

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

## A POSITIVE END TO TERM 5!



## KEY DATES

- Tuesday 6 - Thursday 8 June - Y10 River Holford & Bristol Harbourside Trip
- Thursday 8 June - Battlefields Trip - Info for Parent Eve (DG01 5pm - 6pm)

## D OF E

On Wednesday, I spent a lovely evening with the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students who were completing their Bronze Award. The weather was ideal for the expedition and the camaraderie between students, staff and H5 instructors was fantastic.

These experiences are such an important part of school life and will create lifelong memories and possibly a love of nature and being outdoors.

This year 85% of our Year 9 cohort have taken D of E which makes us the highest participating state school in the Southwest! Miss Urch, Mr Milstead and the Year 9 tutors are delighted with this high level of engagement and are very proud of our students.

I am delighted to report that a member of the community contacted school on Wednesday after meeting our Year 9 whilst walking in the area:

They wanted to let the school know that the students were the most friendly, charming, and lovely group of young people that they have had the pleasure to meet since residing there.

They have mentioned currently people are far too quick to criticise and not fast enough to praise.

## EXAMS

I am also pleased to report how proud we are of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have just completed an intense period of public exams. It is a testament to the work that they have put in over the last few months because they have approached each exam in a calm and focused manner.

I know they will be revising for another busy week of exams after HT but they also deserve a bit of down time in this half term. It is important to get the balance!

Year 10 students also coped extremely well with their first public GCSE exam in Religion and Philosophy and this experience will prepare them well for Year 11.

We have a lot planned for term 6 so please look out for letters explaining the arrangements and any changes to the timings of the day. We also use twitter and Instagram to send updates.

Wishing you all a great half term before we return for term 6.



**MRS S KING**





# BFS SPORT



MS URCH

## SPORTS LEADERS



Our Year 9 and 10 sports leaders have been amazing this week in running both foundation, KS1 and KS2 sports days at Westbury on Trym Primary. The team delivered a variety of fundamental sessions in the morning that varied between some jumping, running and throwing activities. All children represented their house and had so much fun. Our leaders were incredible on both days and in addition, supported the afternoon's athletics races, from egg and spoon, to the 60m dash and crazy mass relays! A huge well done to all involved, they were super amazing throughout.

## Y8/Y9 ROUNDERS

Both teams travelled to Blaise on Thursday in what was finally some summer weather. Both teams played with a great competitive spirit, scoring some fantastic rounders in the process. The Year 9 team won emphatically with an 18-7 win and the Year 8 team a 3-1.5 win. Imogen was awarded player of the match for the Year 9 team, and Rosie for best batter and Matilda for best fielder for the Year 8 team. Well done to all involved.



MRS BALLARD

## FOOTBALL SUCCESS!!

Last night, our U14 team played in their final game of the season in the FA Gloucestershire Cup Final. The final took place at Cirencester Town Football Club with Cleeve School as our opponents. Our Year 9 students in the team had been completing Duke of Edinburgh during the day and still were full of energy for the evening game!

Chloe opened the scoring with some great link-up play with Emily. Out of character, we then conceded a goal almost instantly. However that didn't impact the morale of the team and we went into half time 5-1 up.

Goalscorers were Isla (2) Chloe (2) and Em (1). We remained compact as a unit and played out the second half in style with Isla scoring another super strike to make it a hat trick. The game finished 6-1!!

Our U14 team are now champions of Bristol, Gloucestershire Schools champions and National Cup semi finalists. What a phenomenal season - well done to the whole squad. Onwards and upwards for next year.





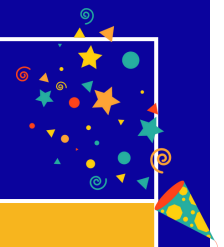


# BFS HOUSE POINTS

MR MACBLAIN

With Ashton currently holding the title (for a second consecutive year), things are really heating up in the race to be the overall House winner of 2023! Although Ashton still lead the way, Durdham have now leapfrogged over Canford into 2nd place and are hot on Ashton's heels. The race between Durdham and Canford is very tight - all to play for in Term 6!

	House	House Point Total - Term 5
1st	Ashton	30277
2nd	Durdham	29195
3rd	Canford	29116
4th	Blaise	27414



Today we celebrated our next set of students to reach over 250 House points. Students spent time with Mrs King and their Year Leads and enjoyed a celebratory breakfast. Well done!





# BFS HOUSE POINTS

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And here is a shout out to the students who currently lead the way for House Points awarded. Such has been the success of our rewards this year, we have had to introduce two new categories! Students who achieve over 300 house points can now choose to 'help a staff member for the day'. This can be any member of staff in our school, teaching or non-teaching and students can wear their own clothes if they wish. Keep watching for some exciting photos in future newsletters!

For students who achieve over 400 house points, I have invited in the Chair of Governors to have afternoon tea on July 18 with them. I know she is very excited about spending time with some of our fantastic young people. I wish you all a lovely half-term and it really does give me such pleasure to see so many of our young people being recognised and rewarded for their achievements.

