

Bristol Brunel Academy

Termly Newsletter

May 2024



From The Principal

We are about to start the final term of the year and once again this term has been action packed.

All of that hard work, exam preparation, revision and attending sessions in the holidays has really paid off as we see our Year 11 students really stepping up and approaching their exams with maturity and resilience.

We are incredibly proud of how they have conducted themselves and we are now looking forward to their final assembly together and, of course, their prom.

As you know, we trialled our new day where we put tutor time in the morning and went to one longer lunch. The feedback from the students, parents and carers has been positive regarding the increased length of lunch and the morning tutor session. Thank you to those of you who emailed in to provide your perspective on the week. The general feeling was in favour of the new system. It was a much calmer and more welcoming way to start the day, with the tutor period in the morning as this allowed our tutor team to check in on all students before they started their school day.

We recognise that we had a pinch point on Friday lunch and are looking at ways in which to reduce this. With this in mind we would like to trial the one lunch system again. However, this time we will not be changing the times of the day. The lunch time trial will begin in week two of term six.

As the weather gets warmer, a reminder that our students can wear tailored black school shorts and please do remind them to bring a water bottle into school which can be refilled at our water fountains.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter as it is action packed and is a real celebration of all the work our students do. It is a real privilege working with our students.

Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Jen Cusack



THE BBA BIG RUN

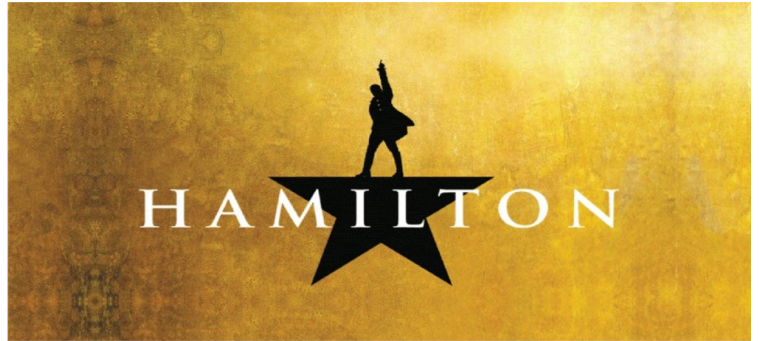


On behalf of all of the BBA runners, can we please say a huge **thank you** to all of you that have supported us and helped with our fundraising efforts. We have been blown away by your kindness and generosity and have so far raised nearly £7,500 in memory of Ashley Jackson and for Off The Record, incredible!

Can I also give a special mention to Louise Phillips for her beautiful and iconic Ashley design which we will be using for many years to come, and to Abbi Simmons for helping to create the wonderful t-shirts that we wore.



Term 5 Drama Trip



The drama department took all KS4 drama students to see the west end touring production of Hamilton at the Hippodrome theatre. It was an incredible opportunity to watch an award winning, world touring, top west end production! The students absolutely loved it and they all did BBA proud.

School Office

My Child At School

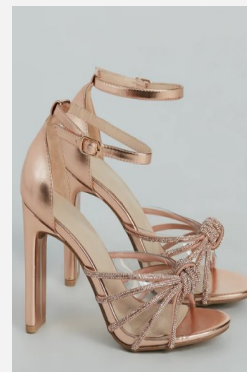
Please activate your My Child At School (MCAS) account. This can be done by downloading the app or using the website. All Parents' Evening bookings are now made through MCAS and you can also use your account to view your child's behaviour, attendance and reports.

Please contact the office on 0117 377 2700 if you require support with activating your account.



Prom Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of outfits and accessories for our Year 11 students to wear to prom. We would particularly welcome suits but would also appreciate donations of dresses, shoes and small occasion bags.



Spare PE Kit And Boots

If anyone has any trainers/football boots that they no longer require, specifically sizes 3-8, we would greatly appreciate them in the PE department. We have certain students who would really value a donated pair as long as they are in wearable condition.

Thank you in advance.

UKMT Maths Challenges at BBA

At BBA we take part in the UK Maths Trust Maths Challenges every year. This year, our students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge and students from Years 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

These Challenges are a brilliant opportunity for students to show off their maths ability against a national field of students. They solve some unique and difficult problems in an exam-style setting.

Overall across both challenges, 60% of participants obtained awards! Our best results in the last 3 years! Especially impressive were the four gold awards in Years 9 and 10, and the seven gold awards in Years 7 and 8!

The most amazing result of all goes to Noah D in Year 8, who was invited back to take part in the Junior Kangaroo in early June. A feat achieved by just a few thousand students across the country!

As a community we wish Noah all the best in his attempt at the Junior Kangaroo!

If you think you've got what it takes to be a participant in next year's Maths Challenges, attempt the question on the below and speak to your maths teacher to see if you got it right.

Jokers always lie. Clowns always tell the truth.

A group of four, each of whom is a Joker or a Clown, make the following statements about each other:

P says, "Q always lies";

Q says, "R always lies";

R says, "P always tells the truth";

S says, "Exactly two of P, Q and R are Jokers".

