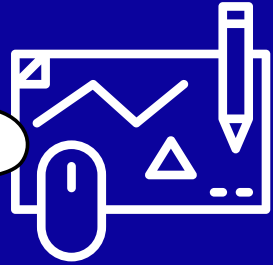


What has been happening in...

design tech?



Year 7 Design Technology

Year 7 have been manufacturing Designer Boxes. They have used influences of famous designers such as Yinka Ilori and Morag Myerscough.



MR LAXON

Textiles

Well done to Year 7 for finishing their applique cushions! In true Memphis style - fun, bold, and colourful!

BEAUTIFUL



MS CARTER

Food Technology

Students got hands-on, making scones while learning about different types of grains and their uses in everyday foods.





Product Design

Creative ideas from our Year 7 students with their inclusive cutlery designs.

Students were investigating how to design to a real client need and for a specific user group.



MS REEVE



MRS GORDON

Product Design

Mrs Gordon's Year 7 Product Design group have worked really hard this term learning how to use basic woodworking tools such as tenon saws and marking gauges to create fantastic boxes with lap and butt joints, using softwood and manufactured board. Today we added hinges to our lids - not yet finished but they look superb. Well done 7Y3!!



Creative Media

Year 7 Creative Media students have been exploring photography, Photoshop and editing images. Some great examples include Phoebe's unique visuals created with Photoshop, Joe's movie poster, Taylen's high-quality polar imagery, Hazel's investigation into nature around the School and Eleanor's look at the work of Slinkachu. Well done everyone!



MR LAXON



Year 8



MRS GORDON

Graphic Design

Students have been studying the world of graphic design to then create their own brand identity. They needed to learn about colour (meaning, palettes), typography (traditional serified or decorative style type face) and logo types, including how to create logos that can be used on different products, large and small.

Their final logo design was then sublimation printed onto a coaster.



Food Technology

Students baked delicious Dutch apple cakes, investigating how varying sugar levels impact the texture and flavour of cakes.



MS CARTER

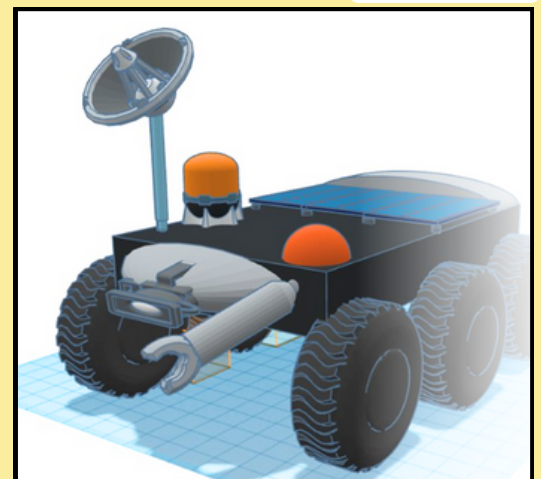
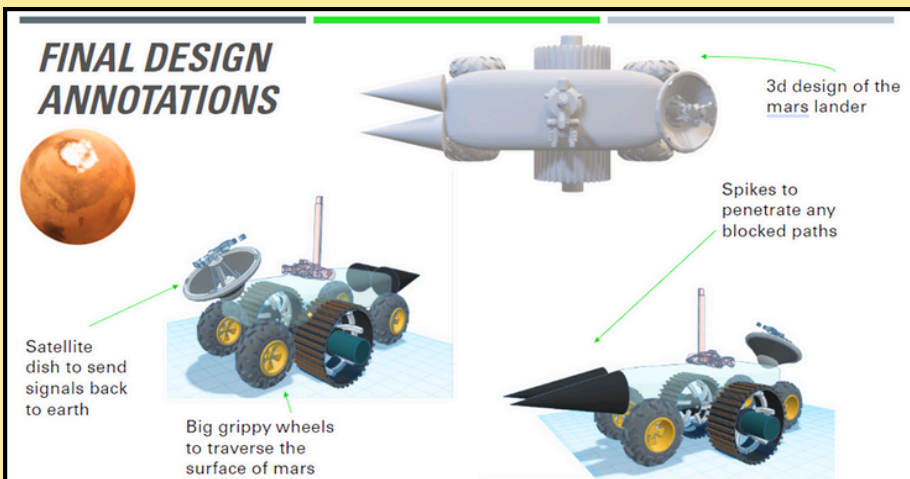


Design Technology

Year 8 have been working on designing a Mars Lander, using TinkerCAD software, they have worked really hard, understanding the new software and learning about CAD/CAM. TinkerCAD is free and can be accessed from home for students to keep practising!



