



Black History Month at BBA 21-22

To celebrate BHM, here are a few things we did as staff and students:

- Black Role Models – Each teacher has a role model on their door, ask them about it! One is shown below.
- Student led BHM assembly – w/b 4th October.
- BHM Seminar Film Series – Mondays in October after school.
- BHM Pop-Up lesson in the last week of term.



Marianne Jacquel
Year 7 Team
Role Model: **Christiane Taubira**

Christiane Taubira was born 2nd February 1952 in French Guiana. She is a French politician who served, among other political roles, as Minister of Justice of France from 2012 until 2016. Christiane Taubira was the driving force behind a law that recognises the Atlantic slave trade and slavery as a crime against humanity. The law bears her name.



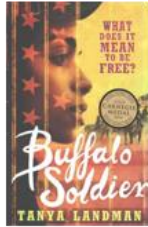
Reading

Fiction Texts

Non-Fiction Texts

Buffalo Solider (13+) Tanya Landman

Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.



Black and British (13+) David Olusoga

David Olusoga's latest edition of *Black and British* has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the much-overlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.



The Hate U Give (12+) Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.



The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+)

Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.



Crongton Knights (12+) Alex Wheatle

McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.



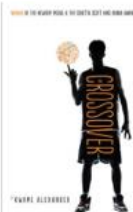
This Book is Anti-Racist (10+) Tiffany Jewell

Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.



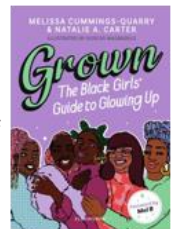
The Crossover (10+) Kwame Alexander

Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.



Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up Melissa Cummings-Quarry (14+)

Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.



How High The Moon (14+) Karyn Parsons

In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But can the reality ever live up to Ella's dreams?



Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies (9+)

The lives and achievements of leading lights as diverse as Stormzy, basketball star LeBron James, poet and novelist Maya Angelou are chronicled in this excellent book that follows black history across many centuries to today's contemporary world.



Here are some great books that promote diversity and share information related to black history month.



This Term



The day on Twitter:



Bristol Brunel
@BristolBrunel

Thank you to @otrbristol for hosting a pop up on the street at lunchtime!

Here is Tidrah with a few of the BBA team.

#HelloYellow @YoungMindsUK @CabotFederation



Bristol Brunel
@BristolBrunel

Glitter beards and yellow glasses from our fantastic Y8 team on break duty! #HelloYellow @YoungMindsUK



3 of the Yellow Year 8 team



YoungMinds
@YoungMindsUK

Replying to @BristolBrunel

What a fantastic #HelloYellow team indeed! ❤️

11:19 AM · Oct 8, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Shout out from the
YoungMinds Team 😊

YOUNGMINDS

fighting for young people's mental health

On the 8th October we participated in Young Minds' HelloYellow Day by all wearing items of Yellow. The day and colour was designed to brighten up our community's day and highlight that doing a little thing can make a big difference in supporting young people's mental health.

Thanks for all the donations, we raised over **£1400** for this amazing cause.

In the afternoon there was a drop down lesson and tutor where we discussed how we can support each other with our mental health. We also had Off The Record (OTR) in meeting students at lunchtime.

I'M WEARING
A LITTLE YELLOW

to show young people they're not
alone with their mental health

8 October 2021

#HelloYellow

BBA Healthy School

Supporting Student Mental Health:



During the first term BBA have been committed to raising awareness of student mental health. As discussed on the previous page we supported Young Minds' 'Hello Yellow'. www.youngminds.org.uk is their website which offers a range of support for young people and their parents around many areas of mental health. If you are passionate about supporting young people's mental health you may be interested in an opportunity to develop Place2Be's school support by taking part in a workshop looking for parental feedback on mental health support. Everyone who attends the workshops will receive a £10 amazon voucher.

[Click here to volunteer and find more information.](#)

If you would like more support with student mental health remember you can visit the academy website for contacts and links to a range of support services [Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

BBA are working towards becoming a healthier school and are aiming to achieve the **Bristol Healthy Schools** Essential award. This will involve developing our support of students physical and mental health.

As part of this we are looking to increase the opportunities for physical exercise around the academy, develop our support for mental health and are working towards increasing the healthy food option offered in the academy.

