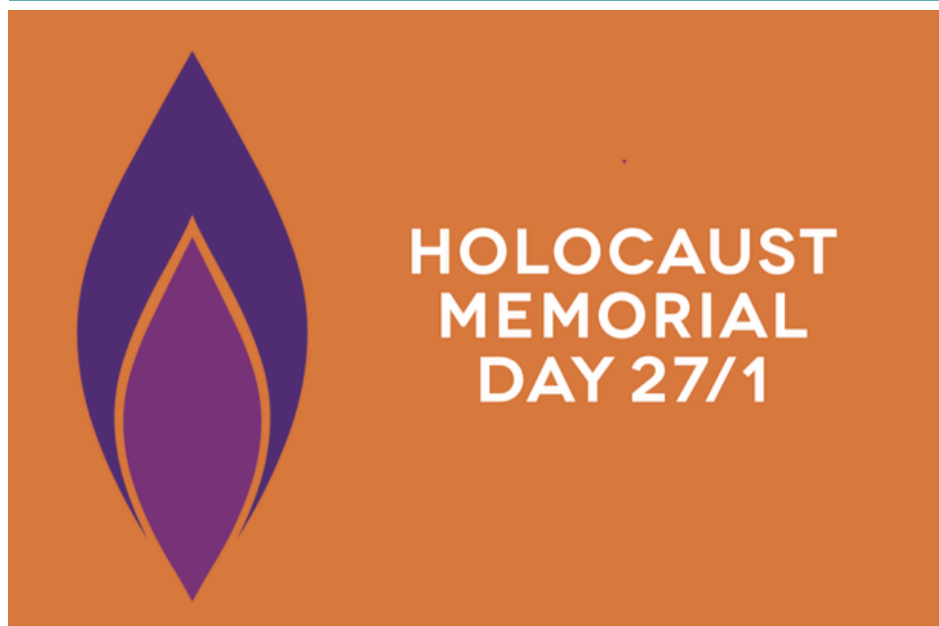


Newsletter



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1**

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A NOTE FROM MR SMITH

This week, assemblies have focused on Holocaust Memorial Day.

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place every year on 27 January, and marks the liberation day of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp, in 1945.

In the years since, this date has become internationally recognised as the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of other innocent people killed under the Nazi regime. We also take time to remember the lives lost in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

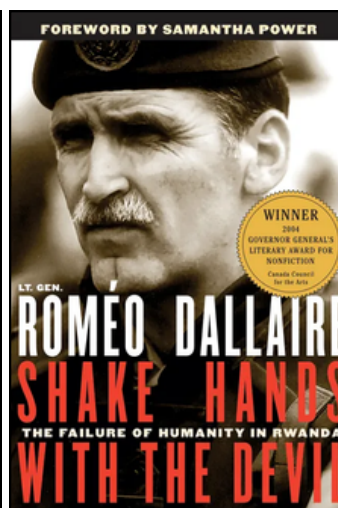
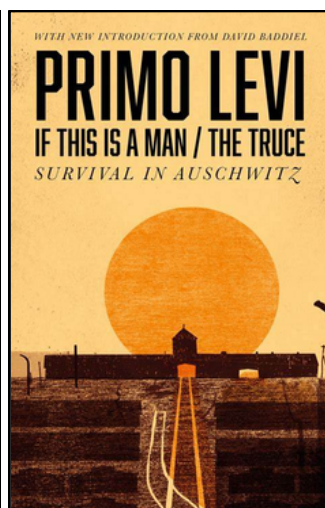
2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

During the assembly students engaged with the story of a holocaust survivor found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zb3r6v4>

We also recommended three books (parent/carer caution due to sensitive themes):



MR SMITH



KS3 (Years 7-9)
Diary of a Young Girl
by Anne Frank

KS4 (Years 10-11)
If this is a Man
by Primo Levi

KS5 (Years 12-13)
Shake Hands with the Devil
by Romeo Dallaire



NOTICE BOARD



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NEXT WEEK AT BFS

Monday 3 February

Y13 English (Dr Green)

Tuesday 4 February

Y11 DT Practical Day

Wednesday 5 February

Y11 DT Practical Day

Thursday 6 February

Early finish for all students (2.45pm)

Y9 Subject Evening

Friday 7 February

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Monday 10 February

Year 9 Options Survey Deadline 6pm

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WE'RE HIRING!