MRS HARVEY





MS REEVE

Textiles

Well done to Year 8 for their resist dye bag creations which are soon to be finished! A fun journey of sample ideas, looking at different textiles techniques which purposefully resist colour in some way.



Fantastic

Year 9 Design Technology

Year 9 have been applying architectural skills developing eco-school designs in CAD. Designs have been thoughtful and varied. They include Paynton's Computer Design classroom, Molly's sports hall, Dexter's external plan, Polly's perfect maths classroom and Olivia's two-storey cafeteria.



MR LAXON

COMPUTER ROOM

Computers are made from old computer using all different parts from different computers (recycling)

The computer benches are made from recycled wood

The chairs are made from recycled plastic for the chair legs and the main part of the chair is made from recycled cotton to make sure the students have comfort

COMPUTING CAD CAM

Sports hall!

The sports hall is a place for kids to spend time after school, doing their sports/ clubs and it's also an area to do PE. It is important they have access to this space.

Climbing wall for children to enjoy something a bit different.

Basketball court for kids to play professional or just for PE.

Wooden bench.

Variation of sports balls for different sports.

School overview

Lots of solar panels around

Aesthetic fountain/chairs/precinctory

Fun stuff

MUGA

Here all around

SPORTS HALL

Maths Classroom

Natural light means that we use less electricity

Lots of space in between the desks

Large desks for students and teacher.

Small classrooms.

There would be a similar design for English/Languages/PSHE classrooms but with a different colour scheme and decor

Cafeteria

Solar panels that power the whole school

Tables for students to eat and socialize

Plants to make the school greener

Stairs to get to the second floor



Food Technology

Students crafted hearty chicken pies and analysed the fat content of different types of pastry, deepening their understanding of healthier cooking choices.



MS CARTER

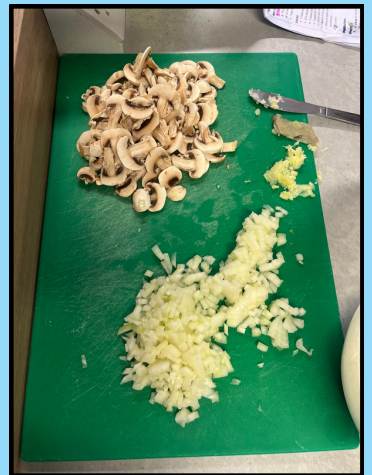


Year 10 Food Technology

This term students have been learning about protein in their theory lessons. In their double lessons they have been cooking with a range of LBV and HBV proteins and learning a number of new skills. In the final practical lesson of this topic, students were given free choice on what to cook with a focus on protein. Final dishes included meatballs, ravioli, fried sea bass, lasagne and fish and chips. Here are some of the key skills students decided to showcase - well done to all students. To celebrate the start of our new topic, fats and oils, students made a puff pastry savoury Christmas tree!



MRS CORRIGAN



DELICIOUS





NOTICES AND EVENTS



[BFS Bristol](#)



[BFS Enrichment](#)

KEY DATES

Monday 16 December

Y10/11 House PE Competition

Tuesday 17 December

Y7-9 House PE Competition
Drama & Music Winter Showcase 6.30pm

Wednesday 18 December

Christmas Lunch (and an opportunity to wear something festive)

Thursday 19 December

Drama Club Trip to *The Little Mermaid* at Bristol Old Vic

Friday 20 December

Early Finish at 12.30pm

QUICK LINKS

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)

[Term Dates](#)

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

[Past Newsletters](#)

We Are Hiring!

