

≡ Welcome ≡



Welcome to BFS to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students and welcome back to our Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students!



Have you noticed any changes around the school? The Avenue Shelter is looking great!





NOTICES AND EVENTS



KEY DATES

Wednesday 11 - Sunday 15 September
Y13 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition

Thursday 12 September
Y12/13 Parents - "How to support my Year 12 and 13 child" Virtual Event

Wednesday 18 September
Student Photos
Y10/12 Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

Thursday 19 September
Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening

PARKING ON CONCORDE DRIVE

Please be considerate when picking up your students from school. We have over 1300 students leaving the site at 3pm and the surrounding roads can become very congested. For the safety of all students and local residents, please do not enter Concorde Drive and arrange a safe place to meet your student a little further away from the school. Please do not park on double yellow lines or over driveways, and please stick to the 20mph speed limit.

Thank you for your understanding, to keep all in our community safe.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a no nut school. Please do not bring any nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes snacks and lunch items such as pesto.



NEW ATTENDANCE LAW

New attendance law has now come into force. Students are expected to arrive at school at 8.25am, to be in tutor for 8.30am. Those arriving between 8.30am and 9am will be given a late mark and a detention. The new attendance law means that the register will be closed at 9am. Those students arriving after 9am will be given an unauthorised late mark. Repeated unauthorised marks will lead to a penalty notice fine being issued by Bristol City Council.

New attendance law also includes updated penalty notices. A penalty notice can be issued for unauthorised absences once there are a minimum of 10 session (5 days) within a 10-week period. The penalty notice can be issued per parent, per child. The penalty notice is £160 if paid within 28 days. However, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

For a second penalty notice issued within a 3-year rolling period to the same parent in respect of the same child, the penalty notice is £160 if paid within 28 days. There is no option for this second offence to be reduced to the lower rate.

If a penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, then the parent may be prosecuted for failing to secure regular school attendance.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period. Should the parent continue to incur further unauthorised absences then alternative action will be considered, which could include a prosecution for failing to secure regular school attendance.

92% attendance



is like paying for a dozen eggs but only getting 11

Studybugs



Term 1 Checklist

- Label all uniform and equipment. Lost property can be found in Student Services.
- Ensure your student is bringing in a named water bottle to school every day. Hydration is important for concentration!
- Encourage your student to bring in a reading book every day.
- BFS is a cashless school. Make sure you have added credit on ParentPay to allow your student to purchase food.
- Check your contact details are correct on MCAS.
- Follow BFS on Instagram: @BFS_Bristol and @BFS_Enrichment
- Check your student's uniform complies with the uniform policy every day!

The BFS uniform policy is available on the website and can be viewed here: [Uniform Policy](#)

- ! Shirt tucked in and top button done up
- ! Tie long enough to reach the top of trousers or skirt
- ! Skirt worn at an appropriate height above the knee
- ! Blazers worn at all times

STAFF NEWS

#BFSOpportunity

#BFSCommunity

#BFSAmbition

Welcome

New Staff

We are saying hello to lots of new staff this year!



Mrs Thomas
Teacher of
Music and Drama



Mr Cahill
Teacher of
Computer Science



Mr Soupionis
Teacher of Maths



Mr Sanchez
Teacher of MFL



Miss Prieto Orellana
Teaching Assistant



Ms Maran
PGCE Student (MFL)



Mr King
Teacher of Maths



Ms Jefferies
Academic Mentor



Mr Howard
Teacher of PE



Miss Gallacher
Student Services



Mr Hadfield
Teacher of Maths



Mrs Elseginy
Teaching Assistant



Mr Cullingford
Teacher of Geography



Mr Cooper
Teaching Assistant



Miss Clorley
Teacher of Science



Mrs Stuttard
Head of RP



Mr King
Teacher of History



Mr Winner
Teacher of Science



Mr Brunker
Careers Advisor



Ms Carter
Teacher of Food

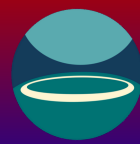


ASHTON



BLAISE

HOUSE NEWS



CANFORD



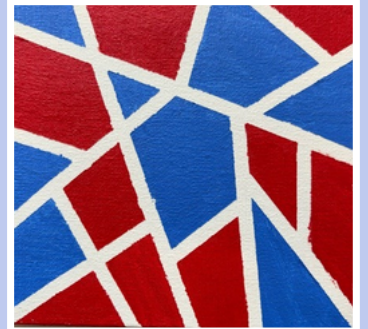
DURDHAM

Charity Art Sale



MRS DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in the House charity art sale last term. We were incredibly impressed with the fantastic canvas produced by both students and staff, and the generous donations made by family and friends purchasing the art! We raised an impressive £450 for North Bristol Food Bank. Well done all!