How many of P, Q, R and S are Clowns?

Email Mr Thorne
with your answer

Parenting Courses

Online courses for parents and parents-to-be from the Solihull Approach

The Solihull Approach is about emotional health and wellbeing for all children, their parents, carers and grandparents. Passionate about sensitive relationships, early years support and understanding brain development to help nurture kind, emotionally aware children as they grow.

Free online courses to help parents and carers understand their children's feelings better and how they can support their children through the years as they grow and develop.

The courses cover all the stages of a child's development and give helpful advice to support the emotional health and wellbeing of both children and parents and carers.

What is on offer?

Understanding you child (0-19 years) [Как да разбирате детето си](#) / [فهم أطفالكم](#) / [Zrozumieć swoje dziecko](#) / [认识您的孩子](#) / [Fahanka ilmahaaga](#) / [اپنے بچے کو سمجھنا](#)

Understanding your child with additional needs

Understanding your child's feelings

Understanding your teenagers brain [افهم اپنے نو عمر بچے کے دماغ کو سمجھنا](#) / [دماغ المراهق](#)

Understanding your brain (for teenagers!)

Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby [فهم الحمل والمخاض والولادة وطفلك](#) / [Zrozumieć ciążę, poród, narodziny i Twoje dziecko](#)

Understanding your baby [افهم طفلك الرضيع](#) / [Comprender a tu bebé](#) / [اپنے بچے کو سمجھنا](#)



➤ The Solihull Approach has launched for all Bristol post-codes (needed for login)

HOW TO ACCESS:

➤ Enter the access code “**GROWING**” at www.inourplace.co.uk and create an account and complete registration

Upcoming External Events

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These sessions are a safe space to meet new people, hang out, join in with activities such as crafts, games, and cooking, and work on/discuss LGBTQ+ issues and projects. You will also get a say about what you want to do in the group.

Where: The Station, Silver Street, BS1
2AG

When: Every other Monday 4:30 - 6:15 pm,
starting 17th June.

Ages: 11-19.



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? GET
IN TOUCH WITH ZOE

zoe.twinn@creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk

07834 520 981



◆ PRIDE ◆

School Council

HOUSE Charity Superstars 2024

Can you raise **£25 (or more)** for the House Charities?

This competition will run from the **6th May to 24th June**.
Any students who participate will receive a **Community** badge.

Who are the charities?



What do you have to do?

- Sign up on the google form (shared on SMHW)
- Go ahead and raise as much money as you can.
- Bring your money into school / transfer it to school via Parent Pay by **24th June**

In addition ...

The top 10 fundraising students will win afternoon tea with Ms Cusack, Head of Houses and the School Council.



Possible ideas:

- Enter a fun run / 10k or competition to be sponsored for
- Set up a tuck-shop during break time (you will need permission first!)
- Make something to sell in your local area
 - Sell your old books/clothes/toys
 - Charge for services such as washing cars / mowing the grass



Wow!
We now have 18
Word Millionaires!

Congratulations to:

Gracie M, Iris N-C, Ellie P-M, Tilly T, Paul C, Toby L, Rehan S, Luke Rees, Isabella H, Rayya K, Habiba M, Liam B, Declan J, Hashim H, Poppy D, Fleur B, Sam P, Zach B

8 **DOUBLE** millionaires: Aditya J, Jackson R, Glade W, Ayesha H, George H, Alex R-J, Aariz K & Muhammad-Qasim H

2 **TRIPLES** Sumayya K & Rhys C and
a **QUADRUPLE** millionaire Izi O



Congratulations to our other **TOP QUIZZERS:**

Year 7s - since March

Ralph McQ passed 21 quizzes
Hamdi M passed 12 quizzes
Pariy K passed 9 quizzes
and Year 8s

Zain Asif passed 14 quizzes
Aryaan U-R, Isabella U & Ethan J passed 7 quizzes
Coco B passed 6 quizzes

MISSING!



In the past 5 years, over 200 copies of the Wimpy Kid series have gone missing from the library! If you have any at home

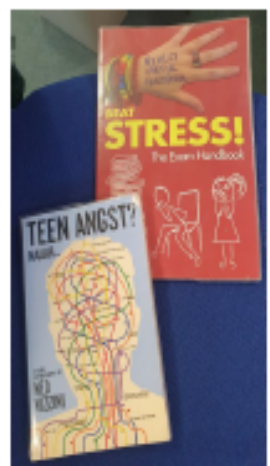
PLEASE
can you return them to the library as soon as possible so other students can read them?

(If you would like to donate any WK books that would also be amazing!)

Thank you!



