

# Bristol Brunel Academy

## Termly Newsletter

April 2022



# RED NOSE DAY

Thanks for all  
the donations.  
We raised

# £950

To aid fundraising for Red Nose Day, staff at BBA had a Crazy Hair/Hat Day. There was also Splat the Teacher and Glitter Face Painting. Staff and students got involved. Money will be split between Comic Relief and the Ukraine appeal.



# Assembly & Tutor

## Assemblies this term

International Women's Day

Science Week

Red nose day

House Assembly

Halo Code - Inclusive Uniform & Ramadan intro

Celebration (Friday 8th for all)

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VOICE

## World book day

Another year and another successful world book day here at BBA. There were many fun activities taking place around the date to celebrate.

There was a book amnesty that meant students' books that were now unused could be given a second chance. It also meant that students were given a chance to win a raffle as every book was worth a raffle ticket. All books were welcome (all genres and all ages)

There was also a book marathon where a lot of students stayed after school to read. The marathon was for charity and students asked people to sponsor reading, which meant that a lot of money was raised.

You may have also seen some of the staff dressed up as book characters on world book day. A lot of students went around with the quiz about their costumes. We are waiting to find out who won.

Hopefully, next year will be just as good if possible.

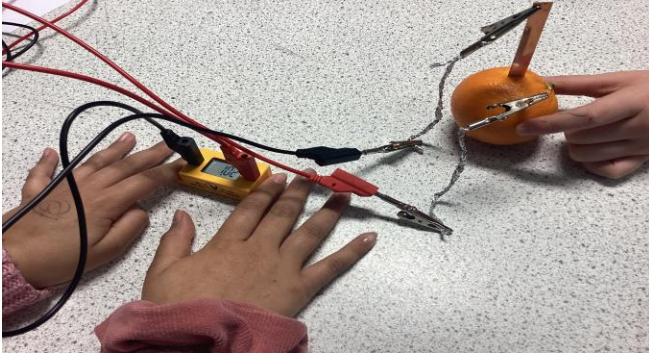
Towards the end of Term 4 at the start of Ramadan, some of our Year 9 students spoke in assembly. They wanted the whole BBA community to understand what Ramadan means to them and how it impacts them in school.

Further assemblies are planned for Term 5.





# Science Week



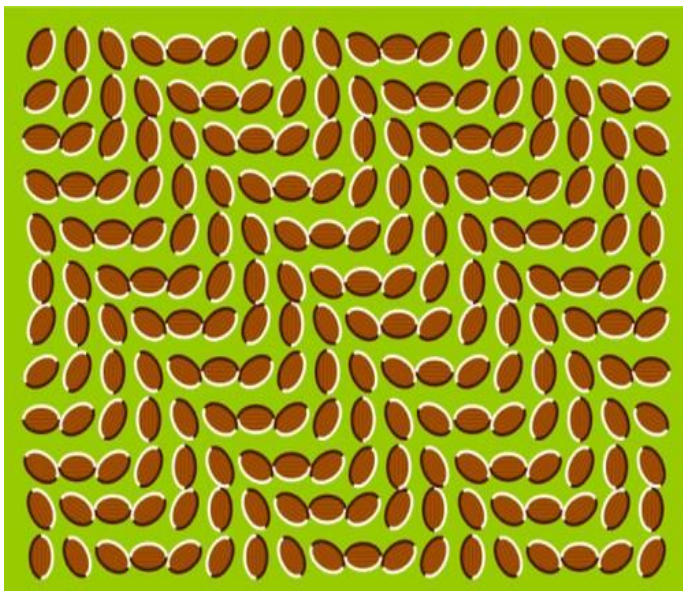
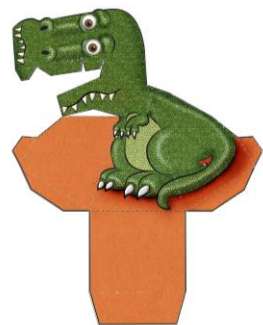
**Year 7** had a visit from the Police (including ex-student Gurdasraj), and learned about tasers, stab vests and pepper sprays as well looking at the Science behind Crime Scene Investigators.....and made fruity batteries with Energy Quest.



