



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Firstly, I would like to send warm wishes to our Muslim families for Eid ul Fitr. Eid Mubarak! I do hope all enjoyed the celebrations. This week we spent time in tutor focusing on the importance of managing your mental health and well-being. We have been using the NHS themes that support mental health and well-being. These are :-

- Connect with people – COVID secure obviously!
- Be physically active – get out into nature
- Learn new skills – everyday at school
- Give to others – random acts of kindness
- Be present – mindfulness



We will use these themes with young people through their school journey. We do have more specialist support, if needed, but giving students self-awareness and knowledge of the things that contribute to mental health and well-being means they may never need to use this service.

I have a number of important updates this week:

Face Masks Next Week

We have received guidance from the government this week stating that face coverings are no longer strongly recommended for students in classrooms and communal areas. Adults are still strongly recommended to continue wearing face masks in communal areas. Due to our risk assessment, I have decided to allow students to make a personal choice about wearing a face covering when moving around indoor communal areas. Face coverings are not required in lessons. The movement of students around the school buildings during lesson changeover can be busy, despite the one-way system so this maybe a reassuring first step for students as we ease the COVID restrictions.

Year group bubbles and staggered social time remain in place. We are very fortunate that the COVID rates in the Bristol community have reduced to 10/100,000 but I appreciate it is still an anxious time for adults and some students.

Letter Year 11 and Year 13 Term 5 and Term 6

Mr Fernandes and I have written to Year 11 students and families about the arrangements for the end of term 5 and adjusted plans for term 6. The official end of year for Year 11 is Thursday 24 June. We have a great deal to fit into the final weeks!

Mr Walker and Miss Norton have sent a similar letter to Year 13 outlining the plans.

I must say how well both year groups are doing. Attendance and attitude to the assessments has been excellent and we are so proud of the way students have handled this unique situation.

Extra- Curricular

It has been fantastic to see the very high number of students attending the year group bubble extra-curricular clubs. I would like to thank staff who are running those clubs; it means a lot to students to see the return to some normality at school.



End of Year Assessments

There will be End of Year assessments for Year 12, Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 during term 6. The assessment timetable will be sent to you before the end of term 5. Year 10 and Year 12 need to start revising because their assessments will be immediately after half term.

In the many years I have spent working in education, this has been the one that has tested schools the most. I am constantly amazed by the resilience and positivity of people when they are asked to work together on a mission that matters. Educating and supporting our young people is such an important mission, which we take very seriously here at BFS.

I do get annoyed when I hear comments like 'the lost generation' and 'lost learning' because it is such a negative message for a generation which has made big sacrifices. In time, young people will realise they have a shared experience and have learnt the importance of resilience, kindness and gratitude in life.

I wish you a relaxing weekend.



Mrs S King



REMINDERS

DINNER ACCOUNTS

An increased number of students are requesting lunch vouchers as their dinner accounts do not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of dinner purchases. Please check your child's dinner account and top it up to cover food purchases.



KEY DATES

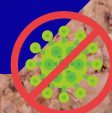
- 7 June - Revised INSET Day

Students arriving after their normal entry must go to the student gate, where they can be signed in by Student Services

£500 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE WORKERS

You can apply for a £500 grant if you have lost income due to self-isolating. You must be in employment or self-employment and unable to work from home. You can now also apply for the grant if you are caring for a child who is self-isolating.

Find out more here:
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/covid-19-financial-help/test-and-trace-payment-support>



BFS DUKE OF EDINBURGH



I'm delighted to announce that all of our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have been rearranged for the summer term. This means any students who registered on the award, either last year or newly registered students from this year, will have an opportunity to complete the expedition section of their award. Please see the list below for the dates for your award level. Further details regarding locations and timings will be released via letter by the end of this term, as the options around restrictions become clearer.



MR WICZOREK

After the year we've all experienced, I think opportunities to get away and into the great outdoors are more important than ever, so I'd encourage as many of you as possible to take part!

Please contact me with any queries. Have a great weekend everyone!



SKILLS DAY

Bronze Year 9 - Monday 7 June at BFS

Gold Year 12 - Monday 7 June at BFS



PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Bronze Year 9 - Sunday 4 July

Bronze Year 10 - Saturday 19 June

Silver Year 11 - Wednesday 9 June to Thursday 10 June

Gold Year 12 - Thursday 8 July to Monday 12 July

Gold Year 13 - Wednesday 9 June to Thursday 10 June

QUALIFYING EXPEDITION

Bronze Year 9 - Autumn 2021

Bronze Year 10 - Autumn 2021

Silver Year 11 - Saturday 3 July to Monday 5 July

Gold Year 12 - Summer 2022

Gold Year 13 - Thursday 8 July to Monday 12 July



BFS CAREERS



MR PARRY

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER

WELCOME

CAREER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities:

Below are some exciting virtual work experience opportunities that students may want to consider participating in, which are running in the Easter and June half term. Please click on the relevant links for more information and the application process. When applying for these placements, please note that students need to put their school email address.

