Bristol Brunel Academy Termly Newsletter



This term we explored the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance (Togetherness). Miss Heatherson (Year 9 team) led an inspirational assembly about her career as a professional footballer and the sexism she and her team experienced during her career, verbally from 'fans' but also the gender pay gap comparing her career to similar players in the men's league. The overall message was about respect to one and other, challenging injustice and being the positive change you want to see in the world.





Here's what the students thought:

Sexism in football is very common for girls. It has damaging impacts on the girls and women that love this sport. To have experienced this could ruin their love for football.

Personally, I have experienced this and it made me feel like I wasn't good enough. The team we played was a local boys' team. They would make silly comments under their breath, things like "you're just girls we are going to smash you" and "they're so weak" and more. That was obviously wrong as we beat them 5-2. This shows that we are all equal and should be offered the same chance as the boys. No one should be underestimated or treated different because of who they are or what makes them different.

Assembly & Tutor





This term students revisited Term 1's British Value of Democracy. In tutor they had the opportunity to vote for candidates to represent them based on their manifestos and key issues that they felt passionate about. We are very proud of Alisha (Y7) who was one of the candidates who wants to campaign on animal rights and increased funding for homelessness.



the wider student community.

House Assembly

Term 3 has been a fantastic term for the House System where we have been especially proud of our student leaders. We have focussed on **Bullying vs Banter** this term to promote respect within our Academy. Our assembly detailed the differences between bullying behaviour and friendly banter and what to do when the line gets crossed. Each tutor group came together to make a pledge of togetherness to stand against bullying behaviour and to promote togetherness over tolerance. Furthermore, our wonderful KS4 student leaders also lead an assembly on having a positive digital footprint which included information on the way you treat people online, linking back to making sure banter does not stray into bullying behaviour. Finally, we have had the green light to launch our proposed rebrand so have been working tirelessly with our student leaders to get this ready to launch to

Reading

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

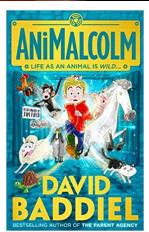
Jon Jones

My favourite book when I was at primary school was 'The Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. I remember my primary school teacher, Mr Aylesbury, reading it to our class, he was such a great reader. I loved hearing the different voices he used for each of the characters. I enjoyed the story as it was about good triumphing over evil and I really liked the character of Mr Fox. Whenever I saw a fox in the field by our house, I would always imagine him living underground with his family just like in the book. When my 2 boys were old enough, I read it to them, I hope I managed to make the characters as

interesting as Mr Aylesbury did. A Book Review by (first name) 50M Your star rating for the book. Characters: Who were the main characters? Did you like them? Why? Why not? Malcon, an nyeardaboy is the main characters the was whith his family (Mum Ped Corondon Older sister, younger brother) who absolutely leves shimals however Malcom have them from a previous experience. In my agonion I don't implestand wh a cutadly, Phylly pet who loves your attention Plot: What happens? Can you give a basic cutline? What is the main difficulty / challenge the characters had to overcome? coes on a school trip to a Farm and he aboutly Taipated from the fact that its a piece with animals. The Former quies them around and sorry if you have any momes speak to a grant child K-Park. So Makam does tell be good his suddenly he sell asleep. When he make up he masn't a boy. Your Opinion: What did you like about the book? What was the best bit? Was it scary? Funny? Sad? Recommend ... What did the book make you think about? Who might like to read this funny and interesting. also try other Baddiel a great moral. I mould recovered this took







World Book Day 2022

Every student will be getting a book voucher on this year's World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March.

You can browse the available free books here: https://www.worldbookday.com/books/

If none of these are of interest, you can use the voucher for £1 any other book.





Events to look forward to:

Bring some change to school on the week commencing 28th February for our week-long charity book sale!

A range of author videos and illustrator academies on the <u>World Book</u> <u>Day Website</u>.

Free book vouchers on Thursday 3rd March.

Book recommendations shared across the week from staff.

The annual BBA Reading Survey

Special one off events to celebrate and promote reading at BBA!







Year 7s: Alex S, Rahaf O, Muhammad A, Jacob C-M, Hamza R, Billy C, Lia M, Samuel I, Ruby S-M, Rohan H & Charlie D

Year 8s: Kabir S, Davine J, Madinah H, Tyrese P, Anna O, Arham U, Verity L & Mustapha M-Y





Take on the WALLIAMS WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the titles in this book-tastic David Walliams wordsearch?

