



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Once again, we have had a busy winter term and as I write this I know our students and staff are looking forward to the break to recharge their batteries and have some “down time”.

I am very keen to begin a BBA Parent Forum in the new year. I am excited to invite you to express your interest in joining our Parent Forum, a new initiative led by myself and my senior leadership team. The purpose of this forum is to engage more closely with you, to hear your views regarding what we are doing in the Academy and to discuss what our priorities are for the academic year. It is also an opportunity for you to see what we do each day and how the Academy is run. The Parent Forum will not be a platform to raise money for the Academy, it is an opportunity to meet with you.

My vision for the Parent Forum is that we meet termly to discuss various topics and ideas that can help enhance our school community. You would not have to attend each term, you are free to select the meetings to attend that you find the most interesting. Your insights and feedback are incredibly important to us, and I certainly believe that by working together, we can create a more enriching environment for our students. If you are interested in being a part of the Parent Forum, please get in touch by emailing myself at [jen.cusack@clf.uk](mailto:jen.cusack@clf.uk).

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to sit on our Academy Council. The Academy Council typically meet about 5 times a year – these are evening meetings held at BBA. It is an opportunity for you to be part of a group of people who hold the Academy to account for all that we do, in particular, Academy Improvement, the Quality of Education, Safeguarding and Inclusion, Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes, SEND and our attendance procedures. If you would like further information, please email the Clerk to the Academy Council at [charlotte.seavill@clf.uk](mailto:charlotte.seavill@clf.uk) or contact the Academy directly.

When our KS3 students return in the new year we will be embarking upon our reading programme in tutor time. A selection of our students have chosen new books for us to read together. We value the power of being able to read well and know that the benefits reach beyond the classroom.

Finally, as this term comes to an end, thank you for your support with all that we have done; from our pop ups, to raising awareness in assemblies, supporting our trips, our Winter Festival, our coffee morning, our parents’ evenings and supporting your child to be successful in all that they do. I hope that you have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back into the Academy on Tuesday 7th January.

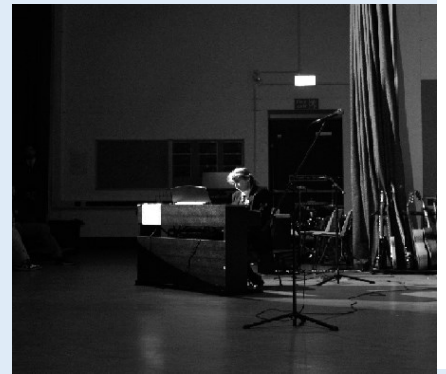
Jen Cusack

Principal

# Winter Festival 2024

Another spectacular night showcasing the incredible talent of students at BBA. Honestly, they have more talent in their little fingers than I have in total!

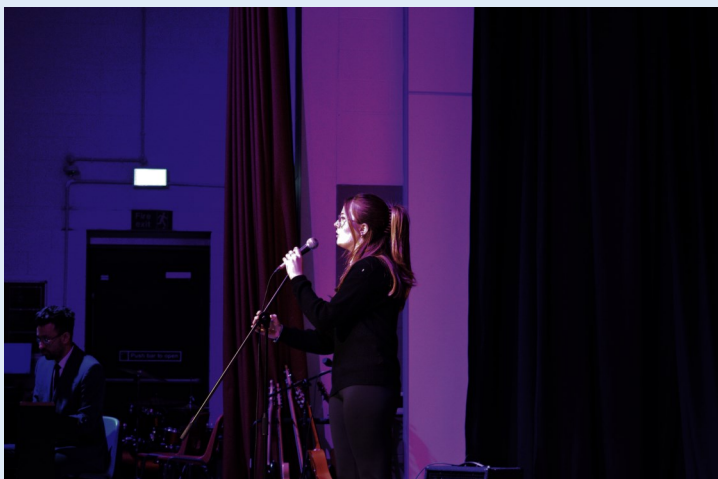
The show started with more sedate songs including an abridged version of Bohemian Rhapsody. Davine then brought a classical twist to the evening with a beautiful piece by Bach.



The musical pieces were interspersed with Christmas poetry by Amina, Mathilda and Savannah.



Towards the end of the first half the songs took on a sensitive side with A-Team (Ed Sheeran) by Rosie and Anna, before ramping up with strong performances from Summer, Daevia and Marli.



A more rock centred second half kicked off with Seven Nation Army by 38 West (a group of Ben, Will and Eddie) followed by some beautifully rhythmic African styled dancing from Hope.



A guitar solo from Kole was followed by my personal highlight of the evening, ALRA, a group composed of Anna, Laila, Rosie and Harrison with a beautiful version of Cigarette Daydreams.



The show rounded off with an acoustic and harmonic version of Take Me Back before finishing with a preview of Sister Act. The school production is due around Easter (stay alert for updates on that).

One of the three hosts EVA then sang us out with Have Yourself A Very Merry Christmas.

Thanks to all involved.

Mr Salida

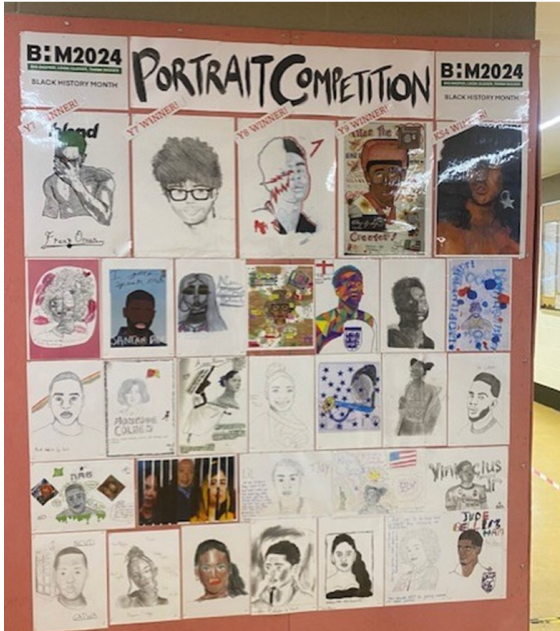




# Black History Month Art Competition

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART COMPETITION WINNERS DISPLAYED!

Congratulations to all the artists who entered the most wonderful and creative artwork. The winners from each year group and all the highly commended entries are on display in the Art Department. Prizes and Certificates have been awarded to students.