There were dissections at lunchtime. Mr. Smerdon is dissecting a squid and showing the students how the pen or gladius can be removed and used to write using squid ink.



Y8 learned about mind games and optical illusions ....and they made 3D dinosaurs, whose eyes follow you round the room. [Click here to see how.](#)



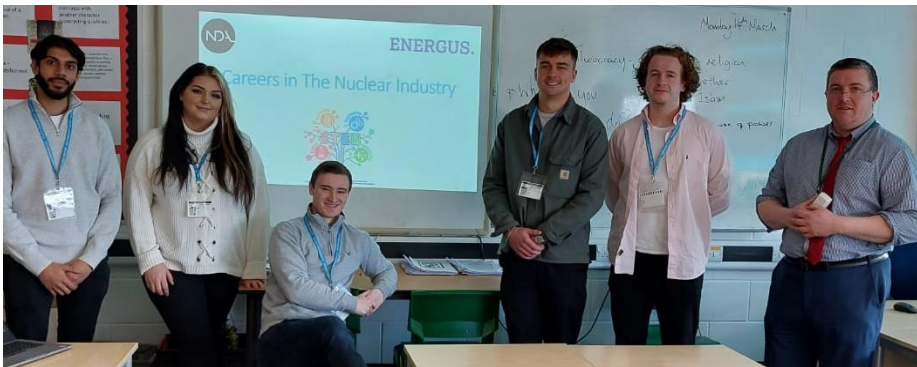
# Science Week

## Indicator Art

11-20 March  
British  
Science  
Week  
2022



Y9 made pictures using household chemicals and homemade indicator made from red cabbage.



Y10 learnt about different careers within the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

There were Kahoot competitions, Science reading in Tutor time, David Attenborough screening in the lunch hall, BBA Science Photographer of the year, the Science Fair, the Science Poetry Trail and Science staff wearing t-shirts of renowned scientists.

Silvio the gecko made his annual appearance too.





# Science Week

## Science Poetry Trail

For British Science Week this year S.T.E.A.M club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) created a **Science Poetry Trail**. The students from Years 7 and 8 wrote cryptic poems about a scientist, scientific concept or discovery (answer in the bottom corner). The poems were then placed around the corridors of the academy for students to read throughout the week and enter a competition to guess the themes of the poems. All poets and competition entrants were awarded house points. S.T.E.A.M club is on every Friday 15:00-16:00 and is open to all Year 7s and 8s who are interested in exploring the overlap between Science and Art.

### **Perplexing, Bewildering Law**

James Y7

For relatively small deforms,  
Of objects is directly proportional,  
To the deforming of force or load.  
Repeating this can be deadly for some,  
Can also be known as E fatigue.

### **The Wise Man**

Anna Y8

There was an old guy who made documentaries,  
It seems he's been living for about five centuries.  
He's friends with the animals,  
The plants,  
The 'supernaturals'.  
His most famous works Green Planet,  
Blue Planet: the ocean.  
A life of devotion,  
To the Earth,  
To botany and broadcasting,  
Ensuring his legacy will be everlasting.

Perplexing, Bewildering Law: Hooke's Law  
The Wise Man: Sir David Attenborough

# Science Week

Isaiah Y7



Spencer Y9



Emilia Y8



**Science Photographer**  
of the Year 2022

**Theme:** States of Matter

Patrick Y7

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In Science Week we were lucky to have a lot of fun and enriching activities at BBA.

Hopefully, you caught a glimpse of some of our staff wearing a T-shirt with a picture and a brief explanation of a living scientist. Be sure to ask your science teacher who was on their shirt. You may have also seen the poems from the science poetry trail spread around the academy. They were all written very well such as one by Adaeze (Y8). The poem was titled my family and talked about the solar system from the sun's perspective. Several students managed to attend the dissections at lunchtime including a rat dissection. A Year 8 student, Tia said that she really enjoyed it and found it captivating. She said that they learnt a lot from the dissection. The other one was a squid dissection that, according to another student who watched it, "it was fascinating and factual".

