGRATULATIONS
TED

it gives me great pleasure to announce Ted in Year 9 as the winner of our first termly competition. Ted had some very interesting aspects to his family history, but I was particularly taken with the fact his grandfather was actually working aboard the SS Great Britain in the 1950s when it made its final voyage from Avonmouth to Bristol. Congratulations Ted - 24 House Points heading your way.



ASHTON



DURDHAM



CANFORD



BLAISE



Please do make sure you have set up the class-charts apps on your phones. This is a useful tool for allowing you to see how many House Points your child has received, furthermore it also allows you to be notified of any detentions or behaviour points that have been given.

BFS COMPUTER SCIENCE



MRS RAMANANDI

GET READY FOR THE BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE

The Bebras Challenge is designed to help students explore their talents and passion for informatics and computational thinking with engaging challenges. Participating in the challenge is free and the tasks can all be completed without any preparation or studying. Students from 12 to 18 years old work through a set of tasks that focus on different topics and skills within informatics and computational thinking.

They will have 45 minutes to complete as many tasks as they can, they are not expected to finish them all. The challenge has six different age categories, each with their own set of tasks to keep things exciting and challenging for all students:

Cadets (age 12-14)

Juniors (age 14-16)

Seniors (age 16-18)

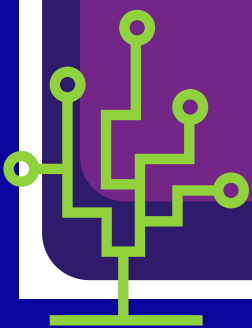
**COMPETITION DATES: 7 NOVEMBER TO 23
NOVEMBER**



GIVE IT A GO

**STUDENTS CAN PRACTISE
FOR THE COMPETITION
HERE:**

**CHALLENGES - BEBRAS
(BEBRASCHALLENGE.ORG)**





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 by 10 November



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

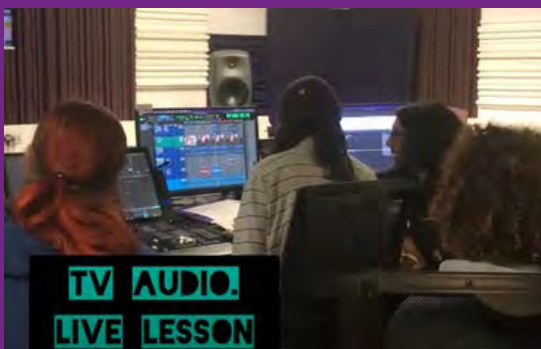
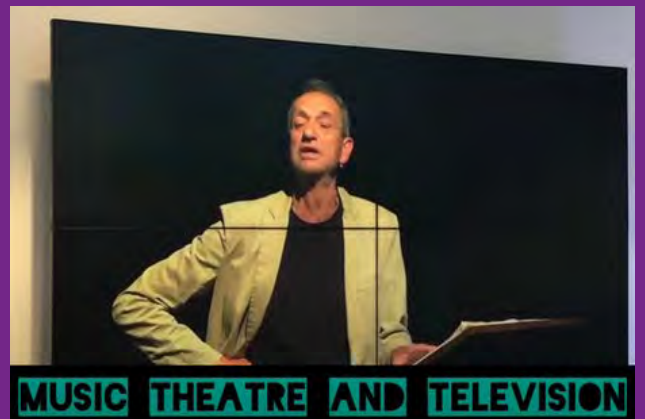