## KS4 Winner



Slash (Guns n Roses) by Finn Ali

## KS4 Highly Commended

Belle Thompson  
Sophie Holloway





## ART COMPETITION WINNERS

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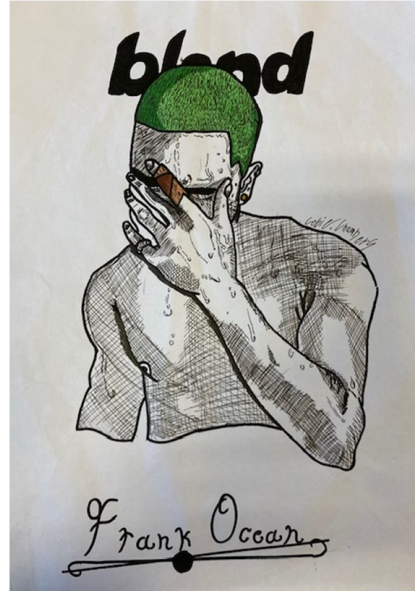
To acknowledge and celebrate **Black History Month** the Art Department ran an Art competition. The task was to create a portrait an inspiring individual.

We had so many fantastic entries from all year groups but especially Y7. We invited Ms Akhtar, the CLF Inclusion & Diversity co-ordinator to judge the competition. There were so many amazing entries, but here are the winners!



Richard Ayoade by Adam Holloway

**JOINT Y7  
WINNERS!**



Frank Ocean by Cobie Chambers

**Congratulations to the following students. Please see Mrs McBride in SA2 for your prize and certificate.**

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### Y7 Highly Commended

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|------------------|----------------|
| Amarion Campbell | Isaac Bhakerd  |
| Lazo Issa        | Abdulla Ismail |
| Arina Hladii     | Azar Kader     |
| Federico Seffer  | Theo Andrews   |
| Luke Phillis     | Aaron Bennett  |
| Oskar Gorski     | Aiya Ali       |
| Chloe Worlock    | Finley Thomas  |
| Yara Bahman      | Alanna Downer  |
| Martha Lowe      | Evie Fisher    |
| Addie Wyatt      | Kaiden Ridd    |





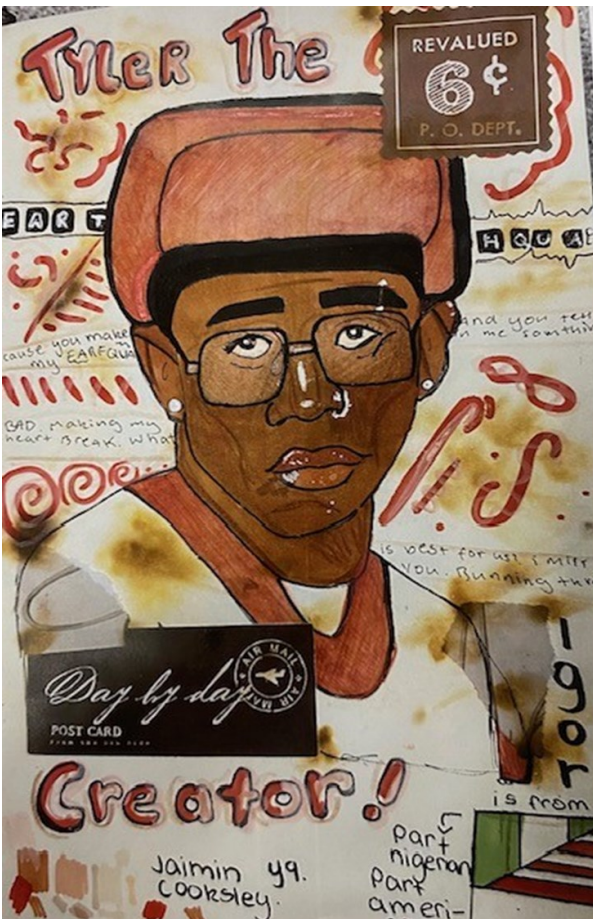
## Y8 Winner

**Bukayo Saka by  
Marley Basham**

### Y8 Highly Commended

Adia Hopkins  
Millie Fussell  
Harlan Headley  
Ayat Zaheer  
Rayya Khot

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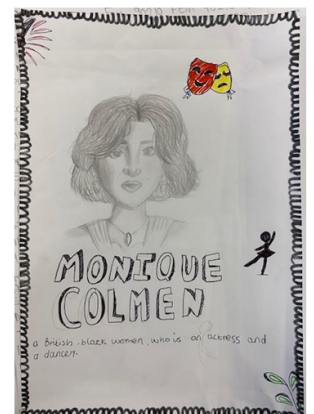
## Y9 Winner

**Tyler the Creator  
By Jaimin Cooksley**

### Y9 Highly Commended

Aisha Sheik  
Lois Walker  
Esther Chipanda  
Abigail Alamo  
Mischa Parma  
Flo McEwen

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## **Bristol City Youth Council**

I am writing to inform you about my attendance at a recent event held by the Bristol City Youth Council on 4<sup>th</sup> November, where I had the privilege of representing Bristol Brunel Academy. The event centred around improving our society and addressed several key topics that are highly relevant to our community and school.

Summary of Discussions:

### **Community Infrastructure Improvements:**

Suggestions were made for increasing the number of sports centres, parks, sitting spaces, zebra crossings near schools, filling of potholes and more traffic lights.

It was noted that our school already contributes to road safety by assisting students in crossing the road after school hours.

### **Women's Safety:**

Concerns about women's safety due to gang activities were highlighted.

It was recommended as youths we should take care of ourselves by going home early before it's dark and make sure we're not alone in an environment you don't know.

### **Knife Crime:**

The alarming rise in knife crime was discussed, with efforts underway to find solutions.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of youths listening to parents and teachers to stay safe. The council aim to provide more bleed kits in schools and give more information to students about using a bleed kits.

BBA was celebrated for raising awareness of bleed kits and their location in and around the academy. BBA is encouraged to inform children on how to use a bleed kit when needed and why we use it as there are some children in the academy without this knowledge.



**Online Bullying:**

Cyberbullying was identified as a significant issue in schools.

Our school's no-phone policy was recognized as a proactive measure to minimize this problem, especially compared to schools that allow phone usage.

**Safety at School and Home:**

Discussions explored feelings of safety at school and at home.

Our school's peer mentor program was commended for providing students with a safe avenue to address bullying concerns to their peers. BBA was also acknowledged for good practice by tell parents and career's how to improve some safety measures to make the children feel safe at home.

