Bristol Brunel Academy Termly Newsletter



From The Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a year we have had, there have been many moments when our students have stepped up and been the shining light in our Academy, particularly with the passing of Ashley Jackson. We are so proud of how they responded and how our students and staff came together. We will continue to celebrate and remember Ashley throughout the year.



I was very lucky to meet two parents who are part of the charity Mikey's World. They are working tirelessly to ensure that they provide support for young people in our local community. They kindly donated a bleed kit to the school. It is attached to the outside wall, between reception and the fitness suite, this is for our school and local community to use should the need arise. Whilst our students may be curious about it, please do encourage them not to tamper with it. I am looking forward to running a whole Academy fundraiser next year to support Mikey's World.

We have had a very busy year, with trips to the theatre, to UWE, to Burgess Salmon, to Blaise Castle, to our federation Academies, to City of Bristol, to the cinema, to Thorpe Park, to London, to the Port of Bristol, to SGS college, to Babcock and many more. We have also taken part in a large number of sporting fixtures across Bristol, Duke of Edinburgh, the student ECO conference, events within school like Red Nose Day, Show Racism the Red Card, Hello Yellow, World Book Day, Pride month, black history month, cultural dress day, our Iftar celebration, House competitions, Science Week. We have had many visitors into the Academy from the navy, the army, GKN Aerospace, Airbus, Hargreaves Lansdown, Simmons and Simmons, Dyson and many more.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy following the summer break. I hope that you have a fabulous break, look after each other and enjoy the summer weather, if it arrives.

Ms Cusack

Term 6



On Wednesday 17th July, we had two bands represent BBA at the annual CLF battle of the bands at City Academy:

The Purps (Year 11) - Oscar Hall, Ryan Chappell and Elliott Jones

Year 10 trio - Sarafina Kertalli, Chloe George and Marli Shoyer.

Marli, Sarafina and Chloe performed an outstanding rendition of 'The Night we Met' by Lord Huron with interweaved harmonies, and accompaniment with two guitar parts.

Oscar, Elliott and Ryan performed their version of 'Little Monster' by Royal Blood and also brought the house down with their powerful sound.

The Purps (Oscar, Ryan and Elliott) also received the first-place award in the Battle of the Bands competition. Just like in Eurovision, this means that the winning school hosts the following year - so look out for the CLF Battle of the Bands at BBA in summer of 2025!

We are incredibly proud of both bands!



Awards

As many of you know we lost a valued and respected member of staff earlier this year. Ashley Jackson was a key member of the technology department and had made significant contributions to the school since he first worked here as an LSA.

As part of our ongoing wish to remember and acknowledge Ashley's contribution to the school, a new award has been developed.

The 'Ashley Jackson Award for outstanding contribution towards Product Design'.

We are delighted to announce the first winner of this award, Denzel Mahomani.

Below picture of him receiving the award from Mr Ferguson.

Next year the award will go federation wide.





The AJ Cup



Last Friday, we thoroughly enjoyed the first ever AJ Cup which saw two teams of BBA staff members play a football match in front of our students.

Well done to Findlay Hazel for taking a lead on the organisation and to Harvey Jones for receiving the 'Player of the Match' award.

We have added another £550 towards our OTR total, which now brings us to £8,175 for the year, an incredible effort.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising for this very worthwhile cause.

The School Council have been very busy this term making sure that your voice is heard by the adults in the Academy.

If you have any concerns, thoughts or ideas, please contact the School Council via our email. schoolcouncil@bba.clf.uk

