Bristol Brunel Academy Termly Newsletter



WEAR RED DAY



Mr Sterling, Mr Fan, Miss Hodgson-Smith Esther, Theo, Izzy and Leia (Y7)

Staff and students at Bristol Brunel Academy Showed Racism the Red Card. Staff and students wore something red in support of this initiative. All money raised will be going to the Show Racism the Red Card charity which was founded in January 1996.

Throughout the day there were popup sessions at the start of each lesson, where students could discuss the issues around racism.

At breaktime and lunchtimes, students had the chance to visit stalls where they could talk freely to groups about racism. There was also a chance to buy cakes and sweets to raise money for the cause. Students could also take part in a raffle to win JD vouchers, with again all proceeds going to the charity.

Mr Sterling said: "At Bristol Brunel we stand together. We pride ourselves on the ongoing work we do with the Halo Code, which protects and allows all students and staff with Afro-textured hair to wear it naturally, as well as working towards our Anti-Racist School Award to improve race equality in schools. The day allowed our students to show racism the red card, moving us one step closer to a world free from discrimination."

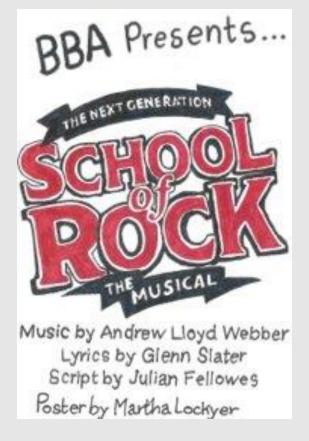












After six months of hard work, the cast, band and backstage crew performed over 3 nights to a rapturous reception. Hailed as BBA's 'best ever production', we are incredibly proud of all students who took part. It was truly wonderful to see the Arts back at the forefront of the work we do in school again. Here's to next year!



We even made it onto local media!

On Friday 17th March, our BBA community came together to raise money for Comic Relief! Throughout the day our Heads of House were selling raffle tickets for Splat The Teacher and putting our creative skills to the test with glitter and face paint stalls.

All students and staff were able to wear a crazy wig, hairstyle or shoes for a £1 donation and we were so pleased to see everyone get involved.

CLICK HERE for the BBC Radio Bristol Interview and BBC Points West (TV) recording of the splatting!!

Staff have just dried off!! Thanks for all your support.



Please join me in congratulating the following winners of the Articles of Faith Art competition:

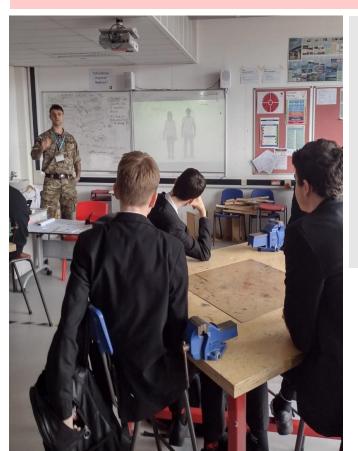
2nd prize: Lia (Year 8) **3rd Prize:** Kye (Year 8)

Highly commended: Sophie (Year 8)
Highly commended: Josie (Year 8)
Highly commended: Millie (Year 8)
Highly commended: Jemma (Year 9)
Highly commended: Chantay (Year 10)

All the prizewinners will receive CASS Art vouchers First prize is £50 Second prize is £40 Third prize is £30 Highly Commended £15



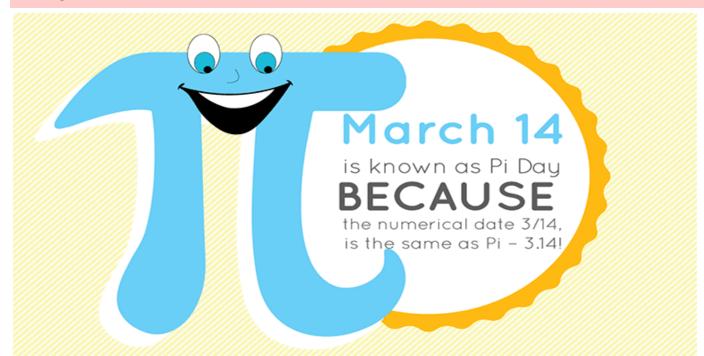
The students who have won prizes had them presented at the launch event for the main exhibition by the Lord Mayor.



