

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last week we commemorated Remembrance Day with the traditional wearing of poppies and a tutor time service. It was an important moment in the busy week and a chance for us to reflect on the sacrifices of others for our freedoms today.

Thank you to all staff who contributed to this day.



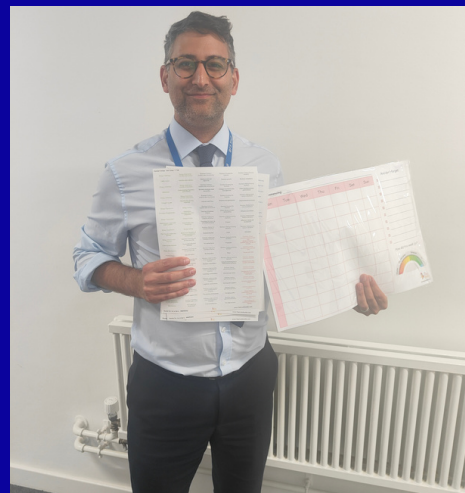
MOCK EXAMS

Today, Year 11 began their mock exams with the big English Language paper 2 and will continue all next week. Year 13 mock exams have also started for some students, and we wish them the very best. I urge students taking exams to be very active in their revision and try different techniques, so they are fully prepared for the summer.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 8 parents evening last week. Teachers' appointment cards were all full and we were delighted with the level of interest.

I also want to thank the parents/carers of Y11 who all came out on a very rainy evening to hear more about how to help their child through exams. We were lucky to have Nathan McGurl from Study Buddy speak about the best way to support Y11 during revision and exam stress. Please check out the exam section of our website for more information.



DOFE

This Week, Y9 have been invited to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. Thank you to Mr Milstead and Mr Giles for organising this.

SCHOOL-BASED WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 8 students have been starting their school-based work experience on student reception. As part of the BFS Promise, the experience aims to build students' communication skills and confidence. Year 8 have been given a wide range of jobs to do and have been a big help.



I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and are proud of the range of activities and sporting success taking place in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



MRS S KING



MR EAST

ODD SOCKS DAY

We have been celebrating Odd Socks Day which is part of the Anti-Bullying Week. The aim is to show that people are individuals with unique differences and also raise awareness for people who have been bullied or have experienced it.

This term's House competition is for students to take a photo of themselves wearing odd socks in a fun and creative way that supports the aims of raising awareness.



KEY DATES

- Tuesday 22 November - Bristol Schools Cross Country trials at BGS
- Tuesday 22 November - U14 Football Girls English Schools Competition
- Wednesday 23 November - Swimming Gala at Clifton High
- Wednesday 23 November - DofE Y10 Silver Award Sign up session after school
- Thursday 24 November - Y12 Subject Evening
- Monday 28 November - INSET Day
- Thursday 1 December - 'Blood Brothers', Cardiff Millennium Theatre
- Tuesday 6 December - Y13 Pastoral Day
- Thursday 8 December - Christmas Music Concert

WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

We have launched our Work Experience Week with our Year 12 students. As part of their study programme, all Year 12s have been asked to try and secure a work experience placement for the week of 12 June – 16 June 2023.

If you are able to offer any of our students a work experience placement during that week, please contact the Sixth Form at sixthform@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. We understand work experience is difficult to provide but please do let us know if there is anything you are able to facilitate.



MR PARRY

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS
LEADER

BFS CAREERS

Representatives from Headford Group UK, including some past Bristol Free School students, will be giving a talk about the varied roles in the recruitment industry. They will also speak about the different entry points into the industry and the different career pathways.

Headford Group UK are a leading senior appointments and sales Executive Search company who specialise in the freight forwarding & logistics marketplace.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK
WITH THE SCHOOL, OFFERING
EMPLOYER TALKS TO THE
STUDENTS THEN PLEASE GET IN
TOUCH WITH THE CAREERS
DEPARTMENT.**

BFS COMPUTER SCIENCE



UPCOMING COMPUTING EVENTS

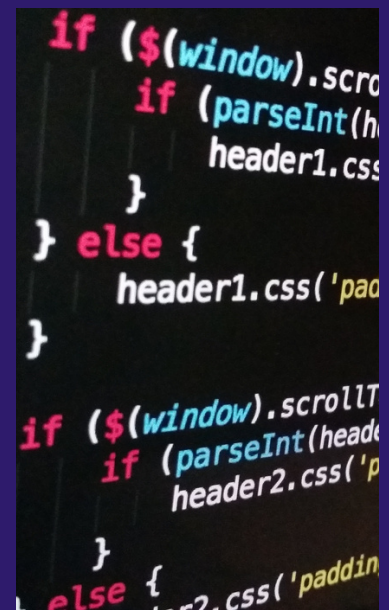
EVENT 1: 4 MARCH 2023 – CYBERFIRST TRAILBLAZER / ADVENTURERS EVENT (MALE AND FEMALE)

CyberFirst Trailblazers is a free half day event created for Year 8 students. CyberFirst Adventurers is a free half day event created for Year 9 students. UWE Unlock Cyber is hosting these 2 half day events at their Frenchay campus site in Bristol on Saturday 4 March. Students can be dropped off by their parents and CyberFirst staff will be on site to meet and greet and take them to the activity.