This year's science week was clearly a lot of fun, and we can only hope that next year will be just as good or better.

# World Book Day 2022

After last year's World Book Day, where all celebrations took part remotely and during lockdown, I was delighted to be back in school celebrating this event. This year was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WBD, and I was thrilled with the energy, enthusiasm, and generosity of BBA students who made the event incredibly special.

We organised a book amnesty. Over 700 books were donated by students and with staff donations the total was close to 1000. These books were then on sale during the week of World Book Day. Books were on sale for between 20p and 50p and we managed to raise a massive £160 for Book Aid International, the charity chosen democratically by students in their tutor groups. The book sale created a real buzz across the week, and it was great to see so many books changed hands. We were also able to donate some of the remaining books to Summerhill Academy to help them fill their new library. A huge well done to all the student leaders who helped organise and manage the book sale!



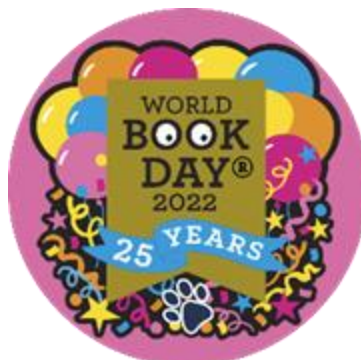
Every BBA student was given a £1 book voucher and we shared the list of available books during tutor time. As well as this, nearly 500 students completed our annual reading survey. On the actual day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, staff dressed up and many students took part in our guess the character quiz with house points awarded to all participants. Well done to the Technology and Expressive ARTs teams for winning the best dressed departments prize!



We also ran a sponsored readathon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, attended by many Year 7 and 8 students. I'd like to personally thank all these students for their enthusiasm, their efforts raising money, and for being excellent company for an afternoon of relaxed reading. Together we read over 1200 pages, raised over £400 and drank what felt like 300 cups of hot chocolate!

It was a fantastic week - I am not sure how we will top it next year!

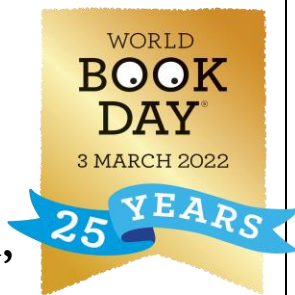
Thank you to all BBA students and families for taking part and making the celebrations special. A special thanks too to our librarian Mrs Watkins for her amazing work.







**A HUGE thank you to everyone who got involved in World Book Week: Readathon, Book Sale, Quizzes & Staff costumes.**



**Competition winners will be announced shortly...**

**Congratulations to our TOP SCORING**

**Year 7s**

Jacob C-M passed 34 quizzes  
Muhammad A passed 31 quizzes  
Hamza R passed 29 quizzes

**Year 8s**

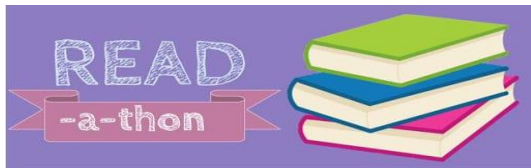
Kabir S passed 30 quizzes  
Madinah H passed 19 quizzes  
Mohammed S passed 14 quizzes



**BOOK SALE**

**An amazing response - thank you for donating and buying!**

**We raised £160 for Book Aid International**



**Congratulations & thank you to all those who took part: Hamza, Tierra, Mathilda, Lien, Felix, Millie, Callum, Belle, Will, Ember, Sophie, Elska, Davine, Anna, John, Kabir, Arham, Ayub & Madinah - and read a total of 1,258 pages.**

**We have raised a staggering £427.04 so far!**

**READ ABOUT THE BIG ISSUES!**



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/>



# Reading

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

## Lou Coles

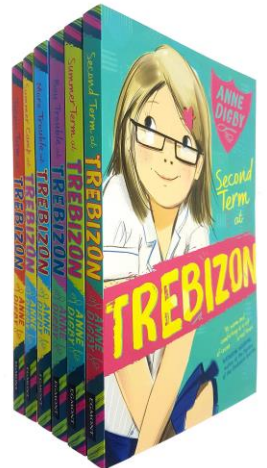
I can remember reading the Trebizon series of books by Anne Digby. These were easy reading books, which I did enjoy. I liked to read and still do but I am quite a slow reader. These were about a young girl, Rebecca who has to join a boarding school following her parents going abroad for her father's job. She has a strong bond with her grandmother and it appealed to me as she was sporty. The stories were set in Cornwall and she often visited the beach. I loved the beach when I was younger and still do, so I loved reading the descriptions and could really picture the scenes. It was totally different to my life though growing up in Wales and my parents could never have afforded to send me to boarding school but I enjoyed the books.