Mental Health Awareness Week 13th-17th May



The Library is open at break/ lunchtime
check the timetable on the library door
and before & after school for homework/quiet study
Also try these great sites for some online reading:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>
<https://manybooks.net/>
<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Year 7 News

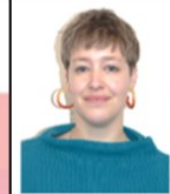
Year 7 Team



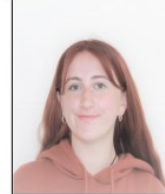
Mrs Milburn
Associate Assistant
Principal



Mr Slocombe
Achievement Year Leader



Miss Bruford
Pastoral Year Leader



Miss Rumming
Pastoral Support
Assistant

Tutors:

7M1 – F6A



Mrs Coke

7M2 – S2A



Miss Walsh

7A3 – S6



Miss Fuorvito

7A4 – S12A



Miss Minns

7R5 - FS4



Miss Woods



Mrs Soper

7R6 - FS3



Mr Rogers

7S7 - FS9



Miss Shakil

7S8 - F6B



Mr Busby

Academically | Professionally | Socially | Personally | Within the Community

Almost the end of the year and term 5 has flown by. Camp is almost upon us and all the staff involved are looking forward to the experience of spending quality time with Year 7 and getting to know the students even better.

Camp dates: Monday 17th— Thursday 20th June 2024 inclusive.

If you have any questions then please contact the team via the phone or by our email:

BBAYear7team@clf.uk

In other news, our Year 7 boys have done exceptionally well in the Bristol and Regional Cups, winning the first and losing a close final in the second—well done!

Year 7 Football Results

April 19th 2024

Year 7 boys played a blinder in the semi-finals of the Bristol Cup. They won their semi 7-0.

April 26th 2024

Our Year 7 team played in a brilliant match at Lockleaze Sports Centre in the Bristol Cup Final . After going 1-0 down in the first half they fought back to win 2-1, with a free kick from Lewis Williams and an overhead kick from Inder Singh with a few minutes to play. As you can imagine, they were absolutely buzzing afterwards. It is a real achievement and bodes well for the school for the next 4 years! This result secured them a place in the Regional Final.

May 1st 2024

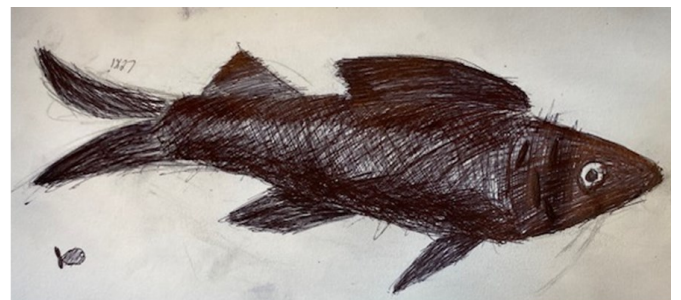
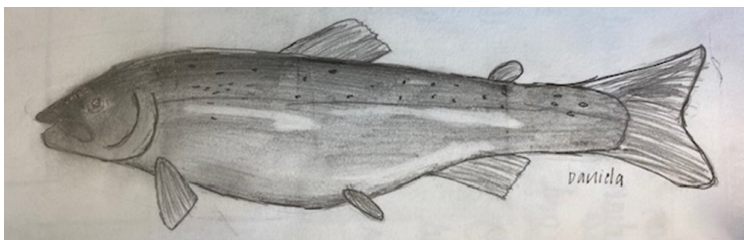
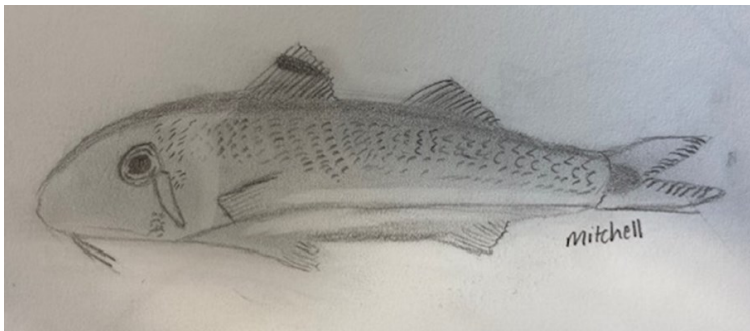
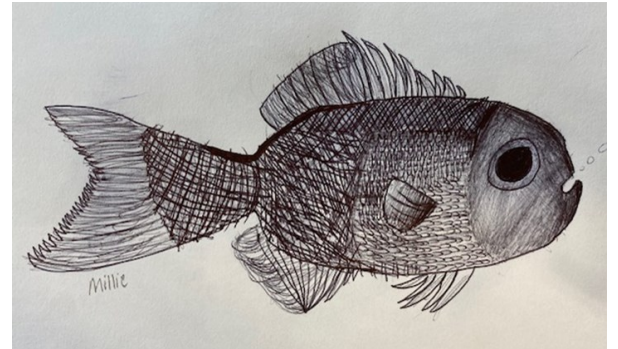
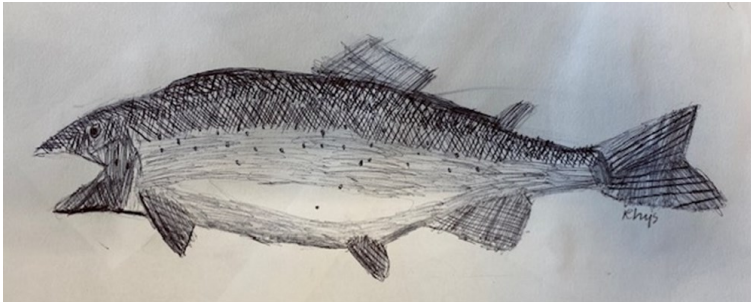
Unfortunately, our Year 7 team lost in the South Gloucestershire final. It was a closely contested game throughout, but the opposition just managed to edge it in the end. Cannot fault the team's effort and commitment throughout the year in which they have put in some great performances. The students were gutted at the end, but it is still a great achievement to get all the way to the regional finals after winning the Bristol Cup.