**Financial Accessibility and Opportunities:**

The high cost of living was a major concern, with suggestions to reduce prices and offer more free sports activities.

Our school was acknowledged for offering free enrichment clubs, which ensure all students can participate in extracurricular activities regardless of financial constraints.

This event was an insightful experience, showcasing the efforts of various organisations to address societal issues while also highlighting areas where Bristol Brunel Academy is already making significant contributions. I was proud to represent our school and share our initiatives, which align with many of the solutions proposed during the event.

Thank you for the continued support that allows students like me to engage in opportunities that contribute to our personal growth and our school's reputation.

Angel M

Year 10



# Fundraising News

Throughout November, male colleagues at Bristol Brunel Academy (BBA) embraced Movember, growing moustaches to shine a spotlight on men's health issues, including testicular cancer, prostate cancer, and mental health.

This year, mental health took centre stage, as the BBA community honoured the memory of their late colleague, Ashley Jackson, by working to raise awareness and spark meaningful conversations.

At the end of Movember, staff staged a pop-up lesson for students that addressed mental health in men. As part of this, students watched a video emphasising the importance of talking. The video was hard hitting but had a very positive spin.



Parents and carers were also given the opportunity to view the video in advance, ensuring transparency and preparation for discussions at home.

Recognising the sensitivity of the topic, Year Teams at BBA provided additional support to students who may have found the material challenging. The lesson extended beyond the video, teaching students how to recognise signs of someone struggling and equipping them with practical tools to check in on friends and loved ones.

Staff at BBA sold 250 fake moustaches and could have sold double that amount. Students wore these throughout the day on Friday 29th November in support of Movember. Early estimates indicate that the initiative raised over £120, with all proceeds going to Off The Record, a local charity that supports mental health initiatives and was also supported by BBA last year.

James Ferguson, Associate Assistant Principal at Bristol Brunel Academy, said, "Movember is about more than moustaches, it's about starting conversations that save lives. This year's focus on mental health allowed us to engage students, parents, and staff in meaningful ways, promoting understanding and action."

"We are incredibly proud of the entire BBA community for coming together to raise awareness and support such an important cause."

# Diwali 2024

Each year, millions of Indians celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights and one of the most important events in the Hindu calendar.

The annual festival tends to fall between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon.

People light oil lamps and candles on the day to symbolise the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil

This year, Diwali was celebrated on a Thursday, but some parts of the country observed the festival on Friday.



A heartfelt thank you to Amy and all the staff members who contributed to our wonderful Diwali feast at BBA. It was a truly special occasion, and it was fantastic to see so many of us come together to celebrate in such a meaningful way.

Mr Ferguson



# School Council

## BBA School Council



Head Students

Anna Osborne  
(year 11)



Madina Hussain  
(year 11)



House Captains

Angel Mashamba  
(year 10)



TBC

Yara Bahman  
(year 7)



Sam Murray  
(year 10)



Ayzah Edwards  
(year 9)



Enoch Abraham  
(year 10)



Leia Prior  
(year 9)



April Lear  
(year 10)



Michael Woodman  
(year 7)



Glade Wilson  
(year 8)



Florence McEwen  
(year 9)



## What is working well at BBA?

- The longer lunch times
- Non-school uniform days (please do more)
- Selection of enrichment clubs
- New water fountains
- Separate parts at lunch (especially for year 7)
- Changes in safety net
- Collecting phones after school after being taken
- Wearing PE kit home at end of day
- Variety of tutor time activities

This is what you have  
told us is working well  
at the moment.

# School Council

<b>You said ...</b>	<b>We did ...</b>
<p><b><i>You wanted more and different enrichment clubs.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>You wanted the school to offer a cookery club.</i></b></p>	<p>This term we met with Mr Smerdon who runs the enrichment program. He explained to us that staff are timetabled to offer 10 hours of enrichment activities each year. He also showed us some data which showed that BAME and PP students are significantly less likely to attend enrichment clubs.</p> <p>On the back of student voice, the enrichment clubs are now advertised on the screens around the school. The enrichment timetable is also publicised on the website and included in the school newsletter.</p> <p>Cookery club ran during Term 6 last year. In addition, Ms Soper is ran mince pie classes for one week this term!</p> <p>There are lots of enrichment clubs on offer at BBA. They are a great opportunity to make new friends! Join up! If you have any suggestions for future clubs speak to Mr Smerdon.</p>
<p><b>We need comfier chairs in the classrooms.</b></p>	<p>We talked to Ms Cusack, and she said it is not going to happen because the chairs are expensive, and they can be damaged or vandalised by students. The chairs in the classroom are designed specifically for schools.</p>
<p><b>We need the opportunity to learn more languages.</b></p>	<p>We need to speak to Miss Miles to see if this would be possible.</p> <p>We raised this with Mr Smerdon, he discussed with us the difficulties of running language enrichment clubs based on staff expertise.</p>
<p><b>Students would like to wear coloured hijabs and are confused by Ms Cusack's refusal in the past.</b></p>	<p>Ms Cusack said our uniform is black, so you are expected to wear a black hijab.</p>

<b>You said ...</b>	<b>We did ...</b>
<b>We need more food options.</b>	We need to ask students for examples to see if Aspens would consider more options – they are reluctant to make things that will not be popular due to food waste. We have a meeting arranged with Aspens in Term 3. <b>Action: School Council to create a Student Survey for specific suggestions so we can find a compromise with what Aspens want as well</b>
<b>The canteen menus need to be more visible.</b>	We need to ask Aspens for a copy of the menu. We will then share this on the school’s social media and in tutor time.
<b>Students should be allowed to use the toilet in lesson time.</b>	Last year there was a total of £2000 damage in the toilets and none of the students could own up to their mistakes. This takes up a significant part of the school budget which can no longer be used for other things such as rewards. The school is also worried about the impact of ‘lost learning time’ when students are out of the classroom, especially when they take a long lunch break. If you do not have a medical pass you cannot go to the toilet during lesson time.
<b>Students are not a fan of blazers and want to see them removed from the compulsory school uniform.</b>	Ms Cusack is willing to make wearing a blazer or jumper optional if students in the Academy wear their uniform correctly first. (Even if this happens it will be next year at the earliest as she doesn't want to annoy Year 7 parents who have just bought blazers, and the uniform company can be difficult to negotiate change with.)
<b>The standard of the school bathrooms is disgusting. There is often toilet paper on the floor and food waste and graffiti. Last week a door had been kicked off and the locks did not work.</b>	If there is damage always report it and it will be dealt with. It is disappointing how some students show a lack of respect to school property. This has a knock-on impact on everybody. High standards need to be maintained by all students.
<b>Sometimes the corridors do not feel safe. School would be calmed if we had a one-way system. This worked during the pandemic.</b>	Ms Cusack is more than happy to bring back the one-way system but also need the students in the Academy to follow the rule as well. (Needs to be repeated to staff and told in assemblies frequently to make sure its maintained – Year 7s intimidated by older years will appreciate this but needs reminders so it functions effectively). This is something the School Council will look into during Term 3.
<b>Student suggestion: if you are inside sitting down and if not go outside</b>	Ms Cusack is open to this idea but says it may take a while for students to follow and requires staff supervision to make sure the rule is maintained – one way system is quicker to implement whilst this is being introduced.



