



Goodbye Year 11

Wednesday saw our Year 11 students attend their leavers' assembly and prom. The day provided a special chance to mark their achievements and say farewell to teachers and fellow students. After receiving addresses from Mrs King, Miss Bate and their tutors, Year 11 celebrated the end of year award winners and enjoyed the hilarious staff farewell video!



End of Year Award Winners

**TOP HOUSE
POINT EARNER**



BEST DUO



**RAY OF
SUNSHINE**



**COMMUNITY
SPIRIT**

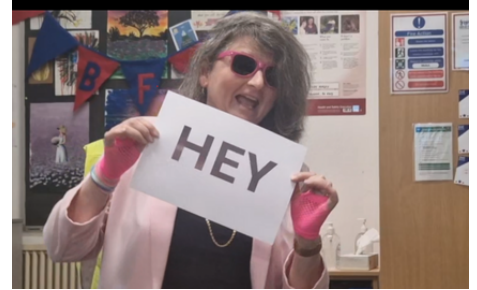
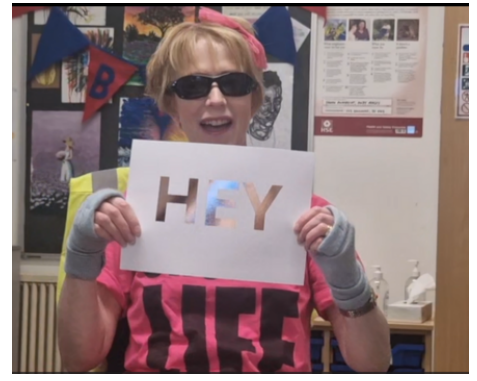


**FUNNIEST
STUDENT**



Most likely to...





We won't forget about you, Year 11!



Mrs King's three tips for life beyond BFS:

1. Try new things and open your minds to new experiences.
2. Approach new people with a positive and open mind. Be kind and tolerant of others.
3. Be punctual - it's gives a fantastic first impression!

"For what it's worth, it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you're proud of and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over."





Year 11 Prom 2024





NOTICES AND EVENTS



KEY DATES

Monday 1 July

Y13 Leavers' Assembly and Summer Ball
Sports Leaders at Elmlea Sports Day

Tuesday 2 July

Sports Leaders at Elmlea Sports Day
Art and Photography Exhibition in DG01
Music and Drama Summer Showcase 6.30pm

Wednesday 3 July

Y6 Transition Day
Art and Photography Exhibition in DG01

Thursday 4 July

Mock General Election
Young Green Briton National Final
Art and Photography Exhibition in DG01
Annual Awards Ceremony 6-8pm

Friday 5 July

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INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Learn to play an instrument in school!

If you are interested in having instrumental lessons next year, sign up with Bristol Beacon to have lessons here in school.

[Learn to Play_| Bristol Beacon](#)

TELL SOMEONE

Please remember, any safeguarding and well-being concerns can be shared with us by emailing:


tellsomeone@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



85% attendance



is like trying to win a game of netball with only six players

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ATTENDANCE - HOLIDAYS

Holidays in term time are highly discouraged and are likely to result in a penalty notice (£60 per child, per parent) or prosecution (up to £2500 and/or 3 months imprisonment).

Please note that these prices will increase from September 2024. Please do not book holidays during term time as they are highly disruptive to a student's education.

READY to LEARN

LITTERING ON CONCORDE DRIVE



Please can we remind all student and parents/carers to be mindful of our local residents. There has been an increased amount of litter left behind on Concorde Drive after our students have left for the day.

Please take everything with you and dispose of it appropriately. Thank you.

Second-Hand Uniform

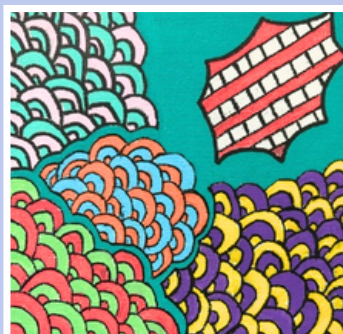
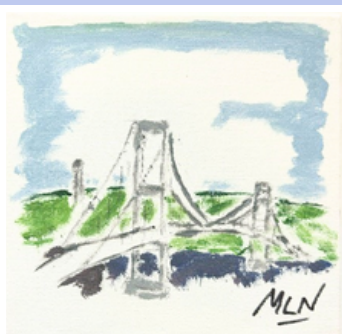
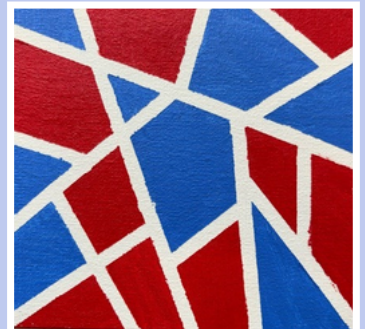
Please consider donating outgrown uniform to the School. We are in need of good quality, clean second-hand uniform, especially in smaller sizes.