A Book Review by (first name) Louys Tutor LDR

Your star rating for the book:



Title: It ends with us Author: Colleen Hoover



Characters: Who were the main characters? Did you like them? Why? Why not?

Atlas -> yes he was kind and cared for Lily

Lily -> 100% she was so understanding and compassionate.

Ryle -> definitely not he was controlling and abusive.

Allysa -> yes she was so nice to Lily

Marshall -> very funny but clueless.

Plot: What happens? Can you give a basic outline? What is the main difficulty / challenge the characters had to overcome?

Lily and Atlas fell in love when they were 16, Atlas had to move away when Lily's abusive dad found out. 10 years later she meets a man named Ryle but he is abusive but she keeps giving him chances. She finds Atlas again and rekindles her love with him because she doesn't want a man like her father. Lily is pregnant with Ryle's baby but is in love with Atlas.

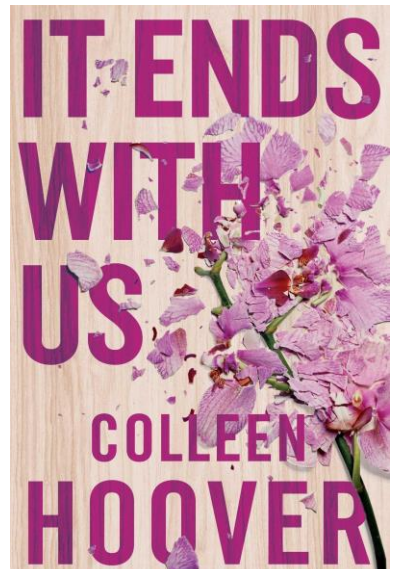
Your Opinion: What did you like about the book?  
What was the best bit? Was it scary? Funny? Sad?  
What did the book make you think about?

The book was all of the emotions it was a kind of sad book all the way through but was still a funny ~~by~~ romantic book

Recommend...

Who might like to read this book?

People that like  
romance  
sadness  
drama  
and a happy ending



# House News

**Well done  
Term 4 Winners  
PATCH!!**

Position	House	Points
1st	Patch	4122
2nd	Stephenson	3936
3rd	Blackwell	3741
4th	Kielburger	3124

## House rebranding

You may be aware that we are going through a rebranding process for the house system at BBA. The process is student led and we have been focusing in on house names, charities, logos and songs. From September 2022 we will be changing names of 3 of our houses and the students are currently redesigning logos. House colours will remain the same.

Please watch this space for updates via the newsletter and website.

## Remember our new House names and charities..



Kielburger becomes

**RASHFORD  
HOUSE**



Patch becomes

**AMIKA  
HOUSE**

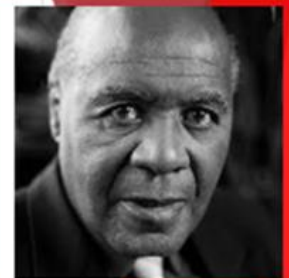
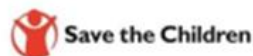


"We all make exceptional things happen everyday"



Blackwell becomes

**MALALA  
HOUSE**



Stephenson remains

**STEPHENSON  
HOUSE**



**TAND GAINST  
ACISM & NEQUALITY**





# Puzzle Corner

Adam has three coins in his pocket, and they are all different from each other. Ben has three coins in his pocket and they are all the same as each other.



Adam has half as much money as Ben.

What are the coins they each have?

What happens if Adam has twice as much money as Ben?