[DT Technician](#)

[Head of Business and Economics](#)

[Teacher of Computer Science](#)

ILLNESS

If your child is ill, please use the following website to decide if they can attend school: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Current advice states that children may attend school with minor illnesses such as coughs and colds as long as they do not have a temperature.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please report their absence daily and before 9am.

Please use the free app Studybugs (you can register using this link: [Studybugs](#)) or the 24-hour attendance line 0117 9597200 (select option 1).

Studybugs

Yes

Until...

Should I keep my
child off school?

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

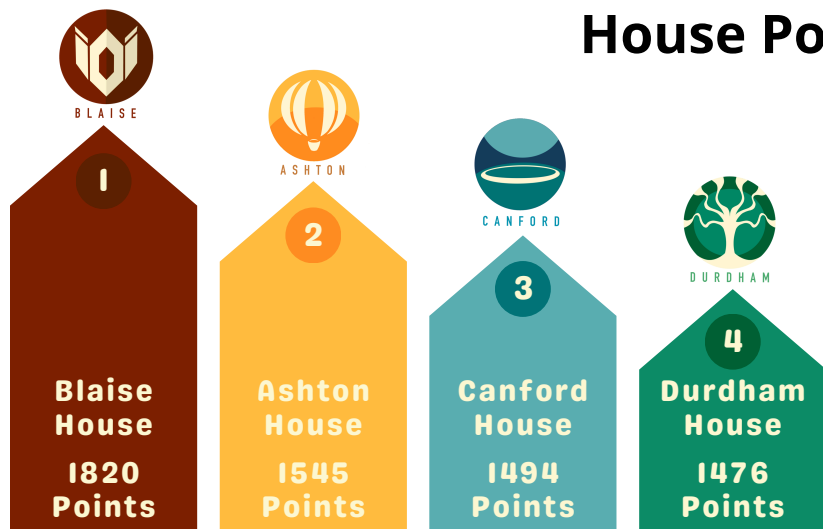
Slapped cheek



HOUSE NEWS



House Points



Congratulations to **Blaise House** for earning the most House points this week!

An impressive comeback!

Well done Blaise!

Top House Point Earners

Congratulations to our top House point earners this week!

	Ashton	Blaise	Canford	Durdham
Year 7	Esme P	Nabeeha W	Jacob E, Benjamin S	Mollie K
Year 8	Tiana M	Isaac F, Siena M	Noah S	Imaan Y
Year 9	Angelin V	Rory H	Noah LK	Alice T, Elizabeth C
Year 10	Max F	Nina-Mae L	Lillyana WL	Freddie H
Year 11	Jessica L, Benjamin R, Emlyn W	Bilal Al	Mae W, Harry G	Mark B
Year 12	Henry S	Archibald H	Alfie C	Callum T
Year 13	Keira T	Kwame A	William W	Joshua H

Black Belt Success

Ethan in Year 9 was awarded his black belt in Tang Soo Do at the weekend. Congratulations!



