

# Bristol Brunel Academy

## Termly Newsletter

April 2021



It has been a pleasure welcoming students back into school after Distance Learning. Students have come back with an excellent attitude to learning and classes have felt productive. Staff have been excited to teach their classes face to face again.

We wish you an excellent and restful holiday and look forward to seeing students back in the academy for Term 5.

### **Halo Code Update – Going from Strength to Strength**

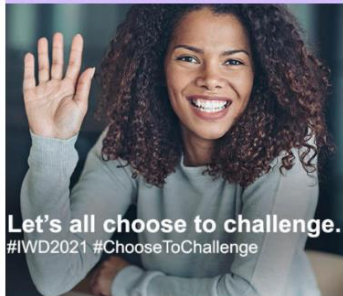
No Black staff or students should have to change their natural or protective hairstyle in order to thrive at our school. It was fantastic to see our students embracing the Halo Code on their return to school in Term 4.



Since our announcement, other schools in Bristol are embracing the change and it was publicised in several local and national newspapers. BBC Radio Bristol & BBC News interviewed Abbi Bainton (Assistant Principal) and some of our students to find out what the Halo Code meant to them. We are incredibly proud of the students involved who represented the Academy brilliantly. [Click here for the BBC News video clip.](#)

# This Term...

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



## IT'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

This year's theme is all about #ChooseToChallenge

- Click [here](#) to find out more about the theme and what it means to challenge gender imbalances
- Click [here](#) to find out about the She-Ra campaign – Girls Can Do Anything
- The new She-Ra series is on Netflix NOW!



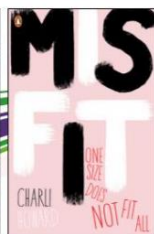
We will help forge a gender equal world

#ChooseToChallenge



## READING RECOMMENDATION

- Listen to extracts, read and order the Doctor Who book [here](#)
- Read the Misfit extract [here](#)



**RE-DESIGN** an emblem of equal rights – based on the idea of the Women's Social and Political Union sash. Find out more about how the Suffragette movement used fashion [here](#)



As we returned to the academy, we recognised International Women's Day with staff and student activities. Staff shared their selfies with commitments to make change, and students had access to a range of enrichment opportunities linked to this important movement. To access these again visit your email or SatchelOne (Show My Homework). We hope that beyond this day to mark the importance of equality, our students and staff can come together to ensure an equal future for everyone at BBA.

## 5-14 March British Science Week 2021



The Science Fair is a competition that students could take part of as part of the British Science week. Each student was able to submit one piece of work to show a scientific topic that they search about. The work could have been a poster, a power point presentation or a video.

The winners were appointed based on creativity of their work, effort and scientific thinking behind their work.

Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Ilham (Y9) - 2<sup>nd</sup> John (Y7) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Florence (Y7)

*Congratulations!*

# Ramadan

## Ramadan Mubarak



We will be exploring  
Ramadan around the world



## VIRTUAL IFTAR

*Share the Iftar  
experience*

**Wednesday 28th April 2021**

**Start 7.00 PM**

**Learn about Ramadan, Q&A session about Islam**



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SCHOOLS  
TRUST**



**Bristol Brunel  
Academy**



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IFTAR  
PROJECT**



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CULTURAL SOCIETY**  
\* WORKING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW \*

For more information please visit  
[www.communityiftar.org.uk](http://www.communityiftar.org.uk)

More details to follow...

# House News



We had an awesome Red Nose Day raising more than £360 for the cause.

We enjoyed seeing all the crazy hair, wigs, hats and scarfs today and had extra fun raising money with the 'Splat a teacher' fundraiser!

All money raised will be going to Comic Relief.

## Food Parcels

This term, BBA Staff have been contributing to Food Parcels that are going out to those that need them in our community.

If you can contribute anything, then please ask your child to drop the items in the year pod (please see list below)

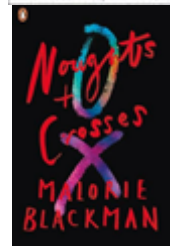
If you need help with food, then please contact your year team.

We  
need  
your  
support!

- Cereal
- Soup
- Washing up Liquid
- Biscuits/Cereal Bars
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Tinned Beans/spaghetti/hoops
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Toiletries
- Toilet Roll



NEW – waiting for you when the library reopens!