Email your answers to [louis.day@clf.uk](mailto:louis.day@clf.uk)

## Easter Anagrams

Unscramble these to create words related to Easter and the holiday.

[Click Here for Answers.](#)

### Anagrams

1. ACEHLOOTC
2. EIHD
3. IDARYF
4. BIABTR
5. SGGE
6. BNYNU
7. HTUN
8. LHAMRMSLWOA
9. EKSABT
10. DYSANU



## 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.

# Key Info

## Parent Information Evenings

If you missed this term's Parent Information Evenings, then they can be accessed on the links below:

[Parent Information Evening - Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing](#)

[Parent Information Evening – Year 7 & 8 Camp](#)

All the online Parent Information Evenings from this year can be accessed using the link below:

[CLICK HERE to access them.](#)

## MFL Photography Competition

The Modern Foreign Languages department ran a languages photography competition put on by the University of Exeter, this term. Students had to take a picture of something that resembles languages in Bristol, to celebrate culture and diversity in our city. We received a fabulous entry by Emilia (Y8), who photographed Leonard Street in Bristol. Emilia even translated all the languages on the wall. Fantastic work! All entries received house points and some of the students' work was sent to the University of Exeter, with the chance to receive some big prizes!



## 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.



# Support

Staff attended the Making Sense of Autism Training from the Autism Education Trust was 10<sup>th</sup> March.



BBA celebrated Neurodiversity Week through House assemblies.

It is World Autism Acceptance Week this week and we have some bits to send out for this too, including guess the weight of Arlo (BBA visiting Care dog) competition to raise funds.



**March 21 – 27, 2022**



**Bristol Autism Team are running a series of Family courses:**

## **NEW! Disability Living Allowance**

This is a one-day online Zoom course on how to apply for Disability Living Allowance. It is for parents who have young people and adults aged under 16 years.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022** 10am-2pm (break 12.30pm-1pm)



## **Teenage Life six session programme**

This is the six session online Teenage Life course for parents of 9-18 year olds. It covers autism, self-esteem, behaviour, education, local services and benefits, relationships, puberty and sexuality.

**Wednesdays 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

10am – 1pm each day

## **Preparing for adulthood**

This is a four session online Zoom course looking at things you need to know to prepare for adult life. It will equip you with knowledge on The Equality Act 2010, education – college and university, employment, housing, getting social support, leisure and social activities available in Bristol, benefits – PIP and Universal Credit, and financial planning - wills and trusts.

It is for parents who have young people and adults aged between 16 and 25 years.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022** 10am-1pm each day

# Support



Community Children's  
Health Partnership

**NHS**

## Come & have a confidential chat with your **school nurse**



**Relationships • Bullying • HPV • Friendship Issues  
Staying Safe • Divorce • Exercise  
Puberty • Sleep • Anger • Contraceptive  
Advice • Smoking • C-Card and Condoms  
Healthy Weight And Eating**

Your School Nurse is **Victoria**

Room 1 (Behind Reception)

Tuesday Lunchtime 12:20 - 1:40pm

Service available for BBA Students

*Sirona* care & health



# Support

Last week the government realised the Green Paper on the SEND and Alternative Provision Review: Right Support Right Place Right Time.

A summary of the review can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

You can also be part of the consultation by [CLICKING HERE](#).

There was also a White Paper release on Monday too Opportunity for all Strong schools with great teachers for your child.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access it

## **Behaviour System Survey**

We would like to invite you to take a short survey about our behaviour system. We are very interested in your thoughts around the changes that were made in January.

**Students**, please use this link or check your SMHW:

[Students Click Here for the Survey](#)

**Parents/Carers**, please use this link or find the link in your emails.

[Parents Click Here for the Survey](#)



We look forward to reading your responses.

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](#)



# Careers & Post 16

## Year 9 Raising Aspirations day

Year 9 students at BBA joined others across CLF to participate in a raising aspirations day. The day was a fantastic opportunity to hear from key note speakers, Post 16 and 18 providers as well as a range of employers from a range of sectors.

Throughout the day we also created a bespoke package for BBA students focusing on identifying key employability skills that the students may already have. Starting to look at how to write a CV and a session on LMI (labour market information).