[Sixth Form Operations Coordinator](#)

Christmas Lunch Day

On Wednesday 18 December we will be serving a two course Christmas lunch. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please pre-order in ParentPay. Students may also come to School in something festive (instead of School blazer/jumper).



New Lunch Menu

A new lunch menu will be served from January 2025.

NEW MENU

More details can be found on the [School website](#).

LUNCH

Chocolate Boxes Needed



We would love to have as many empty (or full!!!!!!) chocolate tubs as possible. They are really useful in the Food Department for students to take their food home in after they have cooked in lessons.

Thank you

Lost Property

A large quantity of unnamed and unclaimed lost property has been found around the School since September. We have compiled a list of all items (see ParentPay). If you recognise an item, please ask your child to go to Student Services as soon as possible.

Please claim items before Friday 20 December. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity shop in January.



FINES AND PROSECUTIONS

We work with Bristol City Council to issue fines and prosecutions for unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can include instances such as: late after the register closed marks, no reason supplied by parent for absence, unauthorised term-time holidays and school refusal. A Penalty Notice can be issued for unauthorised absences once there are a minimum of 10 sessions (5 days) within a 10-week period. The Penalty Notice is issued per parent, per child. The Penalty Notice amount 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 of £80.

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.

Please note that parents who repeatedly take unauthorised absences below the threshold of 5 days will also be considered for penalty notices and prosecution. Further information on fines can be found by clicking this link: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub](#)

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact the attendance office to discuss any issues.

92% attendance



is like paying for a dozen eggs but only getting 11

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BFS DRAMA & MUSIC Winter Showcase



DRAMA & MUSIC WINTER SHOWCASE

Tuesday 17 December at 6.30pm

Oatley House Hall, St Monica's Trust,
Cote Lane.

Doors open at 6.10pm so please do come along and buy a drink and snacks from the *Friends of BFS* (FoBFS) bar.

Card preferred but we do take cash!
IMPORTANT: Please bring along your own cup to use.

Thank you to FoBFS for supporting the event. All proceeds will go back to the School.

We look forward to seeing you there!



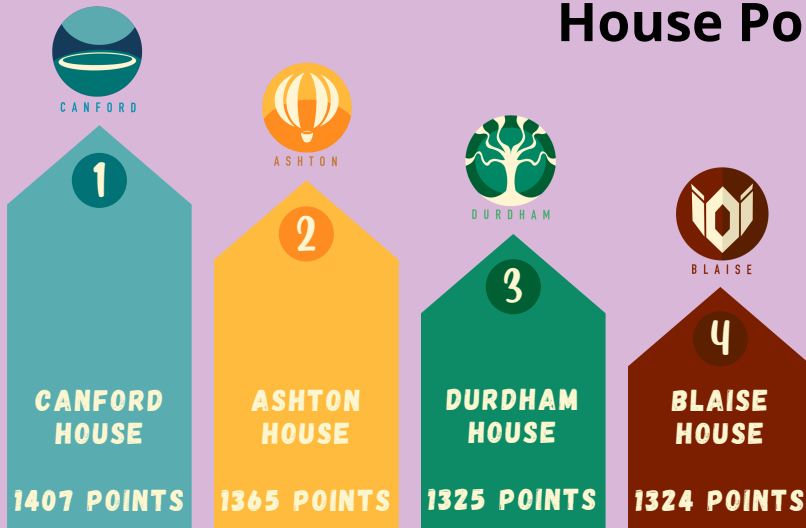
HOUSE NEWS



House Points

A strong comeback from Canford this week. Well done!

#BFSCommunity
#BFSOpportunity
#BFSAmbition



Top House Point Earners

Congratulations to our top House point earners this week!