We welcomed seven members of the **British Army** into school to work with our Year 10 Engineering classes. They first gave a careers talk about different careers in the army and then led different activities, including code breaker tasks, solving logical puzzles and building compressed air powered cars. Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.



On the 14th March (or as most people know it - Pi day), a select group of Y5 and Y6 students from Summerhill and Minerva came to visit BBA and to work on some Maths as part of the CLF's Big Day of Maths. Together with some Y7 students they worked on continuing a variety of patterns and sequences, testing out theories, working together and conjecturing in a buzzing yet purposeful environment. Every student present was a credit to themselves and their schools, with the primary school students showing great maturity, while giving them a taste of what it is like doing Maths at BBA.

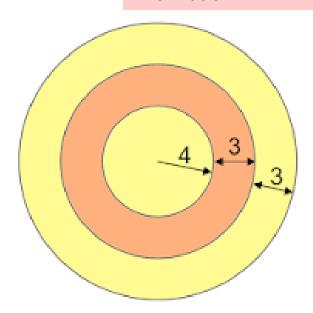


concentric circles

Daisy thinks the orange ring is exactly a third of the area of the whole (big) circle

is she correct?

A problem involving Pi. Speak to your Maths teacher for more information.





Book Amnesty & Book Sale

Over 1300 books donated by staff and students.

£95 raised for charity.
Hundreds of books with new

homes!

Raffle Winners: Leia & Iris (Year 7)

Stephenson	395 books donated
Amika	329 books donated
Malala	198 books donated

Rashford 352 books donated

Term 3 Leaders

Mahnoor Z - 8A1

Eva S-M - 8A6

Khadija A – 8A9

Kennedy T - 8S7

Patrick B - 8S8

Alfie P & Preston T – 8M2

Namir M - 8M3

Muskaan S - 8M5

Liam L & Altair W - 8R4

Sam M - 8R10

Tutor Leaders

Year 8 Tutor Leaders

Mr Ferguson would like to praise the tutor leaders in Year 8. They have each done an excellent job in supporting their tutor group in preparing for school. A new set of students has now been chosen to continue the role and share the leadership.

Term 4 Leaders

Shafia M - 8A1

Harrison B – 8A6

Niko O'B - 8A9

Kye L-W – 8S7

Lacie H - 858

Mariame W &

Courtney M - 8M2

Arez I – 8M3

Isaac P - 8M5

Alisha K & Isaac - 8R4

Will P - 8R10

DETAILS OF THE ROLE:

This is a very important role.

You will be responsible for ensuring:

- o Your tutor group is in a straight line.
- Everyone in your tutor group has a reading book.
- o Everyone in your tutor group is in perfect school uniform.







Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

At the start of the term, Mr Saunders and 8 students from Years 7-10 completed the Diana Award, an anti-bullying ambassador training programme. Our students were fantastic representatives of BBA, receiving plaudits from the course leaders. They will now take up a role within the Academy, running a series of initiatives and events that enhance the work already done on anti-bullying, so keep your eyes peeled for what they have planned.





FROM THE DIANA AWARD

Next Term



Best of luck to Year 11 in their upcoming exams starting in Term 5.

Nian - Race for Life

Nian (pictured on the right) is a BBA student in Year 7 who is taking part in the 5K race. He is running in memory of his dad who sadly passed away 5 years ago. Lots of Nian's family are taking part including his mum, sister, cousins and all his aunties.

Please (if you can) donate to this amazing cause, link here:

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

GOOD LUCK NIAN!





Year 11



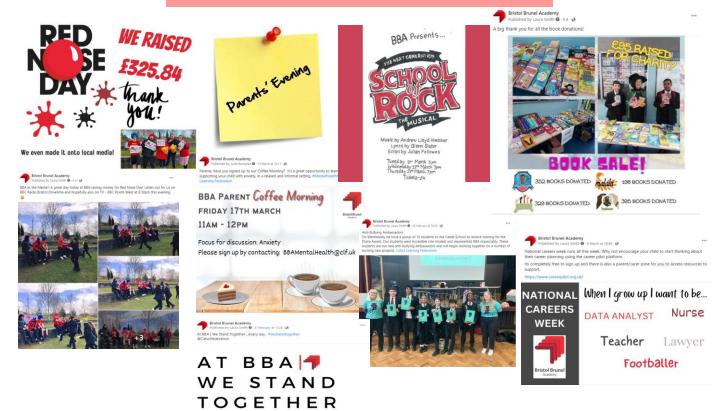
Year 11 Prom

Prom tickets are on sale via ParentPay and at reception. All details about the prom have been emailed out to Year 11 Parents/Carers. For more information, please email BBAYear11Team@clf.uk



If you are finding it difficult, financially to provide your child with promattire and would like to see the items we have available to loan, please speak to the Year Team.