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You said	We did
You the water fountains were not fit for purpose. Many students complained they are broken or that the water is hot.	We spoke to Ms Cusack who said that although the water fountains would be expensive to buy, she would investigate buying new ones that are more efficient for our school. She has now confirmed that we will be receiving five new water fountains that will be arriving in September like the ones in the PE department.
You wanted vegan sausage rolls You said you wanted a designated quiet space during lunchtime	We met with Aspens, and they said they will do it once a week on Tuesdays starting next year. SLT are looking into running inclusion clubs at lunch so there are separate, more private places for students who would prefer a quieter lunch break.
You said toilets were constantly broken or unhygienic.	We spoke to Ms Cusack, and she said if there are any issues to tell her immediately and that cleanliness is up to all students. In addition, Ms Cusack has asked Mr Singh (he is in charge of Health and Safety) to do a site walk more frequently with regards to the toilet blocks so that he can report any damage that does not get reported to us.
You wanted more eating spaces both inside and outside for the longer lunch time.	We spoke with Ms Cusack and Mr Singh to discuss additional sitting areas in the Academy. They have confirmed that new tables and seats will be installed over the summer holidays.
You wanted better rewards. You wanted to be rewarded more often for getting things right. You wanted to know in term 1 what the criteria for the Thorpe Park trip would be.	We have booked in to speak with Mr Saunders to discuss rewards and to be aware of the Thorpe Park Trip criteria sooner. We will keep you updated.
You wanted a non-school uniform day	We met with Ms Cusack and successfully got one for the last day of term. Remember – If students dress responsibly and keep a good level of behaviour on this day, she might let us have non-school uniform days more often!

You said	We did
You wanted blazers to be removed from the school uniform.	We spoke to Ms Cusack, and she said she wasn't 100% against the idea of removing blazers. However, she thinks it is important that students look smart in their uniform, and she is worried that students look scruffy without their shirts tucked in. If you want blazers to be removed from the school uniform, you
You wanted to be allowed to go to the toilet throughout the day	need to tuck your shirt in! We have spoken to SLT and this is not possible. They said that it is important that students are in lessons so that they do not miss out on their learning. They also raised concerns around the damage that is done to
You said you wanted to be able to wear colourful headscarves and durag	the school toilets when they are not supervised. Ms Cusack has said "This is an interesting proposal. We have said in our uniform policy that all hair accessories should be black. I think that it warrants a further discussion at SLT level." Watch this space!
You said you wanted a longer lunch	It has been agreed that we will have a longer lunch break next year! Aspens are looking into the que challenge on a Friday and are looking into buying an extra fryer.
You wanted more food options and a wider range of dishes.	We discussed this with Aspens who said that they would investigate different options for food. Aspens are introducing a new menu that will be starting from September. Students will be asked to give feedback at the end of term 1 on this. However, Aspens are a business and they have stated new options will not be produced if not bought due to food waste.
You said you wanted phones at break and lunch	We discussed this with SLT who all agreed this was not possible as the negatives impact of phones outweigh any positives. Staff as well as lots of parents want students to enjoy each other's company at lunch and break and to get outside for fresh air.

General Election at BBA

Total number of votes: 603 Number of spoilt ballot papers: 73

Candidate	Amount of votes
Asif Ali	57
Damien Egan	165
Lorraine Francis	110
Louise Harris	22
Rose Hulse	38
Anthony Michael New	55
Dan Smart	20
Tommy Truman	63

On Wednesday 3rd July, KS3 students took part in a mock election mirroring what the country did later In the week.

Across the school excellent discussions were had about the British democratic process.

Students raised some excellent questions such as:

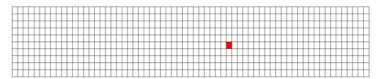
- Why can't you vote until you are 18?
- Why is the first past the post system used in the UK?
- Why do we vote for local candidates and not just the party we want to lead the country?

The School Council had great fun counting the votes but couldn't believe that all the

Therefore, Damien Egan from the **Labour party** would have been elected as the MP for Bristol Northeast with 32% of your votes.

What this means:

BBA students would have elected the Labour candidate as their MP for Bristol Northeast.



BUT remember there are 649 other MPs. It could be:

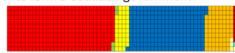
 The majority of the country agrees. Therefore, Labour have the majority and Keir Starmer is the Prime Minister.



 The majority of the country disagrees and the majority of the country votes for a Conservative candidate. Therefore, the Conservative party have the majority and Rishi Sunak remains the Prime Minister.



There is no overall majority party. Therefore, two or more parties must work together to form a coalition government.



4. There are many other possibilities – this is what makes politics so exciting! The important thing is that everybody has a voice and <u>those</u> <u>that can vote do vote!</u>



A big shout out to the following students for raising a total of £224.71 in the House Charity

Superstars competition:

Ayat Zaheer

Fleur Bernice

Anna Osborne

Hugo Osborne

Adia Hopkins

Sayuri Wilk

Iris Napier Crosher

Filip Badowicz

Sam Murray

All students have been nominated for their

Community badge.