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Billionaire Boy
The Boy In the Dress
Mr Stink
Gangsta Granny

Ratburger Demon Dentist Awful Auntie

Grandpa's Great Escape

The Midnight Gang
Bad Dad
The Ice Monster
Fing

Congratulations to our TOP SCORING

Year 7s

Alex S passed 39 quizzes Rahaf O passed 36 quizzes Charlie D passed 30 quizzes



Year 8s

Kabir S passed 49 quizzes Madinah H passed 37 quizzes Tyrese P passed 28 quizzes





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 and audio books:

https://manybooks.net/ https://openlibrary.org/

https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/

House News

Well done Patch House

Term 3 Total						
Blackwell	1730					
Patch	1890					
Kielburger	1400					
Stephenson	1275					

Student Council Corner

Parents/Carers may want to know what is going on in the student council meetings as their decisions greatly affect the student when at school (and sometimes at home) and therefore affect your life.



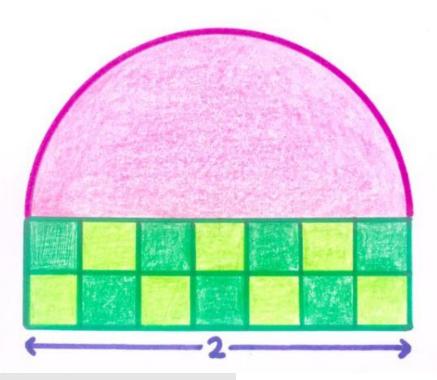
The main current topic in student council meetings is the new house names and house charities. The theme for the new house names will be activists as they were the topic that got the most votes. Though the time when the new house's names and charities will change is unknown, you can be assured that the idea of change is definite. The charities (once chosen) will be the sole charities for each house and will be where the money each house raises is donated. The ties will remain the same, which means the houses will be associated with the same colours they are now.

The student council urges students and parents/carers to come to us with suggestions/questions so these can be discussed. These can be raised through students during tutor time.

Madinah & Skye (Y8)

Puzzle Corner

Some squares and a semicircle. What's the perimeter of the combined shape?



Email your answers to louis.day@clf.uk

Behaviour System Update:

We have had a full term of our new behaviour system and we would like to update you with the success. First of all we are delighted that our students have really stepped up and conducted themselves in a manner that makes us very proud. Referrals to our SafetyNet have significantly decreased. This means that there has been less disruption to learning. We are hopeful that we will continue to see an improvement over Term 4.

Miss Paisey

Food Donations

We continue to support our families in need with food hampers. If you can contribute, then please drop off food in reception. Many thanks.



Parent Information Evenings

Term 3 we have had Parent Information Evenings about Year 9 Options and E-Safety. CLICK HERE to access them.

In Term 4, on 10th March 2022 5.00-6.00pm we will have the Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing PIE (online) to be delivered by BBA Mental Health Team including specific input from BBA's School Counsellor (Zakera Chowdhury) and the Education Mental Health Practitioner (Ruth Elborn).

CLICK HERE for the link on the evening.

Topics:

- Overview of the Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Curriculum
- Supporting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing in young people
- Looking Signs of Anxiety and Stress Overload
- Self-care for Parents/ Carers
- Bristol Offer

We will also have a Parent Information Evening about Year 7 and 8 Camp, details will be shared about this later in Term 4.

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-weeks@clf.uk) to introduce yourself, access support or if you have any questions.

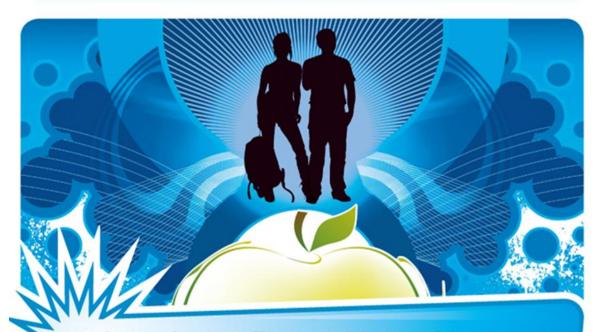








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Room 1 (Behind Reception)

Tuesday Lunchtime 12:20 - 1:40pm

Service available for BBA Students

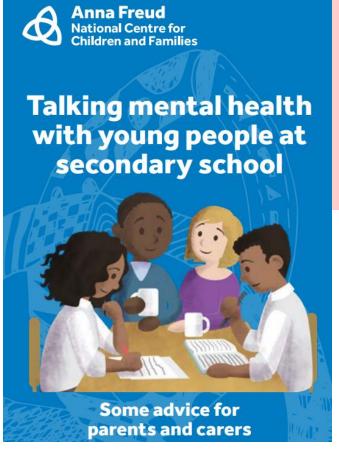


Parent Mental Health Day

We at BBA appreciate all your help and support with raising our amazing group of young people. Please take time to look after yourselves too.

