

MRS KING



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

It has been a very positive start to the new academic year. I am delighted with the focus, effort and hard work I have seen in lessons so far. Year 7 have settled into the BFS family very well and Year 12 have made a strong start to their A level journey.

We had very high levels of interest in the school at our Sixth Form and Y6 Open Evenings. The student support at these events was fantastic!

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Street who will be leaving BFS to work at UWE on a careers project. We wish her the very best and thank her for the important contribution she has made to the DT Department.

Next term we have a lot to look forward to and the important dates are in this bulletin.

Wishing you all a great half term and fingers crossed it is not too wet.



MR SMITH

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

It was a pleasure to welcome over 450 guests to the school for our Sixth Form Open Evening. We hope that those that came left with a better understanding of what makes our Sixth Form unique and a better understanding of which subjects they would like to choose next year.

Students currently at BFS have a guaranteed offer of a place in the Sixth Form if they achieve at least 5 Grade 4s at GCSE (including English). If you weren't able to join us, you can find out more about our Sixth Form at the Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 2 November. Visit our website for tickets and more info.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 11 December and you can apply on our website.

KEY DATES

- Tuesday 31 October - Y10 MacBeth Workshop
- Tuesday 31 October - Friday 3 November - Y12 Cern and Geneva Residential
- Thursday 2 November - Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening and BEP Student Leadership Event
- Thursday 2 - Friday 3 November - Y11 Food Exams

AN UPDATED EXTRA-CURRICULAR BOOKLET IS ON OUR WEBSITE

careers notices



CAREERS ADVISOR
RACHEL LYONS

Hi, I'm the Careers Adviser for Bristol Free School, working for Compass Careers. I'll be in DF29 every Tuesday and Thursday. I qualified as a Professional Careers Adviser (level 7) 31 years ago! I've worked in 3 different areas in the country, arriving in Bristol in 1995. I've worked across Bristol in school and colleges, and latterly in the HE sector. After bringing up a family, qualifying as a Homeopath; a 5 year stint as a Town Councillor and working in my local community, I've returned to my chosen vocation! I love working with young people at the start of their career journeys and supporting them to forge their own destiny! I look forward to working with the staff and students at BFS!

 **FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE IN MAIN RECEPTION, STUDENT SERVICES AND THE SIXTH FORM ADMIN OFFICE**

It has been an exciting few weeks, with respect to careers support and education. We are developing a new careers hub in DF.29 which will be a space where students can access careers information and guidance. All year 11 students will have an appointment with Rachel in the coming weeks where they can discuss their future plans for careers and education. Y13 students who request an appointment are also being prioritised. Appointments for Y12 students will follow in the new year.

EMPLOYER TALKS

On Friday mornings during tutor time, Year 10 - 13 will have the opportunity to hear from employers and professionals in a range of different careers. We are always looking for new speakers, so if you would like to come in and tell students about your career and how you go into it, please get in touch with r.lynch@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

Upcoming Employer Talks:

- Engineering, Manufacturing and Finance at Airbus - 3 November
- Radiography - 10 November
- Aerospace Engineering at Stirling Dynamics - 17 November
- Physiology - 24 November
- Studying English Literature at UWE - 1 December
- Paleobiology - 19 January

Y12 WEX

On Wednesday 10 July - Friday 12 July, year 12 students will be conducting work experience. This is a great opportunity for students to get out of school and into an employment sector of interest. Work experience can be difficult to find, especially in the current climate of increased hybrid working. We are therefore trying to support students with this by building a bank of placements. If you think you or someone you know would be able to offer a placement to one of our students on these dates, please email r.lynch@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. This would really help us and will no doubt be much appreciated by our students.



BFS BTEC

MRS MORGAN-JONES

WHAT ARE BTECS?

BTECs are high-quality, career-focused qualifications grounded in the real world of work. This means BTEC learners develop and apply the knowledge, skills and behaviours that employers and universities are looking for. Here at BFS we deliver a range of BTEC qualifications including Health and Social Care, Business and Applied Science.

WHAT DO OUR BTEC STUDENTS THINK?

BTEC doesn't all rely on exams at the end - it gives an opportunity to use different skills to gain a qualification

LEAH

12TG1



ELLIE

12TG3

I did HSC at GCSE and liked that there was less stress at the end - I'm enjoying developing my knowledge further



I took Business and HSC because I like the coursework. For HSC I am enjoying having 2 teachers - they both teach different areas of the course but they align with each other nicely

FIZZA

12TG3



SANKUNG

12TG5

I like the freedom of HSC - it gives different ways of working that you don't get in every other subject. For example, most of it can be done on my laptop



BTEC provides a different way of learning skills. I have really enjoyed using lots of case studies whilst we learn. As a BTEC student I have gained transferable skills that I can use in the real world as I hope to become a paediatrician

KHADIJA

13TG2



SHANIQUA

13TG3

BTEC HSC will enable me to become a foster carer which is what I dream of doing in the future. It also covers a lot of job roles which will give me more options when I finish Year 13



BTEC provides an alternative route to the exam style in A levels and that approach works best for me. The coursework we do applies to real life and that is extremely interesting and beneficial to my future

ZARA

13TG3



MISS HAWES

BTEC APPLIED



SCIENCE UPDATE

BTEC Applied students are working hard towards their unit 3 examination in January. They have been completing work on enzymes and electricity. Next they will be going on to ecology, building on their work they did at Folly Farm last year.