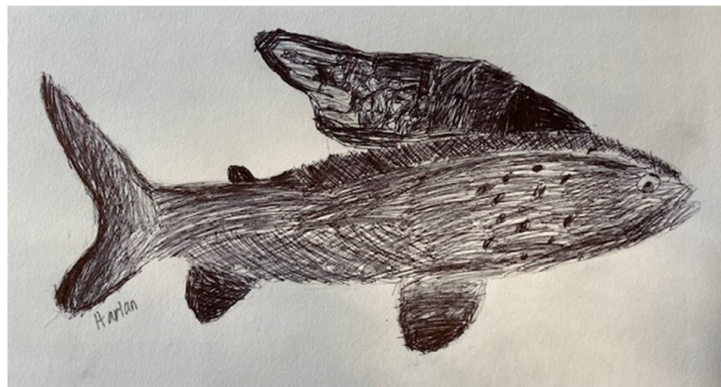
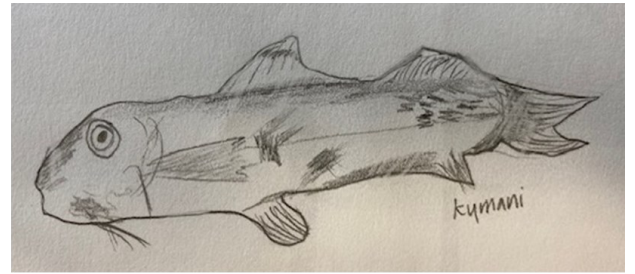
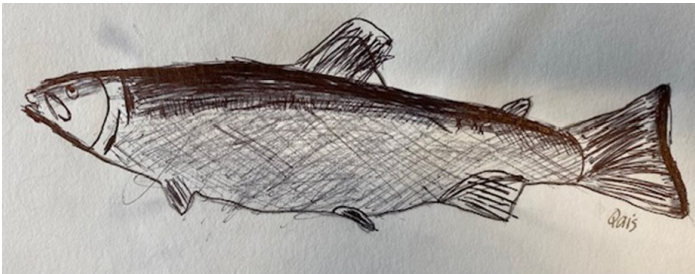
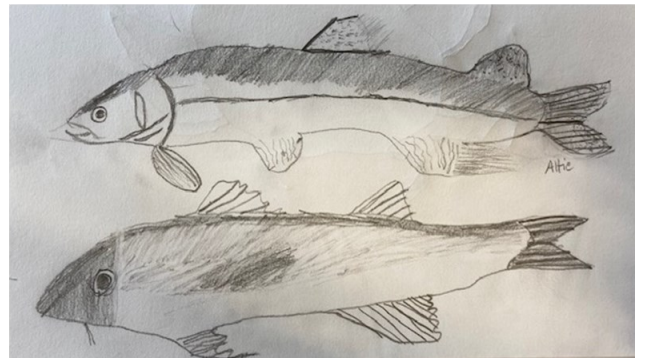
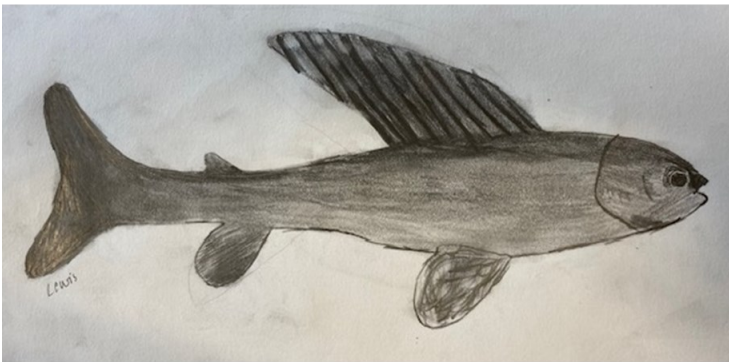
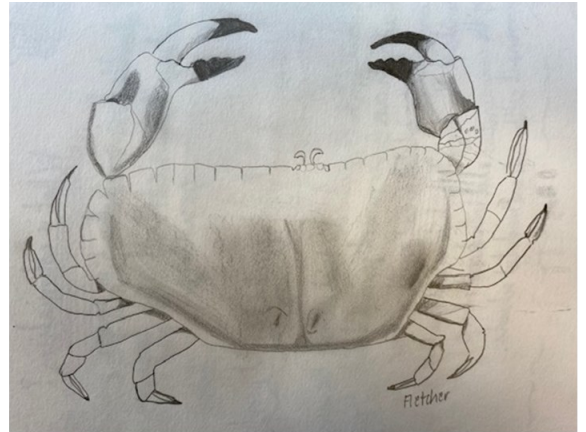
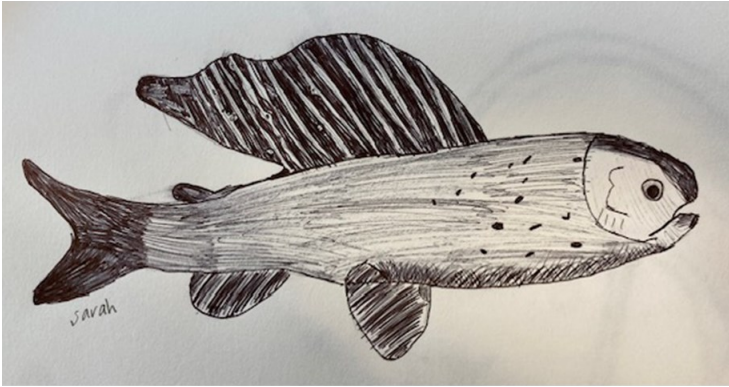
It's a shame to finish on a defeat but their performances throughout this academic year are something all the players should be proud of.