The Future of Construction - Build Yourself with Wates



- Dates: 2nd June 2021
- Eligibility: 14- 19 year olds interested in Construction.
- Application Deadline: 24th May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1632>



Thames Water- Technology Revolution

- Date: 24th June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds.
- Application Deadline: 29th May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1667>



Govia Thameslink Railway

- Date: 24nd June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in how technology is used in the transport industry.
- Application Deadline: 24th May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1703>



British Army

- Dates: 22rd June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in how technology is used in the Army.
- Application Deadline: 26th May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1651>



Santander

- Dates: 30th June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds.
- Application Deadline: 30th May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1584>



NextGen Nurse. Meet the tech behind the nurse

- Dates: 24th June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds.
- Application Deadline: 3rd June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1756>
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Turner & Townsend - Delivering Projects of the Future

- Dates: 8 July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds
- Application Deadline: 8th June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1780>



Cavendish Nuclear Early Careers Insight Day

- Dates: 8 July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds
- Application Deadline: 8th June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1673>



MIRA Technology Institute - The future of automotive engineering

- Dates: 8 July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds
- Application Deadline: 8th June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1634>



British Airways - Engineering

- Dates: 29 June- 1st July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds interested in engineering.
- Application Deadline: 31st May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1744>



Digital Advantage

- Dates: 6 July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds
- Application Deadline: 11th June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1693>



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

WEA - Education Charity Worker

- Dates: 21 - 25 June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds interested in working within adult education in a charity setting.
- Application Deadline: 11 June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1112>

FinTrU Technology

- Dates: 21-23 June 2021
- Eligibility: 16 -19 year olds interested in technology.
- Application Deadline: 4 June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1662>



Access Creative College - Games Testing Workshop

- Dates: 23 June 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds interested in games and technology.
- Application Deadline: 28 May 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1728>



Agilisys - Discover careers in the Tech Sector

- Dates: 5 July-7 July 2021
- Eligibility: 14 -19 year olds interested in IT.
- Application Deadline: 4 June 2021
- <https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1745>



WHY TRY VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE?



ACCESS

VWEX'ing opens the doors of opportunity to young people right across the country and allows employers to grow their talent and make a difference to those who really need it.



IMPACT

VWEX'ing allows for greater impact, as "seats" are not required, opening up the chance for more young people to access great opportunities wherever they are.



FREE

As a charity, we are focused on ensuring educators and young people have great experiences and free access to our services to ensure a level playing field and meaningful outcomes.



SUPPORTED

We recognise that you will have many questions. This is why we will work closely with you to ensure you're supported every step of the way under a structured and impactful programme.

MENTAL HEALTH & SAFEGUARDING

Mental Health & Safeguarding Support, Advice & Information

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - THANK YOU



These beautiful cakes were given to Ms Townsend for Mental Health Awareness Week from one of our fabulous students at BFS. Your generosity and kindness is much appreciated - You made Ms Townsend's day!

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN

How are you feeling?



BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME



HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT SOME OF OUR LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN UP TO!



SHILOH, Y7

HAVE YOU HEARD OF DUOLINGO?



duolingo

I bet most of you have, so here's another question, does anyone use Duolingo?

Duolingo is a fast rising app used to encourage people, of a variety of ages, to learn and embrace languages. It allows you to earn gems and boosts, climb up the leaderboard, learn Phrases and the basics but most importantly it gives you an opportunity to learn a different language. Duolingo has given me the encouragement to actually learn a language and because of that I will always use Duolingo.



I am learning . . .

Some key Phrases...