ACHIEVEMENTS

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

Free Period Products are available to those who need them. Just look for the **Pink Boxes** in the following locations:

- Student Services
- Sixth Form Admin Office
- PE Changing Rooms
- Mrs Gardiner's Room
- Behaviour Office
- Main Reception
- SEND Office
- Mental Health & Safeguarding Room
- Head of Year Offices
- Behaviour Room





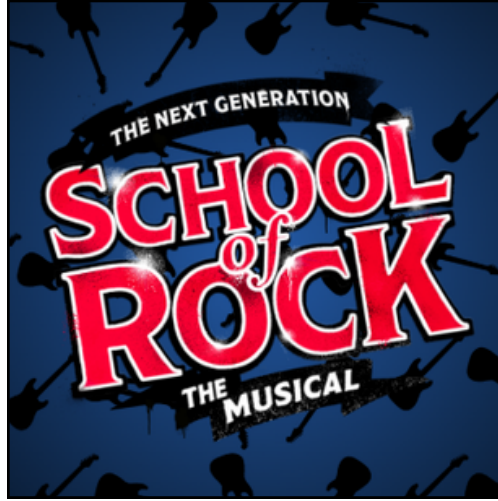
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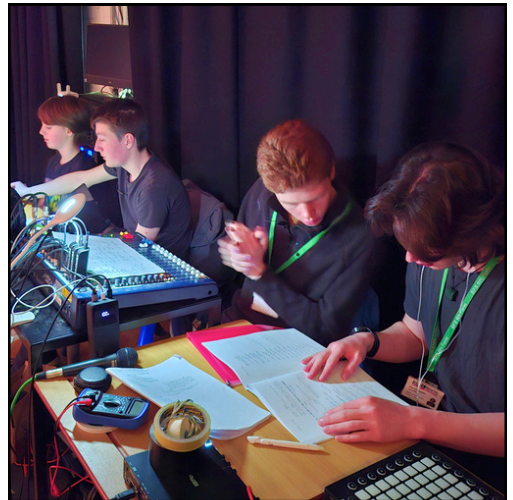
MRS JEROME

PERFORMING ARTS

This week, **School of Rock** came to BFS, and what a show it was! Well done to all the cast, crew and band members. Your hard work and dedication since September was evident and you truly blew us away! We are so proud of you.



School of Rock was a BFS school production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd. Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, book by Julian Fellowes and lyrics by Glenn Slater.



Thank you

Admin Team for all their help with marketing, ticket sales and logistics.

Site Team for all their help with set up and logistics.

The PE Department for moving out of the Sports Hall.

Ms Griffiths in the Library for lending us her chairs.

Friends of BFS for their support running the refreshments.

Mrs Conway for all her support behind the scenes.

All the parents of cast, crew and band who have supported our wonderful students at home!

We couldn't do it without you!



SIXTH FORM

MRS MORGAN-JONES

YEAR 13

Oxbridge Places

Congratulations to the Year 13 students who have received offers to Oxford and Cambridge Universities, an amazing achievement in itself.

Harry M - Physics (Oxford)

Noah R - Land Economy (Cambridge)

Alex M - Medicine (Cambridge)

James W - Engineering (Cambridge)



YEAR 13

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Students have been completing their independent research projects (EPQ), which they have taken as an additional qualification alongside their A Level and/or BTEC courses. This qualification is highly valued by universities for the independent research and analysis skills students develop. The EPQ requires students to research and develop a project on a topic of their choice in the form of a report or an artefact. The final requirement of the course is to complete a presentation on their findings and key skills they have developed. The presentations delivered so far have been outstanding; students have spoken with confidence and passion towards their chosen topics.

Year 13 EPQ project titles include:

- To what extent is the cinema industry successful in creating "the best" films possible?
- Why has the UK experienced a decline in the learning of MFL over the last two decades?
- Can God and Evil Coexist?
- 70s Cinema: The peak and decline of filmmaking
- Has the 2012 Olympics been beneficial to London's economy?
- The Tyrolean Farmstead: How has the culture in which it inhabits changed it?
- Assessing the threats to low earth orbit: How concerned should we be?
- Are there substantial disparities between the treatment of men and women who are involved in the UK criminal justice system?
- Do Quentin Tarantino's films promote the victimisation of women and misogyny, or do they promote empowered, strong, female role models?
- Should young deaf children be encouraged to have cochlear implants?