Year 7 Art

Year 7 exploring TONE and TEXTURE: investigating SEA LIFE!

Congratulations to my Year 7 class who have been applying the skills they learnt in Term 1 to create these wonderful drawings in pencil and biro. Well done from Mrs McBride





Year 8 News

Hello from the Year 8 Team.



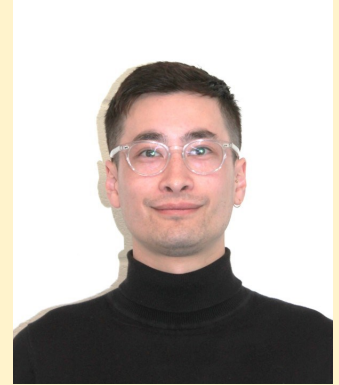
Ms Livingstone

Academic Year Lead



Ms Willets

Pastoral Year Lead



Mr Fan

Pastoral Support

If you ever need to contact us, your first port of call is your child's tutor. Here are their emails:

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Rizwana.Hussein@clf.uk (8M2)

Michael.Smerdon@clf.uk (8A3)

Farva.Ali@clf.uk (8A7)

Ianthe.Huntington@clf.uk (8R4)

Martin.Ngai@clf.uk (8R5)

Huw.Solari@clf.uk (8R6)

Kealy.darby@clf.uk (8S8)

John.thorne@clf.uk (8S9)

Alternatively, you can reach the year 8 team at BBAYear8team@clf.uk or by calling 07599101211

Best wishes,

The Year 8 Team

Year 8 Art

Year 8 - WISH YOU WERE HERE?!

Exploring landscapes with pencil crayon.

Congratulations to my Year 8 class who have astounded me with their fantastic use of pencil crayon. Here are a selection for you to admire! Well done from Mrs McBride

Rehana



Gabi



Ruby



Ayesha



Coco



Suzie



Esther



Maryam

Rajan



Noah



Misha



Mya



Kashayia

Year 9 News



Mr Ferguson
Associate
Assistant
Principal



Ms Baker
Academic Year
Lead



Mr Hall
Pastoral
Year Lead



Ms Tazaoui
Assistant
Pastoral
Year Lead

Dear all

Once again Year 9 have had a very busy term. As we start to look toward Year 10 and confirming options, we are encouraging Year 9 to keep their focus and finish with a strong term 6 in all subjects - even those they may not be taking for GCSE. Assessments in many subjects will be taking place at the start of term 6, curriculum teams will be sharing any revision resources needed - please check show my homework!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support, have a lovely half term and we'll look forward to a sunny term 6!

Ms Baker

Year 9 Careers

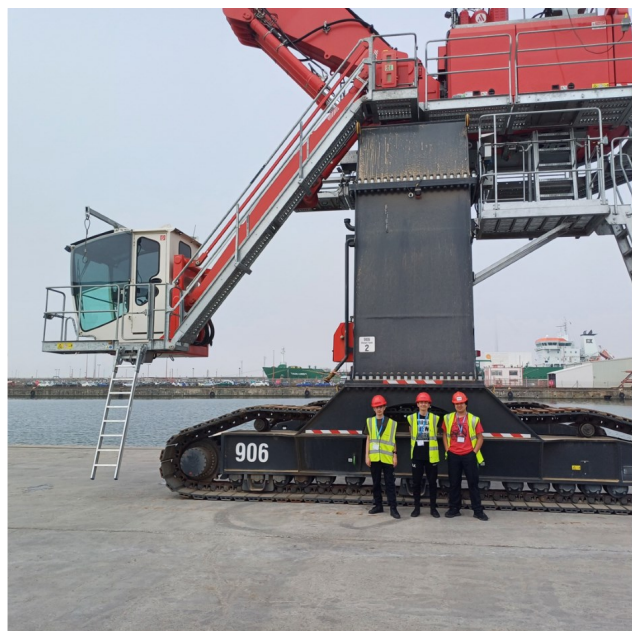
Careers *in focus*



Our Year 9 **Into University** cohort completed their *Careers In Focus* week with a visit to Rambolls City Centre office.