Stem4 are a group who support young people, but also know the importance of supporting Parent Mental Health. Please click the picture or below for advice and support. CLICK HERE





Talking to Young People about Mental Health

Click the link below or the picture to access a useful booklet for parents/carers to support discussing mental health.

CLICK HERE

Below are 2 great resources to support parents/carers who have children with SEND. Click the pictures to access the resources:





Protecting our students and having productive conversations

The Guardian have written an excellent article on How to talk to young people about online harm including pornography. This alongside the government's Stop Abuse Together campaign have lots of information about how we can keep young people safe and ensure they learn about positive decision making. Click the image links below:



Guardian Article



Stop Abuse Together

Please email <u>Colin.Clements@clf.uk</u> if you would like any more information shared in the newsletter regarding safeguarding young people.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to run to support all students. Students are able to come into school between 7:55am and 8:15am to get a hot breakfast and a drink for FREE.

Students must line up in their year groups after this.



Supported by Avon and Somerset Police



When: Saturday 26th February 2022 Time: 11am to 3pm

Where: Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Rd, Barton Hill, Bristol BS5 0AX

Come along to our community event with information on protecting your valuables, protection from cybercrime, a chance to meet your local Neighbourhood Teams and find out about job opportunities with Avon and Somerset Police including staff and uniformed roles.



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Crime Awareness Information



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Safeguarding

Attendance

Students should be arriving to the academy for 8:20am each morning. Attendance of 97% and above is considered good attendance. Anything below that starts to impact a students' ability to achieve fully academically and can result in students dropping grades at GCSE.



Achieving 90% in an exam or test is a fantastic result but if your child is at school for only 90% of the school year they will have missed 19 days - almost 4 weeks of school...almost 120 hours. 120 guided learning hours is the same as studying one full-time GCSE (normally taken over two years)'.

Attendance is really important and we are keen to reward students who are working hard on their attendance. The Thorpe park trip is coming up for students with 100% attendance. Year teams will also nominate wild cards for the students with the most improved attendance. It isn't too late to get on this trip!

Well done to 11DLY for achieving their attendance target this term.

The Safer Schools App is easily downloaded and is a one stop shop for all safeguarding issues.

In particular, the App supports online safety and can advise parents/carers how to keep their children safe online.

We actively encourage you to download this App, ensure you select **Bristol Safer Schools**. Click here for more information



Victoria Shaw & Andrew Buck presented a Parent Information Evening outlining the Options process, subjects offered and answered questions around this subject in Term 3.

In Term 4, on Thursday 17th March there will be Year 9 Options Evening where students and parents/carers can hear from subject leads about their GCSE Options. Craig Jordan (Careers Advisor) will also be contactable to answer questions.

The deadline for students to submit their form for choices will be Tuesday 29th March.



Year 9 - Team Youth of the Bristol Records

13 of our year 9 students completed their community apprenticeship award. Overall, we were awarded the teamwork award. The students developed teamwork, presentation, communication, and creativity skills on their way to completing the programme. They also raised £125 for

Off the Record in their charity challenge.

The students worked very hard working with their Envision coach Sabrina Waters and their business mentors at St James Place.



Quote from Sabrina Waters, Envision coach

"At the beginning the team had minimal interaction with each other and there were some very quiet individuals, but as the weeks went on they grew in their confidence, showed great passion for their chosen charity Off The Record and really supported each other to plan and deliver their charity and pitching challenges! They should be so proud of their achievements!"

Year 11

It is not too late to apply!



Whilst several providers have closed applications there are still several that will still accept applications and have open events. Please check provider website for details and/or book in appointments with Mr Jordan

Year 10 - Insight into apprenticeship: Hospitality day hosted by Boston Tea Party.

As part of the running programme we have 15 Year 10 students involved in the insight into apprenticeship programme with South Bristol Youth. The latest trip took us to Boston Tea Party where the students had a chance to learn about the hospitality sector, see the specific operational areas live, learn about apprenticeship opportunities in the sector and also take part in a specialist workshop around CV's, first impressions and interview techniques.