THIS WEEK IN ART

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YEAR 11 FALMOUTH TRIP

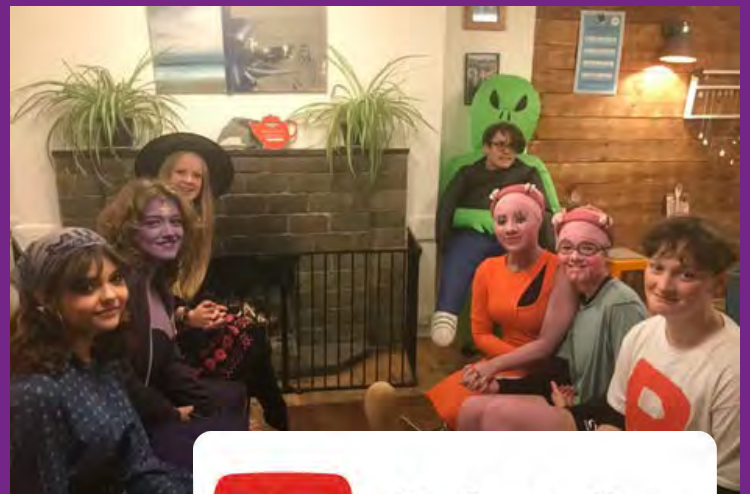
A selected group of Year 11 Art & Photography students were invited by Falmouth University to visit and experience what opportunities are available post-18.



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HALLOWEEN DRESS UP AT THE HOSTEL



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BFS TRAVELS TO LONDON!

UK Parliament



YEAR 13 HISTORY, POLITICS AND SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS HEAD TO LONDON!

MR RUSTON

In the week before half term, our Year 13 History, Politics and Sociology students enjoyed a fantastic trip to London to support their A Level studies. All students began their day with a tour of Westminster and the Houses of Parliament. This turned out to be a day of highly significant political events; the final Prime Minister's Questions for the outgoing and under-fire Liz Truss, and the day of Suella Braverman's resignation as Home Secretary! Students were given an insight into the workings of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and their roles in British parliamentary democracy. Some students were also able to watch the Speaker's procession and spotted some well-known MPs including Penny Mordaunt.

Students then embarked on a Thames Clipper journey from Westminster to the Tower of London, taking in London's sights from the River Thames before separating into two groups. Our History students went on a bespoke tour of the Tower of London, with a specific focus on the period of the Wars of the Roses. They studied the Tower of London as a source of historical evidence, investigating long-standing historical mysteries such as the disappearance of the Princes in the Tower under Richard III and the death of Henry VI. They even got to see the Crown Jewels!



Meanwhile, Sociology and Politics students went to visit the Old Bailey where students sat in the public gallery to view two court cases in progress. Both trials were for very serious crimes; students behaved impeccably and showed great respect for the court process, learning lots about the role of the jury and the interactions that happen between lawyers, witnesses and the judge.



WE ARE CELEBRATING SPORTING SUCCESS

MS URCH



U16 INDOOR HOCKEY VS CLIFTON HIGH

BFS were pleased to welcome their first EVER indoor hockey opposition on Thursday evening, Clifton High. The opposition were a Y12 team and they were up against a steadfast BFS team comprising of students from years 9-11. The nerves were obvious to see from BFS as both teams lined up to start the first quarter. BFS took early control of the game with some excellent passing and movement around the indoor pitch. The team have been training since June and you could tell! BFS went 1-0 up early on with an excellent short corner routine. Clifton High came back strongly in the second quarter scoring to make things 1-1 and half time. After a short team talk by Ms Urch and Mr MacBlain, the team were ready to give the third quarter their all. With quick rotations, playing the ball down the boards and with lots of attacking flair, BFS had numerous chances to score 2 or 3 goals but were denied by the post and the goalkeeping heroics of the opposition. Two quick Clifton High breaks meant that BFS were down 3-1 with a quarter remaining. However, this did not stop BFS on their quest to get back into the game and after having a goal disallowed, were quick to show their resilience and with a fantastic goal score from the right by Charlotte Russell were back at 3-2 with 2 minutes remaining. Unfortunately, time slipped away and the game ended at 3-2 to Clifton High. A fantastic team effort by the whole squad with some really fantastic indoor hockey on display. The team can't wait to take on their next opponents.

Well done to: Charlotte (POM), Laura, Ben (GK), Lily, Jasmine, Ella, Aila, Corinne and Grace.