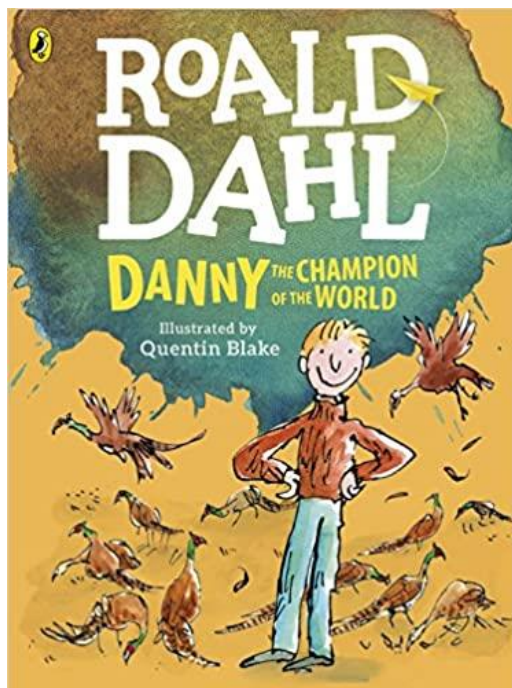
As part of our making BBA healthier we are in the process of recruiting a student healthy schools council to specifically focus on health within the academy.

To help us in our endeavour to become a healthier school we would appreciate your support in not including confectionery, including cereal bars, processed fruit bars, sweets, chocolate bars or chocolate coated products in packed lunch boxes.



Reading

When I was at school my favourite book was...



Victoria Boynton

Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl.

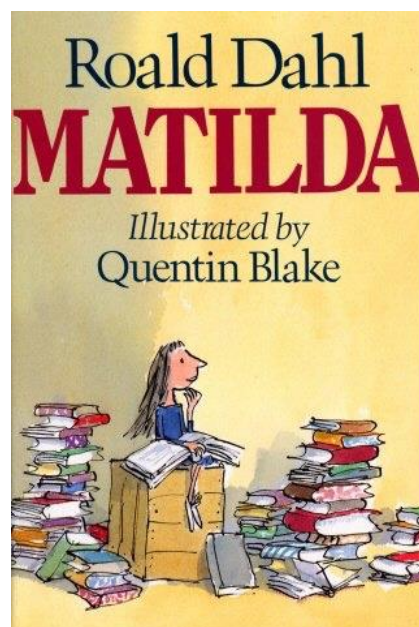
Danny had to show real resilience, overcoming some significant challenges in the book. He also gained a great understanding of different people's moral code and had an adventure along the way.

What is your favourite book? Tell us about it! Write up a review including a brief synopsis (summary of the story) and why you think it is such a great book - Email your review to tom.leahy@clf.uk

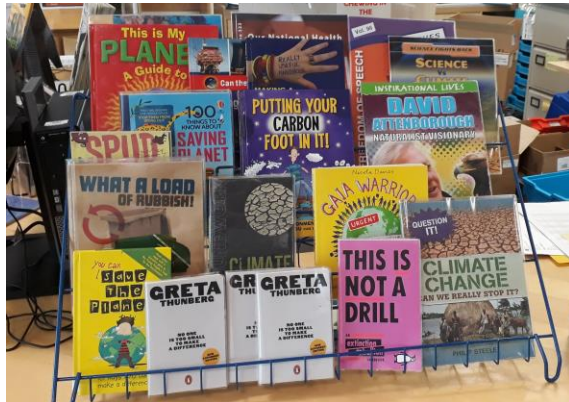
Javinia Harris

One of my favourite childhood books was **Matilda**.

I used to love reading about this exceptionally talented girl, who played tricks on those who underestimated her. Would she ever be able to share her 'magic' with anyone? Was the chokey real? Her love of books and the ultimate kindness of Miss Honey always made me smile along with the idea that 'somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world'. If you haven't read this book, I'd recommend it-no matter what age you are! This Half Term I'm going to attempt to make a Bruce Bogtrotter chocolate cake. I wonder if I (like Bruce) can eat it all in one go?



CLIMATE CHANGE- what can we do about it?