The LMI sessions were particularly useful to students from the feedback. This allowed the students to understand how labour market information can be used to help them make informed decisions about their career goals and aspirations.

## PWC Business trip

BBA continued their relationship with PWC in Bristol by taking 30 students that expressed an interest in studying Business Studies in year 10. This visit gave the students an insight into the boardroom in a multi-million pound company, learn about various roles within the sector and attempt their own business plan and pitch.

All students were fantastic throughout the day. The presentations were amazing and they came up with some fantastic ideas for their office vending machine company. I was particularly impressed considering that for most students this was their first experience of presenting and how some students were required to step outside of their comfort zone to participate.

We would like to thank PWC for their continued work with the school and giving the students the opportunity to spend a day in the life of an employee.



## Year 10 Work Experience - 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June

Work experience forms should be in by the end of this term to allow us the time to ensure that the placement is suitable and we follow the HSE guidelines. If your child has a form or placement that they have organised but not notified us, I urge them to get the form back to reception ASAP. For those students who will still be on site we will be running a programme to give the students some insight by linking their curriculum areas with industry specialists.





# Careers & Post 16

## **Lunch time pop ups**

Over the course of the year we have invited in several companies and education providers. I would like to encourage students of all year groups to stop by and have a conversation to find out about their organisation. It is never too early to start thinking about the future careers.

We had WSP come in during National Careers Week and it was fantastic to see the engagement from our students from Year 7-11 who stopped to find out some more about careers in the engineering sector and particularly the different types of engineering.

I will continue to invite these organisations in and offer a wide range of sectors to ensure that the students at BBA can learn more about their options moving forward.



Post 16

## **Year 11 & Post 16 destinations**

As we approach the end of year 11 and move towards the GCSE series I want to remind students about the importance of checking emails. All communication including taster days and enrollment will all be sent out in the coming week and months.

If your child has yet to secure a placement then please encourage them to seek my advice. I will continue to work with students to ensure that no matter what the outcome on results day, they will have suitable plans for their Post 16.

If your child is considering an apprenticeship then they can continue to apply all the way through to the summer. A good starting point would be using the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>)

Any other concerns or career related queries can be sent through by Mr Jordan on [craig.jordan@clf.uk](mailto:craig.jordan@clf.uk)

# Enrichment

## Eco Club

Currently, Eco Club is involved in lots of important things, this includes:

## CLUB FOCUS

Creating our eco board: This will be put up on a display near the orange stairs, this includes a mural made out of donated bottle-tops, meeting minutes and possibly a suggestion box.

We have created a PowerPoint to go out to tutors about biodiversity, which is one of our current focuses here in Eco Club.

Researched information about helping marine environments to present at a conference: this took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, and included most CLF schools.

We planted wildflowers across the school grounds, this was to help increase biodiversity in our school.

We went on a trip to learn about new methods of increasing biodiversity, this involved gardening and we have learnt new techniques that we can use to increase biodiversity further.

Brainstorming ideas to help improve our school environmentally. Such as raising awareness about how to improve marine life for World Oceans Day in June.

And of course, Writing this!

Written by Eco Club Yr8 Students



When: Tuesday Tutor Time (please write an application to Miss Grimes)  
Where: FS1