This term the School Council have run a raffle to raise money for the House charities. They have raised £26.50.

The winners are:

Maisha Isiam 8M2—Skip the lunch queue

Twis Bruce 7M1—Skip the lunch queue

Sophia Gillam 8S8—Skip a lunch queue







Harvey Basseng 8A3—Skip a lunch queue

Caleb Li 8S9 — Pack of Magnum ice creams

Zuzanna Bialyszewska 8A2—Stationary set

Don't forget:

The last House charity fundraiser this term is an Own Clothes day on the **23rd July**.





£1 donation to the House Charities via ParentPay or cash on the day

Parenting Support

Parent and carer webinars: on-demand

Schools and Colleges Early Support Service





How to support your young person with low mood

This webinar will offer some insight into spotting the signs and symptoms of low mood, understand why young people are vulnerable to experiencing this and offer evidence-based strategies to support a young person.

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How to support your young person when they get their exam results

This webinar will explore ways in which you can support your young person with feelings of anxiety around results day. We will offer top tips from our Young Champions and healthy strategies that you can use to support both yours and your young person's mental wellbeing.

Transition to secondary school: supporting your year 7 child with the ending and new beginning

This webinar will explore ways that you can support your child during this period of change. Top tips will be shared to help you to consider challenges and opportunities that may arise during transition, spotting when your child may be struggling, strategies to help you to support your child and exploring your own wellbeing. Resources will be shared on how you/they might seek further support if needed.

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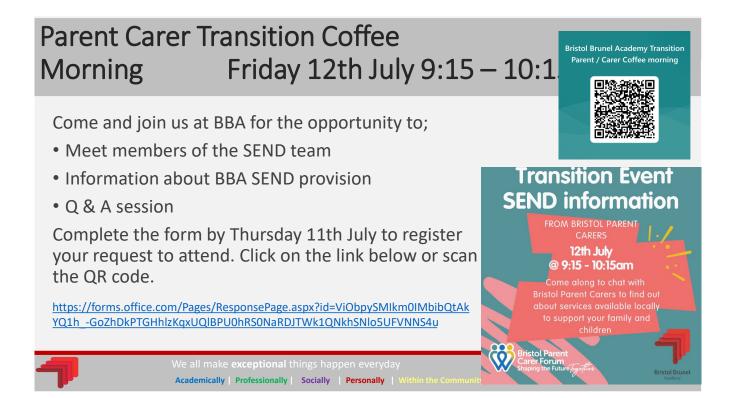
How to support your young person with anxiety

This webinar explores when anxiety is normal vs. problematic, common anxieties during adolescence (exam stress, social anxiety and worries about identity and development), the relationship between parent-child anxiety, and how and when to access support for you and your child. We will also discuss a couple of 'real world' examples of common adolescent anxieties and different strategies that may be helpful in those situations.

Schools and Colleges Early Support Service



Transition Support



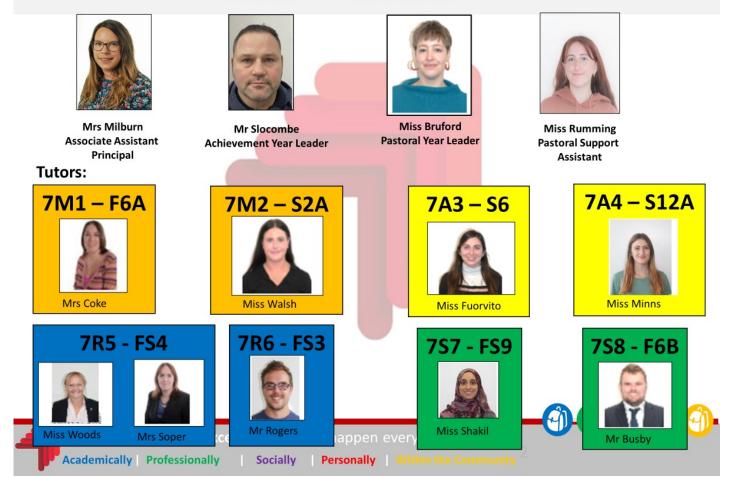
On the 12th July BBA hosted a Coffee morning to support parents of students identified as SEND in their transition to BBA.

The event was supported by the SEND team and hosted in the hive.

Parents were able to meet key members of the send team and to here about the provision and support available at BBA.

