

Words from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers

It has been a very busy week getting the site ready and COVID secure for the gradual reopening of BFS. We are really looking forward to welcoming our Year 10 and Year 12 back next week for their academic mentoring and COVID induction lesson. The risk assessment that we have put in place is very robust and includes all the government guidelines in regard to social distancing, strict hand-washing and reduced movement around the school site. This week staff have attended COVID staff training and I am pleased to say we feel ready for the next stage in this unprecedented academic year. I have included a few photos below so you can see the way we have adapted D teaching block to enable COVID secure lessons. It is very disappointing that we cannot include more year groups to this term's plans. As we have prepared staff and the site to reopen there has been a very positive uplifting feeling that we are now on the road to school reopening and returning to normal...at last!

In the meantime, I am very conscious that many families are still working very hard at home supporting their children with home learning. Many of you will have the added pressure of working from home or juggling childcare. As a parent myself and having many friends with young children, I understand the challenges for families this extended time out of school brings. BFS staff are so appreciative of your support and thank you for all that you are doing whilst students remain at home.

In times like these I think it is important to remember that the easing of the lockdown is still at a fragile stage. However, we need to have faith in our young people, in ourselves and in our wider community that we will work together to get back on track. I am confident from working with young people in education for many years that we can make up the time missed out of school with careful planning and excellent teaching. I know students in Year 10 and Year 12 are understandably worried about their exams next summer. OFQUAL and the Department of Education are in discussions about making some adjustments to next summer's public exams due to the disruption caused by the Coronavirus. Headteachers are awaiting updates regarding next year's exams and as always, I will communicate any developments.

In the meantime I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter.

Mrs S King
Headteacher



A free and confidential multi-channel service that provides support and advice for young people between 13 and 24 .

What we do: The Mix is here to take on the embarrassing problems, weird questions, and please-don't-make-me-say-it-out-loud thoughts that people between 13 and 25 have in order to give them the best support through our digital and phone services.

Our Vision is that all young people should be able to make informed choices about their physical and mental well-being so that they can live better lives.

Our Mission is to become the first point of contact for any young person seeking help or information on any subject wherever and whenever they need it.

<https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support/speak-to-our-team/the-mix-counselling-service>



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Dear Teachers/Parents/Carers,

At Bristol Free School our students engage weekly during tutor sessions with a VotesforSchools topic. This has continued during school closure with students being asked to consider such topics as **'Do you have enough sleep?'**, **'How can I celebrate VE day?'**, and **'Would you like to be a child actor?'** VotesforSchools strives to promote equality and celebrate diversity in all its forms. With this in mind, they have made the decision to discuss the topic of racism this week, to reflect the ongoing events across the world in response to George Floyd's death.

The lesson explores the impact of systemic racism and the changes the current Black Lives Matter protests hope to prompt. The focus is primarily on the USA, particularly on the role of protesting, social media, and Government response. However, given recent events in Bristol we are sure our students will consider these issues in a more local context.



While these are serious themes, please rest assured students are introduced to them in an age-appropriate way.

As a school community we still have much to learn about the true extent of these issues, but hope that the VotesforSchools resources provide a good grounding in what is happening and why things need to change. Whilst it may be a subject students have looked at in depth before, we believe it to be a necessary conversation and would encourage wider family engagement on this issue. All students will have the resources posted on their SMHW account, and a Google classroom link will enable students to post their thoughts and responses on this vitally important issues.

We look forward to hearing what our young people have to say on this vitally important topic.

Best wishes,

The staff of Bristol Free School

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Reminder on Login Details

Username, emails and passwords

BFS uses G Suite to synchronise access to the school network and various platforms such as SMHW and Google Classrooms. This means that students only have one password to remember for the main platforms the school uses. Additional platforms such as MathsWatch and Accelerated Reader will have different login methods which have been provided. If you are unsure of these, please look on the school website or email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk and your query will be directed to the correct member of staff.

Username Structure - used for school computers and VLE

Y7: 19surname.firstinitial *eg 19bloggs.j*

Y8: firstinitial.surname18 *eg j.bloggs18*

Y9: firstinitial.surname17 *eg j.bloggs17*

Y10: firstinitial.surname16 *eg j.bloggs16*

Y11: firstinitial.surname15 *eg j.bloggs15*

Y12: firstinitial.surname14 *eg j.bloggs14*

Y13: firstinitial.surname13 *eg j.bloggs13*

Email - used for signing into Chrome, SMHW, school email (Gmail), Google Classroom, any single sign on that offers Sign in with Google option

username@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Password - one password used for all of the above

Students choose their own password when they first log in to the school network and they are usually required to change regularly and are prompted to do so in school (feature currently disabled due to home learning situation)

If a device saves a password and the password is changed, students will need to logout and log back in to update the password.