BBA Social Media



BBA on Social Media

This Term we have posted lots of useful and fun information on our social media pages.

To be kept up to date with events, celebrations and communications from the Academy please like and follow our pages.



https://www.instagram.com/bristol_brunel_academy/



https://www.facebook.com/BristolBrunelAcademy/



@bristolbrunel

We will continue to use phone, text and email as our main means of communication between the Academy and home, please ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes in contact details. Please <u>do not</u> Direct Message social media platforms as these will not be monitored. Please continue to use the email and phone numbers for the Academy if you wish to get in touch.

Careers

Raising Aspirations 2023 - Year 9

All Year 9 students across the trust took part in Raising Aspirations 2023 on Wednesday 8th March. The day was hampered slightly by the cancellations of all volunteers due to the snow, but our colleagues at DWP ran a virtual session instead.

We had keynote speakers from Junior Saunders, Rav Bumbra of Cajigo; The students learnt about Labour market information and CV writing and had a session delivered by the Civil servants at DWP.

During the afternoon, students took part in one of three employability sessions delivered by NHS, Waste Source or Clear Channel.

We hope this day helped to get the students thinking about career aspirations as they make their year 9 options choices.



Year 10 Work experience (Monday 12th-Friday 16th June 2023)

As we approach the end of Term 4, we meet the deadline set for work experience placements (Friday 31st March 2023).

Please ensure if your child has a placement lined up that they complete the Microsoft teams form ASAP. This form will trigger the vetting process to ensure that the employer has all the relevant insurance, risk assessment and safeguarding measures in place.

For any careers questions please feel free to email Mr Craig Jordan, BBA Careers & Employability Coach, at craig.jordan@clf.uk

Careers

Bristol Old Vic - A Monumental task

A group of BBA students took part in a project ran by the Bristol Old Vic to tackle the subject of colonialism following on from the toppling of the Colston statue 3 years ago. The students took part in workshops delivered by The Bristol Old Vic.

They were also given a statue to do as they wished. BBA (like most schools) did not feel the statue was appropriate and destroyed it in our own way.

This culminated in them spending a day at the Bristol Old Vic to see their work on display, tour the theatre and have the chance to perform in this famous building.

Some of our students made it onto BBC Points West on Monday 28th March.





BBA students decided there was only one place for their statue. The bin!

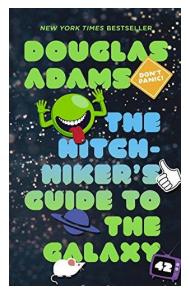
Reading

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

Mr Thorne

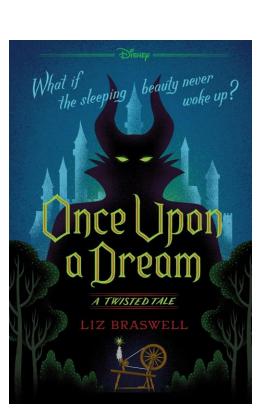
sleep.

Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy by Douglas Adams
My first teenage foray into the comical geeky sci-fi
world of Douglas Adams. I thoroughly enjoyed my
journey with Arthur Dent and have never forgotten
the answer to life the universe and everything ever
since... 42. There was a lovely, dramatised BBC radio
show based on the book series as well.



Student

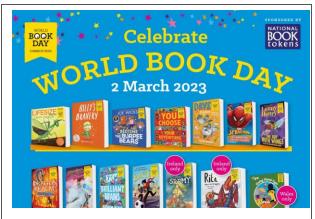
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A HUGE thank you to everyone who got involved in World Book Week: Readathon, Book Sale & Staff costumes.

Competition winners will be announced shortly!

BOOK SALE

An amazing response- thank you for donating and buying!