Congratulations to our TOP SCORING

**Year 7s in LOCKDOWN**  
 Kabir passed 31 quizzes  
 Verity passed 18 quizzes  
 Cady & Anna O passed 10 quizzes

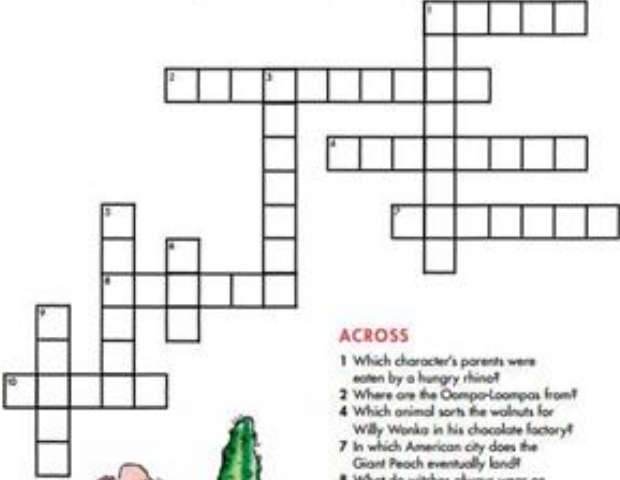


and **Year 8s**  
 Caylum passed 23 quizzes  
 Katie M passed 6 quizzes  
 Ariana passed 5 quizzes



**ROALD DAHL 100 CROSSWORD**

'Don't gobblefunk around with words' The BFG



**ACROSS**

- 1 Which character's parents were eaten by a hungry rhino?
- 2 Where are the Oompa-Loompas from?
- 4 Which animal sorts the walnuts for Willy Wonka in his chocolate factory?
- 7 In which American city does the Giant Peach eventually land?
- 8 What do witches always wear on their hands to cover their claws?
- 10 Mrs Twit's fake eye is made out of what?

**DOWN**

- 1 What is Miss Honey's first name?
- 3 What do the Twits keep in a cage?
- 5 Who is Miss Honey's father?
- 6 Fantastic Mr ... who?
- 9 What is the name of the boy who meets a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey?

Have YOU PLAYED the NEW ROALD DAHL apps?  
[www.roalddahl.com/apps](http://www.roalddahl.com/apps)



Years 9, 10 & 11- you can still get books!

1. Ask your tutor or English teacher for a catalogue
2. Choose a book and email me [anne.watkins@clf.uk](mailto:anne.watkins@clf.uk)
3. Collect it at the end of the day!

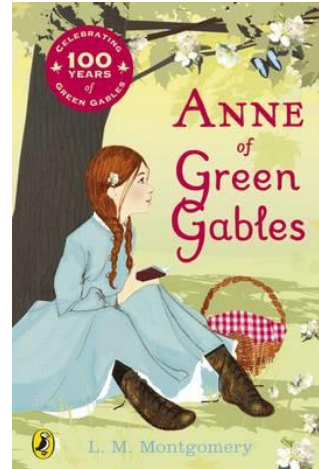
Try these great sites for some online reading:  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses>  
<https://manybooks.net/>  
<https://library.thenational.academy/>

