

Bristol Brunel Academy

Termly Newsletter

February 2025



A message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As you look through this newsletter you will see so many great things that our students have been involved in, from the creative arts and sports fixtures, to visiting engineers in technology, trips out to We The Curious, Network Rail and so much more.

Our boys basketball team has been on a tremendously successful journey and have played incredibly well to get through to the national rounds.

Last term I mentioned that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to sit on our Academy Council, we are still keen to fill this position. The Council hold the Academy to account for 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 or contact the Academy directly.

I am still recruiting parents to join our Parent Forum, thank you to those of you who have been in contact with me, I will get some information out to you at the beginning of the term. I am very keen to set this up, so that you can share your views with myself and the leadership team. Please do get in touch if you are interested.

Our reading programme was launched at the beginning of the term to our KS3 students, and it has been a great success. I have enjoyed talking to the students about the new books that they are now reading, chosen and reviewed by our very own students.

Thank you for your support once again and enjoy the February break.



Term 3

AJ Day 2025

We would just like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible success of AJ Day 2025. It was a fantastic day of remembrance, reflection, and community spirit as we honoured Mr Jackson and promoted mental health awareness across the Academy.



Students took the opportunity to wear yellow and raise funds for the Off The Record, a mental health charity that the Academy has been supporting since Mr Jackson's sad passing. In addition, the school provided lunchtime food reflecting Mr Jackson's Jamaican heritage.

Students were also challenged to ride to school for the day reflecting Ashley's favourite mode of transport but also to emphasise how much regular exercise supports mental health.

CLF Uprising

Last Friday saw the first whole CLF music event hosted by the Bristol Beacon. The event, organised by our very own Mr Salida, was a showcase for musical talent across the CLF with six secondary schools taking part in some way. Acts varied from solo performances to duets, groups and choirs. At least two brave individuals performed their own work, one of whom was our very own Niko O'Brien.

The first BBA performance of the night went to ARLA, a group made up of Anna P, Laila S, Rosie C, Anna, Millie S and Harrison B with a foot tapping rendition of "I'll be there" by Jess Glynn.



Niko O'Brien then stepped up (stage name NK-MC) and performed his own rap. I've seen this young man a number of times now and its great to see his growth into a real performer.



After the break it was the turn of BBA's second group of the night, Tulip Reverie, performing "Work Song" by Hozier. Marli, Sarafina and Chloe produced a stylish performance with close harmonies.



All schools present provided students for a CLF wide choir. The song had been learnt and worked

on separately in the different academies before they came together on the night with a powerful and harmonious performance to round off the evening.

A mention needs to go to Leah who co-hosted the whole event, with a counterpart from CAB, with humour and gusto that moved things along efficiently.

A big, big thanks need to go to Mr Salida for organising such a massive event and coordinating all the schools and we very much look forward to the next CLF "Big" performance.



BBA U16 Basketball Team Advances Straight to Round Two!



Our U16 team recently competed in the Dynamik National U16 Basketball Competition, delivering an outstanding performance by winning 4 out of 5 games. Their success crowned them winners of Group 11, allowing them to skip the first round and advance directly to the second! Congratulations to our talented players and dedicated staff—onwards and upwards, BBA!

Engineering

This term we welcomed engineers from 'Engineers Without Borders' (EWB) who ran a clean water workshop for our Y10 Product Design students.

The engineers first explained what the organisation does, then the importance of clean water and how 785 million people around the world still lack access to clean water.



The Year 10 students were taught about filtering methods and then had to design their own water filter system to separate out the contaminants from a water sample.

They were given different types of sand and gravel, cloth, cotton wool, a bottle and an elastic band.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Inter –House Competitions

BBA Sport House Matches Results Boys Rugby

	Y7	Y8
1st 200 Points		
2nd 150 Points		
3rd 100 Points		
4th 50 Points	 	 

As part of the vibrant House competitions within the school, the PE Department are now running competitions throughout the year for students to compete against each other within the school to win House points. The House points go towards the final whole school House competition

BBA Sport House Matches Results Girls Netball

For these first two competitions you can see that Malala House have just edged in to the lead with 600pts overall but it's very close.