We raised £100 for charity & our school library -

https://bookaid.org/aboutus/our-mission/

Congratulations & thank you to all those who took part in our sponsored read: Naina, Hamna, Izi, Iris, Jaimin, Coco, Alice, Yasmin, Sophia, Elizabeth, Samuel, Ranu, Iona, Flo, Evelyn, Ava, Aoife, Tamsine, Tierra, Esosa, Mathilda, Millie, Billy, Alesia, Shafia, Will, Ember, Parker, Elska, Davine, Anna, Verity, Zoe & Madinah- and read a total of **4,321** pages.

We have raised an incredible £225 so far!

Congratulations to our **TOP SCORING** students since January.

Year 7s

Izi passed 47 quizzes Muhammad-Qasim passed 34 quizzes Eva passed 32 quizzes

Year 8s

Ryan A passed 16 quizzes
Rahaf O passed 15 quizzes
Jacob C-M & Riley G passed 14 quizzes







The Library is now open at break/lunchtime

check the timetable on the library door

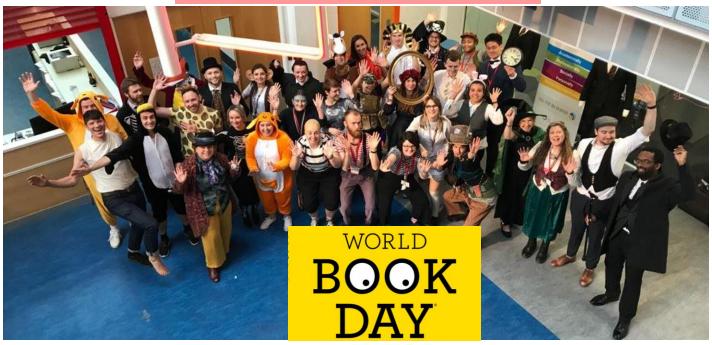
...and after school for homework/ quiet study Also, try these great sites for some online reading:

https://www.worldbookdav.com/online-masterclasses/

https://manybooks.net/

https://library.thenational.academy/

World Book Day











House News

Term 4 Total				
Amika	1st 1890			
Malala	3rd	1460		
Rashford	4th	1425		
Stephenson	2nd	1585		

Well done to

Amika

House

Excellent Amika House attendance led to their win this term

Book Sale for World Book Day

Stephenson 1st Rashford 2nd Amika 3rd Malala 4th

House tasks completed in tutor time: W.C 27th February - LGBTQ+ History Month

W.C 6th March - National Careers Week

W.C 13th March - Red Nose Day

W.C 20th March - Neurodiversity task

W.C 27th March - Young Carers

Awareness

National Careers Week House Task

- Year 7 & 8

Stephenson 1st
Amika/Rashford joint 2nd
Malala 4th

Neurodiversity House Task

Malala 1st Amika 2nd Rashford 3rd Stephenson 4th

National Careers Week House Task

- Year 10

Rashford 1st

Malala 2nd

Amika 3rd

Stephenson 4th























Attendance the Brunel Way

At BBA we want our students to achieve at least 96% attendance

More time in school = More time learning!



Good school attendance is **ESSENTIAL**It means better **grades**, **stronger friendships and improved social and communications skills**. It can also mean betterjob prospects and opportunities in the future

Beontime

Be Ready to Learn

Plan Ahead

Students should arrive at 8:20 to be ready for morning registration

Students are expected to have the correct uniform and equipment

Students should book any appointments outside of school hours

Need support?
Contact bbaattendance@clf.uk

E-Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

ADDICTIVE NATURE

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR +

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

CONTROL SPENDING

if your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods—so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending—or set up a pre-paid 'allowance' When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert



eUpWednesday



www.nationalonlinesafety.com







E-Safety

E-Safety Parent & Carer Advice Leaflets

E-Safety leaflets are available in 13 different languages via this <u>link</u>. The leaflets focus on supporting you to have an open dialogue with your child about their internet use.

If you have any concerns or questions about E-Safety, please do not hesitate to contact Will Trick who is BBA's E-Safety Lead william.trick@clf.uk

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE LEAFLETS





"Calling students with DFE loan laptops.

Your laptops need to be updated to install the school's latest anti-virus and security updates.



The IT team will reach out to you to arrange a day for this work to be done."