Hi = Salut

Goodbye = la revedere

what = ce

Good evening = noapte bună

who = cine

Good morning = Buna dimineata

Good afternoon = bună ziua

when = cand

How are you? = ce mai gaci

how old are you? = Cati ani ai

what is your name? = cum te numesti

Romanian

1 unu

2 doi

3 trei

4 patru

5 cinci

6 șase

7 șapte

8 opt

9 nouă

10 zece

I am fine = sunt bine

I am excellent = sunt excelent

I am ill = Sunt bolnav

I am tired = Sunt obosit

I am OK = sunt bine

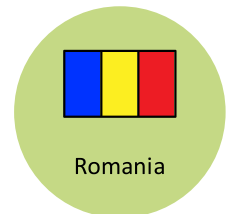
My name is = ~~aa~~ numele meu este...

where = unde

I love you = te iubesc

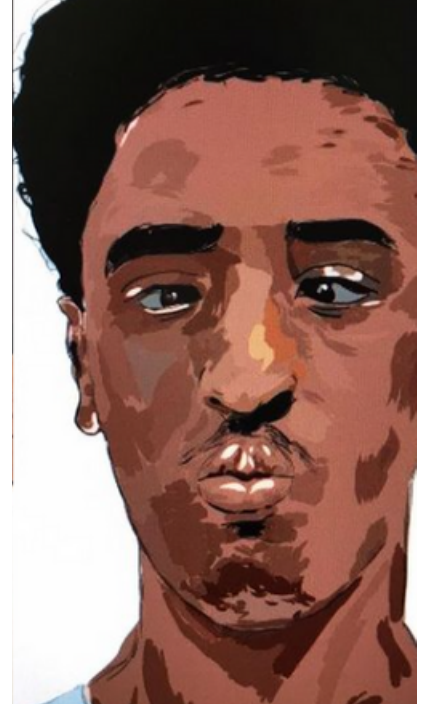
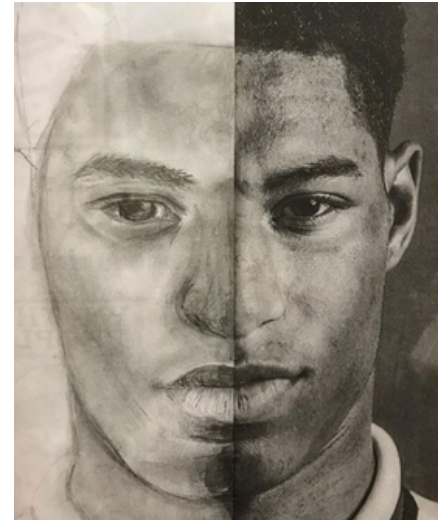
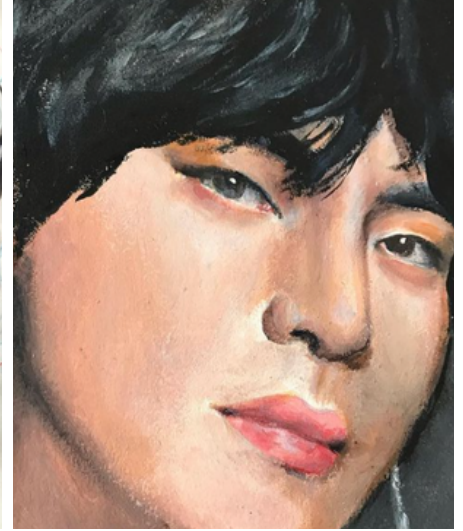


RUBY, Y9



BFS ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Our students have been extremely creative this Term - Have a look at some of their amazing pieces.





BLAISE HOUSE



Senior Leader:
Mr East

Student Head
of House:
Jacob

Sixth Form House
Leaders:
Emma, Stacey, Lily
and Will



Mr East, SLT



Jacob, Head of House

#TeamBlaiseHouse

OUR HOUSE LEADERS:



IMOGEN Y7

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



JESSICA Y7

- Other



PATRICK Y8

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



ISHAWAQ Y8

- Equality and Rights (e.g. BAME, LGBTQ+, Gender)



ALEX Y9

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



JAMES Y9

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



LUCY Y10

- Equality and Rights (e.g. BAME, LGBTQ+, Gender)