#BFSCommunity

House Points

It might have only been a short first week back, but it has not stopped our students earning House points! Well done to Ashton House for earning the most points this week.

Keep an eye out for House competitions and opportunities to earn additional House points!


ASHTON

1

ASHTON HOUSE

562 POINTS


DURDHAM

2

DURDHAM HOUSE

459 POINTS


BLAISE

3

BLAISE HOUSE

343 POINTS


CANFORD

4

CANFORD HOUSE

339 POINTS

Keep it up!



MRS KINNERSLEY

BFS ART

Sketchbooks

All Year 7 , 8 and 9 students will soon be receiving a wonderful art sketchbook. Primarily these will be used in class, however they will also be going home at times for students to complete their homework tasks. Please help your student to be responsible for their sketchbook, look after them and remember to bring them back in for art lessons! If sketchbooks are lost, then they may have to work on paper or pay for another book.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR



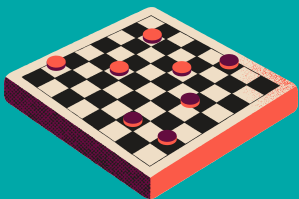
Extra-Curricular Clubs

BFS offer a range of fantastic extra-curricular clubs that run at lunchtime and after school.

In previous years we have had a huge range of clubs from board games to sign language, ukeleles to baking. Science, trading cards, chess, debate and model UN, plus loads more!



Our clubs information booklet and timetable will be available soon!





MR SMITH

BFS SIXTH FORM

Welcome Year 12

This week, we were pleased to welcome our new Year 12 students to mark the start of the Sixth Form education during our Induction Day. We began by sharing our summer GCSE and A Level results with students, congratulating them on their bountiful successes following many years of hard work and casting their minds forward to the moment, in two years' time, when they will open their Sixth Form results ready to start their adult lives. We spoke to them about the increased independence that Sixth Form study brings and the sort of mindset and work ethic that this necessitates - connecting it to the final lines of Invictus by the poet William Ernest Henley. Following this, students decamped into their tutor groups to receive their new timetables and for some icebreakers to help them to get to know each other a little better. Lessons then began in earnest after lunch!



We were so happy to welcome our internal students after a well-deserved summer break and we were especially pleased to welcome a number of students from other local schools who have chosen to join us for Year 12.

BFS SEND



MISS COOK

Meet the Team

The SEND team have enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7s and seeing lots of familiar faces from Years 8-13 following the summer break.

Parents and carers are invited to come and chat in person to the SEND team about how students are settling in. Mrs Jenkins (SENCO) and Miss Cook (Deputy SENCO) will be available.

Year 7: Meet the Tutor Evening, Thursday 19 September. Drop into the Library.

Year 8 and 9: Tuesday 24 September, 4-6.30pm in the library. Please confirm your attendance and which 30-minute time slot you intend to attend by emailing sen@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Year 10 - 13: Thursday 26 September, 4-6.30pm in the library. Please confirm your attendance and which 30-minute time slot you intend to attend by emailing sen@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



BFS MUSIC



MS KENNARD

School Musical Production

We are excited to announce that rehearsals for this year's musical, School of Rock, will be starting soon!

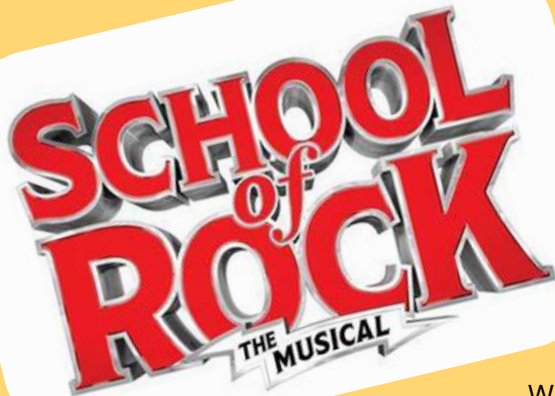
Please come to the meeting on Monday 9 September at 3pm in the Drama Hall if you are interested in taking part.