All students will be required to use the VLE to complete end of year Progress Checks for each subject. A straightforward task (login, find a specific course and tick a box) will be set on SMHW next week to check you can login to the VLE - please complete this task even if you logged in for the Maths Progress Check. The task has also been included in this newsletter.

If you have any difficulties with logging in to any of the above platforms, please contact Mrs Sherman via admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

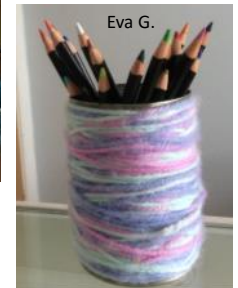
DT— Tin Can Upcycling Challenge

Ingenious designs and production of upcycled tin cans! Love them!

Yr 7



Yr 8



DT—At Home Challenge

We have been really impressed with the DT projects students have undertaken around the house in during lockdown.

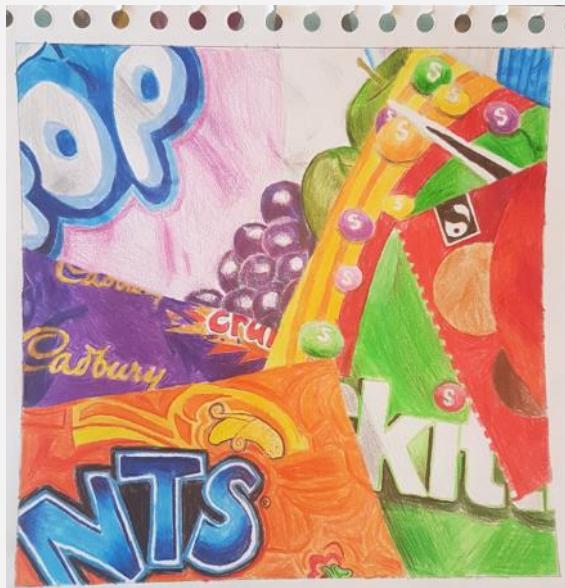
Chloe C in Y8 has demonstrated fantastic problem solving, design, manufacturing and testing skills and has made her own handstand canes so she can keep up with her gymnastics training at home. Chloe has also signed up for a Creative Youth Network Course which is a level 1 qualification in Creative Arts and Textiles aimed at 11-16 year olds and as a result has developed a number of textiles skills such as weaving and printing. She has been making scrub bags for the NHS, make up bags with pockets, a peg bag. Her next project is tackling pyjama bottoms. Well done Chloe – we are very proud of what you have achieved.



BFS ART

Well done to those students who have been showing off their colour skills this week. The **Art task** was to create a collage using sweet wrappers, and then make a view-finder to select the best part. Students then had to carefully study that view, and draw as accurately as they could, using colour pencils.

We are so impressed with the work coming through.
Well done everyone!



'Artist of the week' - Noah Y9



Kate Y8



Ruby Y8



Chloe Y8



Alex Y9



Harrison Y9



Erin Y9



**Calling all
Arty Year 7 &
8 students**

Join our 'new' KS3 Art GoogleClassroom.

You can find useful videos and demonstrations from your Art teachers and also links to excellent Arty resources.

We will be creating an **Art Enrichment activity** every week for you to enjoy.....Skills to learn will range from sculpture, felt pen pattern making and Manga Drawing.