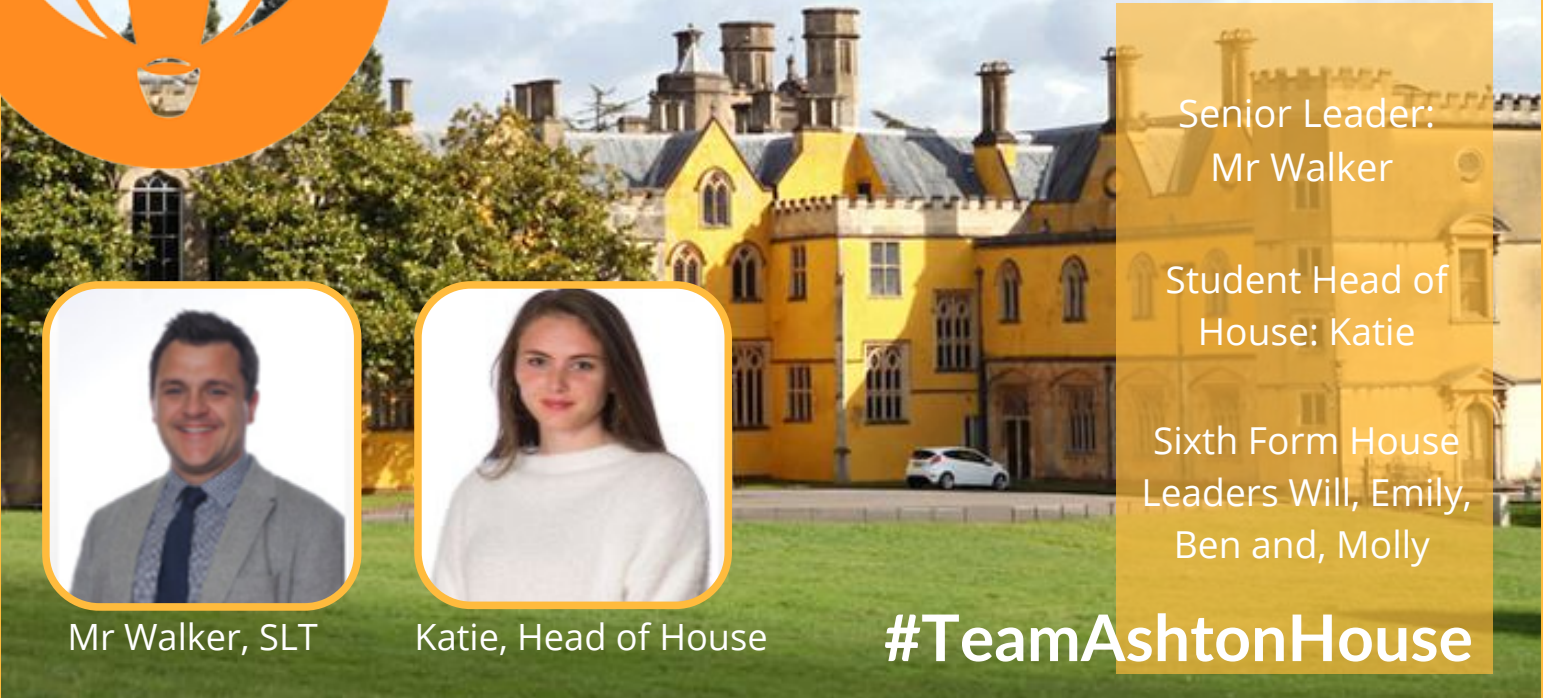
KEZIAH Y10

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)





ASHTON HOUSE



Mr Walker, SLT



Katie, Head of House

Senior Leader:
Mr Walker

Student Head of
House: Katie

Sixth Form House
Leaders Will, Emily,
Ben and, Molly

#TeamAshtonHouse



OUR HOUSE LEADERS:



BEN Y7

- Environment



EMILY Y7

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



TIFFANY Y8

- Equality and Rights (e.g. BAME, LGBTQ+, Gender)



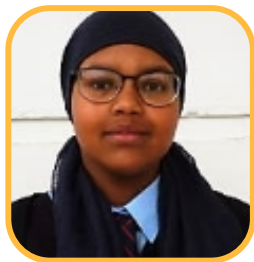
SUZIE Y8

- Raising and Giving for charities



OLIVIA Y9

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



ASAD Y10

- Equality and Rights (e.g. BAME, LGBTQ+, Gender)