Students completed workshops and Q&A with designers and structural engineers.

It was great to see students asking questions and finding out about the industry.



Year 9 students visited The Bristol Port Company to learn about career opportunities within the transport and logistics sector. Students loved the chance to experience the training equipment. What a great day!

Sports Results

May 7th 2024 - Rounders

We had a great start to the Year 9 rounders season. We played Oasis John Williams away and won 9.5 to 7.5. Ember was named player of the match.

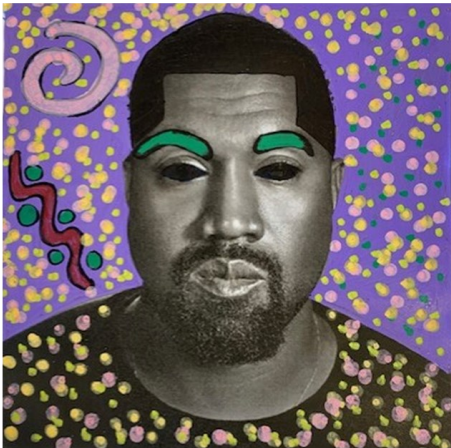


April 19th 2024 Basketball BBA Vs St Bedes

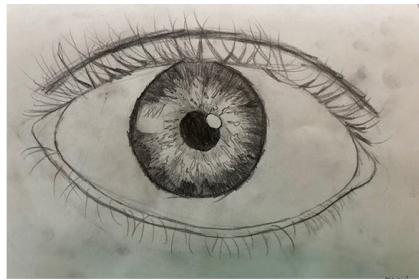
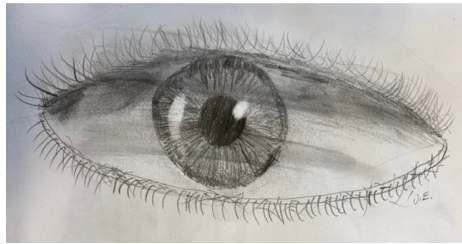
Last night the BBA Basketball Year 9 team, led by Mr Ngai, travelled to St Bede's for a game. The game was a fantastic match, and it was clear to see that all the training that has been going on behind the scenes had paid off, with a final score of 75 points - 20 points on the final whistle.

Every quarter the team improved further, with lots of 3 pointer shots from many on the team. The member of staff from St Bede's commented on the team's talent and was very impressed with their game play and skill. The team have come away with some great areas to work for next time thanks to an individual evaluation for each player from Mr Ngai on the journey back. It was fantastic to see the team so enthusiastic about the game and so proud of themselves for the win!

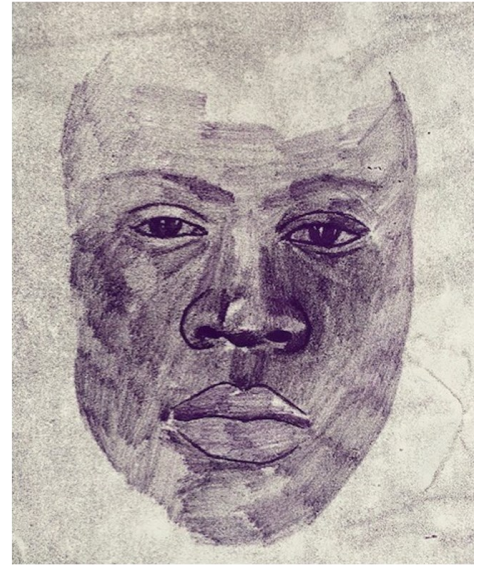
Y9 have been exploring different aspects of portraiture, including abstract and realistic styles. They also learnt how to create a monoprint. This style is deliberately blurry and smudgy to create a more expressive portrait. Well done Y9 from Mrs McBride!



Jacob.