Congratulations to our TOP SCORING

Year 7s

Alex S passed 32 quizzes

Muhammed Y passed 12 quizzes

Tierra F passed 9 quizzes



Year 8s

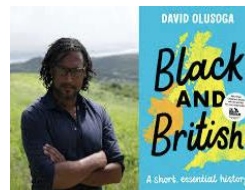
Madinah H & Kabir S passed 19 quizzes

Connor L passed 11 quizzes

Madinah is also our first **Word Millionaire!**



- How many witches appear in Macbeth?
a.2 b.9 c.3
- What is the White Witch's name in "The Chronicles of Narnia"?
a. Ursula b. Jadis c. Lucy
- Who wrote "The Crucible"?
a. T.S. Eliot b. Arthur Miller c. Tennessee Williams
- Who is the Goddess of witches in Greek mythology?
a. Hecate b. Athena c. Artemis
- In which fairy tale do we meet a witch, who lives in a house made out of gingerbread?
a. Snow White b. Hansel & Gretel c. Rapunzel
- What do "The Weird Sisters" in the Harry Potter books do?
a. work in a beauty salon
b. run a pudding shop
c. sing in a wizards' rock band
- In "The Witches" what colour spit do witches have?
a. Blue b. Green c. They don't have spit



Borrow a copy from the library.

David Olusoga's book fills gaps in British history- for example the role of Black people in the Roman conquest, the Industrial Revolution and both World Wars. Did you know about the Bristol bus boycott of 1963?



[The Library is now open at break/ lunchtime](#)

check the timetable on the library door

...and after school for homework/ quiet study

Also try these great sites for some online reading:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>

<https://manybooks.net/>

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

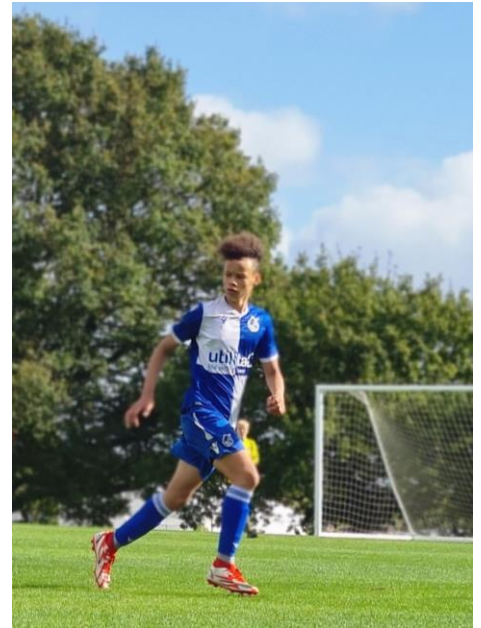
House News & Successes

Term 1 Total	
Patch	1499
Stephenson	1214
Blackwell	1653
Keilburger	1359

Term 1 Highest 1's by Tutor per Year	
Year 7	7JST
Year 8	8MCA
Year 9	9JPF
Year 10	10NAT
Year 11	11DLY

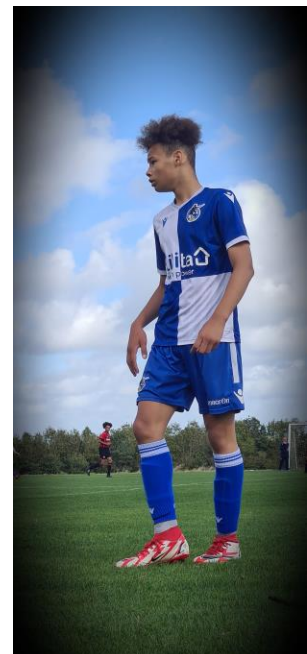
Term 1 Highest Attendance by Tutor per Year	
Year 7	7IGR
Year 8	8EBA
Year 9	9BJA
Year 10	10GDR
Year 11	11HSO

Keepy Uppy Competition results	
Blackwell	363
Kielburger	8
Patch	99
Stephenson	107



Congratulations to Trey in Year 9 for signing for Bristol Rovers. Years of hard work and a successful 8 week trial has led to this amazing accomplishment.

Well done Trey!



