

Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and students

BFS SIXTH FORM

One of the many great things about BFS is the fact we have a large and successful sixth form. This has many advantages for our school:

1. We can attract the best teachers who love their subject



2. Sixth Formers act as role models to the younger students and can inspire and support them.



PARENT SURVEY

If you haven't done so already, please complete the parent survey sent via Parent Pay earlier this week. We really appreciate your feedback.

Thank you.

Recently I have been struck by the number of our sixth formers who are now volunteering to support extra-curricular clubs and lessons. We do expect sixth formers to volunteer for one period every week. Many have volunteered in the LRC supporting students' reading, in Science, Maths and DT lessons as well as helping with PE fixtures.

On Wednesday I visited the EAL club where a number of our Year 12 students were playing games and chatting with the younger EAL students to support their English language. There was a wonderful warm supportive atmosphere which was very special indeed.



Volunteering in your local community has many benefits for all involved. It develops confidence and communication skills as well as supports our community values. A big well done to all staff and students who have made that possible.

SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

On Tuesday 5 December we have Sixth Former for a Day so our Year 11 students can get a taste of what life is like in our Sixth Form. We are looking forward to guiding them through their application process. A big well done for completing a demanding set of mock exams, Ms Bate was delighted with the maturity and focus over the last 2 weeks.

Remember Monday 4 December is an inset day, so enjoy your long weekend.



MRS S KING

careers notices

KEY DATES

- Monday 4 December - INSET DAY
- Tuesday 5 December - Sixth Former for a Day

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mercer Mash Benefits are running work experience from 15 - 18 January for students interested in careers in insurance. If you are interested, please apply [via this link](#) before 14 December!

LIONESSES IN THE MAKING!



Congratulations to Isla and Chloe in Year 10 who both represented England in the England Women's Under 15 UEFA Development Tournament, which was held in Loughborough and St George's Park, London. Both ladies played their part in the following wins: England v Wales (won 10-1); England v Greece (won 3-0); England v Norway (won 5-1). Isla scored one of the goals against Wales, and both girls played their part in each match. We are all incredibly proud of both Isla and Chloe and continue to be excited about their footballing futures. Well done from all of us at BFS!

WELL DONE!

UWE Bristol

MISS NORTON CAREERS LEAD



EMPLOYER TALKS

Today we welcomed Dr Mariadele Boccardi who is a Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England. She spoke to a group of very enthusiastic students from Year 9 to Year 13 about the skills that students gain from studying for a degree in English Literature; communication, advanced research and analysis, critical thinking, and gaining greater social and cultural awareness are all skills/knowledge that are useful for a range of careers.

Mariadele gave examples of English graduates from UWE to show the wide range of careers available to English Literature graduates, which included roles in communications, digital marketing, content writing, recruitment and PR.



UPCOMING EMPLOYER TALKS:

- Friday 8 December - Bookselling and starting your own business with Max Minerva's
- Friday 5 January - Law at Burges Salmon
- Friday 1 December - Biomedical Science with the NHS

BFS RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL TRIP

MRS STEELE



On Monday 20 November Year 12 A Level Religious Studies students were accompanied by Mrs Steele and Mr McCarter to Worcester Cathedral for an exciting conference titled 'God and the Good.' The conference was hosted by renowned philosopher and scholar Dr Peter Vardy, who the students (and Mrs Steele) were very excited to meet!



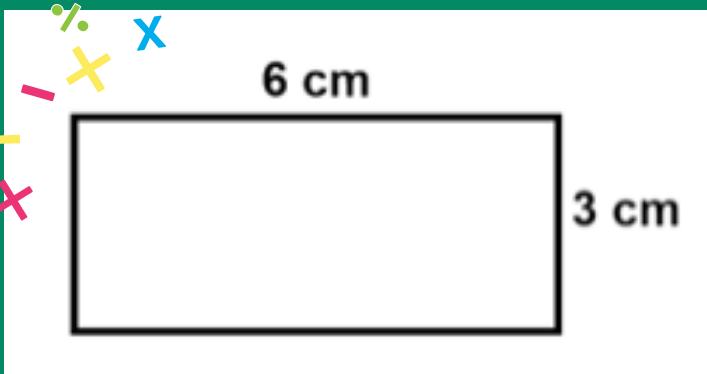
In the morning we were treated to two fascinating talks from Dr Vardy: Can God be good? And does saying 'God is good' mean anything? The afternoon turned the attention to ethics and a talk on Natural Moral Law, before a debate on the extent to which the conscience acts as a good moral guide. Five of our students were even brave enough to take to the microphone and contribute their thoughts to the debate!

An excellent day was had by all, and Mrs Steele certainly has the bug for getting out of the classroom again.

BES MATHS

MR BROWN

HOUSE MATHS COMPETITION



This shape is an equable shape because the value of its perimeter is equal to the value of its area.

$$\text{Perimeter} = 6 + 3 + 6 + 3 = 18\text{cm}$$
$$\text{Area} = 6 \times 3 = 18\text{cm}^2$$

The competition is to see if you can find any other equable shapes. There are lots out there and they are not all rectangles!

One House Point per entry plus another House Point per equable shape found (limited to ten different shapes!!)

Hand your entries in to your maths teacher, or straight to Mr Brown in the Maths Department. Deadline for entries is Friday 8 December.