# Reading

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

### Anne Watkins - Librarian

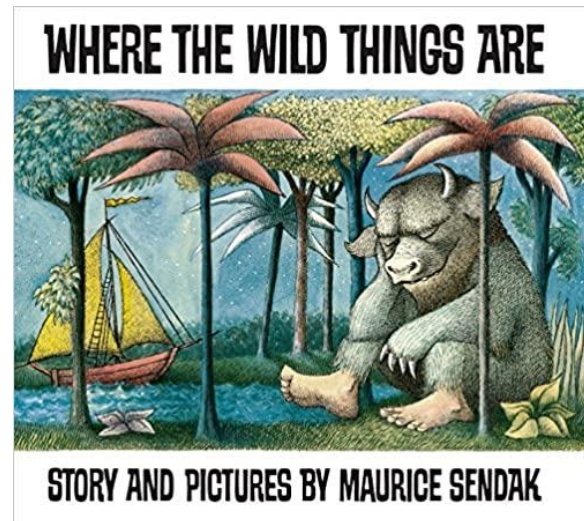
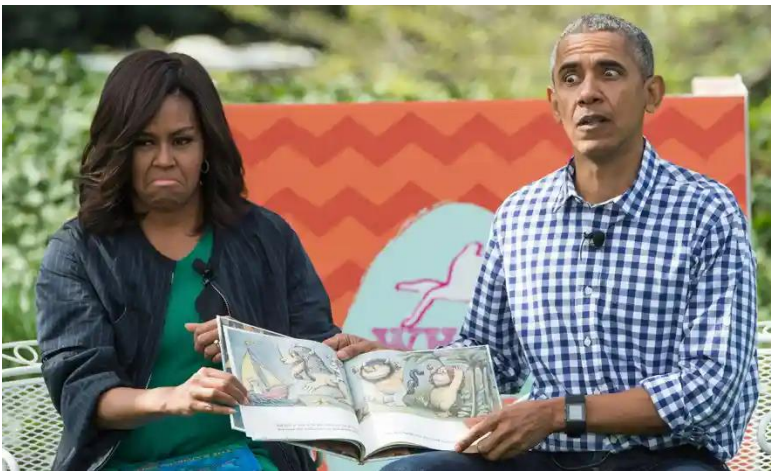
One of my favourite books growing up was *Anne of Green Gables* -book 1 of a series set in Canada when it was ruled by Britain. Anne dismisses, in a few short sentences, what has obviously been a sad, lonely past as an underfed, unwanted orphan. Instead, she is looking to her future with bright expectancy. I love this book because Anne is far from perfect; she makes lots of mistakes (mostly funny ones) and she is often judged because she is an outsider. But everything she does wrong is for the right reason and the reader is on her side from the very beginning. Spoiler alert- by the end of the book, everyone is on her side!



### Sydney Wesley –Weeks – Learning Support

My favourite book as a child (this is hard to choose)

*Where the Wild Things Are* because of its beautiful drawings which transport you into a raucous fantasy world.



What is your favourite book? Tell us about it! Write up a review including a brief synopsis (summary of the story) and why you think it is such a great book

Email your review to [tom.leahy@clf.uk](mailto:tom.leahy@clf.uk)

# World Book Day

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

4 MARCH 2021

## BBA Celebrates World Book Day 2021

Students and teachers across the country celebrated World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021, embracing this year's theme of 'Reading is Power.'



At BBA, we embraced the occasion with competitions, assemblies, special online events and book recommendations from staff.

We also have World Book Day Vouchers for every student, which will be (have been?) distributed in March. The vouchers can be exchanged for any of the World Book Day titles, or redeemed to receive £1 any other book priced above £2.99. The deadline for the vouchers has been extended while stocks last!



Please check the website here for information about the £1 titles: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>.

Well done to everyone who entered one of the World Book Day quizzes – you all received house points for the house cup!

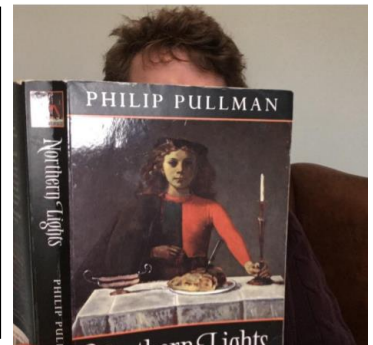
A special mention to the winners here – who have all received a special gift from Mr Bunker

### BBA 'Masked Reader' Winners

1. Hattie
2. Bella
3. Ruby
4. Kizzy
5. Katie
6. Jaye

### BBA World Book Day Quiz Winners

1. Oliver
2. Emma
3. JJ
4. Sophie
5. Elijah
6. Caylum



# Reading

## Top Ten places to access free books and audio books online:

**Authorfy** has interactive resources, videos and activities to support children's reading and writing <https://authorfy.com/about/>. These 10 minute videos with challenges by acclaimed children's authors are brilliant <https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>, as are these Masterclasses (you can filter by age): <https://authorfy.com/masterclasses/>

**Story Nory** <https://www.stornory.com/> has a huge range of free books online as well as audio books! There are classics, myths, fairytales for you to listen to (or read!)

**Many Books** is a website with over 50,000 free books that can be downloaded: <https://manybooks.net/> You can search by category and genre and there is a big young adult section!

**Audible:** <https://stories.audible.com/discovery> Audible have made a huge array of audio books free during the school closures. Click on the link and have a browse!