**Well done
Blackwell House**

House News

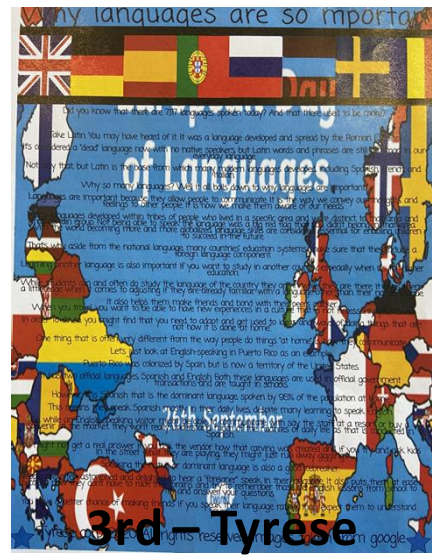
Year 8



1st – Florence



2nd – Olivia



3rd – Tyrese

4th – Sophie



MFL Importance of Languages poster competition

A massive well done for all the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the competition (all 178 of you)! Here are the winners:

Year 7



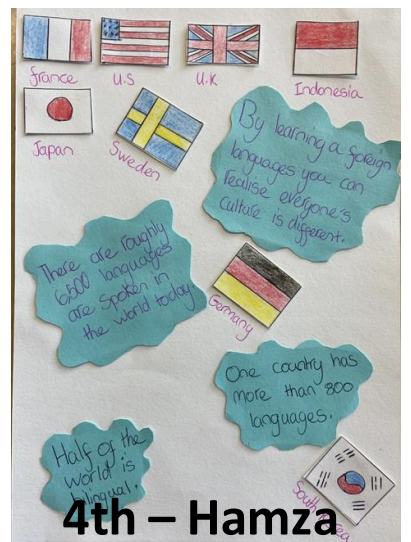
1st – Sky



2nd – Anisah



3rd – Alaina



4th – Hamza

Puzzle Corner

How many different *areas* can be made with the same perimeter of 12?

Below are two examples. In the first one the area is 9, whilst in the second it is 8.



Get practising over half term ready for the Term 2 TTRockstars Competition. House Points and Mathematical Pride up for grabs! Can you knock Mr Bunker off 2nd place?

Email your maths teacher if you have forgotten your login.

KS3 Homework Timetable is below to help you plan your time:

Y7	Set	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Weekly	Maths	Science			English
	Week A	RE	Geography	Language	History	PE
	Week B	PSHE	Music	Tech	Drama	Art
Y8	Set	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Weekly	Science	Maths			English
	Week A	RE	Geography	PE	History	Language
	Week B	PSHE	Music	Tech	Drama	Art
Y9	Set	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Weekly	Maths		Science		English
	Week A	RE	Geography	Music	History	PE
	Week B	PSHE	Language	Tech	Drama	Art

Poetry Corner

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

A free bird leaps on the back
Of the wind and floats downstream
Till the current ends and dips his wing
In the orange sun's rays
And dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage
Can seldom see through his bars of rage
His wings are clipped and his feet are tied
So he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill
Of things unknown but longed for still
And his tune is heard on the distant hill for
The caged bird sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
And the trade winds soft through
The sighing trees
And the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright
Lawn and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
His shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
His wings are clipped and his feet are tied
So he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with
A fearful trill of things unknown
But longed for still and his
Tune is heard on the distant hill
For the caged bird sings of freedom.

Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was a U.S. writer, performer, and professor. She was best known for her poetry and several books based on her life. Her books centre on themes such as racism, identity, family, and travel.

Interesting Fact: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed on her 40th birthday. In mourning, she refused to celebrate her birthday for years after his death, choosing rather to send flowers to Dr. King's widow.



Support

Welcome back to BBA, we are here to support Young Carers!

Young carers are children and young people who look after someone in their family who has a disability, a long term illness, or is affected by mental ill health or substance misuse. Young carers may look after parents, care for a brother or sister, or another family member. Some students may not realise that they are young carers.

If you are a young carer, or you think you might be a young carer, please do get in touch with Sydney (sydney.wesley-weeks@cdf.uk) to introduce yourself, access support or if you have any questions.



Updates from the Local Authority

- Bristol Local Offer has the launched new Ordinary Available Provision – [Click Here](#)
- Bristol's new Outcomes Framework is designed to help young people achieve their aspirations, whatever their needs are – [Click here to find out more](#)

Would you like to speak to someone about your child's additional needs? You can now contact the new **FLORA team** (Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice) Monday to Friday on 0117 352 6020. Or email flora@bristol.gov.uk

You can find out more about FLORA, and other support services for children and young people, via Bristol's Local Offer: [Click Here](#)

Experiences of Bristol SEND Students

Three young people from Bristol with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) share the stories of their journey to independence. Each faced their own challenges and talk about how getting the right support at the right time, helped them achieve their goals.

The links are below and you can either share the link or use the suggested social post text, also below.

