

Bulletin

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE PRACTICE

140 of our Year 9 students recently participated in the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in Bristol. The expedition involved a challenging trek, covering a total of 21km over two days, with lots of smiles and a finish in both the rain and the sun.

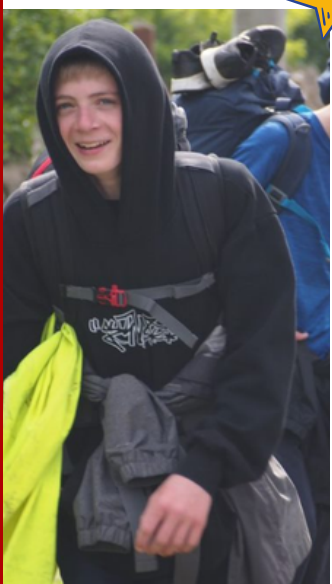
The adventure began on a sunny morning as the students left their school and embarked on their journey, equipped with the supplies and necessary skills that they had learnt during their training. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the group remained motivated and focused, working together to navigate through the rugged terrain.

Over the course of the two days, the students had the opportunity to explore the local area, taking in the stunning views and enjoying the fresh air. They encountered a few obstacles along the way, but with the support of their peers and leaders, they were able to overcome any challenges that came their way.

Despite the physically demanding nature of the expedition, all 140 students completed the journey without any major injuries, save for a twisted ankle and a couple of blisters. The sense of achievement and camaraderie amongst the group was palpable as they crossed the finish line, in rain and in the sun. All smiles regardless.

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition provides a unique opportunity for young individuals to develop essential life skills, including teamwork, resilience, and perseverance. We are thrilled to see so many young people taking part in this programme and hope that they continue to push themselves outside of their comfort zones and embrace new challenges.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in this Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition and for their incredible achievements in the award so far. We are looking forward to the qualifying expedition in a couple of weeks!



KEY DATES

- Monday 8 May - King Charles Coronation (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 9 May - BEP Sustainable Industries Career Event Y10, 11, 12
- Tuesday 9 May - Flying Start Challenge Grand Final Y8
- Wednesday 10 May - Salters Chemistry Competition

CORONATION MENU

Thank you to our amazing catering team for preparing a Coronation-themed menu with afternoon tea on Thursday. The team did a great job and the students seemed to really enjoy the menu and the music!



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 issues 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,

The Attendance Team



BFS SIXTH FORM



MR SMITH

UCAS EXHIBITION

All students in Year 12 visited the UCAS Exhibition at ICC Wales in Newport last week. Universities from across the country were represented, and students were able to discuss their courses and the admissions process with members of the universities that they are interested in. Delegates at the exhibition also brought a plethora of merchandise with them, which meant the students left with new branded bags, pens, rubbers and even sunglasses! Year 12 students will now begin working on their personal statements, with some beginning to explore their apprenticeship options too.



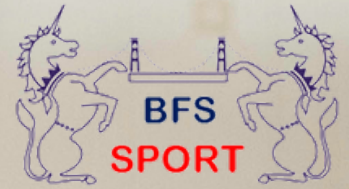
MR TREAN

Y12 OXFORD TRIP

On Tuesday 2 May, 25 students from the Aim High group attended a school trip to Merton College, Oxford. This was a fantastic opportunity to explore more about life and applications to a competitive entry university. We also had a brief chance to look around the Ashmolean Museum.

I was incredibly proud of the students for their maturity, inquisitive and thoughtful questions, and their dedication to acting as good role models for the school. I hope it has given them more insight into their next steps, including preparation for entrance exams and reading around their subject of choice. I would also like to thank the members of the Admin Team who helped to make sure the day ran smoothly.





MRS BALLARD

U14 FOOTBALL SUCCESS!



U14 played in the quarter-final of the Gloucestershire Cup this week against Winterbourne School. No surprise, our fantastic team were triumphant and won 9-1!

Scorers were Emily (3), Chloe (2), Polly (1), Isla (2) and Matilda (1). Player of the Match was given to Emily - well done. A massive thank you to Ms Jetullaji who stepped in to take the fixture.

The team will face either SBL or Downend in the semi-final, with the final at Cirencester Town looming.

BRISTOL SCHOOLS FOOTBALL FINAL

On Wednesday 10 May, both our U14 and U16 Girls Football Teams are through to the Bristol Schools final. It is a double header against Bedminster Down School. The games will be played at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex and we would love as much support as possible. The U14 game will be played 3-4pm and U16 game following straight after at 4-5pm. We will update next week with the results of these finals.





BFS SCIENCE

MISS KELLY

WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS SUMMIT

Last week, Ishawaq and Kaira attended the very first WECA Schools Summit!

Year 10s from every school in the region gathered under the Concorde at Aerospace to discuss and influence policies surrounding transport, energy, careers, and culture.

From Lego engineering to inflatable automatons, from robot dogs to festival event management - we got stuck in to engaging activities and inspirational talks while brushing shoulders with the likes of Metro Mayor Dan Norris.

To top it all off, our students won a first-place trophy for their sustainable, community-focussed energy project! Their ideas could change the world!





BFS CAREERS

MR PARRY

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER

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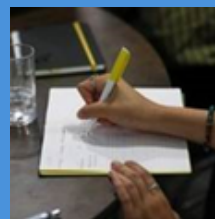
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A small prize for any and everyone wearing a home-made crown on the day

Westbury-on-Trym COMMUNITY FAIR



Bring your teddy along for a parachute ride



Saturday 13th May, 2023

11am to 3.15pm – village locations;
Methodist Plant sale, Parish Church, GP Car Park area

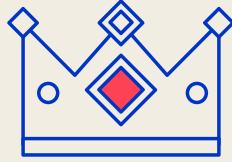
Books, Bric-a-brac, Craft, Displays, Local Produce, Music, Plants, Raffle, Refreshments, Stalls, Teddy Parachute, Tombola, Tower Tours, Entertainment, and more from the community!

Raffle draw at 3pm, tickets on sale before and during the event.



Westbury
Church





A ROYAL OCCASION

KING CHARLES III
ROYAL CORONATION
6 MAY 2023