# Latest News

## BBA Eco Warriors!



A big well done to the Year 10 Asdan group who have been litter picking this term as part of their 'My Environment' module. They managed to improve our local environment, picking up several bags full of rubbish!



The trainer exchange is a relatively new charitable organisation that organises the collection and the redistribution of trainers. Our Academy has just been the beneficiary of trainers from this organisation.

If you have any second hand trainers or ones that your children have outgrown then please visit this organisation on Facebook or Instagram. Donations and exchanges normally happen at local netball events.

Ms Chaplin

# BRISTOL BRUNEL ACADEMY TOTALLY ROCK IN NATIONAL TIMES TABLES COMPETITION.

The pupils and teaching staff at Bristol Brunel Academy are incredibly excited to announce that they performed well above average in England Rocks - a times tables competition run by the internationally renowned, award-winning app and learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars.

England Rocks required children to correctly answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible, to give their class and school the best chance of winning.



The competition was fierce with 201,588,705 questions answered collectively by 384,658 pupils from more than 4,543 schools and 30,188 classes around the country!

Our school stats were astonishing too. BBA came in 1654th place across the whole country. On average our top class answered 356 questions correctly per pupil, with the best performing pupil answering an amazing 6,929 questions correctly in total. I am sure you can appreciate that those stats are out of this world!

Mrs Shaw says "I am so impressed by how many correct answers we managed to get in such a short period of time. We were very high in the overall table, which is a massive achievement given that our students took part as a homework task rather than in lesson time. Well done to everyone who took part!"



# Enrichment—GCHQ NLC

On the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November, groups of Year 9 students from BBA took part in the GCHQ National Languages Competition.

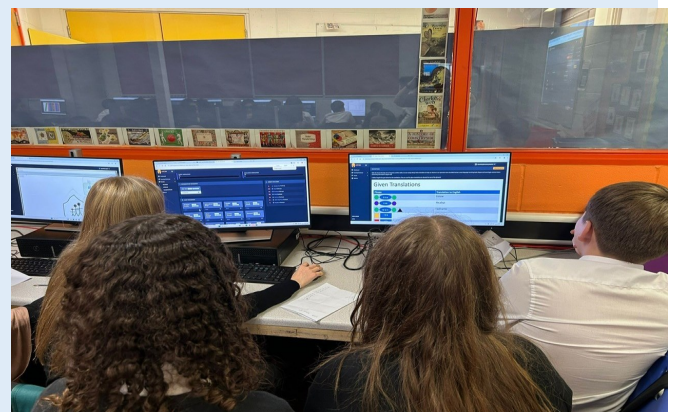
*GCHQ is the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency. Their mission is to keep the country safe. GCHQ highly values language skills, so each year it runs the National Language Competition. This is a virtual competition where teams from schools around the UK compete against each other to solve language-based puzzles and score points.*

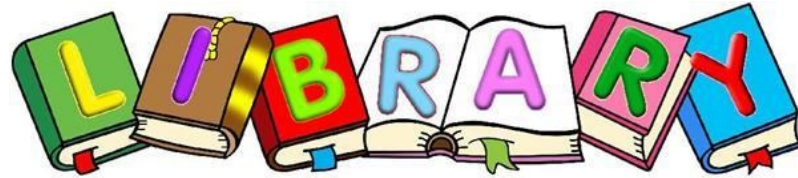


This was the second year that BBA students took part. The MFL department was so pleased with the dedication that the students demonstrated, giving up their own time after school to compete and develop their resilience and employability skills. All the challenges were incredibly difficult, requiring teams to work together and think outside the box.

The winning team within BBA was made up of Hadiyah, Taiwo, Isabella and Savannah. Congratulations! Well done to all those who took part, including Melodie, Ramir, Zakaria, Theo, Abhinav, Grace, Coco, Harvey, Gracie, Pablo, Colton, Audray, Jaimin, Olivia, Lily, Blake, Aston, Arthur, Noah, Luca, Aariz, Tegan, Isabelle, Yasmin, Jaheim, Nabihah, Salma, Mischa, Diego, Ivan, Gabriel and Josie. All these students have been nominated for their BBA green professional badge by Team MFL.

We can't wait to run the competition again next year!





**Congratulations**— we have 8  
**Word Millionaires!**

**Bertie B, Oriole C, Connor K, Federico S,  
Harlan H, Flo C, Coby B & Jackson R  
and one **DOUBLE** millionaire Yara B!**



## Christmas Quiz

- In which children's classic is it "always winter but never Christmas"? a. *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* b. *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* c. *Little Women*
- In *A Christmas Carol*, what is Scrooge's first name? a. Robert b. Jacob c. Ebenezer
- Which book by Julia Donaldson features an appearance by Father Christmas and is set in a snowy winter landscape? a. *The Gruffalo* b. *Stick Man* c. *A Squash and a Squeeze*
- From which town does *The Grinch* try to steal Christmas? a. Whoville b. Whyville c. Wellville d. Whereville
- In *Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone*, what gift do the Dursleys give to Harry? a. an invisibility cloak b. vomit flavoured jellybeans c. a 50 pence piece
- Who wrote "*The Snowman*"? a. Quentin Blake b. Dr Seuss c. Raymond Briggs d. Roald Dahl
- Why was Greg trapped in doors during Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever*? a. Greg trapped in-Christmas in Jeff a *Wimpy Kid*: he caught chick-



Congratulations to our **TOP SCORING**

**Year 7s** since October

Anthony D passed 20 quizzes

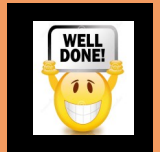
Zac B & Chloe W passed 16 quizzes

Roshan S & Archie S passed 15 quizzes

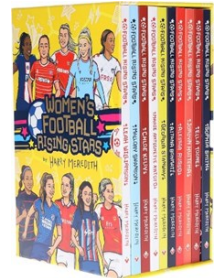
and **Year 8s**

Kamani T, Diandrew S & Harun H  
passed 12 quizzes

Fleur B & Ralph McQ passed 9



Check out our latest arrivals!