**Get Epic** <https://www.getepic.com> This site requires a log in, but there are a huge amount of free books for children ages 12 and under.

**The Oak National Academy** has just started giving free access to a children's book each week: <https://library.thenational.academy/>.

**The World Book Day site** has an 'Author and Illustrator Academy' with videos, resources and book extracts for all ages and stages. <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>. For KS2/3 students, I highly recommend Eoin Colfer (*The Fowl Twins*); Onjali Rauf (*The Boy at the Back of the Class*); Katherine Rundell (*The Good Thieves*); Matt Haig (*Evie and the Animals*); Matthew Syed (*You are Awesome* – about a growth mindset); and for older students, Malorie Blackman & Patrice Lawrence (*Noughts and Crosses & Orangeboy*); plus Muhammed Khan (*Kick the Moon*)

**The Open library** <https://openlibrary.org/> has a huge range of online books you can search through by genre.

**Google Play** – The google play app has a huge range of free books and free audio books that you can access on a smart phone.

There are several authors reading aloud their books on a daily basis (with recordings on YouTube) or providing free videos/books/resources:

- Don't miss Cressida Cowell (Children's Laureate) reading aloud her books, including *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Wizard of Once*. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe01xn13M8q2dsIw0mvW9lg>
- Also wonderful are the Piers Torday videos: he is reading aloud *The Dark Wild*, which is the story about a virus which has hit the animal world, and a vaccine that has just been developed... <https://www.youtube.com/c/piersftorday/featured>.
- Tom Palmer, known for his hugely popular football fiction (sometimes linked to war) has multiple free reads on his site <https://tompalmer.co.uk/free-reads/>. He also has engaging and helpful videos to support creative writing: <https://tompalmer.co.uk/writing-tips/>.



# Uniform



## Change in Uniform Suppliers

Our school supplier has been acquired by Monkhouse School wear Specialist.

[Click here to access the uniform website](#)

The shop is based in Bedminster and have clear size guides online. They deliver weekly to school (for free) or you can opt for home delivery.

## Compulsory:

- White collared short/long sleeved shirt
- Plain black blazer
- BBA house tie
- Plain black socks/tights
- Black tailored trousers (**no leggings, chinos, jeans or skinny fit trousers**)
- Black skirt (**knee length**)
- Plain **black** footwear (no heels or logos)

## Optional

- BBA black V neck jumper

## Please remember:

Face coverings are now compulsory when entering, leaving and moving around the building. Please watch [this video](#) on how to wear face coverings properly



## Moulded Football Boots

Further to the letter sent in Term 2, if you have moulded football boots that are no longer used but are in good condition, we would welcome donations to be used by students in PE lessons.

If students grow out of their boots and they are in good condition we also offer students the opportunity to exchange their boots for a bigger pair to reduce the need for parents/carers to purchase a new pair. This is subject to availability and all boots will be quarantined and sanitised before exchanged.

Please hand donations to reception or the PE office, and speak to PE staff about size exchanges.

Thanks,  
PE Team

# Post 16 for Year 11

If your son/daughter has yet to confirm their place for September, not had any reply from their applications or has any concerns about their Post 16 options please can they contact Mr Jordan to ask any questions or arrange an appointment ([Craig.Jordan@clf.uk](mailto:Craig.Jordan@clf.uk)).

Over the next few months Mr Jordan will be in touch to ensure that we have the most recent intended destinations data available. This is to ensure that whatever the outcome on GCSE results day your child has a placement secured at their chosen destination, at the correct level in the right environment.

## Apprenticeships

Many students are looking at apprenticeship opportunities.

These have been reduced due to the impact of Covid-19.

I recommend securing a college place as a plan B whilst your child continues to apply for apprenticeship opportunities. The best place to register and start looking is the government's apprenticeship site

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



This site is impartial and allows students to search by distance, level and sector. You can also register to sign up for alerts when new opportunities go live. You will need to set up an account to apply for many opportunities.

## Post 16 provider open events.

CLF Post 16 like many providers are still accepting applications for September 2021 start. Whilst they will have spaces this may not be on the preferred courses. It is crucial that your child secures a placement that reflects their predicted grade outcome.