Auditions will be taking place in DG01 from 3pm on Wednesday 11 September (for Years 7 and 8) and Thursday 12 September (for Year 9 – 13). If you are interested in performing, you will need to prepare a section (up to 1 minute) of one of the following songs:

Where Did the Rock Go or When I Climb to the Top of Mount Rock

Please also fill out [this form](#) if you want to be involved in any way as a performer, musician or crew).

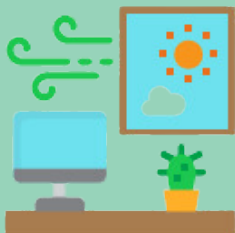
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BFS CAREERS



Green Jobs are Growing!



You may be aware that the West of England Combined Authority aims to make the region net zero by 2030, 20 years ahead of the UK Government's target. This may require up to 50,000 new green jobs across six priority areas: Nature Recovery, Low Carbon Buildings and Places, Renewable Energy, Climate Resilience, Low Carbon Business and Low Carbon Transport, providing some exciting employment opportunities for young people in the West of England area.

Last term, Year 7 completed an 'Introduction to Careers' unit in their tutor time programme, which included some lessons on green careers.

To help find out more about these jobs and the pathways into them, please see the '60 Green Jobs' poster at the end of the newsletter. Simply click on a job title to visit the job profile on Careerpivot to find out more about the job and the different pathways into it. You can also search for green job profiles using the Green Jobs search button on Careerpivot: www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors

You can also find the answers to lots of questions you may have about study and work options for your young person at the Careerpivot Parent Zone: www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone



COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE

MEET-UPS FOR YEAR 7s

Tuesdays, 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
at Greenway Centre, BS10

We are running weekly sessions especially for Year 7s to chat about how you are finding secondary school so far.

From now until 1st October **Resilience Lab** is the place to come for an after school snack, fun activities, and to chat about what it is like to be in Year 7.

If you are experiencing challenges and worries we are here to support you. It is a session just for your age group, and not for adults, but your parent or carer needs to sign you up using the QR code below to give their permission for you to attend.



SCAN ME



Parents, carers, or year 7s - contact Kate for more details,
email: katemartey@southmead.org, tel: 0117 950 3335
Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, BS10 5PY. www.southmead.org

SOUTHMEAD PLAYERS PRESENTS AN INSPECTOR CALLS

19TH OCTOBER 2024

DOORS 11:30 FOR 12PM START

APPROX RUNNING TIME 1HR 45 (THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL)

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR FREE AT

[HTTPS://FIXR.CO/ANINSPECTORCALLS](https://fixr.co/aninspectorcalls)

Directed by
Kristian Baxter

Book tickets here

GREENWAY CENTRE

DONCASTER ROAD
SOUTHMEAD
BRISTOL
BS10 5PY



Southmead
Players



JR. NBA MILE STARTS ALONG THE MALL,
RACING AROUND ST. JAMES PARK AND
FINISHING OUTSIDE BUCKINGHAM PALACE

SEPTEMBER 21ST

jr. NBA • **LME** LONDON MARATHON EVENTS
INSPIRING ACTIVITY

Your chance to run the mile, shoot hoops, win prizes and take photos with the NBA Trophy at the Jr. NBA Zone, open to all.

Register here and join the
Jr. NBA mile and Zone



Bristol Autism Parent/Carer support in Primary – Post 16



The Bristol Autism Team (BAT) support children and young people who have an autism diagnosis, who are on the autism pathway to diagnosis and those with Social Communication and Interaction Needs but who are not on the Autism Pathway.

Each Bristol Mainstream educational setting has a named Bristol Autism Team specialist who works with the educational setting. As part of the work we do, we also offer advice to parents/carers

If you require support or advice around your child/young person's educational needs, then please scan the QR code or click on the link below to complete a parent/carers referral form to our service. Once received the BAT link will respond to your request at their earliest convenience.

<https://forms.office.com/e/G24cnAZYC2>

Parent/Carer Request for Bristol Autism Team



To find out more please visit the local offer page:

[Autism support - Bristol's SEND Local Offer - bristol.gov.uk](#)



**EAT WELL
SPEND LESS**



Bristol North West

foodbank

Learn how to cook and eat healthily on a budget

A six-week free course

Starts: Tuesday 17th September 2024

9.30am-12noon



At: St. Andrew's Church

Avonmouth Road

Avonmouth

Bristol, BS11 9EN

To book your place call: 0117 9235343

or email: office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk

