

## Words from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

It was great to see Year 10 this week moving around D block and enjoying their option lessons. We had strict social distancing and a one-way system, but it was still a very positive week. A Level lessons were very well attended and students seem relieved to be getting back to some normality.

Our planning for September continues and will include the regulations outlined by the Department of Education yesterday. Our Plan A is for a full reopening of school in line with government guidelines, which we are still thinking through because it is very complicated! Our Plan B is a contingency plan based on 1m+ social distancing, Plan C is based on 2m social distancing and Plan D addresses the possibility of another full lockdown due to a spike.

There is so much uncertainty nationally, but I want to reassure you that we will manage the situation and we will continue to support your children in every possible way that we can. I will communicate these plans in more detail before the end of term so that our whole school community can take a well-earned rest, knowing that we are fully prepared for the future – whatever that may look like.

I fully appreciate that uncertainty about September is frustrating, but we are living through unprecedented times. Rest assured that the wellbeing of our students remains at the heart of everything we do.

I hope families who have children starting BFS in Year 7 next term have found the information provided this week helpful and reassuring. Our transition plans are at the forefront of our planning and we are very much looking forward to Year 7 joining the BFS family in September.

Next week we have our Annual Awards presentation, where teachers and Year Leaders have nominated students to be rewarded for subject excellence and sustained effort over this academic year. Last year was such a wonderful evening event with parents and students. We are sorry that we cannot replicate it this year, however we are determined that students this year do not miss out and will be acknowledged and rewarded despite the lockdown setback.

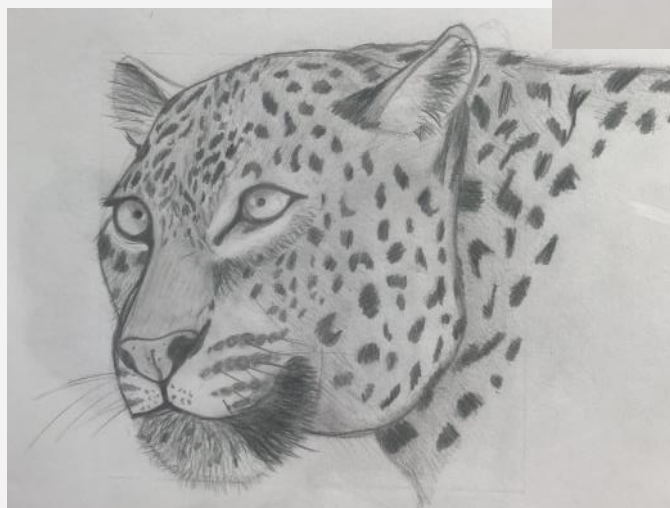
Finally on Friday 10 July, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students have been invited into school for an academic mentoring interview with their tutor or a teacher. We are very much looking forward to seeing students again and being able to reassure them about returning to school in September.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs S King*  
*Headteacher*

Key Diary Dates	
Wednesday 8 July	Current Year 11 Sixth Form Induction - Virtual
Thursday 9 July	Annual Awards - Virtual
Friday 10 July	Current Year 7 - Year 9 Academic Mentoring Day
Wednesday 15 July	Virtual Sports Day
Friday 17 July	Last day of term
Thursday 13 August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 20 August	GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form enrolment
Wednesday 2 September	INSET Day
Thursday 3 September	INSET Day
Friday 4 September	New Year 7 and New Year 12 Induction day only
Monday 7 September	Start of term - all year groups

## Student Wellbeing



"I have found that drawing helps relax me." Katie L Y8



"We decided at home to build a swimming pool as you cannot buy one the size we wanted. It will be finished soon." Charles Y9



## Accelerated Reader - Free access to books!

As mentioned in the newsletter last week it has been pleasing to see the large number of our Year 7 and 8 students engaging so well with Accelerated Reader. In order to support this initiative further we are excited to announce that students can access a range of books linked to Accelerated Reader free until the end of August. Mr Harris, Head of English, has created a useful Loom video to explain how to go about this.

<https://www.loom.com/share/32bb8c19b433412f90b659206d329449>

Alternatively, follow the instructions below:

Go to [myon.co.uk](https://myon.co.uk) and enter login details:

1. - **School Name:** Bristol Free School (*type the first few letters of your school and select from the drop-down menu*)
  - **Username:** bristol653student
  - **Password:** read
2. Click on the **Sign In** button, select a book, and start reading!

## Unlock Cyber Virtual Challenge

Four Y8 students took part in an Unlock Cyber Virtual challenge powered by Immersive Labs - the first time this has been held virtually - and this is what they thought of the experience:

"Last Wednesday, Dario HS, Jamie S, Josh M and Carl R represented BFS at an online Cyber Challenge. A few weeks beforehand we prepared by reviewing parts of cyber security that we have already learnt and then we had to extend our knowledge by looking up new topics such as windows registry keys and looking at metadata to learn information about a picture. It was a two hour long challenge. We had to work as fast as possible to win points. We pioneered, i.e. finished before anyone else had finished, the first badge in less than half an hour but then the other challenges were more difficult and we did not complete another one. We answered a few questions on all of the remaining labs, so we managed to maximise the amount of points we could get. We ended up coming eighth out of 30 teams that were partaking, with an overall score of 44%. The winning team got 84%. I highly recommend this challenge to future Year 8s. Thank you to Mrs Sherman who gave us the chance to attend this challenge." *Carl R Y8*



## Library Book Amnesty



Our school library is being restocked ready for use when our students return. We are also looking forward to seeing our Year 7 and 8 students accessing their Accelerated Reader books from September. Whilst we have ordered new books during school closure there is always space for more. With this in mind, we are asking for your support in two ways:

- Check at home to see if you have any BFS School library books. These will have a BFS stamp on the inside and are likely to be in a plastic cover.
- Donate any unwanted books you may have that would be suitable for Secondary School age children. These can be fiction or non-fiction. We are always very grateful for these donations to benefit our students.

Books can be returned at the following times:

**Year 7, 8 and 9: Books to be returned when students attend on Friday 10 July.**

**Year 10 and 12: Books to be returned week commencing Monday 6 July.**

There will be a book box in each classroom for book collection.



## Parent Reminder

Unless your child is booked into the Keyworker/vulnerable student provision or is scheduled to come in for Y10/Y12 lessons that day please do not use the absence line or studybugs app to report non attendance.

Temporarily and during Covid-19 partial shut down, there is no requirement for contacting regarding absence where children are not expected to attend school.

*Mr East, Deputy Headteacher*

## Uniform Shop Relocation

Our uniform supplier, Famous School Branches, has relocated from Henleaze to their flagshop North Bristol store at Stoke Gifford.

Please see the attached New Store flyer and Parent Plan for further details.



## KS3 Artist of the week

It is wonderful to see more students using their spare time to be creative.

Well done Phoebe in Y8 for sharing with us her passion for drawing and painting.



## Photography Competition

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/>



### Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Experiment with photography
- Show interpretation of their chosen topic
- Express their ideas through the medium of photography

### Who can take part?

The competition is open to children and young people including all schools and college communities, those that are home educated and any other young people's community organisations.

**Theme – Wild Nature**

See Ms Kinnersley's video here:

<https://www.loom.com/share/a1f375a83f094bc886534bc68e6bf3d8>

# GCSE Artists

Year 10 have had to create a piece of Art work over a 5 hour period. This piece of Art had to be based on their own ideas for creative work, in response to Portraits or Urban Life. The work we are seeing is spectacular. It shows the resilience and creativity of our students. All of this work will go towards their GCSE grade next year. We are so proud of these students.

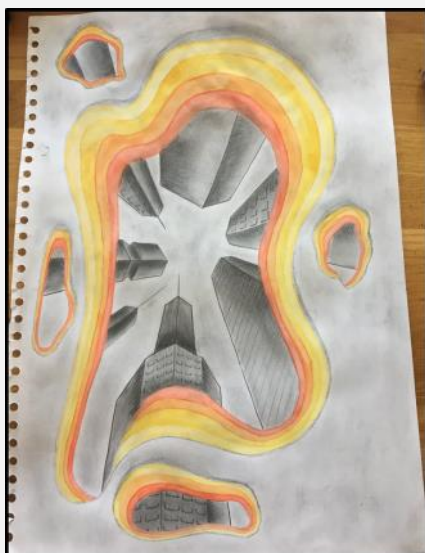
Look at what they have been doing at home!



Chiharu Y10



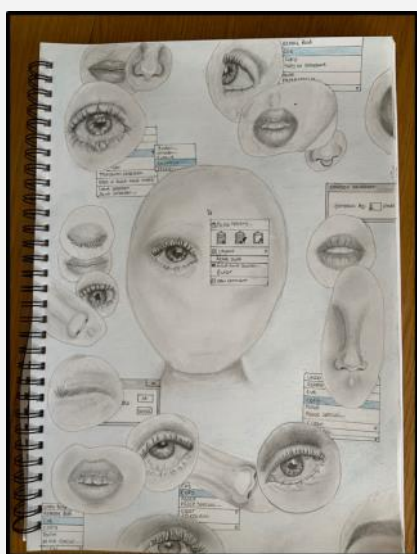
Hebe Y10



Alana Y10



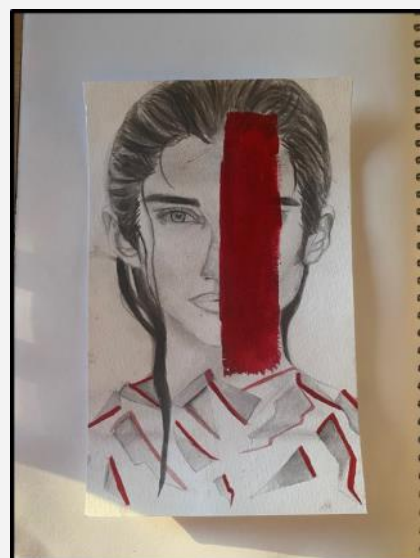
Natalie R Y10



Natalie B Y10



Holly Y10



Teya Y10



# Singdi School—Nepal



Funds raised from the BFS non uniform day held earlier in the year and Mrs Sherman’s 2.6 Challenge are being used to build a kitchen and dining hall at our partner School in Nepal.



## 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

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!

Developed in association with your local School Games Organisers and Young Leaders from Ashton Park School, and supported by our School Games Ambassador- Simran Kaur, Great Britain Para Athlete!



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