# Enrichment

## Term 5 Enrichment Timetable

Days	Enrichment	Years	Time	Where	Who
Mon	Cricket	All years	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
	Badminton	All years	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
	Code Club	10	Lunchtime	SC2	N. Atkinson
	Astronomy	9	3.15-4.14	Science	M. Smerdon
	Poetry, creative writing & art	7,8,9	3.00-4.00	English Room TBC	C. Holmes, M. Siddiqui
	Psychology Club	9 – application process	3.15-4.15	S7	L. Roscoe, D. Bunnell C. Weaving
	Arabic Club	7,8,9	2.30 -4.00	S9	H. Tazaoui
	Language Club	7,8,9	3.00-5.00	S2b	L. Miles, S. Walsh K. Teucher
	Debate Club	7,8,9	3:00-4:00	S11	B. Robertson
	Engaging with Faith	All years	Lunchtime 1 & 2	F5	L. De Roemer
	Chess Club	All years	3:10-4:00	S12a	D. Bunker J. Fraser
Tues	Crafting Club	All years	3:00-4:00	FS6	E. Baker
	Homework club	8	3:00-4:00	FC1	J. Cicero
	Rounders	All years	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
	Hair club	All years	3:00-4:00 (x15 Sign up sheet -S1)	S1	R. Hayman, L. Moody
	Duke of Edinburgh	9, 10, 11	3:00-4:00	SC3/SC2	B. Jackson
	Backgammon	7,8	3:00-4:00	S1	M. Wignall, E. Williams
	Lego Club	7	3:00-4:00	S15	D. Lynett J. Chapman, E. Fuorvito
	Eco Club	All – Application process.	Tutor Time	FS	I. Grimes
	Circus Skills	10	3.00-4.00	TBC	D. Baron
	Arts for Wellbeing	7, 8, 9	3:00-4:00	SA1 (X15 sign up on door)	C. Scholefield
	Wed	Arabic Club	10,11	3:00-4:00	S2a
Adventurer's Guild (Dungeons & Dragons)		All –sign up GT4	3:00-4:30	GT4	J. Ruddle
After School Club		9	3:00-4:00	GC1	V. Shaw
Athletics		7, 8, 9	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
Thurs	Girls Football	All years	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
	Hair club	All years	3:00 -4:00 (x15 sign up sheet S1)	S1	R. Hayman L. Moody
	Art Club Club	All years	3.15-4.15pm	SA2	K. Heath
	Choir	All years, Staff	3:15 - 4:15	Music	Mr. Clarke
	Dungeons & Dragons – Support Students	All years	3.00-4.00pm	GT2	H. Greensmith
	Fix Up Look Sharp – Textile repairs.	All years	Lunchtimes 1 & 2	GT7	S. Glover
	Y10 Social Time	10	3.00-3.30pm	FC1	I. Jones
Fri	Steam Club –Science, Tech, Engineering, Art & Maths.	7, 8	3:00-4:00	FS9	G. Campbell, V. Forcina
	Cheerleading	All years	3:00-4:15	PE	PE
	Table Tennis	All years	3:00-4:15pm	PE	L. Day R. Singh H. Solari J. Ferguson

## Manga Club

The students in Manga club have been busy decorating a meercat for the Easter trail.

If you visit the Bristol City Centre over the Easter holidays, look out for BBA's meercat. Students have created a bright design featuring illustrations of flags that reflect & celebrate our school community. [Click Here](#) or the picture below for more information.





# Trips

On Tuesday 12th March, BBA sent two teams of high performing Year 10 Mathematicians to take on teams from across Bristol and the surrounding area in Bristol Maths Feast run by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme.

All 8 of the students persevered through some extremely difficult questions, showing high levels of dedication, mental agility and teamwork. Ultimately though, while one BBA team stumbled at the last hurdle, the other BBA team excelled on the last two tasks and came first overall.

Well done to all the students (and hopefully future mathematicians) who took part.



## Eco Club Trip to Cut the Mustard Club

Great trip to Gloucester for members of the Eco Club in which students got to plant seeds and learn about the germination of plants, forage and use what they found to design candle displays and learn about the nature that the Spring season offers.



On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March the BBA All Star Cheer Squad travelled to Hans Price Academy to take part in a Cheerleading development session with students from other academies. This session was run by an outside coach, and was a fantastic experience for our students. Our athletes from BBA represented the Academy in the most fantastic manner, being professional and well mannered throughout. They learnt some short dance sequences, and jumped at the chance to work on their tumbling skills, as well as showing off some of their group stunts. A fantastic afternoon was had by all!

# Wall of Wow!

## Year 7 Catering Healthy Fruit Salad Creations



We make exceptional things happen every day



# Wall of Wow!

## Tunnock's tea cake challenge.

Where you have to make a Tunnock's tea cake into a theme.

We will choose the best under 14, novelty and over 14 and enter them into a national competition. Theme the natural world.

Mrs Soper



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