Kamil



Sam



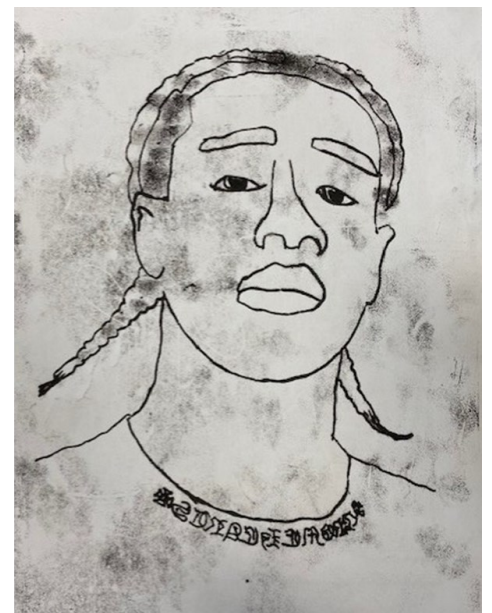
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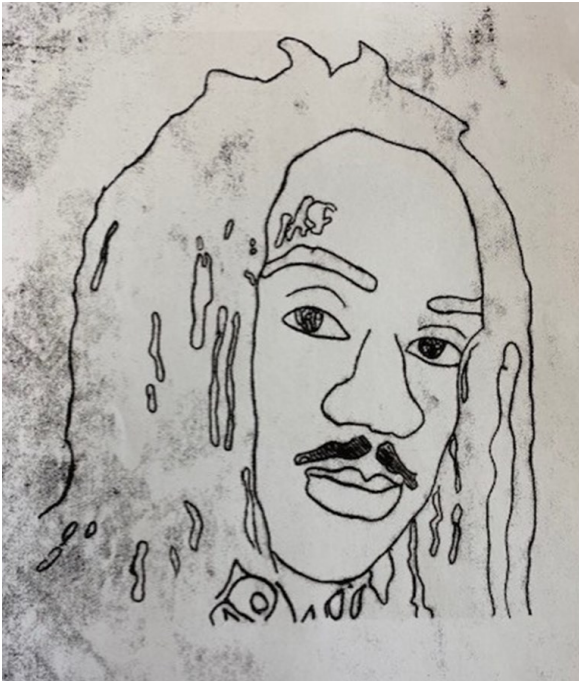
Aya



Alesia



Zain



Sahil



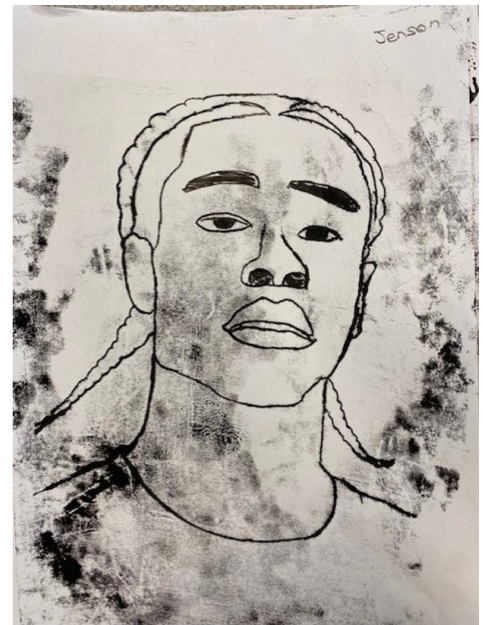
Jacob



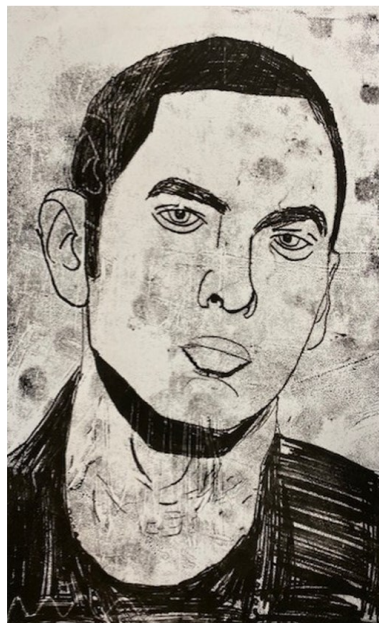
Lashawn



Isaac S R



Jenson



Emi

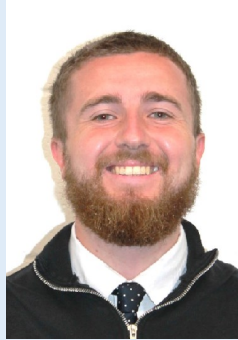


Josie

Year 10 News



Mr Leahy
Associate
Assistant
Principal.



Mr Withers
Academic
Year
Lead

Mr Sanday
Pastoral Year
Leader



Ms Kaur
Pastoral
support
assistant



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Where has this term gone?! It has been a really positive term for Year 10, with work experience being a big success. For those on external placements, it has been great to hear and see how they adapted to the world of work and successfully adapted to a new environment for a week. For those in school, Mr Jordan arranged a series of workshops from a range of different employers, such as Lloyds Bank, Airbus and the Robins Foundation. Students engaged with these positively, and have come away with an awareness of career ambitions and skills that they can offer to employers.

We are hoping that students take this experience into their preparation for mocks which will be starting in term 6. We will be sending out a revision help sheet to students and parents/careers about how students can best prepare for their mocks. Any questions on this, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your week off.

Year 10 Team

Work Experience Week at BBA

During the week of 13th May we held our work experience week where all students in Year 10 had the opportunity to go offsite and complete a work experience placement.

We had some great placements and even better feedback. We would like to thank all the businesses that offered our students this fantastic opportunity to experience the workplace.

For those students who were unable to secure work experience or had secured a place on a regional programme, we planned some on site activities.