Year 7 News





Dear Parent / Carer.

Your child has now successfully completed their first year at BBA. It seems a long time since summer school last year and the first few weeks with students finding their feet. They are now fully fledged members of the school. They have taken part and indeed won so many competitions, sports events and completed the highlight of the year, the Year 7 Camp.

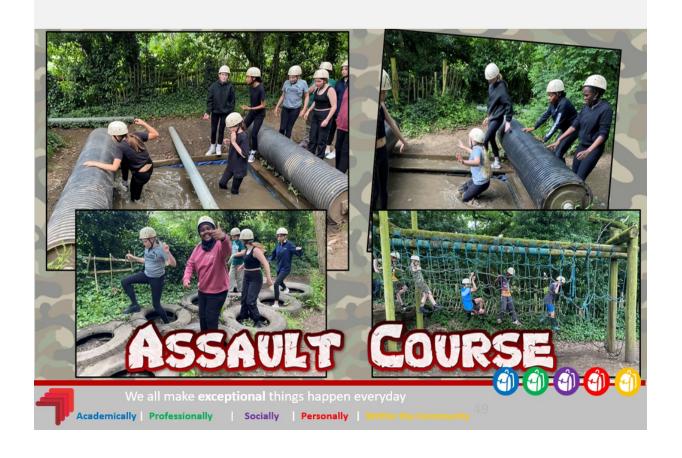
It's now time for them to reflect on all they have achieved this year and to make plans and targets for next year so they can be even more successful.

Mr Slocombe.

Year 7 Camp





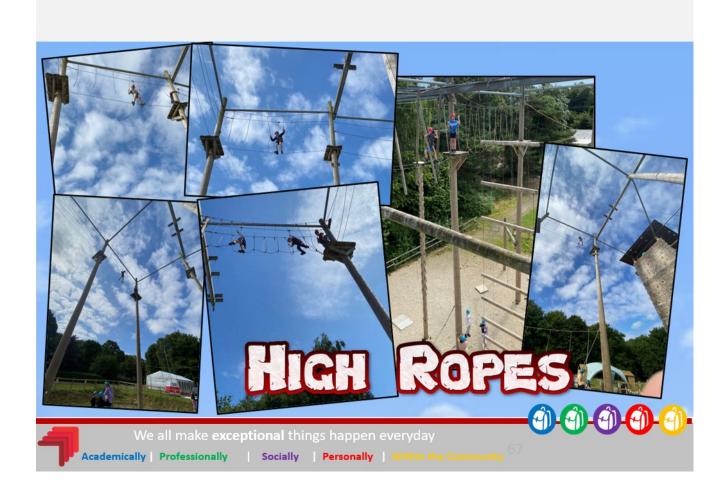












Sports Results



On Wednesday 26th June, we travelled to Whitehall to take part in some year 7 and 8 Athletics. As you can imagine it was a hot one, but this didn't stop the students from giving it their all across all of the athletics events.

It was a great evening with some fantastic individual performances, with some students even getting chosen by the talent scout for further invites to clubs in the future.

Rounders 23/06/24

What a great match we had at The MET with our Year 7s. It was a close game drawing after the first innings, however MET just pulled ahead in the second innings to beat us by 1 rounder. Our team played so well and Ayesha was named Player of the match

Rounders 6/07/24

Miss Gage and Miss Payton took the Year 7 Rounders fixture at home against Oasis Academy Brislington. Due to timings, we had a great opportunity to have some time prior to the game to practice our fielding and batting and discuss tactics. We had a strong team of 13 who were super keen to play, and very enthusiastic throughout. It was a positive match overall, sadly the score was not in our favour with a final score of 11- 6.5 to them, but still a great experience for the team to learn from for the rest of the season.

Year 7

Maya, Twis, Bruce, Hayat, Adia, Kitti, Tailee, Falisha, Krystyna, Ilinka, Ayesha, Ruman, Ayat and Mia

Rounders 12/06/24

Year 7 and 8 had a rounders fixture home against St Bede's. Unfortunately, both Year 7 and 8 lost. The Year 7 team played with 6 players and showed resilience and great team spirit throughout the game! This was an incredibly difficult thing to do when short of players!