Thank You



Charity Art Sale

It is not too late to purchase a wonderful piece of BFS art, produced for the Charity Art Sale. These fantastic canvases were created by our very own students and staff! All money raised will go to the North Bristol Food Bank as part of our House fundraising efforts. All canvases can be viewed [here](#) and can be purchased by emailing artsale@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. Suggested donation of £5/10.



MRS DAY

#BFSCommunity



BFS PRESENTS

MUSIC AND DRAMA SUMMER SHOWCASE

TUESDAY 2 JULY

Tickets available on ParentPay



ASHTON



BLAISE

HOUSE NEWS



CANFORD



DURDHAM

House Points



An amazing comeback from Blaise this week, taking the top spot!

Only three weeks to go until the winning House is announced!

Keep
it up!



BFS SCIENCE



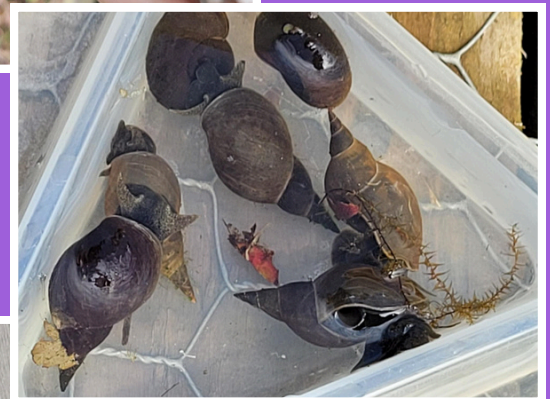
MISS HAWES

Folly Farm

Our recent Year 12 trip to Folly Farm was an incredible adventure celebrating biodiversity, ecology, and hands-on learning. The students immersed themselves in nature, gaining valuable insights into the ecosystems and wildlife of Chew Valley.

Students delved into the fascinating world of freshwater ecosystems, participating in pond sweeping activities, using nets and identification guides to discover and study the diverse array of aquatic organisms. A particular highlight was finding great crested newts! Students also used a range of sampling techniques to investigate grassland and woodland habitats.

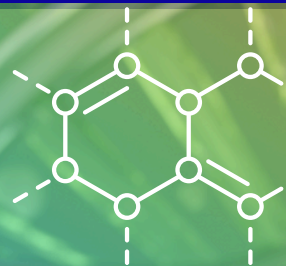
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Folly Farm and the Avon Wildlife Trust for their warm hospitality and for providing our students with an enriching and unforgettable experience.





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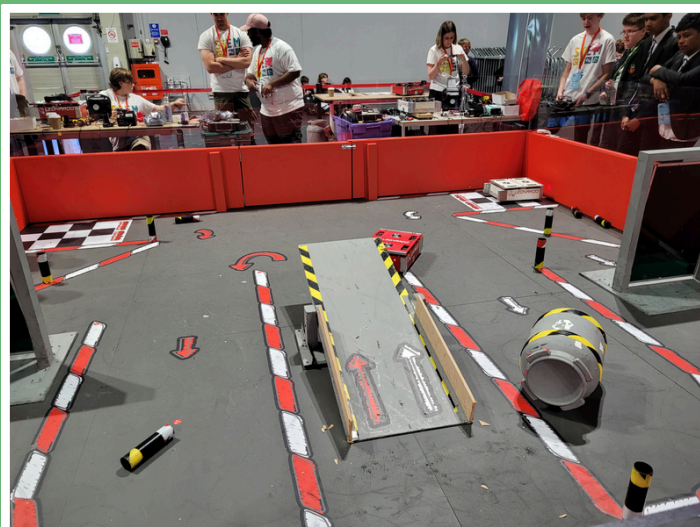
BFS SCIENCE



Big Bang Fair

On Wednesday 19 June, 60 Year 8 students got up early to travel to the NEC in Birmingham to visit the Big Bang Fair. Students were able to participate in hands-on science experiments, such as robot wars, holding insects and making gliders. They also got to meet representatives from a range of STEM employers and discover more about future careers in this sector. A particular highlight for many students was sitting in a police car, being filmed on a green screen by the BBC and walking a robotic dog. Amongst this, we also had some competition winners securing various prizes from the different stalls. An amazing time was had by all!