The Library is open at **break & lunchtime**

and **before & after school** for homework/quiet study

Also try these great sites for some online reading:

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

<https://manybooks.net/>



# Return of Tutor Time reading

As part of our whole school literacy provision we are pleased to announce the relaunch of Tutor Reading programme. We are delighted to have some new contemporary, exciting, novels that represent our students' lives and should enable them to explore ideas that matter to them.

Reading is fundamental to accessing the curriculum and we know that exposure to different stories and the experience of having an adult read aloud to them, creates the strongest foundation for all students. All of the evidence that informs our literacy practice supports the importance of regular opportunities to read throughout the day.

Our tutors in Year 7, 8 and 9 will share one book and the tutor will read aloud to their students. This will happen twice a week and is part of our tutor programme.

Please ask your child about the book they are reading. Can they tell you about the main characters, the themes and the story? What do they enjoy about it? Has the book made them think differently about something?

We would welcome your feedback and ideas for future fantastic books for our KS3 children.

Ali Griffiths

Associate Assistant Principal

# Upcoming Events



Support for  
Inter-Parental  
Communication



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for one or  
both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

**If so, then this SIPCo project could help.**

Support is available for either one or both parents. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or a local practitioner will help you access online resources which can be used at your own pace. If English is not your first language, translators can be provided.

**Please contact Gina Pazienza:**



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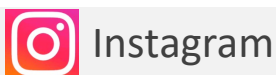
# Thorpe Park - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

We are pleased to inform you that this year's Thorpe Park reward will recognise those students that have accumulated the greatest number of House points from the start of Term 2, to the third week of Term 4. Students were informed of these criteria in this term's celebration assemblies. Where students have a similar House point total, we will be taking into consideration the number of negative events that have occurred



over the same time frame. Approximately 50 students each from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will get to attend, with an even split across the Houses.

**Follow BBA on Social Media to keep up to date with our latest events and news.**



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# Year 7



Ms Griffiths  
Associate  
Assistant  
Principal



Mr Iwan Jones  
Head of Year

Ms Buckingham  
Pastoral  
Support  
Leader



Mr Carstairs  
Pastoral  
Support  
Officer



Dear Parents and Carers

Term 2 has flown by and Year 7 have settled in well. In Term 3 we will be introducing tutor time reading and the books selected by the students have been delivered arrived ready for the start of next term.

There have been successes in our netball and rugby teams throughout the terms and great friendships made along the way. Win or lose, both teams show sportsmanship and are great ambassadors to BBA.

There has been lots of excellent learning thought the term and huge numbers of reward points being picked up. Those in the top 75 have had a cinema reward and watched a festive film in school this week.

You can contact us via email at:

[BBAYear7team@clf.uk](mailto:BBAYear7team@clf.uk)

Have a lovely break.

# Year 7 Sport Results

## Netball 15/11/24

Sadly not the results we would want but our Year 7 and Year 8 netball team worked incredibly hard again St Bernadette School.

Our Year 7 did really well teaching the other school some of the rules that they might not have picked up on yet and were polite in congratulating St Bern's when they won. Our player of the match was Martha. The final score was 3 –7

Team:

Flora, Darcy, Martha,, Sumaya, Connie, Amari, Bella, Poppy



## Netball 2/12/24

Year 7 team played Orchard. I am pleased to say they won 3-0 with some fantastic play around the circle in the last quarter. This was especially good as it was getting so dark!

Bella was named player of the match.



# Year 7 Sport Results

## Football 25/11/24

We had an amazing 6 aside fixture for the U12 girls football. We played against 8 other schools and managed to come second in the tournament. I was so impressed with so many of our girls' skills but most of all their sportsmanship. We took 8 girls meaning they needed 2 subs at all times and everyone was willing and happy to be a sub at some point during the tournament. It was lovely to see how supportive they were of each other and always gave their congratulations to the other teams.

1st Game: Won BBA 2 v Bedminster Down 0

2nd Game: Won BBA 2 v Bedminster Down 0

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### Team:

Flora

Darcy

Amari

Poppy

Rosemary

Ruby

Sumaya

Demi

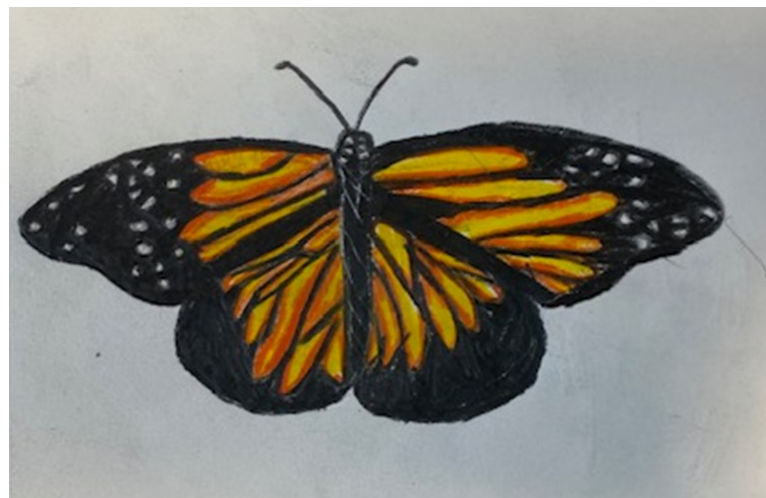
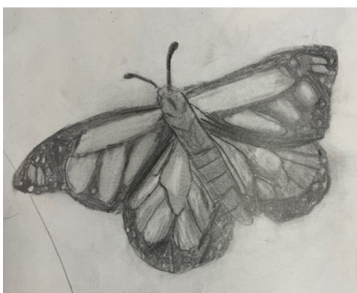
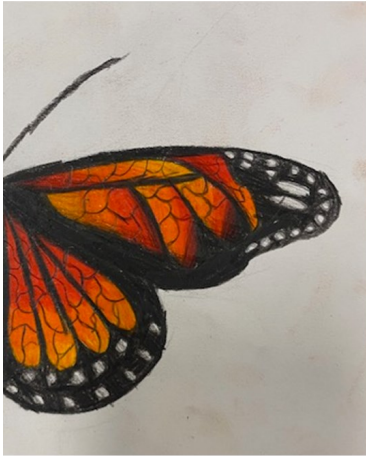




## Y7 SHOUT OUTS from Mrs McBride

Dec 24- T2

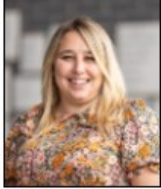
What a fantastic range of drawings from Y7 this term! Students have been learning how to use **TONE** and **TEXTURE** with pencil crayons and pencils, using insects as inspiration. Wonderful work this term Y7- well done!