To join the group use this code: **amlxkei**

BLACK IDENTITIES AND ART

Discover Black art and artists in Tate's collection



KIDS THINK ABOUT ART AND RACE

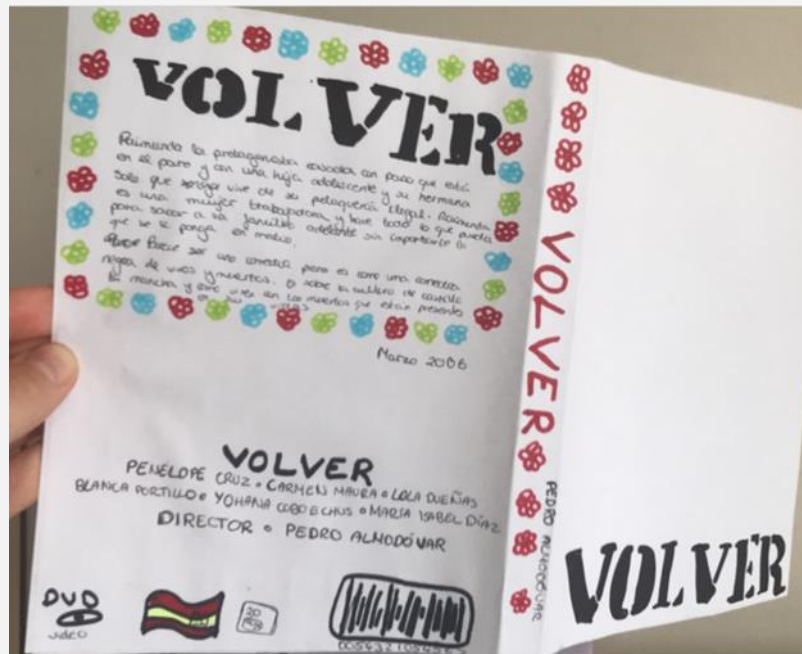
Watch kids exploring an exhibition of Black American art.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/kids-view/kids-think-about-art-and-race>

Creative Art work for Spanish

Our Year 12 Spanish students took a break from writing essays, analyzing themes and interpreting the symbolism of Spanish Catholic and Manchegan influence on the very famous director, Almodóvar's work, and put together how they would have promoted one of his finest films, *Volver*.

It's great to see students go above and beyond in their remote learning, and the MFL team have certainly enjoyed their creativity!

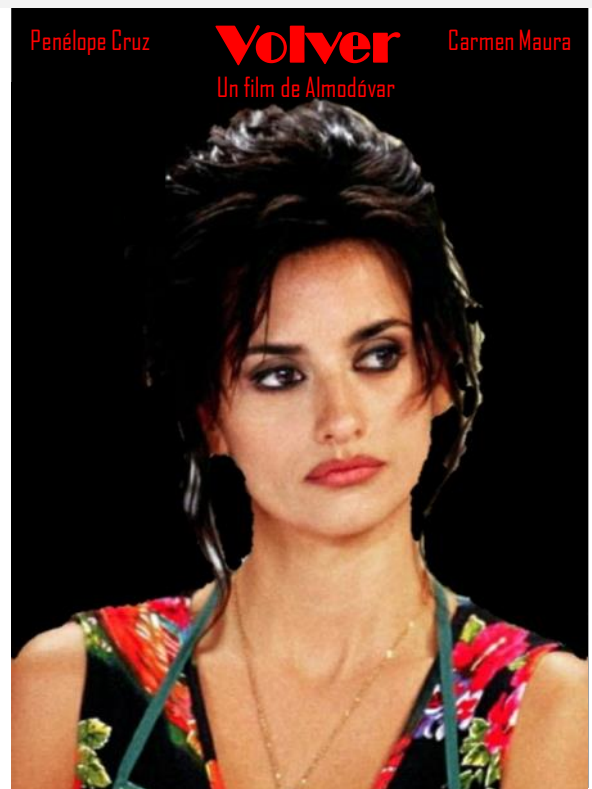


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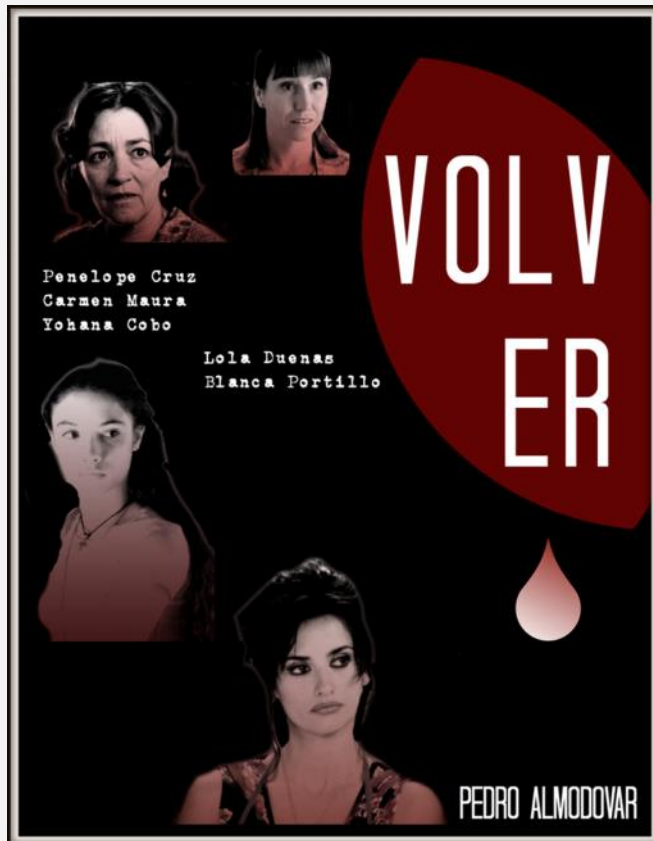
Volver es la última película aclamada críticamente de Almodóvar, en que vuelve a su casa de Castilla la Mancha para presentarnos con Raimunda (Penélope Cruz), la mujer trabajadora quien ha superado su infancia difícil para ser una madre fuerte y cariñosa, Soledad (Lola Dueñas), la hermana tímida de Raimunda, y Paula (Yohana Cobo), una adolescente típica con un secreto terrible.