## Open events coming up

SGS college: Thursday April 29th 17:30-20:00

<https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events>

City of Bristol: Wednesday April 21st 16:00-18:30

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/digital-open-event-21-april/>

Bristol City community Trust: Tuesday May 4th 18:30

<https://www.bcfco.uk/robins-foundation/education/education-open-evening/>

# Digitech



## Join Digitech in Year 10

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Perfect for the coders, designers, creatives, film makers and entrepreneurs of the future.

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- Photography
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- Computer Science
- Creative Digital Media
- 3D Design
- Drama
- Business & Enterprise
- Graphic Design
- Games Design
- Sport
- IT



For more information go to [www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk](http://www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk)



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## Post 16 Diploma Specialists

**CREATIVE MEDIA AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY ART & DESIGN  
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- Accredited through Cambridge Technical RSL Diplomas
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- Studio Days
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- Coursework
- Bursaries
- Great Outcomes



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**Boomsatsuma  
Courses:**

**DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION**  
AT ENGINE SHED

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AT ENGINE SHED

**FILM & TELEVISION**  
AT THE BOTTLEWARD STUDIOS

**SPORTS MEDIA**  
AT ASTON GATE STADIUM

**DANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RISE YOUTH  
DANCE AT THE STATION**

**ROBINS  
FOUNDATION**

**Robins Foundation  
Courses:**

**BTEC Level 3 in Sports Coaching and Development**  
at Aston Gate Stadium

**BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport**  
at Aston Gate Stadium

# Careers



**NCS** this summer?

All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website...just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

**WHEN?**  
Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

**HOW MUCH?**  
The most you'll pay is £50. Bursaries are available.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
Head to our site, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!



**YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...**

**BE EPIC**  
You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

**DO GOOD**  
But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.

**LIVE LIFE**  
It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulting' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.

**GO PARTY**  
And on top of all the pals, lols, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?

Designed especially for 16 and 17 year olds, the National Citizen Service (NCS) experience will give teenagers a clearer idea of what they want from their future. Over the course of either 2 or 3 weeks, they'll mix safely with a new crowd across Bristol and take on fresh challenges together. Along the way, they'll also get a taste for independence and pick up skills that will help them smash their future goals! If that's not enough, they'll also be given a platform to have their voice heard and pursue a passion project of their choice, to help others in their local community. To find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime experience, visit

[wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com).

## Raising Aspirations Event & Options Year 9

On Wednesday 3rd of March our Year 9 students joined other students in our annual raising aspirations event. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown restrictions we needed to hold this virtually. This was an opportunity for our students to explore various zones, hear from employers, further and higher education providers.

The information is still available free of charge through the LIKETOBE platform [here](#). This event also fits in nicely with the options process for our year 9 students. They will have decided on their GCSE options by 25th March. Whilst we hope that we are able to offer all of the students their first choices we do need to consider reserve choices to avoid clashes. If your child is not successful in securing their top 4 choices then someone from the year 9 team will be in touch to discuss alternatives.

# Duke of Edinburgh

## **Bronze and Silver Cohorts from 2019-20:**

Continuing to work for your **Certificate of Achievement** means checking on your eDofE account what sections or amount of time you have left before you are ready for your assessor to write your report.

### **Next steps:**

- Login to eDofE to check your current status [www.edofe.org](http://www.edofe.org)
- Contact your assessors for get your assessor reports in and complete sections that you have already completed your time for
- Request an activity change for any sections that you will need to finish using more “lockdown friendly” activities – or find out what new activities at school are available from Term 5

## **Bronze Cohort 2020-21:**

Well done to those of you who have completed your programme planners and have got started! **Anyone who have not yet logged in for the first time MUST do this urgently to ensure they can get started**

### **Next steps:**

- Login to eDofE and get your programme planner uploaded in detail ready for checking and approving
- Don't forget to find appropriate assessors for each section
- **GET GOING ON YOUR ACTIVITIES!**

All the support and documents you need can be found at the BBA DofE

Page here: [www.padlet.com/chloedk/dofe](http://www.padlet.com/chloedk/dofe)

Or contact Mrs de Klein [chloe.deklein@clf.uk](mailto:chloe.deklein@clf.uk)



## #TheAwardatHome

The coronavirus doesn't mean your Award needs to stop – far from it. Whether you're doing or delivering the Award here's everything you need to keep your Award going.



# Support

## Young Carers Action Day

We promoted young carers action day through assemblies and spreading awareness with staff and students at BBA.