Year 7

Twis, Hayat, Tailee, Ruman, Ayat and Mia

Year 8

Iris, Gracie, Aye, Ruby, Khadidja, Florence, Zahra and Rehana

Year 7 Business week

Whilst some of Year 7 were having a brilliant time at camp, the students remaining on site were given the opportunity to become young entrepreneurs.

Across the week students were tasked to:

- Come up with an innovative business idea
- Develop a brand
- Consider the sustainability of products/ services
- Think about the costs and profit margins of their business
- Deliver a sales pitch with confidence and enthusiasm



At the end of the week students had the opportunity to pitch their ideas to BBA's very own Dragons! All staff involved with the week were blown away by the effort students put into planning their pitches.

Winners:









Year 7 Art

Year 7

Year 7 are currently doing a project based on Inuit Art, featuring sea creatures and birds. They have designed print and have been having fun printing them using rollers and ink. Mrs Darby



Y7 Shout Out's from Mrs McBride

Well done to my Y7 class who have started to create some wonderful

Prints inspired by Inuit Art. Here are a few to start with and more to come....



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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This term we say a goodbye to Mr Fan. After two years with the team he is moving on and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for all the hard work he has put in.

I know the students will miss him greatly and he will be a hard act to follow

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

Best wishes,

The Year 8 Team

Year 8 Sports Results

Rounders 24/5/06

We travelled to Met last night to take part in a Rounder fixture with our Year 8 team, who were all really excited despite being a player down! Fortunately Met were also a player down so we played the match with 8 students each. We had some fantastic displays of effort and sportsmanship, with both sides being very polite and friendly taking on feedback through out the game in a positive light. Some fantastic rounders were scored, and we performed well in the second innings, however sadly the result was not in our favour with the score ending at 5-11.5 to them. Still the team were in high spirits all discussing on route home how they could improve. Our player of the match chosen by the Met team was Izi.

Rounders 06/07/12

There was a Year 8 Rounders fixture away against Oasis Academy Brislington. The first innings was won by Oasis Bris and the second innings won by BBA. Final result was a draw of 8 rounders each. Amazing batting from Gracie, Rehana and Iris and brilliant fielding from Coco. Congratulations to the team.



Year 8 Cyber Horizons@

In July it was the turn of Year 8 students to attend a cyber event. This time it was at Bath College.

Students were complimented on their problem solving skills and completed various sessions from encryption to hacking. There are definitely some cyber security experts of the future attending BBA!









One of the sessions was run by a local penetration tester who should the students the various tools of their trade such as different costumes to gain entrance to buildings and their different keys for picking locks—all legal of course as they get paid to find weaknesses in an organisation's security.

Y8 Shout Outs from Mrs McBride

Y8 have been learning how to create pen and wash drawings inspired by the Japanese landscapes of Hasui Kawase. Congratulations to Y8 on creating some beautifully refined and atmospheric images.













Esther

Salma

Mischa





Rajan

Year 9 News



Mr Ferguson
Associate
Assistant
Principal



Ms Baker
Academic Year
Lead



Mr Hall Pastoral Year Lead



Ms Tazaoui
Assistant
Pastoral
Year Lead

Huge congratulations to Year 9 on completing Key Stage 3!

It has been lovely to see so many of our students taking part in different events across the Academy this term. From the summer festival to the school council to sporting fixtures, Year 9 have done themselves proud.

Notes for your diary for next year - every Thursday after school from 3-4pm Mrs Baker will be running a catch up clinic in GT8. This is for any students who have missed lessons and need a space to catch up with missed work or who would like a quiet space to work on coursework or homework throughout the year. We will have visiting guests from different curriculum areas from week to week - these will be communicated to students via show my homework. Please put Thursday after school in your diaries and remind your children to come along! Getting into good habits from the start of Year 10 will be crucial to their GCSE success.

With best wishes for a safe and restful summer break,

Mrs Baker, Mr Hall, Mrs Taz and Mr Ferguson

Success at Maths Event

On Tuesday 25th June, seven of our Year 9 students attended a maths event at John Cabot Academy, where they engaged with activities to do with careers involving maths. They also had the opportunity to network with several women who regularly use maths in their careers.

One activity involved students looking at some data about financial inequality and representing it as an infographic (inspired by Florence Nightingale's work as a statistician). At the end of the day, the diagrams were judged on several factors and a duo from BBA won with their catinspired infographic (see the winning design below)!