- On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NNISc5OZtKY>
- On Facebook: https://fb.watch/8zL_ou1MeH



School Aged Speech and Language Therapy Team are offering free webinars on the below subjects.

Supporting Children's Language Development (Monday 15th November 1pm – 3pm)

An introduction to language development and how parents can help their children when they have difficulties understanding and using language.

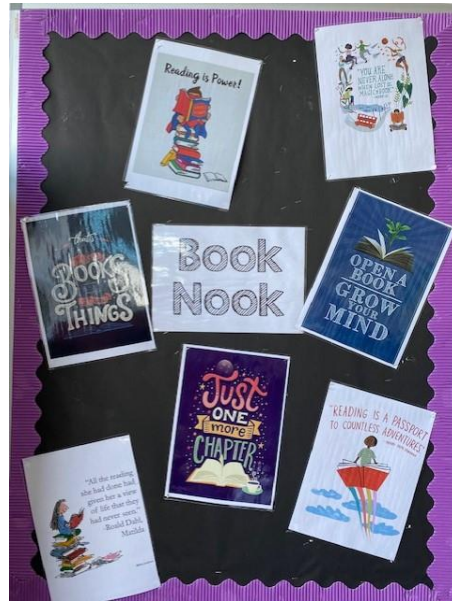
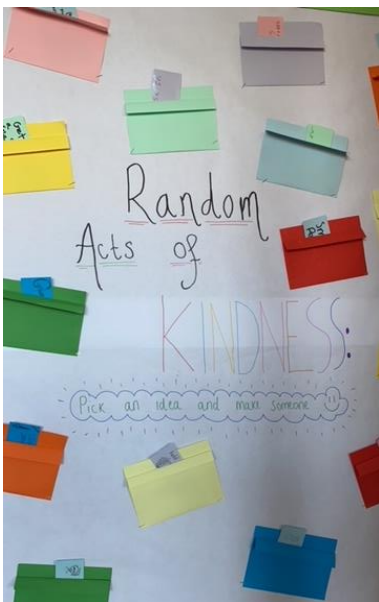
Supporting Children's Speech Sound Development (Monday 13th December 9:30am – 11:30am)

An introduction to speech sound development and therapy activities for parents to use with their children when they have unclear speech.

Please email Sirona.SLTTrainingTeam@nhs.net if you would like to attend and state the name of the webinar and that your child attends BBA.

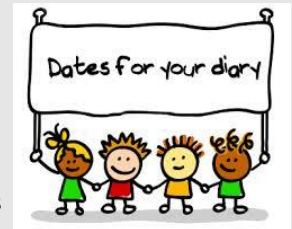
Learning Support

“The Learning Support (SEND) Pod has moved! Previously the Post 16 common room (which has now moved to John Cabot), the new space now has room for interventions, a sensory tent and book nook!”



The Learning Support Evenings will be held on the following dates over the course of the year.

- Term 2: Thursday 9th December
- Term 4: Thursday 17th March
- Term 6: Thursday 14th July



This is an opportunity for parents /carers of students who are on the Academy's SEND Register can meet keyworkers to review provision and progress.

Parents / carers will be invited to make appointments near to the dates on the academy booking system. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's key worker or one of the SEND Leadership Team

For further information on SEND at BBA please visit the dedicated page on the BBA website <https://bristolbrunelacademy.clf.uk/key-information/send/>

Year 11 & Post 16

I am continuing to meet all the year group for their career meetings as early as possible. If you would like your child to be seen sooner please email Mr Jordan at craig.jordan@clf.uk to request a meeting sooner. I will also be offering meetings during the Year 11 Parents Evening on 9th December.

Assemblies and lunchtime pop ups

We are striving to ensure all Year 11 students at BBA know what opportunities are out there. So far we have welcomed colleagues from St Brendans, CLF Post 16, Bristol Rovers, Bristol City and Boomsatsuma. As we continue through the school year we will ensure we get more providers in to inform our students.

Post 16 deadlines.

Most providers will not specify a hard deadline for applications, but certain courses can fill up quick. I always advise that students apply sooner rather than later. I feel that applying before the end of the year or early January is advisable. This ensures that they are on the earlier interview rotations.

Your child will get updated predicted grades on 9th December, these grades will be used by most to apply. There are some providers that close before this date, please use Year 10 results from the grade range given in July. You can update their admissions with latest predictions by email or at the interview.