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BFS ART & PHOTOGRAPHY



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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

EXHIBITION

A SHOWCASE OF WORK BY Y11 AND Y13 STUDENTS

2ND 3RD 4TH JULY

DRAMA STUDIO



MRS EDWARDS

BFS COMPUTER SCIENCE

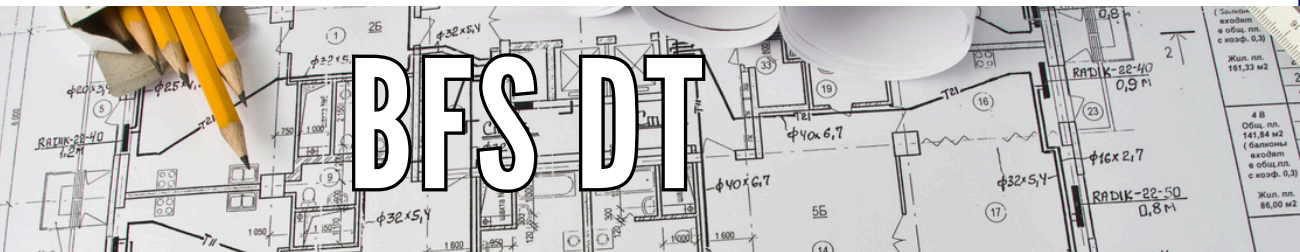
Creative iMedia



It's been a busy year in Creative iMedia. Year 10 students have been working hard in this computer-based design course. The mandatory coursework unit we completed in April/May was based on creating a visual identity and digital graphic product. Students used PowerPoint and Photoshop to plan and create a logo and loading screen for a gaming company. Students are now learning the skills for the next coursework unit in which they will create an interactive digital media project. Using the software Rocketcake, Students are learning to link pages, create navigation bars and display audio, image and video files, to create an interactive website for 'Rejuice' smoothie company.



MRS GORDON



Harry Potter Studios

Year 10 Design and Technology students took what I think can be now classed as our annual pilgrimage to Warner Brothers Studios to tour the Harry Potter sets. As much fun as the trip was, it was awe-inspiring to see the sets and learn about all the design considerations that went into each one, from how to keep floating candles alight to the mechanisms in moving parts. We started our visit by attending an exclusive class in textile distressing. Who would have thought one of the jackets worn by Daniel Radcliffe's character had over 60 versions that increased in its state of distress according to the requirements of the scenes, and that the garment worn by Voldemort was so long that Ralph Fiennes had to stand on stilt-like structures and had to have a shorter version for action scenes! Even the cones in the car park were 'wizardry' in design! My favourite part was the last section that documented technical drawings, scale models and concept boards - real life examples of designers at work. Utter magic!

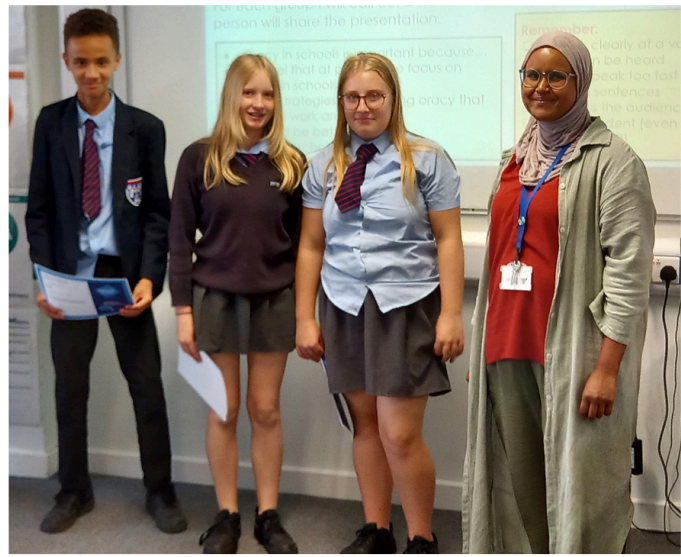


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BFS ORACY

MR HAMILTON

Oracy Pioneers



Superb Work from our Oracy Pioneers, Caila, Jaydon and Ayesha from Year 9 who have been taking part in the Oracy Pioneers programme this year. They have been working with groups of Year 7 students to develop their oracy skills during tutor time with great success. The culmination of the programme took place on Tuesday when Caila, Jaydon and Ayesha gave a presentation to a group of (mainly older) students from other schools across the Bristol Education Partnership. All three faced their nerves around public speaking and gave a clear, relatable and insightful presentation on the benefits and challenges of the Oracy Pioneers programme. Well done to all of them – they have done themselves and BFS proud.