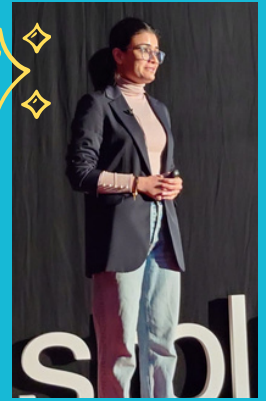
BFS ORACY

JAMES Y10 BRISTOL TED TALKS!

BRISTOL
EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP

Overall, the Ted Talks were insightful. I learnt a lot about fashion in space and the dangers it can have to our mental health; I was given a humorous breakdown of flags from one of the winners of the Youth Talks competition - a snobby business man gave us a tour through what our planet would look like if major corporations don't start to fit more sustainable business models and an ex head teacher and now SEN activist gave us a peep behind the curtain of what it was like for her growing up with autism. Of course, the most inspiring talk was delivered by Jen Reid, who retold the pious story of her being involved in toppling the Colston statue and taking its place with the famous black power salute.

Thanks to BEP for this opportunity!

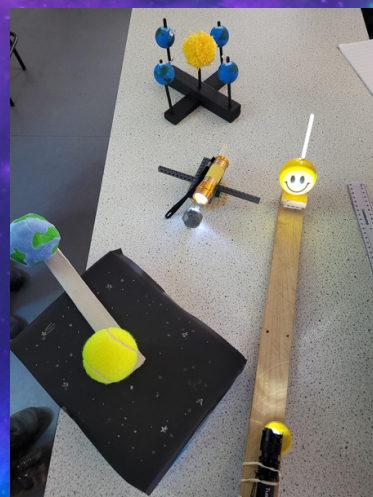


BFS SCIENCE



DAY/NIGHT HOMEWORK MODELS

MISS HAWES



Year 7 have been busy studying Space as part of the topic Earth. As their homework 7TG5 made some excellent models to represent day/night. These exemplary models rival any that Copernicus could make!





BFS SPORT



MRS WYNNE-JONES CROSS COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Individual

Iris (Y7) - 2nd
 Sidney (Y8/9) - 6th
 Max (Y8/9) - 8th
 Lilia (Y8/9) - 1st
 Ciara (Y10/11) - 7th

Team

Y7 girls - 4th
 Y10/11 girls - 4th
 Y8/9 boys - 7th
 Y10/11 boys - 5th



NETBALL AT ASHTON PARK



YEAR 7

MRS MACBLAIN



Year 7 set out determined to work as a team and play their best. They quickly took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. All 10 players had a great time working together and trying out different combinations on the court. They came away winning 25-1 for their effort and perseverance. Well done!



MRS BALLARD

YEAR 8

Year 8 started slowly with a very tight first quarter ending 5-3. However, the determination excelled in the second and third quarter to bring it back to 8-8. The fourth quarter we took our chances and the finished the game 12-8 winners. Bethan was given Player of the Match. Well done to the whole team!



YEAR 9 AND 10

MISS SLATER



Year 9 and 10 worked together in their game against APS, playing 2 quarters per team. Year 9 started, taking a 7-0 lead in the first 3 minutes. As the game went on the students switched up playing positions and had fun in the game, which was lovely to see! Year 10 finished the game on a high, playing the ball around and being comfortable on the court in their positions. Well done everyone - a great game!



POP UPS FOR PARENTS

Join our Children's Social Prescribing Team and expert partners for sessions to support parents of primary-aged children.

Greenway Centre,
BS10 5PY



Community Children's
Health Partnership

**WEDNESDAY 15
NOVEMBER**

9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your
children's emotional
wellbeing

with Sirona

**WEDNESDAY 29
NOVEMBER**

9:30 - 10:30am

Encouraging
positive boundaries
at home

with North Star
Academy Trust



POP UPS FOR PARENTS WITH SEND CHILDREN

**THURSDAY 7
DECEMBER**

10:45am - 12:15pm

The beginning -
taking the very first
steps on your new
SEND path

**MONDAY 29
JANUARY**

10am - 12pm

What we need from
SENDIAS services:
Focus Groups, Open
Forum and expert
advice



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SCAN ME

WINTER CELEBRATION WEEK 2023

MONDAY 4 - FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

GREENWAY CENTRE, BS10 5PY

MONDAY

11:00 Techy Tea Party

14:00 Cracker Crafts
with Linda

TUESDAY

09:30 Winter Craftivism for the Climate
(we'll be making a big decoration for Greenway)

10:30 Seasonal Sporting Memories

13:00 Art Group

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Wear Your Winter Hat Walk

10:00 Seasonal Card Making with Linda

11:30 Southmead Creative Writers

Seasonal Meet Up

14:00 Greenway Board Games

THURSDAY

10:00 Christmas Coffee Morning

11:30 A Game of Short Mat Bowls

12:30 Scarlett Smith - Bristol Harpist
(an hour's performance of seasonal
classics on the harp)

14:00 Greenway Singers
(we'll be belting out some favourite
carols & Christmas songs - all
welcome!)

FRIDAY

10:00 Southmead Knit & Natter

11:00 Storytelling session. For adults.

14:00 Bill on the Keyboard

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE WITH A CUPPA & MINCE PIE!
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