Further Details Visit <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/courses>
Contact: Mrs Ramanandi @ n.ramanandi@bristolfreeschool.org.uk for more details and registration



MRS RAMANANDI



Event 2: 15 March 2023 Unlock Cyber Challenge Powered by Immersive Labs, Remote

The Unlock Cyber Challenge is back for a third year. It's a FREE live 2-hour online challenge taking place on Wednesday 15 March from 10am to Midday. This challenge will be in school and is for pupils in Year 8 (male and female) who will work in teams of up to 4 people.

We have teamed up with Bristol-based Immersive Labs, the world's first fully interactive, gamified cyber skills platform, which is used by employers to train their cyber workforces. It is therefore a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their cyber skills in a fun and engaging way. Competing teams will also be given access to the Immersive Labs platform after the competition.

Event 3: 23 June 2023 - Unlock Cyber Taster Day, UWE Bristol

UWE Bristol is planning their next Unlock Cyber Taster Day for 23 June 2023. This event is for students in Years 8 and 9 and is aimed at inspiring those who are interested in cyber and taking Computer Science at GCSE. The day consists of hands-on cyber activities and problem-solving team challenges, organised by leading regional employers from the cyber sector. The event typically starts at 9.30am and finishes by 2.30pm and is held at UWE, Bristol, School of Engineering on their Frenchay Campus. Register your interest by email to Mrs Ramanandi





MR MACBLAIN

WINNER OF THE HISTORY COMPETITION



CONGRATULATIONS JASMINE

Congratulations Jasmine in 7TG6 who has taken a rather wonderful picture of a great piece of our city's historical heritage - the SS Great Britain.

House points heading your way!



ClassCharts

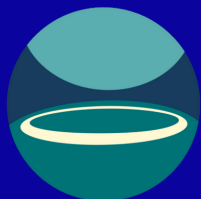
Please do make sure you have set up the Classcharts app on your phones. This is a useful tool for allowing you to see how many House Points your child has received, furthermore it also allows you to be notified of any detentions or behaviour points that have been given.



ASHTON



DURDHAM



CANFORD



BLAISE



MR MACBLAIN

MATHS HOUSE COMPETITION

As part of this year's House competition, the Maths Department would like to challenge you to engage in the four fours problem. This problem is so easy to understand even your parents will get it.

Quite simply, you must use four fours to make a calculation and work out its answer.

Here are some examples;



$$\begin{aligned}
 -4 \times -4 - (4 - -4) &= 8 \\
 4 \times 4 \div (-4 + -4) &= 2 \\
 4 + 4.4 - 0.4 &= 8 \\
 -44 \div 4.4 &= -10 \\
 4 \times (4-4) + 4 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$



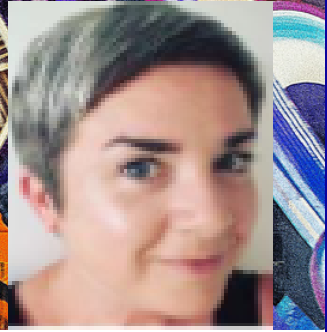
NOW COMES THE TRICKY BIT - HOW MANY DIFFERENT NUMBERS BETWEEN 1 AND 20 CAN YOU MAKE WITH THIS PROCESS?

House points will be awarded to the most number of numbers created, as well as the most ingenious approaches used, as judged by the maths teachers.

Why not challenge your parents to see who can get the most numbers? Hand in your attempts to your maths teacher no later than 1 December. Don't worry if you can't make all the numbers from 1 to 20, hand in whatever you can.....