This presentation is an artefact project where Stephen has built a stair-climbing robot to aid the elderly in carrying heavy objects.



Year 12 Students

Interested in taking an EPQ? Speak to Mrs Morgan-Jones / see Bromcom Assignments for more details. Deadline for applications is Friday 7 February.

GEOGRAPHY



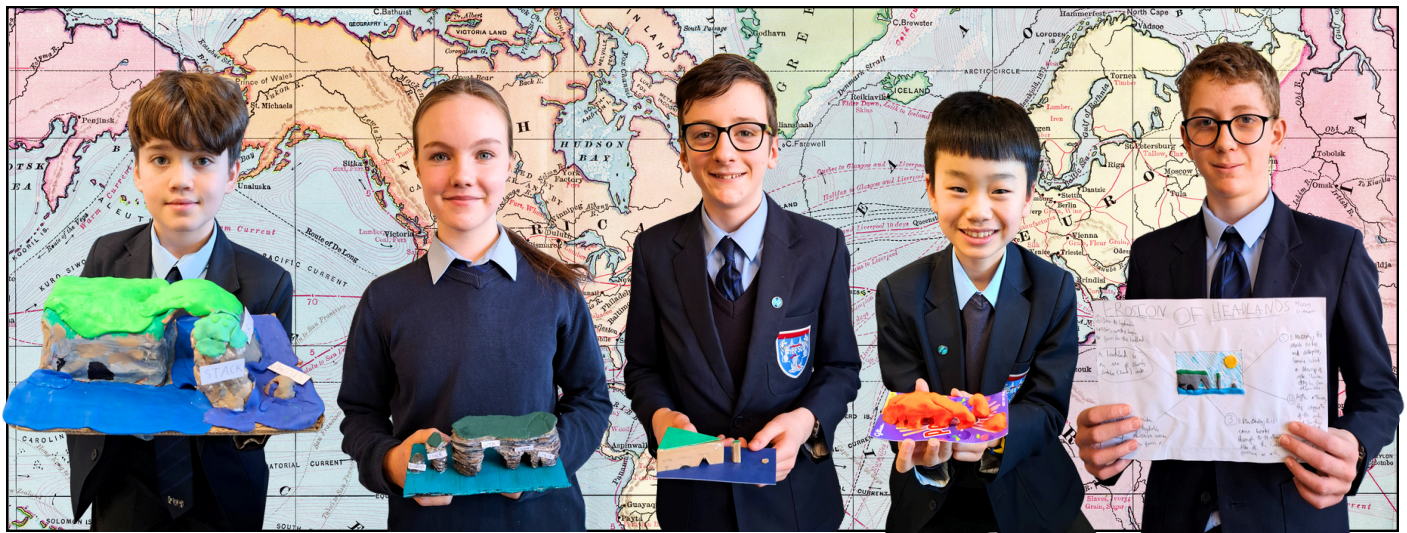
MS MORAN

Coastal Stack Formations

Year 8 geographers have created some fantastic models of stack formations for their homework.

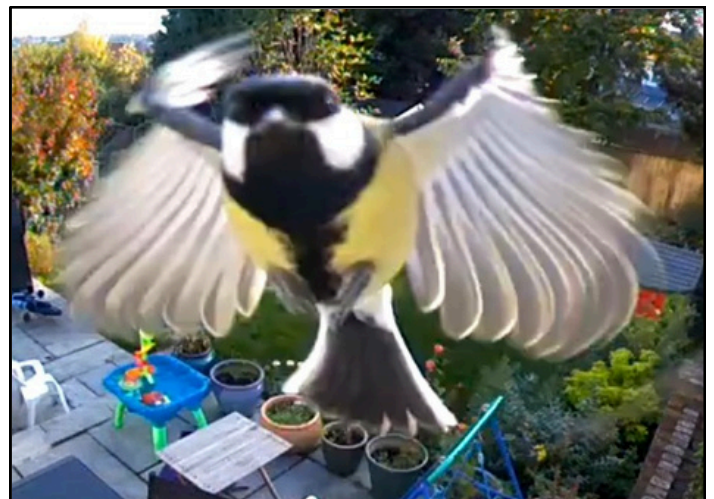


YEAR 8



Big Garden Birdwatch

Last week, students and staff at BFS took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Thank you to everyone who took part and sent in their photos.