The day was centered around celebrating female achievement in maths with an aim to broaden the horizon of what female and non-binary students consider as maths. The students also reported that they enjoyed getting the chance to find out how maths is applied to the world.

Congratulations to Belle and Josie for their purr-fect pie chart!

Year 9 Unlock Cyber Trip

In June, Year 9 students from BBA joined schools from across the west of England to participate in a cyber security taster day at UWE Bristol.



The day consisted of exciting hands-on cyber activities and problemsolving team challenges, organised by leading employers from the cyber sector to help students to discover how they can get involved in a sector with the highest global growth potential for future employment.





Team BBA impressed the employers with their knowledge of cyber security, their teamwork with students from other schools, and their abilities in code-breaking, lock picking, hacking, and more!

Year 9 Art Work

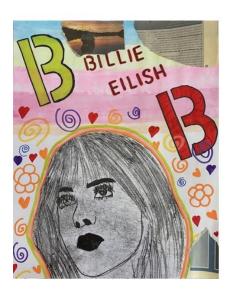
Y9 SHOUT OUTS FROM Mrs MCBRIDE

I'm AMAZED with these celebrity muti media portraits, using monoprinting and collage. Fantastic job Y9! Too many to include them all, but here are a selection.



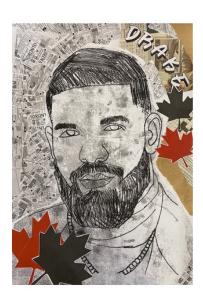








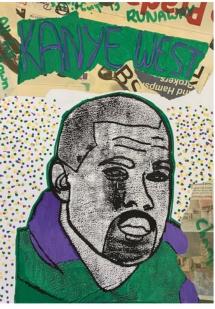




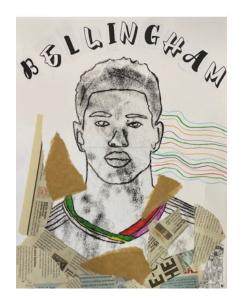




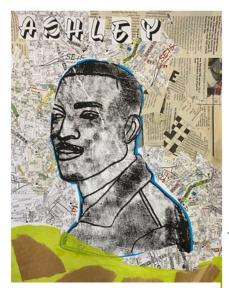


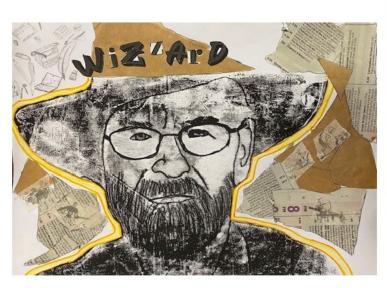














Sports Result

Athletics 03/06/24

The last week of term we had CLF Y9 & Y10 athletics events. Our pupils had to compete in 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, shot put, javelin, high jump, long jump and a mixed relay. This event had Y9 and Y10 teams from City Academy, Kings Oak, Hans Price and Hanham Woods.

We had success in lots of our events. Our Year 9 team came 1st out of the five schools and our Year 10 team came 4th .

Year 9 Team:

Laila, Dita, Violet, Roman, Sam, Billy and Charlie

Year 10 Team:

Leona, Lara, Alicja, Devonte, Lincoln, Leighton and Sean.

Year 10 News



Mr Leahy
Associate
Assistant
Principal.



Mr Withers
Academic
Year
Lead





Ms Kaur Pastoral support assistant



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been impressed with how the Year 10s have finished the year, conducting themselves well in the mock window. Reports have been sent out so please feel to look through it with your child. We have encouraged the year group to reflect over the summer to reflect on things that have gone well and areas to improve upon moving into the all important Year 11.

We hope you have a lovely, hopefully warm summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Regards,

Year 10 team.

Other News

Engineering

In May, we hosted 6 Dyson Engineers who ran an air pollution / air filter workshop with our Year 10 Engineering classes.

They first introduced themselves, shared their route into Engineering and Dyson and then talked about sources of air pollution, what countries are doing to try to combat it and what solutions Dyson have come up with.