THIS WEEK IN ART

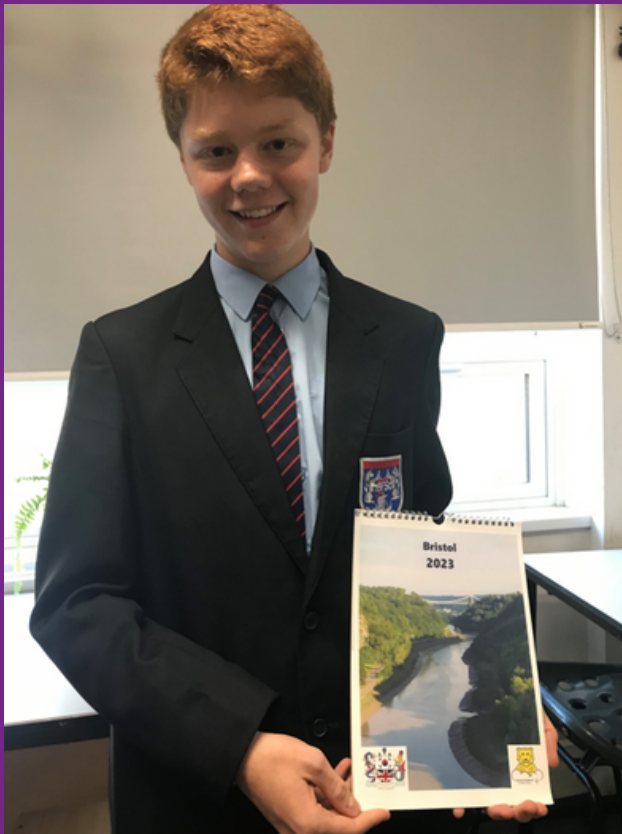


WELL DONE EVAN

MRS KINNERSLEY

Evan in Y10 has made a fabulous calendar to help raise money for his scout unit.

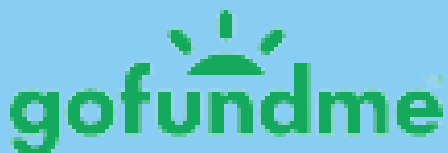
He has printed 40 calendars and he wants to sell them at £5 each. If you would like to donate, please go to this GoFundMe page and donate £5, then email k.kinnersley@bristolfreeschool.org.uk to say you would like to receive the calendar. All images were taken by Evan and are all scenes around Bristol.



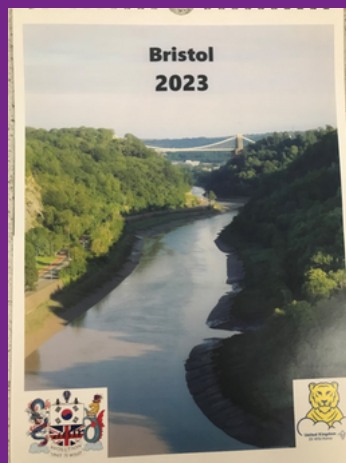
 Evan is organizing this fundraiser.

My name is Evan and I'm currently a scout in Bristol (UK), in Cabot District in Avon. I have just been through a difficult, but fun, selection process, and I am very excited to say that I have just been awarded a place, representing the UK Contingent at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea 2023! A portion of the money raised by each UK scout will go towards supporting scouts from poorer nations to attend the jamboree. I'm really excited to start fundraising with my new friends on my exciting journey to get to Korea! Thank you so much for your support!

SUPPORT EVAN HERE:



<https://gofund.me/f7c3d893>





MRS BALLARD

BFS SPORT



WE ARE CELEBRATING SPORTING SUCCESS



Y7 NETBALL FESTIVAL

Year 7s had their Netball festival this week. They played brilliantly together and were a credit to the school with their attitude and respect for all the opposition teams.

The results and player of matches were as follows:

W4-1 v St Bede's - Nancy

W5-2 v Cotham - Bethan

W6-2 v OAB - Nancy

L5-1 v RGS - Jess

W4-3 v Blaise - Bethan

The team finished second overall and very well-deserved.

Y7 & Y8 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Year 7 and 8 Athletics teams took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition this week.

They all performed fantastically well, with some great track results below:

Martha S - 1st in 2 lap, Jack R - 2nd in 2 lap, Harley G - 2nd in 2 lap, Archie P - 1st in 2 lap, Nancy G - 2nd in 4 lap. Y7 girls - 2nd in 4 x 2 lap relay, Imogen G - 1st in 6 lap, Y8 girls - 2nd in 4 x 1 lap relay, Y7 boys - 2nd in 4 x 2 lap relay, Y8 girls - 2nd in 4 x 2 lap relay

We will receive the overall scores with the field events added next week.



GREEN INFLUENCER PROGRAMME

OTR's Nature Works is teaming up with Action for Conservation for a series of environmental workshops. Over the course of six sessions, you'll learn all about climate change and environmental and social justice.

We'll think about what we can do as a community to protect our planet, explore the nature around us in Bristol and take action to protect it together. OTR and Action for Conservation will help you deliver your own project focused on what interests you.

Previous groups have planted trees and wildflowers, built an above ground pond, bird feeders and hedgehog houses, created food growing spaces and set up community workshops.

For young people aged 11-18

Starts Tuesday 6th December 4:30-6:30pm
for six weeks - location to be confirmed

Scan to find out more and sign up!