We would like to thank the following organisations who offered their time and support:

Airbus

Ask Apprenticeships

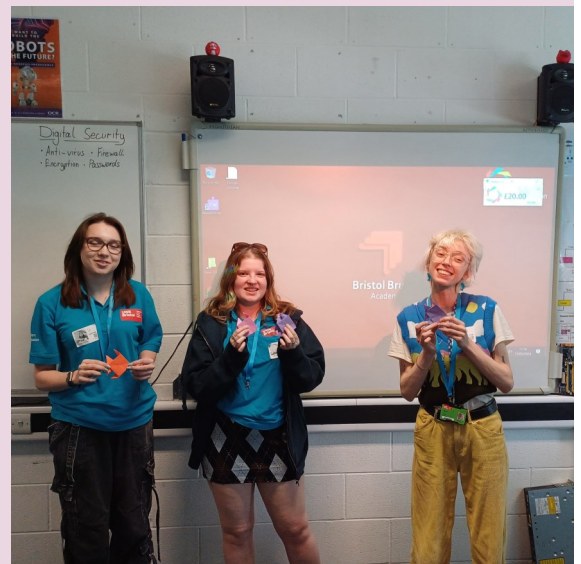
Bristol City Community Trust

Burges Salmon

Department for Working Tax and Pensions

Graphic Science

Lloyds Banking Group



RAF

The Talent Foundry

TRIA

UWE various departments

WSP

The best experience is always offsite in the heart of the working environment but at BBA we tried to ensure everyone had something to experience during the week.

Year 10 Sport News

April 24th 2024

We had an amazing result for the last U16 (Year 10/11) football match of the year. We only had 7 that could play as there was a Bristol Rovers youth game on and lots of our girls play with them.

The game was against Oasis John Williams and they gave us two players to play 9 aside. Brilliant result for us winning 10-3. Player of the match was Morgen Kembrey, leading in defence and supporting the players joining our team.



Year 11 News



Ms Abbi Bainton
Associate
Assistant
Principal



Mr Iwan Jones
Academic
Year
Leader

Ms Clare
Buckingham
Pastoral
Year
Leader



Ms Heatherson
Pastoral
Support
Assistant



Hello all parents and carers.

We are the support team for Year 11 students. We can be contacted via the group school email address of BBAYear11Team@clf.uk

The final few weeks are upon us. A couple of weeks of exams after the holiday and then its all over!

A couple of dates to remind everybody of:

Leavers assembly will be held next term June 21st. Full details will be given to Year 11 students after the holiday.

Prom will be held in Leigh Court 4th July.

Prom 6:30 start

Tickets via parent pay or pay in reception £40.

This is a very popular event so be sure to get tickets nice and early!

Enrichment Clubs Term 6

Days	Enrichment	Years	Time	Where	Who
	Duke Of Edinburgh Award	Year 10 - Silver	3:05-4:05	SC32	Ms Jackson Mr Smerdon
	Cricket Club	All	3:15-4:15	PE	PE
	Art Club	Year 9	3:05-4:05	SA1	Ms Phillips
	Y7 Textiles Club	Year 7	3:00 – 4:00	GT7	Ms Simmons
	Adventurers' guild (D and D)	All	3:05 – 4:05	S12A/B	H Greensmith, Mr Thorne and V Stevenson
	Lego Club	Year 7	3:05 – 4:05	S5B	Humanities
	Rounders	All	3:15-4:15	PE	PE
Tuesday	Language Club	All	3:05-4:05	S2B	Ms Miles, Williams and Walsh
	Volleyball	All	3:15-4:15	PE	PE
	Cookery Club	Apply and invite only	2:30-4:00	Tech	Tech
	Athletics	All	3:15-4:15	PE	PE
	Crochet Club	All	3:05- 4:05	IS4	Quinn
	Board game club	all	3:05-4:05	S12b	Ms Clovis
	Engineering	Year 10-11	3:05-4:05	GT8	Ms Bush
Thursday	GCSE Art Club	Year 10-11	3:05-4:05	SC2	Ms Darby
	STEAM	Year 7-9	3:05- 4:05	FS9 / GT1 / GC1	Ms Forcina Ms Shakil
	Tennis Club	All	3:15-4:15	PE	Mr Solari
	Astronomy GCSE	Year 11	3:05- 4:05	FS5	Mr Smerdon

Enrichment



Term 5 saw the Bronze cohort completing their expeditions. Luckily for them the weather held off! Now it is all systems go for the Silver cohort in term 6.

In Silver, they will have to complete both a practice and a qualification expedition, both of which span three days, so more camping, more food to carry and possibly more blisters.

These expeditions take place over the final 2 weekends of the summer term so we are all holding our breath for good weather. July can be difficult to predict, we have had some of the hottest days in the past but also some of the wettest days—neither is ideal for walking with a 20Kg rucksack!

Languages Club!

Tuesdays in S2B
3.15-4.15pm
Starting Tuesday 4th
June Term 6)



Join us for games, food, films
and more!