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter I. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of five letters or more avoiding proper nouns?

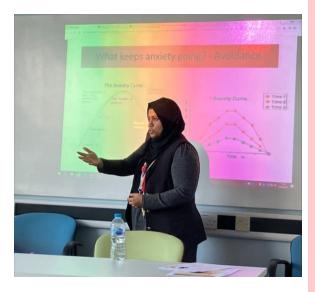


SOLUTIONS

noticed.

Some other words of five letters or more containing the hub letter I: actin, adieu, antic, audio, audit, canid, cited, coati, cutie, dicot, dicta, edict, indue, nicad, tenia, tonic, tunic, unite, untie, action, atonic, auntie, coined, detain, induce, induct, notice, united, untied, aconite, auction, caution, conduit, noctuid, induce, induct, notice, united, untied, aconite, auction, caution, conduit, noctuid,

9-letter word - EDUCATION



Zakera Chowdhury (pictured above) is one of the counsellors at BBA.

Parent Coffee Morning

BBA held a Parent Coffee Morning discussing 'Anxiety' on 17th March. It was an opportunity for parents to link with the BBA Mental Health Team and discuss this topic.

BBA will be following up this session with further sessions around anxiety as well as other topics. For more information, please contact BBAMentalHealth@clf.uk or see the BBA Website for Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing — CLICK HERE



Your Holiday Hub

Your Holiday Hub provides free and healthy meals and activities for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Free places on the programme are for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals.

CLICK HERE for more information.



Looking for something for your child to do during the Easter Holidays?

Check out the activities on offer from YOUR HOLIDAY HUB

There are plenty of fun and educational activities to choose from. Something to suit all ages.

Book online now!

Moulded stud football boots exchange scheme

Hello BBA community. We are currently running a boot exchange scheme within the PE department, where when a student needs the next size up, they can come and exchange their old size for a larger one. We are running a bit low on the larger sizes,

especially sizes 6 and upwards. We would welcome any size in boots if anyone has



any they no longer need to donate to the boot scheme.

Food Donations

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

Murmuration

Murmuration is a community of parents and professionals involved with children with disabilities or neurodivergences. The community gathers to support each other and young people in small supportive nurture groups to share experiences, process complex feelings and develop friendships with other people in similar situations.

To find out more **CLICK HERE**





Uniform Donations

If your child has grown out of their uniform, or no longer needs it, please drop this into reception to allow us to donate and support other students and families.



BBA Website for Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing

The BBA website has lots of resources in relation to Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing. It also has lots of links to other websites so that we can continue to support our young people with these issues from home and school.

CLICK HERE for the website page.



FLORA

(Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice)



Unsure where to get support?

FLORA (Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice) provides information, advice and signposting to support for families who are in the early stages of identifying that their child may have additional needs. The FLORA team can help families navigate the services and support that is available to them, their family and child.

Call: 0117 352 6020

Email: FLORA@bristol.gov.uk

Local Offer: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-localoffer/advice-and-support-for-parents-and-carers



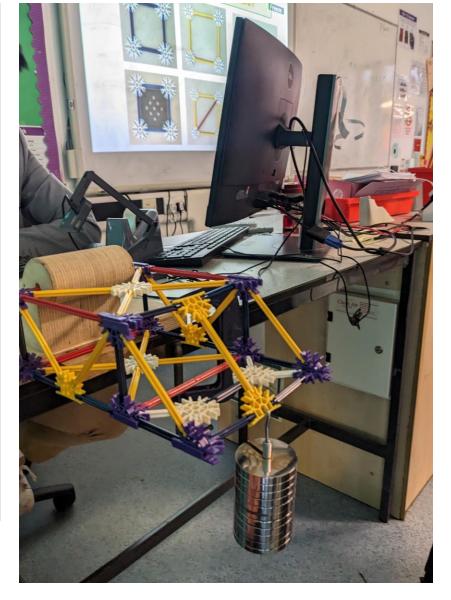


The CLF Big Dance

During this term, students from across all year groups having been working towards a performance to take place at 'The CLF Big Dance' which is a celebration of Dance happening in term 6 at City Academy where students will be travelling there from across the CLF to show off their Dance skills. Sixth form students from the CLF have led on this project and we have been luckily enough to welcome them into the Academy to lead on the sessions ready for the performance. Our students will then continue to work independently in term 5 on this routine, and then welcome the Post 16 leaders back in term 6 for a final visit prior to the performance later on in the final term. Watch this space for the final piece of choreography!