They all passed their unit 1 exam in the summer and some students got a superb distinction grade! We are looking forward to entering some students for the prestigious BTEC science learner of the year award and seeing if we can match our superb results of 2021 when we had two international winners of gold and silver.

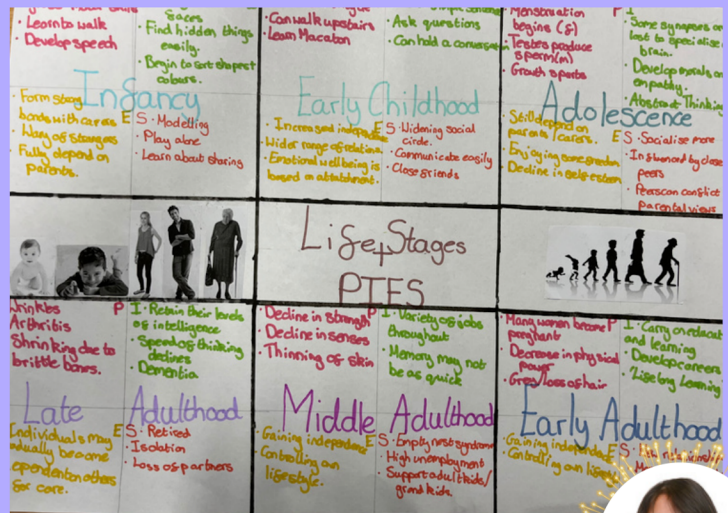
BFS BTEC

YEAR 10 BTEC HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



RIVER 10TG1

In HSC we are currently working on the PIES (Physical Intellectual Emotional and Social) development within each life stage. This is a really interesting topic because it teaches us about what has already happened to us within our lives, and what to expect in the future, in terms of mental health, as well as physical health. I enjoy HSC BTEC because it helps me to understand what others are going through and calms my worries down for what to expect happening to me in the future. I am hoping to work in HSC in the future within the education sector, in order to help teach the future generations, and aid them through the stress of life.



ZARA 10TG2

In Health and Social Care, we are currently working on PIES. PIES is an acronym meaning Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social. Throughout life stages, people experience change within these sections like physical growth or intellectual development. This is an interesting topic because it helps you understand the changes that may happen in your body that you don't yet acknowledge or understand. I enjoy Health and Social Care BTEC because it opens me to new opportunities and advantages to learn and discuss about Health and Social overall. I am hoping to work in HSC in the future of a psychiatrist so I can help people with their struggles of life and guide them through it, like depression for example.

KASSIE 10TG3

In Health and Social Care, we are currently working on the different life stages. The physical intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) skills during the development of the stages and emotional security. Also, in infancy we have been learning about the gross and fine motor skills which is developing the different movements in specific body parts. This is interesting because it provides the information you should know to support the people throughout your life, from young children to elderly assistance. I'm not wanting to do anything in the future to do with health and social. If I did, I would probably be a support worker because it is very rewarding, and you get to work on communicating with other people.



MEET THE HEADS OF HOUSE

HEAD OF ASHTON

MR NOUAS



My name is Mr Nouas and welcome to Ashton House! I joined BFS in 2020 and teach French and Spanish. I love languages and sports in general! I am the captain of a 5-a-side football team and have a really competitive nature. I look forward to leading Ashton in retaining the House Cup and regaining the Sports Day Cup. I am also particularly keen on, and look forward to, supporting our charity – St Peter's Hospice!

HEAD OF BLAISE

MISS GILTROW



My name is Miss Giltrow – welcome to Blaise House! I joined BFS just over a year ago as part of the behaviour team and since September I've moved across to the SEMH team. I'm extremely competitive and love rugby and dance but also can be very creative! As you know Children's Hospice South West is the chosen charity for Blaise and I'm really keen to explore how we can support this charity this year! I'm excited to head up Blaise house this year and encourage everyone to get involved in winning the house cup and sports day but most importantly feel proud to be part of Blaise house!

HEAD OF CANFORD

MRS GARDINER



My name is Mrs Gardiner and welcome to Canford House. I have been at BFS for over 4 years and my role is SEMH manager. I have a great passion for supporting students and building up relationships and trust. I am creative and enjoy art and music, and I *do* like to talk and not take life too seriously!

I love to celebrate all occasions and love decorating, especially Christmas! I am quite dramatic and colourful, and I always try to make others happy. I like a challenge, so come on Canford - let's smash it!

HEAD OF DURDHAM

MRS DAY



Hi, my name is Mrs Day and I'm thrilled to be the new Head of House for Durdham House. I have been at BFS for 7 years, working in the DT and Art Department. I love all things to do with arts, crafts and making. Being in Durdham I am now attracted to everything green! I'm excited by the idea of introducing lots of different House competitions this year, to allow all students at BFS to shine and show off their hidden skills and talents. I have a cheeky, competitive nature and am determined to bring home the gold cup for Durdham at the end of the year. Durdham House students have chosen St Monica's Trust as its chosen charity. This is a charity close to my heart as I previously worked at St Monica's, Cote Lane. Durdham to win!!!! Green all the way!