#BFSAmbition

Youth Talks

On Monday afternoon, 11 BFS students took part in our Youth Talks public speaking event.

Students were given the opportunity to talk on a subject they are passionate about. The audience learnt about football cults and chants, the objectivity of fairness, AI, ableism, the future of nuclear fusion, Richard 111 and Prince Harry, the Battle of 1066, feminism, and stereotypes in Hollywood. An impressive mix of topics which were all thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of friends, family and tutors. Oracy skills were in full show – flair, eye contact, tone, pace and gesturing!

Special commendation awards were given to Lillyana W in Year 9 and James W in Year 12.

The overall winners were Chloe G in Year 9 and Jemmie D in Year 12. A huge thank you to the judges – Miss Cook, Miss Tovey and Mr Hamilton.



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MISS MCMURDO

BFS ENGLISH

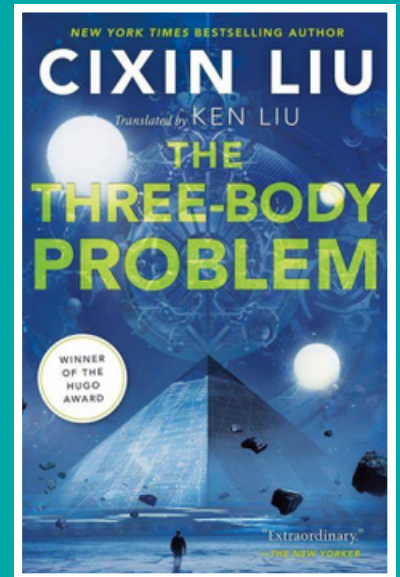
Review

10 House Points!

The Three-Body Problem by Cixin Liu Review by Esther, Y7

The Three-Body Problem is a book about Earth and its communication with an alien race. It is first set in Revolution China when the main character Yang's father is beaten to death because he was an anti-revolutionist and was teaching the Big Bang Theory as a physics lecturer. Young is then taken to a discreet project which is about making the first contact with an alien race. As Yang moves higher up in the ranks, she manages to send a signal to another planet even when they say not to reply. The aliens are coming...

The Earth has 400 years to prepare but the aliens are coming and are smarter. Earth is plunged into chaos. Science is failing. Could you fix it? The Three-Body Problem is a heart racing, sci-fi dystopian thriller. Could you survive?



10 House Points!

Review

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins Review by Esther, Y7



Every year 1 boy and 1 girl are picked for the games from each of the districts (the way that the country is separated based on their skills and jobs). Only 1 boy or girl comes back alive. Welcome to the Hunger Games, may the luck be ever in your favour...

Katniss Everdeen (the main character) faces a challenge when her younger sister Primrose is selected. What would you do if you faced this kind of problem? Katniss saves her sister and volunteers instead, becoming the district 12 girl for the Hunger Games.

She is taken to the Capital to begin the games, whilst she is afraid, she is supposedly driven by love. She is put into the arena where blood and pain are a constant companion. Can she survive?

I would highly recommend The Hunger Games because it is one of the best dystopian books I have ever read. It has every element of a good book: action, romance, murder and an interestingly complex plot line.