Airbus Visit

Students from the Into University group and STEAM club attended a wing bend engineering workshop led by volunteers from Airbus. Students were required to make a wing from K'nex and were given a score based on wing length, mass and cost of parts used. It was great to see the teamwork and problem solving required by the students to produce their box wing designs.

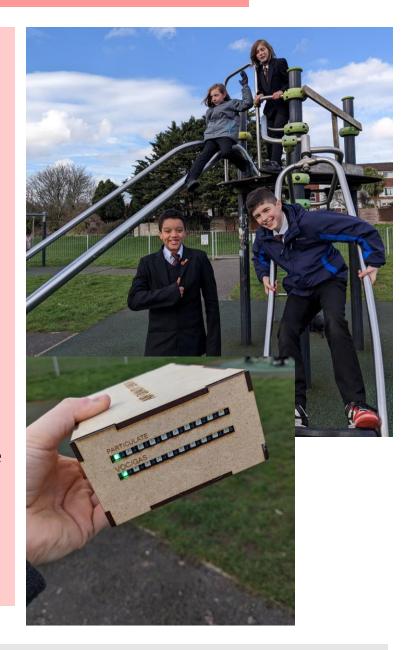




CLUB FOCUS

Club – **STEAM Club**When – **Friday 3 – 4pm**Where – **FS9**

This term, STEAM club have been working with a local resident who has secured a Community Development Grant to redesign the Argyle Road play area. They have created questionnaires to survey local children to get a user-centred perspective for the redesign. The club had a site visit to assess, air quality, accessibility and sample the equipment that is already in place to help inform their design choices.





The CLF Big Bake

Well done to Emily N (Year 10) for her entry into the CLF Big Bake Competition. We were all very jealous of the judges!



The Sensational Sheep Trail

Miss Scholefield and students in the Arts for Wellbeing club have designed and decorated a sheep for this year's Sensational Sheep Trail in Cabot Circus along with 30 other schools. The trail is on throughout the holiday if you get a chance to hunt for our sheep.

Try to find the BBA Sheep this April!

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION





The Term 5 Enrichment Timetable:

Day	Enrichment	Years	Time	Where	Who
Mon	Male Football	All	3:15-4:15	PE	PE (Mr Reilly)
	Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze and Silver)	Year 9 – Bronze Year 10 - Silver	3:15 – 4:15	SC3	Miss Jackson
	Adventurers' guild (D and D)	All	3:15 – 4:15	F7	Mrs Greensmith, Mr Thorne and Miss Stevenson
	Arabic club	Y7+8	3:15 - 4:15	S12a	Mrs Tazaoui
Tues	Rounders	All	3:15 – 4:15	PE	PE (Mrs Payton)
	KS4 Art club	Year 10 and 11	3:15 – 4:15	SA3	Mrs Taylor-Evans
	Board games club	All	3:15 – 4:15	S1	Ms Williams and Mr Duncan
	Debate Club	All	3:15 – 4:15	S12a	Ms Clovis
	Crochet Club	All	3:15-4:15	GT7	Quinn
	Cricket	Year 7 and 8	3:15 – 4:15	PE	PE (Mr Slocombe)
	Engaging the Faith	All	Both Iunchtimes	F6b	Mr de Roemer
	Arts for Wellbeing	Years 7, 8 and 9	3:15 – 4:15	SA3	Miss Scholefield
	MFL Club	Years 7, 8 and 9	3:15 – 4:15	S2B	Mrs Miles, Miss Walsh and Mrs Teucher
	KS3 Coding	Years 7, 8 and 9	3:15 – 4:15	SC3	Mr Mead
	Cake Theory	Year 10	3.15 - 4.45 (Starting 2nd May)	GT5	Mrs Soper
Wed	Arabic club	Year 9 and 10	3:15 - 4:15	S12a	Mrs Tazaoui
Thur	Cheerleading	All	3:15 – 4:15	Dance studio	PE and Daisy (Ms Chaplin)
	Dance	All	3:15 -4:15	Main Hall	Jackie
	Engineering	Year 11	P7	FC1	Mrs Bush
	Female Football	All	3:15 – 4:15	PE	Mr Rogers
	Lego Club	Year 7 and 8	3:15 – 4:15	S5B	Mr Withers and Ms Martin
	Cricket	Year 9 and 10	3:15-4:15	PE	Mr Busby
	World Religion Club and Islamic Geometry	All	3:10-4:00	S5a	Ms Hussain
	Volleyball	All	3:15-4:15 (Only for the first four weeks)	PE	PE (Miss Jackson)
Fri	Table Tennis	All and staff	3:15 – 4:15	Dance studio	Mr Jackson
	Astronomy GCSE	Year 10	3:15 – 4:15	FS5	Mr Smerdon
	Retro Gaming	Y10 and 11	3:15 – 4:15	SC3	Mr Mead
	STEAM (Term Focus: The Science of Creativity)	All	3:00 – 4:00	FS9	Mr Campbell, Ms Forcina and Mrs Burt