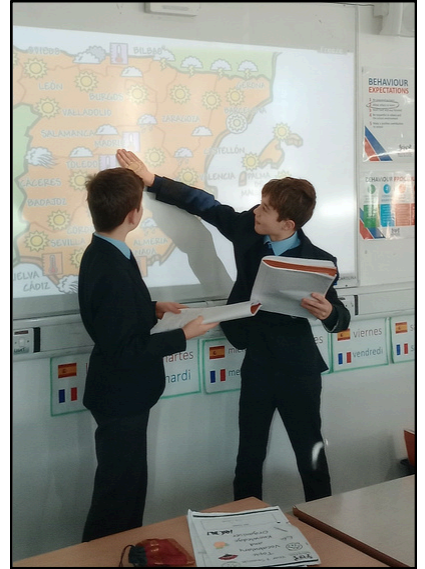
LANGUAGES



MISS COLEMAN

Spanish Weather Forecasts

Fresh out of their Young Green Briton pitches, Year 7 have been writing and performing weather forecasts in Spanish. Students were asked to focus on the social and emotional strands of their oracy, "flair" and "audience awareness".



In preparation they watched a real Spanish weather forecast and despite the speed, were able to pick out familiar vocabulary words from their lessons. They then used their vocabulary knowledge to draft a present tense weather forecast, with some adding past and future weather to really extend their content. The enthusiasm and confidence the students showed presenting in a foreign language was admirable! Well done Year 7! ¡Fantástico!

YEAR 7

CATERING

Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 29 January, students and staff at BFS enjoyed a Chinese-inspired menu. The Dining Hall was also decked out with colourful decorations and fantastic artwork by a group of students.



THEMED DINING



BFS SPORTS

 BFS_TeamPE



MS SLATER

A WEEK OF SPORT

Despite facing a windy, wet and miserable Monday, our students rocked up, ready and raring to go in true BFS style. Two basketball fixtures were hosted at BFS, with students staying to support and cheer the teams on, showing us what #BFSCommunity is all about.

Three rugby fixtures were hosted by Bristol Grammar School, in which two boys' and one girls' team played.

Due to our waterlogged field, our Year 7 footballers were unable to play. However, with our commitment to not cancel extra-curricular clubs, they had the opportunity to do some video analysis instead.

Year 9 dance club also started this week with our new teacher and club lead, Miss Rostill.

What a great way to start the week in Sport at BFS!



YEAR 7 BOYS



In a closely contested match, the Year 7 boys' rugby team triumphed over Bristol Grammar School with a score of 20-15. They took an early lead with a quick try and held their ground as BGS fought back. In the end, the Year 7 team secured their win with a final try, showcasing their determination and skill.

Well done!

U14 GIRLS

The U14 girls' football team kicked off their season with a spirited performance against Redland Green School in their first match of the term. With a brand-new squad and only 10 players, the team showed great determination and teamwork in their first outing together.

Despite a strong effort, we went into halftime trailing 3-1. However, a tactical switch at the break led to an impressive second-half display, with our defence holding firm to keep the scoreline at 0-0 for the



remainder of the game. The final score was 3-1, but the team showed incredible potential for future matches.

A huge well done to all the players! Jess W was named Player of the Match, while special recognition goes to Emma and Alba for taking a turn in goal. This was a fantastic start, and we cannot wait to see how the team progresses throughout the season.

Y10 BOYS

The Year 10 boys' rugby team put on an impressive show, beating Bristol Grammar School 33-15.

