



## ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The Year 10 Rugby Sevens team ventured to London on Wednesday to take part in the famous Rosslyn Park Rugby Sevens U16 Tournament. Rubbing shoulders with the likes of Eton, Harrow, and Millfield, our boys were certainly not out of place, actually playing up a year against Year 11 students.

Despite this, we gave a fantastic account of ourselves. With 244 schools taking part in the U16 competition, we were drawn into a pool with Royal Hospital School (Ipswich), Ysgol Bro Hyddgen (Powys) and Westbourne (Sheffield).

Starting our campaign against Royal Hospital School, we got off to a strong start with a 31-7 win against the Ipswich-based private school. We then took on Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. A slightly tighter game, however we were again victorious 21-12. With 2 wins, the team are the most successful BFS side at Rosslyn Park so far, surpassing Deago Bailey's side (1 group win). We were suddenly 1 win away from winning the group and had one eye on day 2 of the competition, where the best 122 schools return to do battle again.

Frustratingly, we were unable to overcome Westbourne School in the final game and lost 19-10 finishing 2nd in the group. Disappointing as this might have been, in my unbiased opinion, we were a considerably better side than Westbourne. However, despite the final result, the team really shone and turned a number of heads in the process, including ex-England captain Martin Johnson. Hopefully we will be able to return to Rosslyn Park next year, slightly bigger, older and better versed in the nuances of rugby sevens to give it another crack!

# KEY DATES

- Monday 27 March - SENDCo Parent Support Session
- Tuesday 28 March - Y8 Netball Finals at UWE
- Tuesday 28 March - Eco Group Trip to Mock COP Event at UoB
- Wednesday 29 March - School Production 'Tuesday' at Bristol Old Vic
- Wednesday 29 March - Y13 Physics Trip to Badminton School
- Thursday 30 March - Dragons Den YGB
- Thursday 30 March - SENDCo Parent Support Session



# BFS CAREERS

**MR PARRY**

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER



Today we were delighted to host representatives from Mercer Marsh for our Employer Talk. Mercer Marsh is an insurance brokerage who support companies with Health and Wellbeing Benefit offerings to their employees

The talk focused on what life is like working in insurance for Mercer Marsh and the different opportunities and benefits. The talk was led by two current apprentices at the firm and it was great to hear their personal insight on how they became an apprentice at Mercer Marsh and what their career paths entail. They also spoke to students about how they can apply for apprenticeships and the particular benefits of being an apprentice at Mercer Marsh.

For more information about apprenticeships at Mercer Marsh see their [website](#). There is also more information about apprenticeships on the [government website](#).

If you would like to work with the school offering employer talks to the students, then please get in touch with the Careers Department.

# YOUR HOLIDAY HUB (YHH)

A letter was sent out to parent/carers regarding the Your Holiday Hub programme, which will be running this Easter holiday. The aim of the YHH programme is to enable children and young people from Reception to Year 11 in Bristol to access free places at school holiday clubs.

The clubs offer fun, enriching and healthy activities during the school holidays, and also aim to alleviate some of the financial pressures that many families may experience during the school holidays, by including a free hot meal with each four-hour activity.

The free places are funded by the UK Government's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme and are limited to children and young people who receive Free School Meals.







MRS BALLARD

# BFS SPORT



## WELL DONE LILIA

Lilia in Year 8 competed in the National Cross Country Championship last weekend in Nottingham. She did absolutely brilliantly, coming 180th out of 339 competitors and 3rd overall from the county of Avon. What a superstar - well done!



## JIU JITSU SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Mia S in Year 9 who competed in the Bristol Open for Jiu Jitsu. She earned bronze in her category and has also been promoted to white belt - well done Mia!



## CONGRATS DEXTER

A huge congratulations to Dexter H, who played for Clifton Rugby Club's U14 Team in the Bristol Junior Combination Cup Final. The team took on Oldfield at Keynsham RFC and took home an incredible 48 - 5 victory!