Local Enrichment



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
- £15.00 Monthly
- **€** £5.00 PAYG

Days/Times



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

Local Enrichment



Hillfields Library

12:15 - 6PM EVERY MONDAY



SUMMERLEAZE, HILLFIELDS, BS16 4HL

Join us every Monday for:

- Free hot drinks
- Information on support services
- After School Homework Club
- FREE food!

A welcoming space to relax, study, work or meet friends.

Every Monday until April 2023 except 19th and 26th December, and 2nd January 2023.



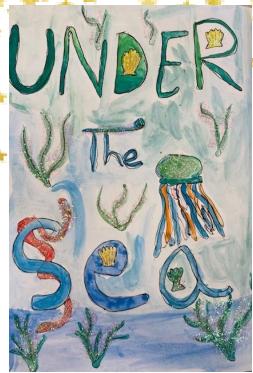




Welcome Spaces also at Hillfields Community Hub and Vassall Centre











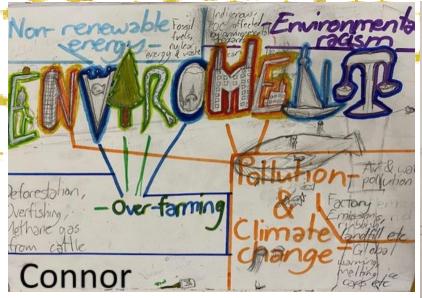
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Y7 have been working brilliantly on title pages for the new project.

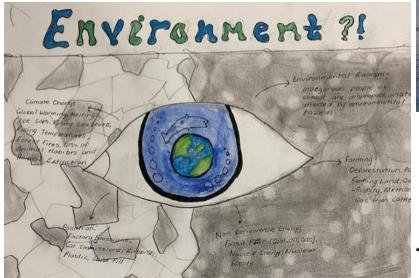
Here are some of our favourites!

Rio





Millie



Tierra



Y8 have really impressed us with their creativity whilst designing and illustrating their title pages for the new project.

Here are some of our favourites!

Freddie















Y9 have been investigating Protest Art.
They have been learning how to use stencils with spray diffusers and coloured inks to create some stencil graffiti.

All of the Y10 Art class are an absolute pleasure to teach!
They are currently learning about acrylic painting techniques to develop into a painting, so looking forward to showing off those outcomes next term!
In the meantime here's some sketchbook work that we are

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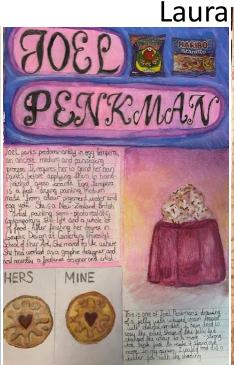
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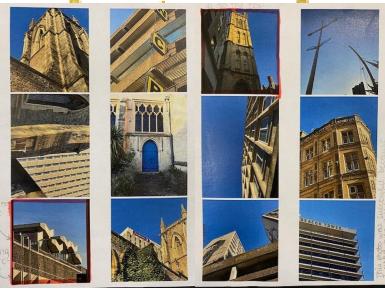


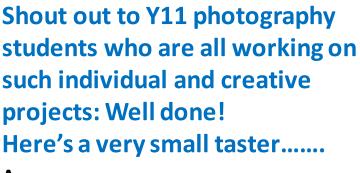




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