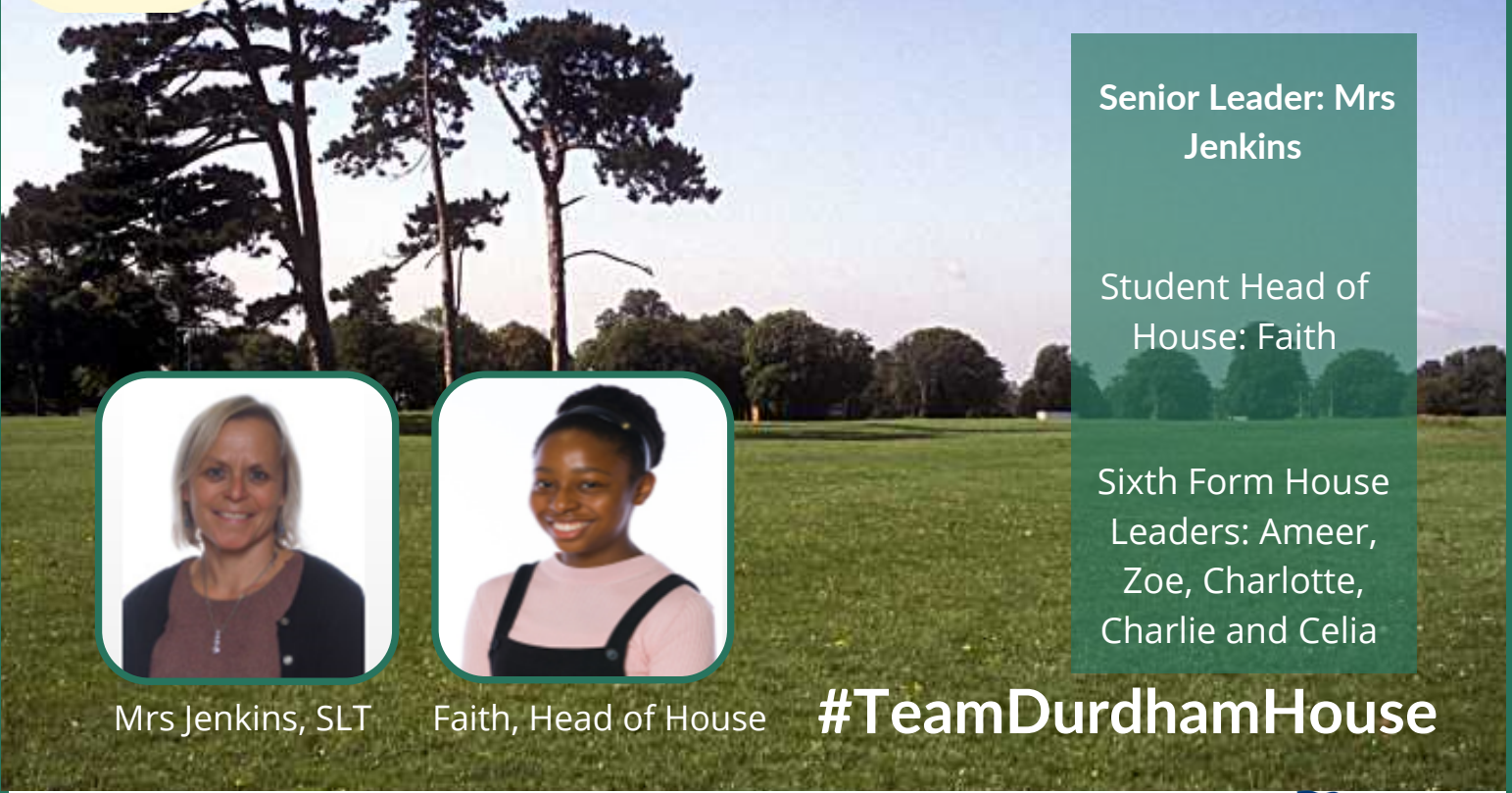
SIMONA Y10

- Other





DURDHAM HOUSE



Senior Leader: Mrs Jenkins

Student Head of House: Faith

Sixth Form House Leaders: Ameer, Zoe, Charlotte, Charlie and Celia



Mrs Jenkins, SLT



Faith, Head of House

#TeamDurdhamHouse

OUR HOUSE LEADERS:



Lifeboats



ELEANOR Y7

- Other



HARRY Y7

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



DYLAN Y8

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



LEON Y8

- Raising and Giving for charities



ARTHUR Y9

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



WILL Y9

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



ELOISE Y10

- Raising and Giving for charities



MADI Y10

- Mental Health



CANFORD HOUSE

Senior Leader: Mr
Fernandes

Student Head of
House: Mya

Sixth Form House
Leaders Charlie,
Eloise, Saber and
Will



Mr Fernandes, SLT



Mya, Head of House

#TeamCanfordHouse

OUR HOUSE LEADERS:



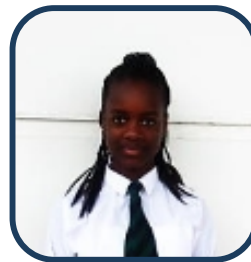
ZAC Y7

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



CHARLOTTE Y7

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



LORRAINE Y8

- School Community (Including anti-bullying)



EVAN Y8

- Environment



MAHA Y9

- Environment



DARIO Y9

- Other



MAX Y10

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment



MUHAMMED-ABDUL-WAHAB Y10

- Sports Leadership/Enrichment