	Ashton	Blaise	Canford	Durdham
Year 7	Willoughby	Harry C	Sophie M	Charlie P
Year 8	Jemima	Krystal	Sophia	Sebastian
Year 9	Leo	Jasmine	Barnabas	Andrew
Year 10	Heidi	Daisy	Matilda	Chloe G, Flo
Year 11	Mia T, Ben R	Madison, Stan, Mylo, Amari	Amal	Danny
Year 12	Jacob, Sam H, Oliver M	Daisy P	Dylan M, Yuet Yan, Megan	Eloise
Year 13	Alp	Jude	George, Harry M, Sankung	Ella, Abdirahman

Bristol Schools Rugby Awards

Congratulations to Isaac in Year 12 and Cian in Year 13 who were recognised at the Bristol Schools Rugby Awards!



'Man of Steel' Award



'Heart and Soul' Award



PSHE

Personal Social Health Education

Year 7 Menstrual Health

On Wednesday, external theatre company *Atomic Rhubarb* performed their 'Period Drama' to Year 7. The performance was very entertaining and informative; it covered how the menstrual cycle works, challenged some common myths, and explained how to use a range of different period products. Year 7 were an excellent audience and asked some very thoughtful questions during the Q & A at the end.



ENGLISH



Year 7 A Midsummer Night's Dream Performances

This week, the English Department were very excited to see the whole of Year 7 participating in promenade performance of scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Kicking off with the Y-side on Tuesday and with the X-side as a grand finale on Thursday, students had the opportunity both to perform in a key scene and walk around the English Department enjoying their peers' performances. We really had it all: outlandish costumes, lighting and sound cues, impressive direction, props (including a rather terrifying horse mask) and some excellent roaring.

A huge well-done to Year 7 who were exemplary in performance and as a respectful and supportive audience.



SIXTH FORM

Year 11 Sixth Former for a Day



Last week we were pleased to host our Year 11 cohort during our annual Sixth Former for a Day event. The normal lesson timetable was replaced by a Sixth Form programme of study so that students could experience the A Level and BTEC courses on offer.

Those Year 11s who were contemplating college or apprenticeships for next year also had the opportunity to hear from SGS College, Access Creative College and the Robins Foundation about their Post-16 offer. The colleges also provided taster sessions in courses such as Animal Management, Education and Early Years, Digital IT, Careers in the Creative and Football.



If you are a student, parent or carer and would like to hear more about applying for BFS Sixth Form, please visit our website or email us on sixthform@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.



MS URCH



MR LANGEVELDT

Year 7-9 Indoor Hockey



This term has seen Year 7-9 PE classes experience indoor hockey for the first time at BFS, outside of the extra-curricular club. We are very fortunate to be able to provide students with bespoke indoor equipment such as playing sides, sticks, balls and goals. Every student in Years 7-9 will have lessons on indoor hockey across terms 2, 3 and 4. Ms Urch and the PE team have been so impressed by the enthusiasm of all students.

Students have the chance to attend indoor hockey club every Wednesday in terms 3 and 4 from 3-4pm if they want to continue playing the sport. #welovehockey

Year 9 Boys Rugby

In the recent Year 9 rugby tournament, Year 9 faced some tough competition. In their first match they played a close game against a strong St Bede's side who ultimately went on to win the tournament. The BFS players showed great determination and skill, making it a thrilling match that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

In their second game, BFS faced Oasis Academy John Williams. Despite their efforts, the team was unable to secure a victory. However, the experience gained from these matches is invaluable for their development as a team. The players demonstrated resilience and teamwork, which will serve them well in future competitions.



Sixth Form Basketball



In the recent basketball match between BFS and Cotham School Post 16, BFS faced a challenging game that ultimately ended in a loss. Despite the defeat, the players showcased remarkable determination and teamwork throughout the match.

From the outset, Cotham took an early lead, but BFS fought hard to stay competitive. The team demonstrated impressive individual skills, with several players making significant contributions on both offence and defence. However, Cotham's experience and strategic play proved to be decisive as they maintained their advantage.



MR BRUNKER

CAREERS



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Work Experience Employer Talks Careers Day



Work Experience

Can you offer work experience?

Every July, our Year 12 students do three days of work experience with an employer in the local area. It is an important and exciting part of their personal development and can be instrumental in inspiring them to explore a particular career path. If you are a business-owner or work for an organisation which would be willing to host one of more of our students for work experience, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing careers@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

Careers in Banking

Experience life at one of the world's biggest banks.