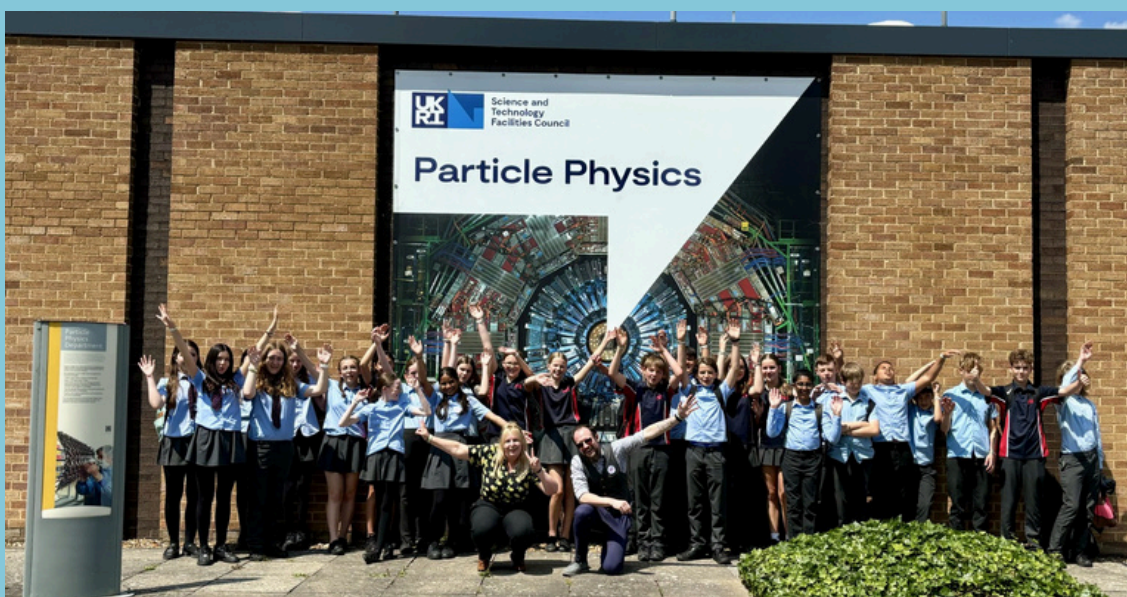


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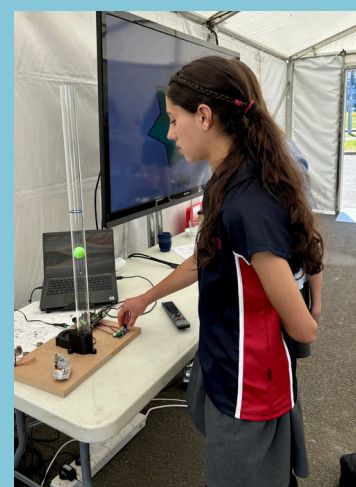
BFS STEM

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Physics Trip

Not having run since 2019, the Harwell Open Week at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, is a chance for schools and the public to get a rare glimpse behind the scenes of cutting-edge research in UK Physics. On Wednesday of this week, we took a group of Year 8 and Year 12 students to visit the site and take part in a tour and activities about gravitational waves, atomic level materials study, coding programming, plus the most powerful laser in the UK!



Boundless energy from both staff and students meant the day was enjoyed by all, with particular highlights in the morning being Sophie L saying how much she loved using binary to code on 'double computers', Mr Milstead touching the oldest artifact on Earth (a hefty piece of iron) and learning the material science behind gravitational wave detection.



Everyone loved the Wonder Marquee, collecting the obligatory free pencils, trying on Cosmonaut helmets and gloves and having a go on an F1 Williams Racing simulator. Enlightened after such a great day of Physics learning, we went on a final tour of the Vulcan laser facility and the most precise machine shop in Europe, receiving personalised aluminium Lego blocks as souvenirs!

Finally, after a super (and very hot) day out, our group of fab Physicists headed back to BFS, full of ideas and inspiration!



School Attendance: The law is changing

From 19th August 2024

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing

The government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

A **school week** means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second Penalty Notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences may result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold is met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the **same parent** for the **same child** (including those by other Local Authorities) a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued but will be referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of upto **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

Bristol City Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent, Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.



BFS Fund



Staff and Governors at BFS are determined to ensure that every student at our school has access to an enriched education with inspiring curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Through our BFS Promise, we offer a huge range of additional opportunities for all our students as they progress through the school.

Funding in schools has been under increasing pressure for several years now and we work tirelessly, with less resources, to provide the best possible experiences for your children. It is increasingly challenging to continue to deliver and improve on the additional experiences and opportunities we offer.



With this in mind, we are re-launching the BFS Fund to help us provide some of those extras that make all the difference to school life, that we otherwise may not afford. BFS fund will go towards improving our school environment and sustaining our wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

Initiatives include:

- Improvement of social spaces e.g. landscaping and outdoor furniture and equipment for social times
- Grounds development projects such as sports spaces and outside environmental classroom/garden
- Collapsed curriculum days and visiting agencies
- Special visitors/speakers/authors
- Performing arts workshops and visiting theatre groups
- Additional/specialist arts, crafts & technology materials
- Resources for extra-curricular clubs and activities such as gardening club
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities



DONATE



What do we ask parents to contribute?

We suggest £10 a month as a voluntary contribution but if you would like to pay more (or less), we are very happy to receive any amount that parents can afford, and think is appropriate. We are also very pleased to receive one-off donations. Any donation will be much appreciated and will make a difference.



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POP-UPS FOR PARENTS

For parents/carers of
children aged 11+

**WEDNESDAY 3RD
JULY**

9:30 am - 11 am

An Introduction to
Young People's
Mental Health

At Greenway Centre
BS10 5PY

With Off The Record

For parents/carers of
children aged 5-11

**WEDNESDAY 17TH
JULY**

9:30 am - 11 am

Strategies to Help
You Through the
Summer Holidays!

At Greenway Centre
BS10 5PY

With North Star



SCAN ME

Sign up using the QR code
Or get in touch with Kate

0117 950 3335

katemartey@southmead.org

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