Cuando la madre de Raimunda y Soledad (Carmen Maura) vuelve de entre los muertos para reconciliarse con sus hijas, muchos secretos negros sobre la familia se revelan, y las vidas de los personajes nunca volverán de como eran antes de nuevo.

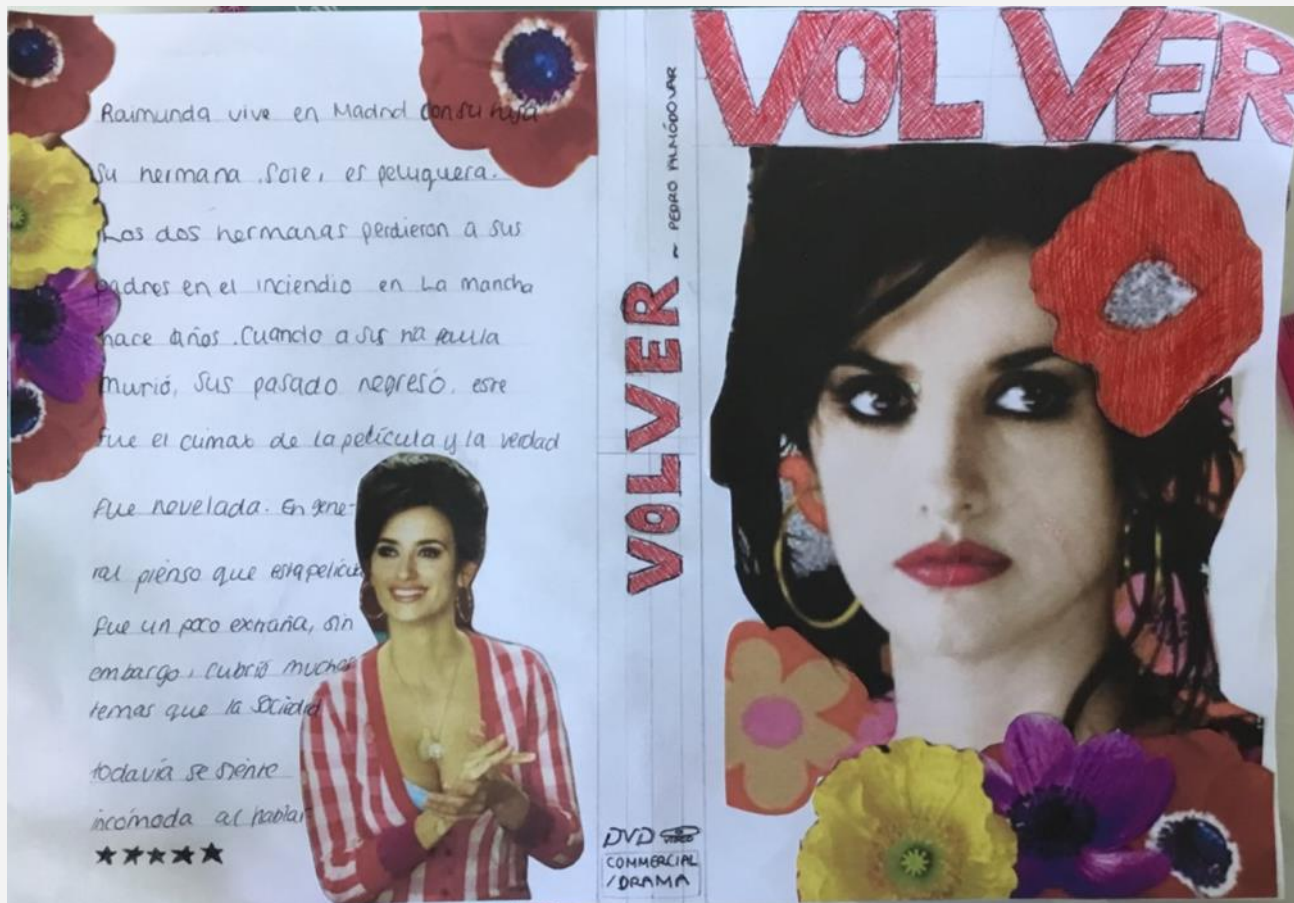
Una comedia llena de emoción, **Volver** se ha descrito como "Almodóvar en su mejor momento".