They started strong with an early try and maintained control throughout the match, showcasing great teamwork and skill. Despite BGS's attempts to fight back, the boys sealed their victory with a final try, making it a memorable match.

Great work!



Y10 GIRLS

The Year 10 girls' rugby team delivered a stunning performance against Bristol Grammar School, winning 65-10. They dominated from the start, scoring multiple tries with quick passes and strategic plays. Even when BGS managed to score, the girls responded with more points, highlighting their talent and teamwork throughout the game.

Fantastic!

CLUBS

It was an absolute delight to have Mr East and Mr MacBlain take part in Year 9 volleyball club on Thursday evening.

We will be inviting Year 8 girls to volleyball club in the final week of Term 3 as a taster, so please do come along and take part.

A reminder that due to BFS hosting a basketball fixture next Thursday, we will not be able to lead our volleyball and trampolining clubs. We apologise to all students involved. These clubs will be back on in the final week of term.



NOTICE

If you have recently had your ears pierced, you can wear tape in PE lessons for the first six weeks. However, we must have consent from your responsible adult at home. If you do not, then you will be given a non-practical role for the lessons.

Please email this consent to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk, and they will pass onto the appropriate teacher.



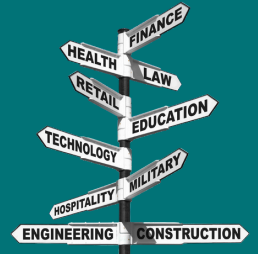
UPCOMING FIXTURES

Monday 3 Feb	U16 Girls Football Finals	Gloucestershire FA
Wednesday 5 Feb	U12 Girls Football vs Orchard School	Orchard School
Wednesday 5 Feb	Y8 Boys Football vs Orchard School	Orchard School
Wednesday 5 Feb	U14 & U16 Boys Basketball vs St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School	BFS
Thursday 6 Feb	Y7 & Y8 Boys Football vs Bristol Cathedral Choir School	Failand
Thursday 6 Feb	U14 & U16 Boys Basketball vs St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School	BFS



MR BRUNKER

CAREERS



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Work Experience Employer Talks Careers Day



EMPLOYER TALK

We were excited to welcome KPMG for this week's employer talk. Nashrini Pather, a graduate in consulting, and Ross Carlino, an apprentice in consulting, shared their experiences in getting to where they are now in the firm, and spoke enthusiastically about the benefits of working in a 'Big Four' accountancy business.

Both speakers came into KPMG from different backgrounds, showing how varied the possible entry routes are into a career in finance. Nashrini studied Chemical Engineering at university followed by a Masters in Sustainability, before joining the KPMG graduate scheme. Ross came to the UK as a nanny, dropped out of university, then worked as a lab assistant but was told she could not progress in the role without a degree. She found out about the degree apprenticeship with KPMG, which was perfect for her as she needed to work to support herself and wanted to end up with a degree. She said she was proof that it is okay to change your mind before finding your chosen career, and that you do not have to decide straight out of school if you want to do an apprenticeship as the schemes are still available later in life. The speakers gave an overview of the main areas of work in the firm: consulting/advisory, audit and legal, as well as other specialisms such as forensics and risk.

Some of the main take-aways for students were:

- When recruiting, KPMG look at the person and their transferrable skills, not their specific experience in finance.
- Although big, KPMG is a firm where everyone is learning and helping each other out. They are looking for people who are willing to learn, including from their mistakes.
- There are so many different roles in KPMG, leading one partner to say: "If you can't find a job you like in KPMG, you're not going to find a job you like!"
- If you do not like the job you are doing, it is okay to change and try something else while you are young.
- Everyone runs their own race, so do not worry about what other people are doing. Set your own personal goals and visualise where you see yourself in 10-15 years' time.
- KPMG offers spring and summer work experience placements, details of which are on their [website](#).



Thank you very much to Ross and Nashrini for taking the time to come and speak to us. It was a fascinating talk.