MRS BALLARD

BFS SPORT



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U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our U14 superstars played in Round 3 of the English Schools Football Cup this week against Bournside School in Cheltenham. As you will notice from the picture we are looking extra smart as we finally had our new kit delivered! Thank you to St Monica's Trust for kindly sponsoring the kit, I think you'll agree it looks amazing! After a nervous first 5 minutes, the team went on to a triumphant 12-0 win!!!! Isla was given player of the match and the goalscorers were as follows: Chloe G - 4, Isla - 4, Emily G - 4. Another amazing win, on to round 4 we go!

IF YOU HAVE ANY BFS OR PLAIN NAVY-BLUE PE KIT THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE COULD YOUR CHILD BRING IT TO MRS BALLARD IN THE PE OFFICE. IT WILL BE USED TO REPLENISH OUR SPARE KIT STORE FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR KIT ON THEIR PE DAY. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.





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CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSIE!

Rosie in Year 9 recently played in the Gloucester County Golf Championships. This competition features the best under 18 girls in the county. Rosie shot 86 which meant she finished in 6th position which is fantastic for a 12 year old in an under 18 competition. She also won the Net competition with a score of 64. Her handicap has come down from 27 to 9 - amazing achievements.

Well done Rosie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IMOGEN

Congratulations to Imogen in Year 9 who won player of the year for Gloucestershire County Cricket for the 2022 season. In addition to this and after 4 full days of observations over the summer, Imogen was selected for Western Storm EPP. She was the only Under 13 player put forward by Gloucestershire and the EPP covers players aged 13-18. Imogen starts this Saturday and she is very excited to be part of this programme, as are we. Well done Imogen!

WESTERN STORM

EMERGING PLAYER PROGRAMME 2022/23

CORNWALL ELSIE-MAY PRITCHARD	WALES MARIAM SAHABDEEN TESS JACKSON EVE JACKSON SOPHIE WILLIAMS CERY S GRIFFITHS EMMA BRAZIER NIAMH MANSEL EMILY JANAS
DEVON ELLIE BISHOP RUBY DAVIS LUCY GATER MEGAN HAYWARD GEORGIA READ JEMIMA VEREKER ERIN VUKUSIC	WILTSHIRE JEMIMA RICHARDSON KATY COBB EMILY SMITH FLO SHARMAN POPPY WALKER ALICE ROBBINS
GLOUCESTERSHIRE EMILY AUSTEN LIV DANIELS IMOGEN DAVIES FLO HAMPTON PRARTHANA REDDY JEN RIVERS JEMIMA SMITH BEA WILLIS	
SOMERSET BROOKE WHITTAKER LILLY HAWKINS VERITY CLARK ALICE BIRD AVA OJOMOH EVIE DIXON	

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MR WHITFIELD



YEAR 8 RUGBY

On Wednesday the Year 8 rugby team travelled to Oasis Academy Brightstowe to compete against 4 other schools in the area rugby tournament. In terrible conditions, the students showed tremendous grit and resilience to finish the tournament undefeated! We look forward to progressing to the next round.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ISAAC, YANN & BEN

Isaac, Yann & Ben were selected to join the Basketball England Aspire programme during the October half term.

The Aspire Programme aims to develop the basketball and life skills of talented players who have the potential to play for England and Great Britain. The boys were part of a group of 60 children aged 11-15 from across the South West of England who were invited to join a regional skills camp, which took place at the University of the West of England over two days.



CONTEST

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



El Día de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday celebrated on Nov 1st and 2nd.

People gather to remember relatives and friends who have died. They build home altars and decorate them with marigold flowers, food and drinks, pictures of the deceased, calaveras.

Please create a poster using pictures and information about this celebration. The winner will be the most original one!

1st winner gets **15 housepoints**
2nd winner gets **10 housepoints**
3rd winner gets **5 housepoints**
Each entry will get **1 housepoint**



Please bring in your posters by Friday 11th to either:

Miss Ndongo in DF20 or Mr
Nouas in DF19



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