Book now for Lloyds Banking Group's Skillsfest at their campus in Harbourside. Designed for students and parents to look inside one of the UK's largest apprentice employers, explore career opportunities and try your hand at different next generation roles at Lloyds.

Saturday 8 February 2025 at 10am. [Book tickets](#) early as previous event sold out a few weeks beforehand.

Ask an Apprentice

An online platform has recently gone live giving students who are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships a chance to ask apprentices questions. Chat directly to an apprentice at any time of the day. Receive personalised careers advice at the push of a button. [Find out more here.](#)

Careers in Business

Thinking about a career in business?

Aon are hosting a three-day Work Insights Programme for Year 12 and 13 students in Bristol during the February half term (Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 February 2025).

[Find out more about the Work Insights Programme here.](#)

Applications are closing early due to high demand. Apply by December 15 2024.

Cyber Security Virtual Work Experience

Any students interested in roles in Cyber Security and how to help make the UK the safest place to live and work online, check out this 3-day online WEX placement for 16-19 year olds on 3-5 March 2025. [Find out more here.](#)

Curious about Accountancy?

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)'s [trainee recruitment platform](#) offers a wide range of opportunities including work experience and apprenticeships. Helping students take the first step towards their future in chartered accountancy.

Screen Industry Careers

[Into Film](#) have created a [new careers resource](#) to help students unleash their magic on the world. Read about the trainees who helped bring Wicked to the screen and discover the diversity of the film production roles showcased, as well as the skills, experiences and qualifications that count in the film industry.

Interested in Coding?

Enrol in [Apple's Swift Coding Club](#) where you can be creative and develop your digital skills. Explore new technologies, come up with a creative tech idea, build your own apps, network for career opportunities, and more. The skills you will develop will also prepare you for the [Swift Student Challenge](#).

Employer Talk



This week we were excited to welcome two players from Bristol City FC women's first team to talk to us about their journey into professional football. Amalie Thestrup and Chloe Mustaki, who have both played international football as well as playing for a number of other well-known clubs before joining BCFC, shared their inspiring stories of resilience, passion and the importance of following your dreams.



Amalie grew up in Denmark and loved football but lacked female role models, so had no ambition at a young age of becoming a professional footballer. She studied Marketing and Communications at University, and when she made her debut for Denmark at the age of 22, she had to ask her student internship boss at IBM for permission to take time off. She told students that her studies and interests outside football gave her a wider perspective on life and options beyond football. She also spoke of the importance of her support network of family, friends and fiancé in helping her achieve her dreams, and how things don't always go to plan, which is fine as long as you keep pushing and never give up.

Chloe grew up in Ireland and overcame serious illness early in her career. The defender described her super-strength as resilience. She never had a dream to become a professional footballer as ten years ago when she was starting out, it was not really an option. She studied Business and French at University, which is when she fell ill and had to take time off. Her journey into professional football took time; when she was playing for Charlton Athletic, she still had a day job in recruitment and trained after work. She finally got her professional break when she joined BCFC and has now been pro for over two years. One of her career highlights was playing for the Republic of Ireland in the World Cup in Australia, which was a great achievement after having had so many difficulties to overcome. She said two really important things in her career are the support of friends and studying: "I'm currently studying for a health coaching diploma," she told students. "Having something other than football is really important for my mental health."



Bristol City Women play Durham on Sunday 15 December at Ashton Gate Stadium. Kick-off 12pm.

THANK YOU!

Young Entrepreneurs Challenge

Calling all young entrepreneurs! The Young Entrepreneurs Challenge is open to 16-25 year old entrepreneurs, who can submit their technology-led start-up business concept online. Win £10,000, mentorship, a technology package to launch a business and a ticket to attend the Global One Young World 2025 Munich Summit.

Coming up...

10 January: Bristol Water

17 January: Mental Health Nursing

24 January: NHS Practice Management

31 January: KPMG Accountancy

COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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