	Y7	Y8
1st 200 Points		
2nd 150 Points		 
3rd 100 Points		
4th 50 Points	 	

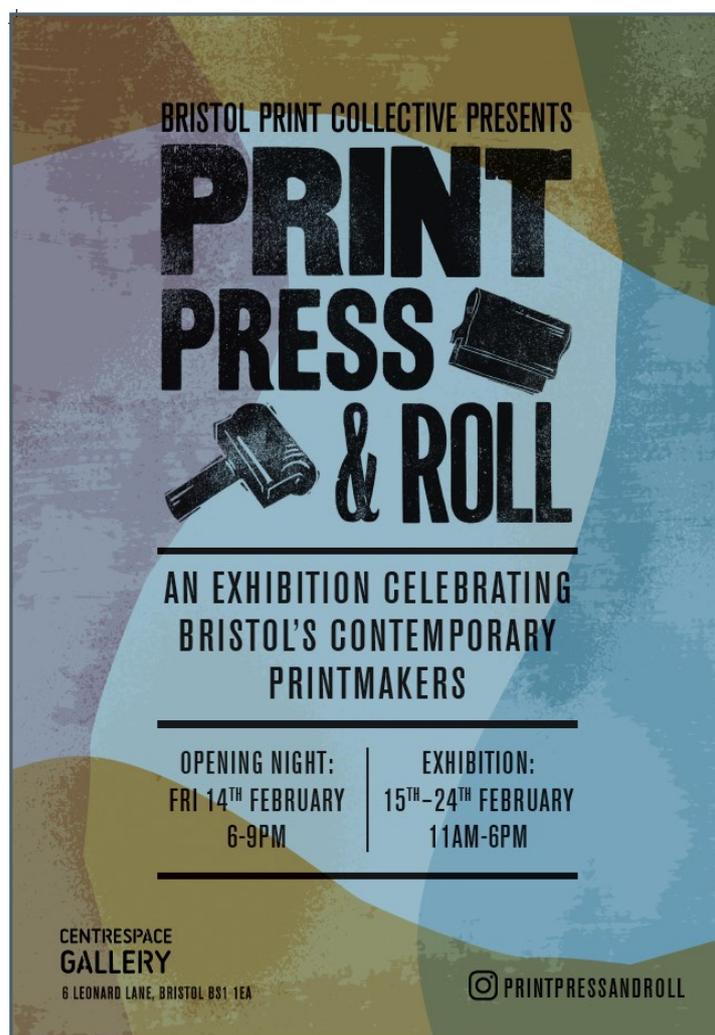
Upcoming events

Some of you may be aware that Luke Wade, our DT Technician, has a very creative talent. Please take a look at the attached Poster. Here is some more information:

You are invited to The Big Print show that Luke and the Bristol Print Collective are putting on over half-term, from 14th Feb to 24th February, at Centrespace Gallery in the middle of town. It's going to be quite an event and will be featuring artwork from some of the big names in printmaking operating currently in and around Bristol.

There will be artist talks, live demos and all sorts going on across the week. Staff and students are welcome, it is an art show.

It would be great if as many of us as possible could support Luke and the Bristol Print Collective. Please invite family and friends.



Upcoming

National Science Week

March 7th-16th marks National Science Week. The theme this year is “Change and Adapt”. In previous years, the Science Department have planned different activities for each year group including investigations, film shows, break time competitions, quizzes and lunchtime demonstrations dissections .

Stay tuned in tutor time to find out what is in store for this year!

Academy Appeal for Sports Equipment.

As you know the school possess a 4G astroturf pitch. To use this, students require moulded rubber studs on their boots. For those without boots, we have a small selection of spares to use.

Any donations to this supply would be very welcome, especially size 6 or above.

Thank you for your support,

The PE Department



Year 7



Ms Griffiths
Associate
Assistant
Principal



Mr Iwan Jones
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Year 8



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

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U14 Girls Sport

18/1/25 U14 Girls Basketball vs Ashton Park

A fantastic group of students played Ashton Park for an U14 Girls basketball match. They worked so hard and demonstrated resilience as we were 10 - 2 down after the first quarter. They played better and better and won the last quarter. The overall school of the game reflects how close it was in the end; 24-20 to Ashton park .

We played some of our Year 7s and they were amazing against Year 9s from Ashton Park. Faith was awarded player of the match

5/2/25 U14 Girls Basketball vs Fairfield.

Fantastic close match with a draw after each quarter.....until the final one. Unfortunately Fairfield won 14-8 which does not reflect the close game.

Twis was named player of the match

Squad: Ilinca ,Hamdi, Layla, Khrystyna, Nashad, Nabiha, Martha, Twis, Lily, Maya, Faith.