Sadane (9TG2) - 367  
Nicholas (9TG7) - 316  
Ella (9TG7) - 315  
Ellie (9TG4) - 314  
Ben (9TG7) - 299  
Emlyn (9TG7) - 299  
Zero (9TG2) - 298

Archie (9TG7) - 297  
Jess (9TG2) - 296  
Ben (9TG4) - 289  
Fiona (8TG7) - 288  
Awura (9TG4) - 282  
Stan (9TG2) - 282

Eleanor (9TG2) - 278  
Laura (9TG7) - 276  
Izzy (9TG2) - 271  
Joel (9TG4) - 270  
Mia (9TG7) - 269  
Sumayyah (9TG4) - 268  
Sophie (7TG3) - 268

## MENSTRUAL HEALTH DAY 2023



We celebrated Menstrual Health Day today with drop-in sessions over lunchtime. Students engaged in some interesting and open conversations about reusable and eco-friendly products, the importance of menstrual care and even helped themselves to free menstrual products. Thanks to everyone who came by and to our amazing Sixth Formers for helping out!

Free menstrual products are always available in Main Reception, Student Services and Sixth Form Admin Office.



Menstrual hygiene is a human right

End Period Poverty

End the Stigma





# BFS ORACY



MR HARRIS

## ORACY

## WORKSHOPS



Last week, we were delighted to welcome a group of Year 9 Oracy Pioneers and Year 7 students from Redmaids' High School, for a special student-led oracy workshop. Two of our very own Year 9 Oracy Pioneers – Maeve and Mo E – performed excellently, and our Year 7s were a credit to BFS. The two groups of Year 9s took it in turns to run a series of activities designed to boost confidence in public speaking, improve our listening skills, and make us really focus on our language choices (whilst also having a lot of fun!).

All students engaged superbly, with great teamwork and collaboration between both schools. It was especially lovely to see all the Year 7s grow into the space, and become increasingly self-assured as they moved through the activities. This was all testament to the skills and preparation of the Year 9s, who had thought carefully about not only the range and sequence of activities, but also how best to explain and lead them. We'll make teachers of you yet!

We look forward to building on this collaboration, watch this space...



# BFS SCIENCE



MS BOARD

## SUBSEA STEM CHALLENGE



This week, six of our fab Year 9s represented BFS at the Subsea STEM Challenge regional final. Tasked with designing, building and programming a mini-ROV to clean up our oceans, our team moved straight to creating their robot. Alongside this, we were tasked to storyboard and create promotional videos and marketing material to sell the ROV to the industry. With some super sums, inspired design work and a great team name, we were in the top of the group. The programming proved hard, but the team showed boundless enthusiasm and resilience throughout the day - team work really does make the dream work!

In the afternoon, we had to present to esteemed judges from the industry who commented on how professionally each member of the team had spoken, using great projection and personality. We were so happy to finish in the top four after a long and challenging day. All staff at the event commented on how polite, friendly and fun our group were. A huge congratulations to Louisa, Jess, Awura, Mae, Harry and Ben on being incredible ambassadors for BFS!



# BFS SCIENCE

## 7TG7 POLLINATION ARTICLES



LILY



Pollen is the male sex cell in a plant. Pollen is important because it helps plants reproduce. This creates a seed which causes more plants to grow. Pollination can be carried out through wind or insects.

In both wind and insects, the main steps carried out are: A pollen grain from plant lands on the stigma of a different plant. Then, the pollen tube extends down the style and into the ovary. Only the nucleus of the pollen grain travels down the style. The pollen grain then fertilises the ovule in the ovary, which then develops into a seed.

However, bee numbers are rapidly declining and have been since 1997. This is because we are killing more of them and destroying their habitats.

CARLA



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A pollen grain from another plant lands in the sticky stigma. This step is known as pollination. A pollen tube extends down the style, towards the ovary. The nucleus of the pollen grain travels down the tube, and then fertilises the ovule in the ovary. Then the fertilised ovule develops into a seed.



ANYA



Pollen is the male sex cell in a plant. Pollen is important because it helps plants reproduce, and so pollination is vital for humans to survive, as humans need food. And crops of plants provide this for us. Pollination is when the nucleus of a male sex cell fuses with the nucleus of a female sex cell. They fuse in the ovaries of a plant. The fertilised cell then turns into a seed which produces a new plant.

We should be aware that the number of bees is declining because bees move pollen between plants which results in pollination and plants and food being grown.

BARNEY



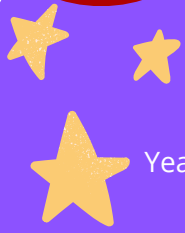
How is food made? You might think that food is just from Tesco or from an animal but there are more you don't see working behind the scenes. We would have little food if it weren't for pollen which is a male sex cell in a plant. Bees and other insects climb into the flowers to eat the nectar and get covered in pollen. Then they travel to other flowers and the pollen sticks to the stigma. Then the pollen is transferred to the ovum, the female sex cells, where it is fertilised and creates a new seed which when ready gets dispersed and grows into their own plants. These plants then grow and get eaten by animals (including humans!). The animals we eat like cows for example eat a lot of plants and then when they are fully grown, we eat them. All this wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the bees flying from flower-to-flower pollinating our future. But since 1947 the numbers of bees have rapidly been decreasing and if we carry on as we do, killing them off, then we will soon run out of plants to feed our animals and consequentially we make us run out of food.







# BFS COOKS



## HEALTHY BUDGET DISHES! MISS EVANS

Year 8 have been working hard creating healthy budget meals, all cooked in 100 minutes!