Young carers are children and young people who look after someone in their family who has a disability, a long term illness, or is affected by mental ill health or substance misuse.

Young carers may look after parents, care for a brother or sister, or another family member.

Some students may not realise that they are young carers.

## **YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY 16 MARCH 2021**

If you are a young carer, or you think you might be a young carer, please do get in touch with Sydney ([sydney.wesley-weeks@clf.uk](mailto:sydney.wesley-weeks@clf.uk)) or Lucy ([lucy.sibbald@clf.uk](mailto:lucy.sibbald@clf.uk)) for support or if you have any questions.

## Bristol Educational Psychology Service

Please see the link to a national survey into children and young people's experiences of lockdown and return to school-based learning

[Click here for the student survey](#)

Responses are anonymous and data will be collected and analysed by Bristol educational psychology service at the local level in addition to contributing to the national picture of children's views of lockdown and school. Already, over 7,000 children across 12 areas in the UK have participated. The initial results have been shared with NICE and we are hopeful that the collated pupil views will serve as a voice for children's experiences of lockdown and school at a national level that can inform next steps in education. I hope you will join me in my excitement of such an aspiration and see the importance of including the voices of children and young people in Bristol.





## BBA Medical Policy – Supporting students at school with medical conditions and the safe administration of medicines in school.

### Key highlights for parents /carers and students

Students with medical conditions and needs have the same rights of admission as other children.

Parents and carers have the prime responsibility for their child's health, and we ask you provide information about any medical conditions as well as timely updates.

BBA works closely with health professionals, who share information, offer advice and training.

**For long term medical needs or conditions, a student may need an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP).** If you think your child needs one of these please contact either Sydney Wesley-Weeks [Sydney.wesley-weeks@clf.uk](mailto:Sydney.wesley-weeks@clf.uk) or Lou Coles [lousie.coles@clf.uk](mailto:lousie.coles@clf.uk) .

For the Academy to support in the administering of any medication, including common remedies such as paracetamol, **written parental consent much be given, using the Medical Administration Permission Form.**

- All medication brought into the academy should be done through reception, signed, and logged in the medicine book. Only complete labelled packets can be brought into the school, with the student's name and prescription details.
- Only specially trained adults may administer medication, including common remedies such as paracetamol.
- All medication including paracetamol, except emergency medical such as inhaler and epi-pens, must be locked in the secure medical safe.
- Only one dose of medication can be provided within the school day.
- For short term health needs which require a course of antibiotics, it is helpful that the medication is prescribed and administered outside of school hours.
- Competent students can self-administer medication, including common remedies but parents must provide written permission via the initial admissions form, annual data collection or through the completion of an IHCP.
- Students should only carry enough medication for one day, for example one dose of paracetamol.
- No student should ever give another student medication.

For medical emergencies please see the [First Aid Policy](#)

For the [Full Medical Needs Policy](#) please use this link.

# Puzzle Corner

## Word Puzzle

Fill in the answers to the clues by selecting the correct syllables from the list below. Each syllable can only be used once and the number of syllables to be used is shown in brackets. When the correct words are filled in, the first and last letters reading down will reveal a proverb.

**A, BI, BU, CI, COM, GE, IG, LI, LOUS, ME, MI, NE, NE, NI, NORE, ORB, PASS, RE, SIS, TAL.**

1. Disregard \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
2. Third sign of the zodiac \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
3. Bane \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
4. Globe \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
5. Performance \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
6. Legal excuse \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
7. Lacking in definition \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
8. Navigational instrument \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

## Number Puzzle

The PE department has 25 Year 8 students, and they want to pick the fastest 3 students out of those 25. They only have 5 lanes, which means only 5 students can run at a time. The PE department do not have a stopwatch . What is the minimum number of races required to find the 3 fastest students?



# Wall of Wow!



Madinah



Maddie



Maya



Emilia



William



Reece

A huge thank you to everyone who has shared their lockdown activities with us, including Taskmaster Challenge videos, daily walk photo collages and stories of how you were spending your time

*We make good things happen every day*

# Wall of Wow!

Daniel



Emma



Rayhaan

## Year 9 'Crazy Houses' Dom

Maya



Tamara



Mr Ferguson's... Obviously the best!

*We make good things happen every day*