HOUSE CHARITIES

ASHTON



ST PETER'S HOSPICE

BLAISE



CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

CANFORD



BRISTOL BLACK CARERS

DURDHAM



ST MONICA'S TRUST

MEET THE HEAD STUDENTS

ELLIOTT ASHTON



Hi, my name is Elliott, and I am studying Computer Science, Physics and Maths at A levels, and I am hoping to study Computer Science further at Oxford.

I decided to apply to be a Head Student in order to become further involved in our school's community.

One aspect of this that I am really looking forward to focusing more on, is supporting Ashton's chosen charity - St Peter's Hospice.

HANNAH CANFORD



My name is Hannah and I'm a Year 13 studying French, Drama and Psychology A-Levels. I am also the proud student leader of Canford House! I joined BFS in 2017 and have been a member of Canford since we launched the house system. I love languages, theatre and music and am looking forward to doing plenty of work for our school community, particularly leading my house to success!

I am also really looking forward to focussing more on supporting Canford's chosen charity - Bristol Black Carers.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to find me in the common room :)

SIMONA BLAISE



Hello, my name is Simona and I am one of the Head Students. I am in Year 13, studying History, Chemistry and Psychology. I would like to go to university to study Law and hope to become a barrister in the future.

As Head Student I aim to bring the BFS community closer by creating more opportunities for the lower and upper school to work together to help and improve the wider community around us.

I would like to help create a wide range of extracurricular clubs and House activities to enable students to improve their skills and hobbies as well as meet new people and share their interests with each other.

I believe Blaise House is the best house in the school and I'm excited to help lead our house to success this year!

ZAINAB DURDHAM



Hi everyone, my name is Zainab. I take A-level Biology, Chemistry and History.

I have the aspirations to take Forensic Science as my University course with hopes of becoming a Forensic Scientist in the future.

My aim as Head Student is to create an even better representation of the BFS slogans of Community and Ambition through my work with my fellow head students.

I hope we, as a group, can utilise our strengths and work together to make a mark in this school year.

REMEMBRANCE AT BFS

On Friday 10 November, we will be running a whole school event for Remembrance.

Until then, poppies will be sold at break and lunch times with all donations going to the Royal British Legion.





**ROBINS
FOUNDATION**

ST PAULS

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GIRLS FOOTBALL DAY!

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

12PM - 2PM

ST PAULS SPORTS CENTRE BS2 9NH

Our upcoming football day is a fun, free session for girls born between 2006 - 2010.

The day is sign up only with limited spaces available.



For more information and to get involved please contact Grace at grace.phillips@bcfc.co.uk

JOIN OUR GIRLS FOOTBALL U12 SQUAD



U12 Squad looking for girls in **Year 7!**

No experience necessary.

Training every Tuesday | 18:15 - 19:15
& home fixtures on Sundays at
Shine Sports Ground (BS6)

Contact **info@myshine.co.uk** to book a **free trial**



OCTOBER 2023

THINGS TO DO IN BRISTOL

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND
THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

Visit the Bristol Rocks website today!



FIND HALF TERM FUN

There are so many things to do this October half term, we have added a button so you can find them all in one place!

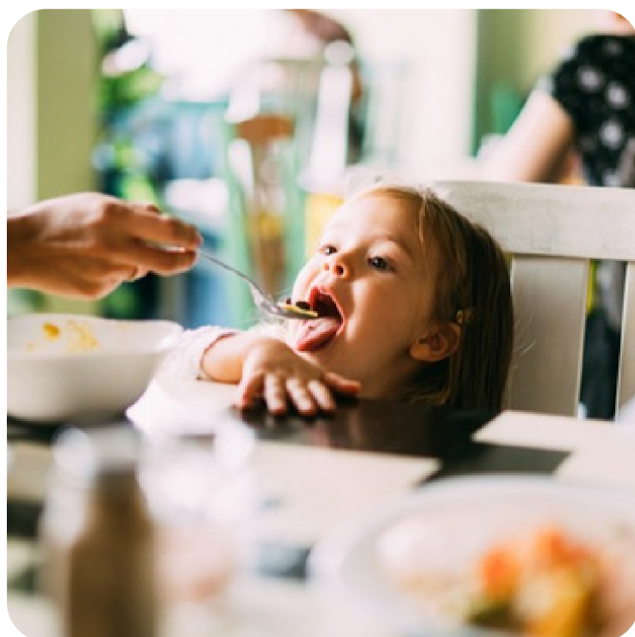
There are places to pick pumpkins, spooky events including Spooky Slime Sessions, Halloween disco's and lots more.

Visit [Bristol Rocks](http://BristolRocks) to find out more.

KIDS EAT FREE IN BRISTOL

Taking the family out for diner should be a fun treat for everyone, so take advantage of all of our 'Kids Eat Free' restaurants

www.bristol.rocks/places-to-eat/



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