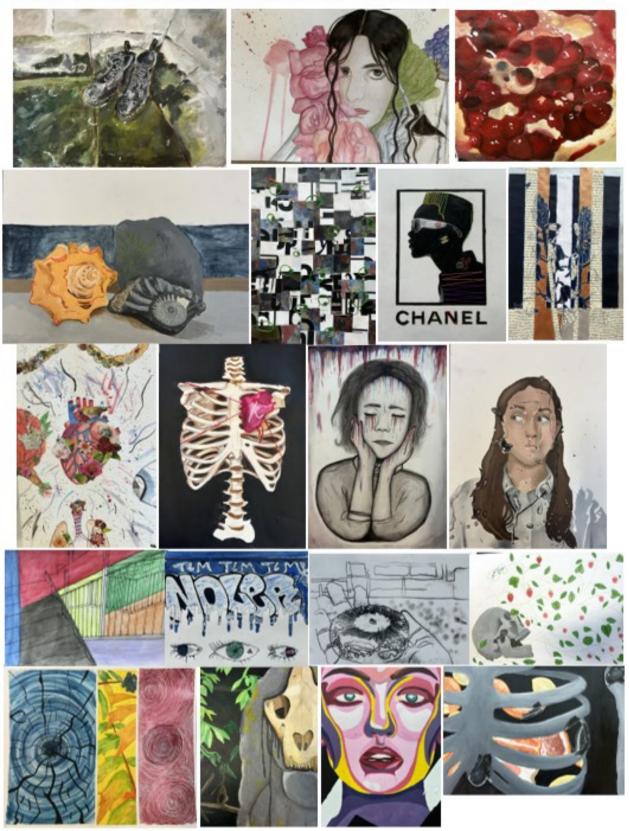




own air filter solutions and then present them to the Engineers and the rest of the class.

Year 10 Art

Year 10 Art Here are some examples of the fantastic working from my Year 10 class. They have worked really hard on their coursework projects, and it is really paying off. Mrs Darby



Y10 Art shout outs from Mrs McBride

Y10 have amazed me with their creativity this term! WELL DONE! Here are some final outcomes for you to admire. Each student is working on in a style inspired by an artist of their choice.



























Army Engineering Days

In June, we hosted 6 Soldiers from the Army. They were working with our 3 Year 10 Engineering classes.

They first talked to the students about the different roles in the army and

the different career paths into these roles. They covered both degree level entry and apprenticeships.



They also talked through potential salaries for the different roles, their career paths into the army and what sort of work they get involved in on a day-to-day basis.



After the careers talk, students went to the playground for three different team building / problem solving tasks. These included:

- Moving a huge metal cask from one area to another using a couple of ropes and without it touching the mini cones.
- Placing 5 tyres in different orders with traffic cones as holding bays.
- Being blind folded and guided by their team across an area full of mini cones to pickup a box and safely deliver it to the other side.

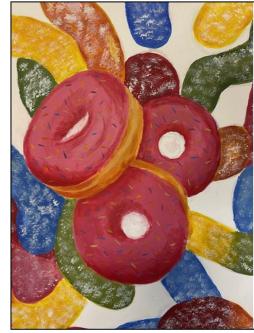


Students were fully engaged in the workshops and had a lot of fun!

SHOUT OUT TO Y10 ARTISTS!

Congratulations to Y10 artists who created some fantastic final outcomes during the recent Art exam. Here are a few examples and also some outcomes from other projects.





Mahsa



Autumn



Olivia



Finn

Geography Field Trip

Year 10 geography students had the opportunity to complete field work on three days during this term. The trips focussed around the Blaise Castle estate and involved learning and applying techniques used in modelling r ivers and streams. Luckily the weather held off and as you can see the students enjoyed the process and gained new skills.









Enrichment



Term 6 has seen the Silver D of E cohort complete not only their practice expedition but also the full qualification expedition. Both these were based in and around the Mendip Hills with students passing by both Cheddar Gorge, Burrington Combe as well as Wells and Wookey Hole.

Students will complete their presentations in September to achieve full a ccreditation.

We very much hope parents will be able to come in to our celebration evening when the Bronze and Silver Awards will given out and the students' achievements celebrated.





Enrichment

In STEAM club this term, we have been learning about how technology can help with farming. We have been using a strawberry planting kit sent to us by Dyson. Students have been learning about the different jobs there are on a farm, how food is grown, different soil types and how a farm can be run sustainably using the Dyson farm as an example. Students have planted their own strawberry plants and are running an experiment to see which strawberries grow the best; the ones planted outside or the ones planted inside with an automatic feeder and light system