COMING UP...

7 February: Global Commerce (Airbus)

14 February: Human Resources

28 February: Corporate Finance

7 March: Pharmacy

14 March: Criminal Law

EMPLOYER TALKS

Do you have an interesting job to talk to our students about? Every Friday between 8.30am and 9am, we invite a local person to come in and talk about the job they do. These Employer Talks are designed to inform, and inspire, our students about the world of work. If you, or someone you know, would like to come into school and give a short talk, please get in touch by emailing careers@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Guide to the Apprenticeship application process. Applying for an apprenticeship can be a daunting and challenging process and there's not as much information available as there is for Uni applications. These handy guides from Rolls Royce will give you a helpful insight into the apprenticeship recruitment process, whether you apply to RR or elsewhere. [Download here.](#)

Solicitor Apprentice

Company: Osborne Clarke
Location: Bristol
Start date: September 2025

Solicitor Apprenticeships offer the opportunity to study an undergraduate law degree and train as a Solicitor whilst earning a salary, without the cost associated with going to university.

Find out more at their open evening for students and parents/carers on Thursday 12 February, 5.30-7pm. [Sign up here.](#)

Apprenticeships at EY - now open for applications.

If you are looking to dive into work straight out of school in business, finance or technology, then why not have a look at the apprenticeship opportunities at global professional services firm EY. [Find out more about EY apprenticeships.](#)

Civil Engineering Degree Apprentice

Transport Planning (Level 6)
Company: [Jacobs](#)
Location: Bristol
Start date: September 2025
Apply: [Civil Engineering Degree Apprentice](#)

Degree Apprentice Estimator

Company: Morgan Sindall
Location: Cardiff/Bristol
Start date: September 2025
Apply: [Degree Apprentice Estimator](#)

Apprentice Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Practitioner - Level 4

Company: Laing O'Rourke
Location: South of England
Start date: September 2025
Apply: [Apprentice CR&S Practitioner](#)

Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprentice

Company: EDF
Location: London/Bristol
Start date: September 2025
Apply: [NEDA Apprentice](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in a career in hairdressing or barbering?

Reflections Training Academy will be opening their doors on **Thursday 20 February**, during half-term week to help you get your hair and beauty career kick-started. [Register here.](#)

Calling aspiring documentary film makers.

The *Grierson DocLab: New Entrants* is for UK-based 18-25 year olds with a passion for documentary and factual TV who are new entrants to the industry. The programme aims to equip up to 12 successful trainees with the knowledge, connections and work experience to launch their documentary careers. [Find out more here.](#)

Explore STEM opportunities with the **British Army**. This virtual event explores the STEM opportunities available in the Army. It will provide an in-depth look at the Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship, which offers up to £42,750 in financial support for your studies. Wednesday 5 March 2025, 1-2pm. Register [here.](#)

Interested in finance, business or technology? This evening webinar is hosted by finance and consulting giant **EY**. Tuesday 4 February 2025, 6.30-7.30pm. Find out how you can earn a competitive salary, professional qualifications, and gain experience at a global company, through EY's apprenticeship programmes across Audit, Tax, and Technology. Speak to current apprentices to gain an insight into working life at EY. Get application support and guidance from the actual team that will be hiring you. Register [here.](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

Can you offer work experience?

Every July, our Year 12 students do three days' 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 who would be willing to host one or more of our students for work experience, we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch by emailing careers@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

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GIRLS HALF DAY FOOTBALL TRAINING



Open To Girls Who Want To
Improve Their Skills

Monday 17th Feb | Years 1 - 3 | 9 - 12pm
Wednesday 19th Feb | Years 4 & 5 | 9 - 12pm
Wednesday 19th Feb | Years 8 & 9 | 12:30 - 3:30pm
Friday 21st Feb | Years 6 & 7 | 9 - 12pm

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DESSERTS – £1.10

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ICE CREAM POT
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