U14 Football Vs Blaise High School

We had a fixture against Blaise High School last night for our U14 girls football team. Sadly we could only take 10 but Blaise were nice enough to match us on the pitch.

End score was 2 - 7 to Blaise.

Our player of the match was Amari. Esme took the lead as captain, taking the warm up and supporting Year 7 to play the best they possibly could. Darcy as vice captain made decisions on team formation to suit every player's skills. Polly was defence lead, keeping her line strong and encouraging the new Year 7.

Squad: Amelia, Keziah, Leticia, Esme, Polly, Darcy, Amari, Ruby, Sumaya, Demi

Year 9



Ms Milburn
Associate Assistant
principle



Mr O'Callaghan
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Leader



Abigail Hamblett
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Year 10



Mr Ferguson
Associate
Assistant
Principal



Ms Baker
Head of Year



Mr Hall
Pastoral Support
Leader



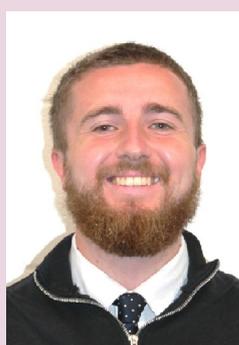
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Year 11



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Associate
Assistant
Principal
SLT link



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Academic
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After School Clubs

Monday

Catch Up Sessions

GCSE PE
BTEC Sport

Duke of Edinburgh

Y8 Boys Football
(Astro)

Tuesday

Y7 Boys & Girls Football
(Astro/Field)

Y7 Football
(Astro/Field)

Thursday

Cheerleading
(Dance Studio)

Girls Basketball Club
Y7-11

Friday

Basketball
Max 30 students
(Sports Hall)

Table Tennis
(Dance Studio/Sports Hall)

Skate Boarding
(Dance Studio/Back Play
Area)

All clubs are open to students of all abilities and experiences. Clubs will run from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. For more information, please speak to a member of the PE Department.

Enrichment, Term 4

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
	Board Game Club (inc Card and Chess)	All	Ms Walsh	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	
Friday	Astronomy Club	Year 9	Mr Smerdon / Symmons	FS5
	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



Year 9 Bronze having been completing training for their expeditions which will be coming at the end of term 4 and start of term 5. They have practised erecting and dismantling tents (yes in January!), learned how to use the Trangia cookers and started thinking about what food they will eat in their teams. In addition, we've been working on some basics like how to pack a rucksack, first aid and safety.

As parents, if you have any queries about equipment then please contact Ms Jackson.

Many of the Bronze students will be coming to the end of their 3 month strands on skills, physical and volunteering so please encourage them to get their assessor reports completed as soon as they can.

Astronomy club

This term we've been concentrating on the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon. We've looked at tides and eclipses specifically and how the location of the three objects affects them. In addition we've started looking at the thorny subject of time. Exactly how long is a day? Or a year? How do we tell time? Are our clocks every really correct? (turns out only really 4 times in a year! Who knew!!)

Local Enrichment Opportunities



Brunel Fitness Centre
Speedwell Rd
Bristol BS15 1NU

Junior Gym Program @ BFC

Gym Access For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre are proud to provide our exceptional 'Junior Gym Program' to the local community with supervised sessions for youths.

Program Includes

- ✓ Junior Gym
- ✓ Junior Circuits
- ✓ £17.50 Monthly
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

Days/Times



Weekdays 15:30-16:30
Weekends 11:00-12:00
Holidays 11:00-12:00



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Junior Boxing @ BFC

Non Contact Boxing Sessions
For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre is proud to offer Non Contact Boxing sessions to Juniors. Sessions are tailored towards helping Juniors to achieve their Preliminary, Standard & Bronze Awards in Boxing. The sessions are delivered by a Certified Non Contact Boxing Tutor.

Prices

- ✓ £17.50 Monthly as part of our Junior Membership
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

Days/Times

Every Tuesday 16:30-17:30



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Junior Lifting Club @ BFC

Free-Weight Sessions For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre now runs 'Junior Lifting Club'. This session aims to help Juniors learn correct lifting form for free-weights in a safe & controlled environment. This session is instructed by a fully qualified Level 3 Personal Trainer.

Prices

- ✓ £17.50 Monthly as part of our Junior Membership
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

Days/Times

Every Thursday 16:30-17:30



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