# Year 8

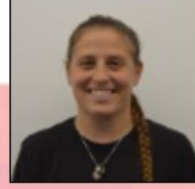
## Year 8 Team



Mrs Godsall  
Assistant Principal



Mr Slocombe  
Head of Year



Miss Heatherson  
Pastoral Year Lead



Miss Rumming  
Pastoral Support  
Assistant

8TCO-M1 / F6A



Mrs Coke

8SWA -M2 /S2A



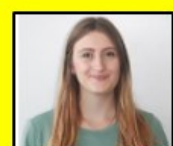
Miss Walsh

8EFU-A3 / S6



Miss Fuorvito

8DMI -A3/ S12A



Miss Minns

TSY-R5 / FS6



Mr Symons

8JRG-R6 / FS3



Mr Rogers

8RSK-S9 / FS9



Miss Sky

8DBY-S8/FS9



Mr Busby

The Year 8 rugby team played against Trinity this term. There were some fantastic tackles and runs made by the boys however the game finished being 7 tries to none.

Man of the match - Harlan/Cobie





# Year 8 Sport

A Bristol Brunel Academy pupil is celebrating after winning gold medals at the South West Taekwon-Do (SWTKD) under 18s competition.

Renwar R, who is a member of SWTKD – Lyde Green, took part in sparring, patterns and special technique at the event, held at Lyde Green Community Centre.

And he came away with gold for sparring, as well as long and high kicks – reflecting the school vision of making ‘exceptional things happen’.



Instructor Gavin Reader, who is a 3rd degree Black Belt in the Korean-based martial art and has been coaching for over 20 years, said: “Renwar trains regularly and works hard.

“He continues to make progress, learning from gradings and competitions. He is a credit to his club and school.”

Health benefits of Taekwondo include improved balance, flexibility, stamina, strength and posture. Psychologically, it is reported to help develop confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

- For more information, visit <https://www.swtkd.co.uk/>

## Netball

Our Year 8 team had a challenge as they were actually playing against St Bern's Year 9 team. Again, very well mannered and worked hard in defence. Our player of the match was Rayaa. The final score was 1 -3.

Team:

Elise, Maya, Rosie, Denaye, Twis, Rayaa, Solange, Remi



# Year 8 Art

## Y8 Shout Outs from Mrs McBride

Dec 24 -- T2

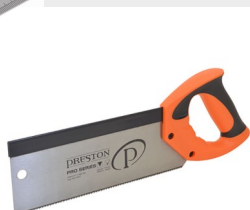
**Congratulations to my Y8 Art classes who created the most weird and wonderful hybrid animals in the style of the artist Berliner Babylon. Fantastic mark making, tone and texture. Can you spot yours?**







Well done to Miss Simmons' Year 8 DT class for their fantastic work on creating handmade photo frames! You've shown great skill in measuring and marking out the wood, using tools like a saw and mitre chopper, and finishing your projects beautifully with sanding the edges and then adding painted decorations. Your hard work and creativity truly shine through—excellent job, everyone!

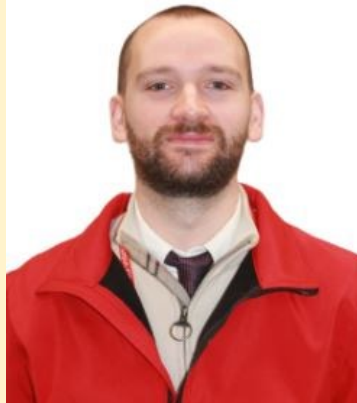




# Year 9



Ms Milburn  
Associate Assistant  
principle



Mr O'Callaghan  
Pastoral Support  
Leader



Ms Hamblett  
Pastoral Support  
Officer

Dear Parents and Carers

You may notice the absence of a key photographs from our year team, Ms Livingstone and Ms Willets.

Ms Livingstone, having led the year team since students started in Year 7, will be moving on to fresh pastures in the new year. We will miss her smiling face, always there to fight for our year team and many individuals. There will be a considerable reduction in pink (remember the Year 7 camp) in the Head of Year office.

Ms Willets is not moving far, she has moved position in the school and now heads up the Fresh Start provision. She has been ably replace by Mr O'Callaghan who has joined us as Pastoral Support Leader .

We thank you both for your hard work and support over the last three years.

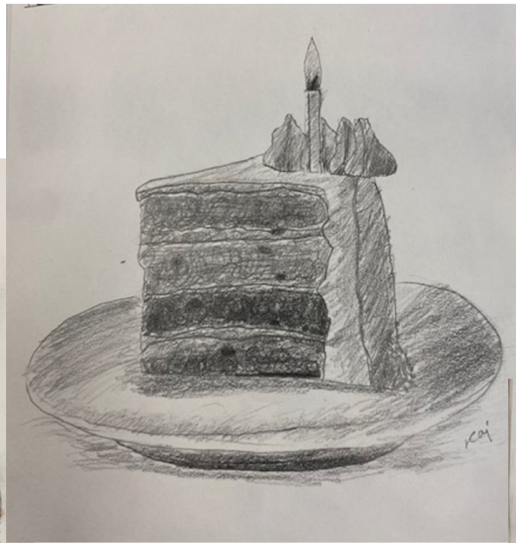
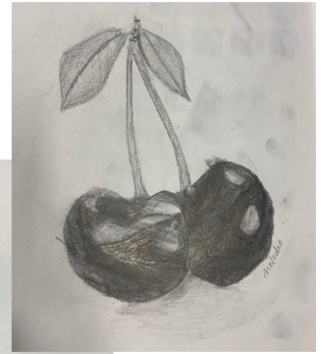
The Year 9 Team.