A huge well done to all the students involved who received outstanding feedback from Boston Tea party. A thank you to South Bristol Youth and Boston Tea Party for organising the day. Boston Tea Party

Year 10 - Work Experience 6th -10th June 2022

Students in Year 10 will have an opportunity to take part in work experience. Emails and letters have been sent home but please see the simplified process below.

- 1.Students check the list of ideas of local companies who may offer work experience.
- 2. Students contact companies to enquire if they are able to offer work experience this year.
- 3. Complete the form and return to BBA reception
- 4. We can then contact and then start the process of contacting to companies for more detail

Please note we cannot authorise work experience that don't meet HSE guidelines or any placements where we have not received the relevant paperwork and information. Any queries please contact craig.jordan@clf.uk



Year 10 & 11 Students.

If you sat a Cambridge National exam this term in Sports, Business, iMedia or a BTEC Engineering or Health & Social care exam this term, the results are due at the below dates:

Cambridge nationals – 17th March

BTEC – 7th April

Best of luck to Year 11 who start their next round of mock exams after half term.

Natasha Lippiatt (Exams Officer)





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Enrichment

CLUB FOCUS



Lego Club

When: Tuesday from 3-4pm

Where: S15

Description: Free building, challenges, Lego Masters

viewing...come along to have a say

in how the club is run!







If you have any spare Lego and would like to donate, then please email Jennifer.Chapman@clf.uk



Enrichment

Days	Enrichment	Years	Time	Where
Mon	Boys Football	7, 8, 9	3:00-4:15	PE
	Boys Basketball	10, 11	3:00-4:15	PE
	Code Club	10	lunchtime	SC2
	Astronomy	9	3.15-4.14	Science
	Poetry, creative writing & Art	7,8,9	3.00-4.00	S9
	Psychology Club	9 – application process	3.15-4.15	S7
	Engaging with Faith	All Years	Lunchtime 1 & 2	F5
Tues	Homework Club	8	3:00-4:00	FC1
	Girls Basketball	All years	3:00-4:15	PE
	Boys Football	10, 11	3:00-4:15	PE
	Duke of Edinburgh	9, 10, 11	3:00-4:00	SC3/SC2
	Backgammon	7,8	3:00-4:00	S1
	Lego Club	7	3:00-4:00	S15
	Eco Club	All – Application process.	Tutor Time	FS1
	Forest School	10	3.00-4.00	TBC
Wed	Arts for Wellbeing	7, 8, 9	3:00-4:00	SA1 (X15 sign up on door)
	Adventurer's Guild	All –sign up GT4	3:00-4:00	GT4
	Homework club	9	3:00-4:00	GC1
	Boys Basketball	7, 8, 9	3:00-4:15	PE
	Girls Football	All years	3:00-4:15	PE
	Hair club – Learning Support Students	All years -	3:00 -4:00	S1
Thurs	Manga Drawing Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	SA2
	Choir	All Years, Staff	3:15 - 4:15	Music
	Dungeons & Dragons – Support Students	All Years	3.00-4.00pm	GT2
	Fix Up Look Sharp — Textile repairs.	All Years	Lunchtimes 1 & 2	GT7
Fri	Steam Club –Science, Tech, Engineering, Art & Maths	7, 8	3:00-4:00	FS9
	Cheerleading	All years	3:00-4:15	PE

BBA offers a lot of chances for enrichment in school clubs during school and after school. These clubs can give students a range of experiences from artwork to sports to expressing themselves in many ways.

One of these clubs is the girls football club who meet every Thursday to practice and train really hard to prepare for games where they represent our school in front of other teams and people. One of the members of this team has offered to give her insight on what it is like to be in the club. I love football because it keeps me busy and gives me something to look forward to.' This quote is from a student in the girl's football team and it shows how important these club are to some people.

Madinah & Skye

Sports

Duke of Edinburgh Students

You can complete your physical section of the course at the gym. You must bring your sign off and get reception to sign it each time.



Sports

One off Dance session on site at BBA

On Thursday 13th Jan 21 students took part in a once off Dance session ran by the Creative Youth Network. This was a fantastic free event where students really engaged with a variety of choreographic principles and pushed themselves physically. Students really enjoyed themselves and a great time was had by all! Students have then been signposted to further free Dance sessions being ran



by the Creative Youth Network for free starting in the community soon.