Applications usually go live the day after the first open event takes place. Always check the providers website for entry requirements and application criteria.

The providers that close application **early** are:
St Mary Redcliffe Sixth Form - 1st December at midday
North Bristol Post 16 - 3rd December
V6 - 6th December
Bristol Cathedral Sixth Form - 5th January 2022 at midday.



Open events

I have shared this several times with students but here are all of the open events coming up between now and the end of the year. Open events are an important part of the Post 16 planning and may help your child decide the best working environment for them.

DATE	PROVIDER	TIME
21st October	North Bristol Post - Redland Green School	18:30 - 20:30
25th October	Access Creative College	16:00-18:00
	Boomsatsuma Various dates 19th Oct-3rd May 2022	Check website
VIRTUAL	St Mary Redcliffe sixth form	Virtual only see website.
	TERM 2 OPEN EVENTS	
10th November	Bristol Cathedral (booking essential)	TBC check website
13th November	BIMM (music)	10:30-12:30
17th November	Bristol City CT	19:00
17th November	St Brendans	16:30-18:30
22nd-25th November	Downend and Mangotsfield 6th form	Various times - must book from 5th Nov
25th Novemeber	Bristol Rovers CT	19:00
27th November	SGS college	10:00-12:30
30th November	Onsite Bristol	17:00-19:30
30th November	City Of Bristol college	16:30-19:30
1st December	Bath College	16:00-19:00
6th December	Bristol City CT Q&A	18:30

Community

During Term 1 we focused on the British Value of **Democracy**. Students had an assembly on the topic, Bristol Youth Vote (below) explained to them and saw it in action with the voting in tutor for house reps from last year into this year.



Bristol Youth Vote^X 2022

Bristol City Youth Council

Making a change for young people in your community

Nominations open 4 October until 29 October 2021

a better Bristol

Families in Focus
Participation team
The Park
Daventry Road, Knowle
Bristol. BS4 1DQ

@BristolCYC

Tel: 0779 531 5286
Email: ywparticipation@bristol.gov.uk

Youth Parliament MAKING OUR MARK United Kingdom

Bristol City Youth Council

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

All students have been emailed information about the Bristol Youth Vote (left). Students have the chance to make a difference for young people around Bristol. If you are interested please read the document emailed to students and complete the application.

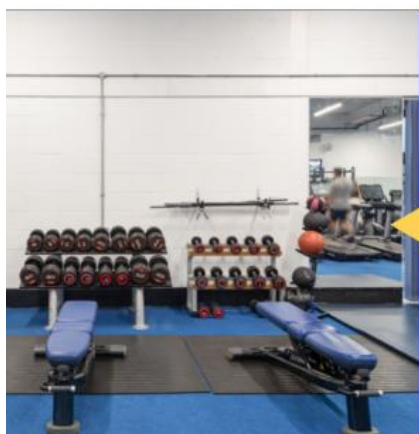
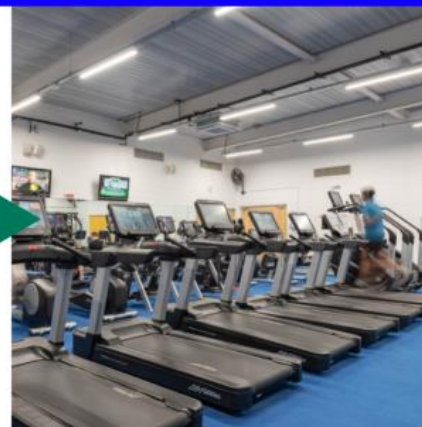
Sports



Brunel Fitness Centre

At **Brunel Fitness Centre** (located next door to Bristol Brunel Academy), we have launched a new and improved '**Junior Gym**' scheme that provides full access to our facility for **8-14 year olds**.

From 15 years old, individuals have full access to memberships at our facility!



Junior Gym will now be operating **every day throughout the week!** On Weekdays (**Monday - Friday**), Junior Gym runs between **15:30 and 16:30**. On Weekends (**Saturday & Sunday**) Junior Gym runs between **11:00 and 12:00**.

Juniors are eligible for a discounted **Monthly Off-Peak Membership** at only **£12.00 p/m** giving access to **unlimited Junior Gym** sessions!

Alternatively, Juniors can pay **£3.00** per visit on a Pay-As-You-Go membership.



brunelfitnesscentre.clubright.co.uk



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