James G



Mia B



Sonia P

Volver es una película que está ambientado en un mundo feminizado en el que el trabajo, la supervivencia y el amor familiar son primordiales. Almodóvar las arregla magistralmente para crear giros oscuros mientras mantiene momentos con los que el público puede relacionarse.



La actuación de Penelope Cruz es cuatitadora, ella captura la verdadera espíritu de Raimunda y lleva a la audiencia con ella en su viaje de emoción

VOLVER - PEDRO ALMODÓVAR



VOLVER
UNA PELICULA DE ALMOODOVAR

"A mature and beautifully told tale of family and the ghosts that haunt us..."

"A lush, loving celebration of women's survival"

"A gripping melodrama inspired by the trash TV that is a soundtrack to its characters' lives."



- The Guardian

Hazuki F

Wesport Virtual Summer School Games 2020



School Games Schedule

- 1st June: Athletics (Speed Bounce Challenge)
- 8th June: Netball (Around the World Challenge)
- 15th June: Gymnastics (Tuck In, Tuck Out Challenge)
- 22nd June: Tennis (Tap Up Challenge)
- 29th June: Cricket (Catch and Clap Challenge)
- 7th July: School Games Celebration!

Each week we will post a new challenge video on a Monday at 10.00am.

Our Young Leaders will demonstrate the activity and let you know the rules. All you need to do is practice the activity and get a member of your family or teacher to record your results of the challenge and submit your best score by 11.59pm on the Sunday.

We would love to see any pictures or videos of your challenge attempts! Tag us on Social Media @WesportAP #WesportVirtualGames



We will be releasing a new challenge each week via our website:
www.wesport.org.uk/active-education/school-games
and on social media @WesportAP



The virtual challenge is an activity that you can do in your home, yard or garden or at school and gives you the chance to achieve your personal best and take part with other children from across the West of England!

Active Schools Are Stronger Schools



Virtual Summer School Games 2020

In collaboration with our local School Game Organisers we are excited to announce the Virtual Summer School Games launching on 1 June!

For 5 weeks leading up to the original planned Summer Multi-event on the 7 July, Wesport will be launching simple weekly challenges, inclusive for all to take part in. **Please see attached flyer**

The 60 second challenges will be linked to 5 sports: Athletics, Netball, Gymnastics, Tennis and Cricket with local sporting athletes and young leaders demonstrating videos and explaining the rules. Each challenge will be accompanied with a challenge card for download.

- Designed so children can take part at home or at school, with little or no equipment needed (eg. socks instead of a tennis ball).
- Focusing on personal best and the school game values which will be celebrated on 7 July by sharing entries and videos/pictures.
- Videos/ pictures are not a necessity for entry - they are pushing the honesty value for those who choose to just submit a score.
- Awarding a prize to the most active school!** For every child that takes part (whether at home/at school) our school will be awarded a point.
- This will also be announced as part of the online celebration day on the 7 July.
- Personal Best certificates will be downloadable from the website each week.

Entry is simple. All details can be found on the webpage here (<http://www.wesport.org.uk/active-education/school-games/2020-summer-virtual-school-games/>), along with the terms and conditions.

Parents are asked to enter the child's score by completing the [google form](#) and any videos or pictures of challenges can be sent to schoolgames@wesport.org.uk.

We would love for you to take part so that we can continue to get as many of you engaged with physical activity as possible and be inspired by the sporting stars that will feature throughout.

Please follow Wesport on **@WesportAP** across Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and use **#WesportVirtualGames** and **@YourSchoolGames** for any posts you make.

Thank you everybody and good luck!

WEEK 3 CHALLENGE - (w/c 15 June) - Gymnastics (Tuck In, Tuck Out Challenge)

We hope to see you all engaging online

Miss Hammond and the PE Department

Any questions please email e.hammond@bristolfreeschool.org.uk