Mrs Chaplin

Year 9 Girls Basketball

Wow - so proud of these girls! We played Bristol MET in mid January. We knew it would be a tough one, but they were so resilient and a pleasure to be with. We did lose 54-12 but as the only Bristol school that have been brave enough to play Bristol MET Girls they did so well.



Player of the match was too tough to call so Laila and Skye can share the honour.

Mrs Payton

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football

Our U13 girls comprising of a mixture of Year 7 & 8 students embarked upon a journey which began in October with a first round away visit to Millfield. As one of 496 schools competing in the National Cup the girls got off to an absolute flyer in a pulsating fixture which resulted in a 5-4 victory, thanks to goals from Louise (x3), Skye and Jessica (Y8). Delighted with their days work it wasn't long before the girls were requesting an equestrian centre and full-size Olympic swimming to match the facilities they had seen, after all 'they were now better than the mighty Millfield'! A suggestion which Mr O'Driscoll and Miss Paisey would promise to look into!

PTO for the rest of the competition

Sports

Round 2 brought a tie closer to home with a meeting away to St. Katherines of Somerset. After a dominant performance in normal time, a goal in the last minute of added time rescued a draw for the home side, forcing 20 minutes of extra time, much to my disbelief as I could see the traffic on the M5 was only getting worse! The drama did not stop there though, as a very late Jessica goal ensured it was BBA heading into the next round, a well-earned win with bucket loads of determination, perseverance, and collective effort shown from the whole group.

November came knocking as we hosted Katherine Lady Berkeley for a muchanticipated grudge match with our very own Mr Thomas. To our absolute delight they were no match for the dynamic front duo, as Louise (x4) and Ember (x1) produced a performance in front of goal reminiscent to that of a young Miss Heatherson in her hay day. It didn't take long for Mr Thomas to receive the good news, from a number of staff, all in good faith and well received!

Back on the road in December, we set off to Weston Super Mare to play against Priory School. Excitement was building within the team and the entertaining comments that we have become accustomed to with this fantastic group kept on coming - 'So does this mean we can go to the beach after the game?' 'Oh, we could get fish and chips, and you can pay for it'!

Our trip to the seaside minus the beach/fish and chips, was a rousing success as the girls ran out 1-3 winners. Goals coming from our Year 7 contingent with Ember (x2) and Cleo rounding off a fantastic team performance and in doing so, setting up a last 32 tie with Stratford Upon Avon.

Off we set last week to the home of Shakespeare in the quest to go where no other BBA team in recent times had managed to go, the last 16 of the National Cup. Stratford got off to a great start leading by three goals at the break. The BBA students regrouped and made a right go of it, with Erin scoring early in the second half, while also being denied a stonewall penalty! Stratford scored late on to end the dream and deservedly book their place in the last 16.

We want to thank you all for the continued support with this group. They have enjoyed a successful run in the cup and did so while representing BBA magnificently in terms of their behaviour and attitude.

Y7 – Ember, Aamirruh, Cleo, Neve, Tayla

Y8 - Skye, Evie, Jessica, Louise, Brooke, Chloe, Emilia, Erin, Anna, Phoebe Rose

Mr Reilly

Assembly Reading

House News

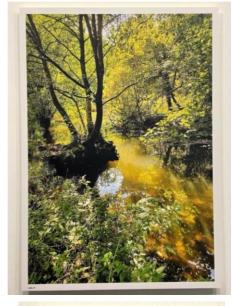
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We The Curious' exhibition on climate change 'This Can Change' is now open to the public in their dedicated gallery space. Students were tasked with taking photographs to inspire action for a more sustainable future. The entries were varied, thoughtful and powerful.

We The Curious were so impressed with entries from BBA that they will be gifting free family memberships to the museum, to two lucky BBA students, to be announced shortly.

Congratulations to all BBA students who entered the competition! The exhibition is on until the end of February half term, so go and take a look!



Wall of Wow!







Year 11 Catering

During Term 3, Year 11
Catering students completed one of their practical assessments.

Excellent courses were completed by all and the standard was high.

Well done all.

Next step.... Masterchef!





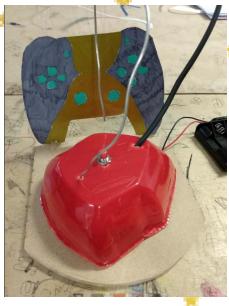


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Wall of Wow!

Well done to Mrs. Bush's Product Design class -Great Steady Hand Games











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