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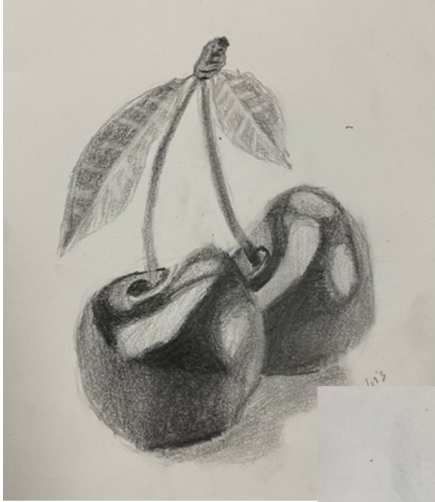
# Y9 SHOUT OUTS FROM Mrs McBRIDE

Dec 24—T2

Feeling hungry?! Congratulations to my Y9 classes who have been learning how to use watercolour and pen as well as pencil shading to create tone and texture in their drawings of food. I'm so impressed with their results. Well done Y9!





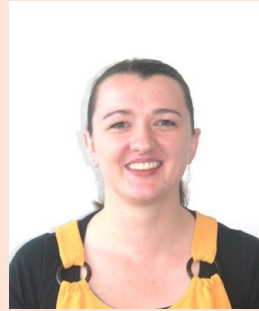




# Year 10



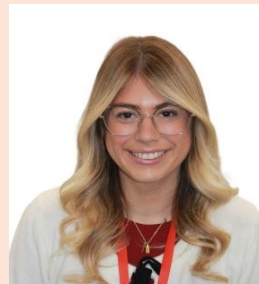
Mr Ferguson  
Associate  
Assistant  
Principal



Ms Baker  
Head of Year



Mr Hall  
Pastoral Support  
Leader



Ms Smith  
Pastoral  
Support Officer

Year 10 have continued with their fantastic attitude towards their GCSE courses this term - it is wonderful to hear so many of them talking about their options subjects and to see those students who are coming to catch-up clinic on Thursdays to revise and complete coursework. Catch-up clinics will continue throughout terms 3+4 so please do encourage your children to attend!

We are excited to welcome Amber Smith as our new Pastoral Support Officer. Miss Smith has been settling in and getting to know students over the last week and I am sure will get to know many of our families through her intervention and attendance work.

Year 10 mocks in English, maths and science will take place on 16-17 January in the exam hall. Students have already received assemblies on the process for mocks and will get more information on logistics when we return in the new year. To support your child please ensure they have a locker to store their belongings securely whilst they are in exams and encourage their revision at home. If you have queries about purchasing revision guides please contact your child's subject teachers who will be able to advise.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,

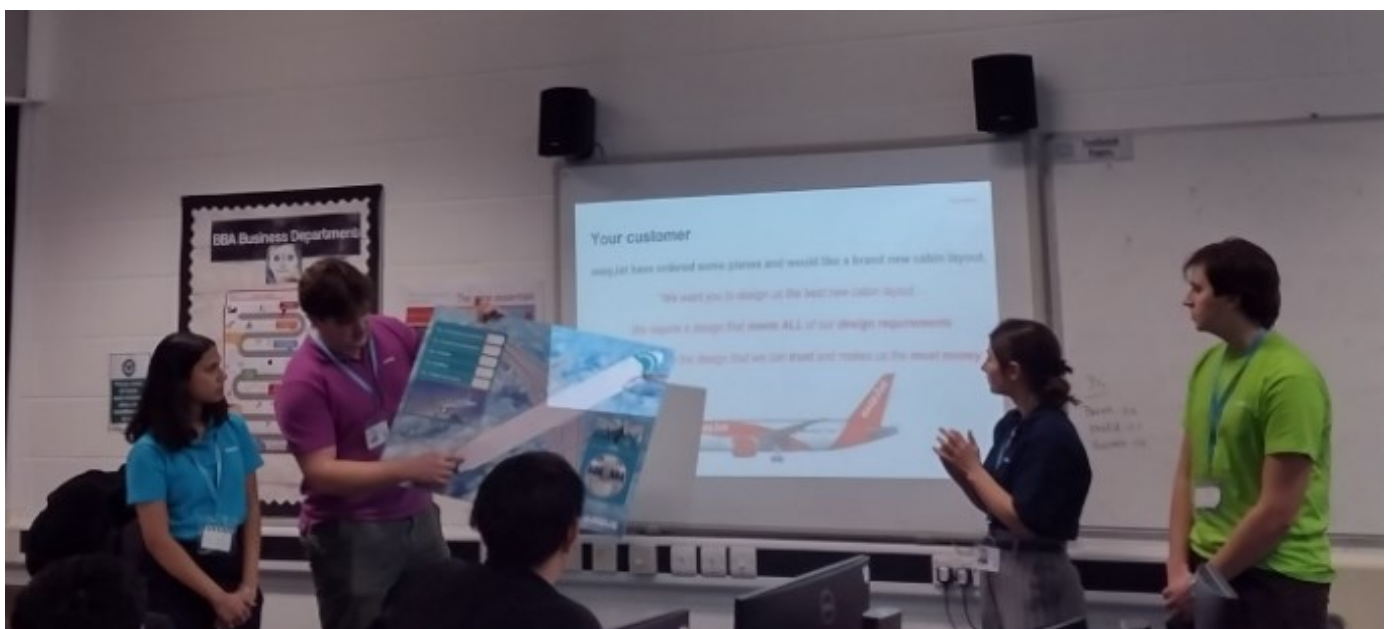
Year 10 Team

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# Year 10 Engineering



This term we hosted 4 Airbus personnel who ran a cabin design workshop for our Year 10 business studies students. They first talked about Airbus as a company, the different business roles that exist in Airbus, for example marketing and finance roles and project manager roles. The students were then divided into groups of 6 where they had to design and cost a cabin based on a client profile, for example British Airways or easyJet. Finally they presented their ideas to the rest of the class and shared how much profit that had made. The winning team was the one designing an aircraft cabin for British Airways. They made over £70,000 profit with their ingenious seat layout!



# Year 10 Geography Trip



Here are some pictures from the GCSE Geography trips to Bristol Harbourside. The students spent the afternoon completing environmental quality surveys, asking members of the public questionnaires, and noting down observations and completing field sketches.