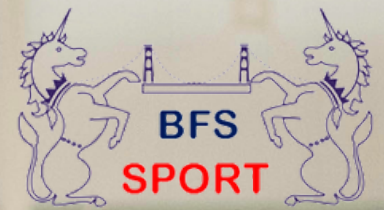






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## U14 ENGLISH SCHOOLS' NATIONAL CUP

The U14 Football Team played in the semi-finals of the English Schools National Cup this week against current holders, Surbiton High School in Kingston, London. The opposition came out strong and went 1-0 up within the first 5 minutes. However, we responded positively, with Polly scoring with an assist from Molly. Chloe forced the goalkeeper to make a good save but only to be rebounded and followed up by Emily who scored to take us to 2-1 up. Surbiton came back at us and made it back to 2-2 with a long range lob. The pick of the goals came from Chloe, just before half time, with a 30 yard screamer, taking us 3-2 up into half time. Unfortunately, Surbiton came out strong in the second half, scoring two goals to make it 4-3.



The team this year have triumphed emphatically throughout the competition with fantastic teamwork, work ethic and drive to succeed in every round. Unfortunately, Surbiton came out on top and we wish them well in the final. Our team can hold their heads high finishing in the top 4 in the country, the last remaining state school and the furthest of any team in the South West of England. Thank you for making this a fantastic journey and I'm so proud of you all..

A massive thank you to Ms Urch and Ms Ludwell who joined us on the trip today. Their support and guidance have been vital throughout the competition and it was fantastic for them to be a part of the experience this week.



Thank you to our travelling supporters who behaved impeccably, brought positive attitudes and made a massive positive impact to our team (even if there were some dodgy vocals on the coach at times!!). What a fantastic season - well done to all involved!



## U16 FOOTBALL

The U16 Football Team played against Orchard in their quarter-final game this week.

Grace opened the scoring with a slick chip of the goalkeeper. Connie scored a long range shot shortly open to make it 2-0. Grace and Connie both scored another to make the final score 4-0. Jas was voted player of the match.

A great team performance, well done!







# BFS SPORT



MR HOILE

## BRISTOL SCHOOLS' CUP SEMI-FINAL



The Y7 Boys Football Team maintained their undefeated record by smashing four goals past Fairfield High School.

The team kept the ball well, pressuring the opposition into giving a penalty. Samuel was clinical from the spot. Before King dribbled from our own half to strike into the bottom corner, Lenny chipped the keeper for the third and Samuel got his brace from a freekick from outside the box.

The game finished the an impressive 4-0. Well done to all involved!



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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## Y10 STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

This week saw the finale of the Student Leadership Programme, which our fab Year 10 students have been working on since October 2022. The final meeting was held at Clifton College on Wednesday, and all of the schools presented their successful social action projects. BFS raised money for the Help Bristol's Homeless charity over the winter, engaging our whole school community to provide monetary donations as well as a huge amount of food and toiletries. Over £800 was collected, making us the biggest fundraisers from the schools partnership.

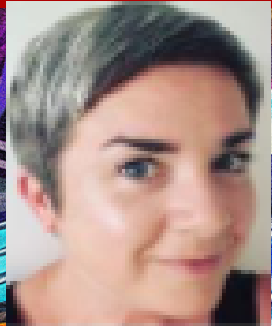
Susie, Ishaq and Jacob presented with professionalism, using the skills and tips they had learned earlier in the project. They explained how the coaching sessions and shadowing of members of BFS staff had helped them to become the newly-awarded leaders they are!

We're looking forward to the great ideas they have to take student leadership further here at BFS, and to participating next year with our current Year 9s! Well done again to Susie, Ishaq and Jacob, and to our fourth member of the team, Kaira.





# THIS WEEK IN ART TRIP TO WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM



MRS KINNERSLEY

Y10 Art and Photography students enjoyed some sunshine at Westonbirt Arboretum. These students have been creating outstanding work in school linked to Natural Forms and Light and Dark.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to take photos ready for the mock exam next week. We had a wonderful day and even had a member of the public call the school to say how amazing our students were. Thank you Mrs Stokes for organising a great day out!