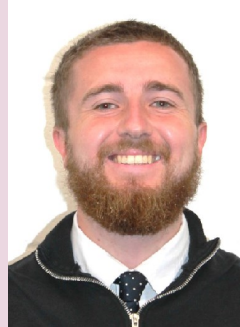
We had lots of members of the public telling us how polite our students were and it was lovely watching their confidence in going up to members of the public grow throughout the day—the students were a credit to BBA!



# Year 11



Mr Green  
Associate  
Assistant  
Principal.



Mr Withers  
Academic  
Year  
Lead

Mr Sanday  
Pastoral  
Support  
Leader



Ms Kaur  
Pastoral  
support  
Officer



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of Term 2, it is important to reflect on yet another busy but purposeful term for Year 11s. We have had the conclusion of our first set of mocks and have been impressed with how the year group applied themselves throughout this window. Following on from that, we have had mock interview day where employers were incredibly complimentary of how the Year 11s conducted themselves throughout the day.

In the new year, we have the second and final set of mocks starting on the week commencing 3rd February. An email has been sent home talking about how best you can support your child through the exam window.

From everyone in the Year 11 team, we hope you have a lovely break however you spend it, and a happy new year!

Year 11 Team

Amy, Tim, Harry, Luke

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# Enrichment Clubs Term 3

Day	Club	For who	Staff	Room
Monday	Further Maths Club	KS4	Ms Shaw/ Mr Altaf	F7
	Football	Y8 Boys	PE	Astro / PE
	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze	Year 9	Ms Jackson	SC2/3
	Eco Club	All	Ms Grimes	FS7
Tuesday	Football	Girls (all)	PE	Astro / PE
	Football	Y7Boys	PE	Astro / PE
	Adventurers Guild	All	Ms Greensmith	F5
	Mindfulness drawing	All	Ms McBride	SA2
	Neurodiversity Club	All	Ms Pearce	F1
	Creative writing competition	All	Ms C Payne	SC4
	Culture Club	Year7-9	Ms Korimbocus	S8a
	Lego Club	Year 7-9	Ms Martin	S15
	KS4 Art Club	Year 10-11	Ms Darby	SA3
	Crochet Club	All	Quinn	LS4
Thursday	Board Game Club (inc Card)	All	Ms Clovis	S14
	Cheerleading	All	Ms Chaplin	Dance
	LGBTQ+ Club	All	Ms Harrison-Wan	F3
	Engineering Club	Yr10-11	Ms Bush	GT8
	Magic The Gathering Club	All	Ms Smart	F5
	Basketball Club	Girls (all)	Ms Payton	Sports
	Astronomy Club	Year 9	Mr Smerdon / Symmons	FS5
Friday	Basketball Club	For all	Mr Ngai	PE
	Table Tennis Club	For all	Mr Sperring	PE
	KS4 Art Club	Year 10-11	Ms Darby	SA3
	Skateboarding club	all	PE	PE



# Enrichment

## Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing cCub have been working on entries to a short story competition. Over the next few editions of the newsletter we will be featuring some of their entries.

First up is Screwhead Scientist....enjoy!

### Screwhead Scientist

All was peaceful in EVILABS 473. Stanley Screwhead was mixing tiger blood with spider poison. If mixed correctly, it would create a chemical to remove EVILABS 473's biggest enemy, the so-called people's favourite Bertie Brainiac. Bertie was famous for defeating 26 villains who worked at EVILABS 473 -147 villains in total! After mixing the tiger blood and spider poison, holding his nose he wrapped some garibaldis and fig rolls into spider legs and dropped them into the mixture. But... he accidentally dropped a gerbil's tail into the mixture as well.

"Oops." He said and gulped it down.

The chemicals exploded and filled Stanley's mouth. His mouth started to foam. His eyeballs popped. His guts ripped in half. His blood squeezed out from his feet and landed on his face. Finally, his brain fell through his cracked throat, and he swallowed it.

"That was refreshing. I enjoyed that," he said.

At that moment, his companion, Nathan Nailhead, the notorious villain and Stanley's best friend walked inside.

“Is everything alright?” he asked, eyeing Stanley’s chin which was dripping onto the floor.

Stanley found himself thinking heroic thoughts. Me and Nathan can’t be friends anymore, he thought. I’ve got to do something to stop this organisation.

Before he could stop himself, he slapped Nathan hard.

“What was that for?!” he exclaimed. “We’re on the same side, remember!”

Stanley looked at the chemicals, the bright colours swirling cheerfully. There was only one possibility.

Had he turned...good?

By Michael Woodman, Year 7

This gruesomely hilarious short story was written by a talented member of Creative Writing Club for a competition called ‘Fright Night’.

Feeling inspired? Join us in SC4 every Tuesday after school or contact Ms Payne for more details.





Year 9 Bronze and Year 10 Silver are now almost 12 weeks into their awards. This means that some will be completing their sections on skills, physical and volunteering.

In school we are now into the main training for expeditions. In the last few weeks students have taken part in a brief orienteering session in Oldland Court, practising using maps and getting to truly understand the importance of their own route cards. In after school sessions, they are developing their routes for expeditions and will be learning about the cooking equipment available and its limitations as well as erecting tents and first aid.

The Bronze expedition comes come early in the year either side of the Easter holiday so its going to get busy!

## Astronomy Club

This term we've moved on from looking at the Earth structure and coordinate system and started exploring the Moon and Sun and their impacts on the Earth. In addition we've been working on the fancy maths that the ancient Greeks used to measure the distance to the Moon and Sun as well as the sizes of the Earth and Moon.

Amazing how they could do this with the technology available at the time.

# Basketball Club

Our U14 and U16 teams recently played against Fairfield High School and Bristol Free School. I am pleased to report that both teams won 1 out of their 2 games. The results are as follows

## **\*\*U16 Team\*\***

1st Game: Lost - BBA 26 vs. FHS 43

2nd Game: Won - BBA 57 vs. BFS 20

## **\*\*U14 Team\*\***

1st Game: Lost - BBA 19 vs. FHS 29

2nd Game: Won - BBA 47 vs. BFS 15

### **U14 Team: (Year 9)**

Naeem

Reuben

Euan

Igbedion

Salad

Felix

Amin

Ethan

RJ

Nian

### **U16 Team: (Year 10&11)**

Che

Henry

Dillon

Elijah

Denis

Shayzan

Zach

Joshua

Toyin

Shahzaib