### Bristol Brunel Academy Termly Newsletter

### Pride Month

At BBA we love to take the time to celebrate our differences. As part of this we have spent June celebrating Pride month. The LGBTQ+ group has been meeting weekly and is continuing to grow. The students organised a pride celebration Karaoke evening for each year group, in early July, with all proceeds going to a charity to support young LGBTQ+ people.

Year 8 and 9 had the opportunity to attend an author visit from Sarah Hagger-Holt, the author of 'Proud of me' & 'Nothing ever happens here'. Sarah was also featured as one of our diverse LGBTQ+ social media role models, who have featured on posters around the academy in term 6.

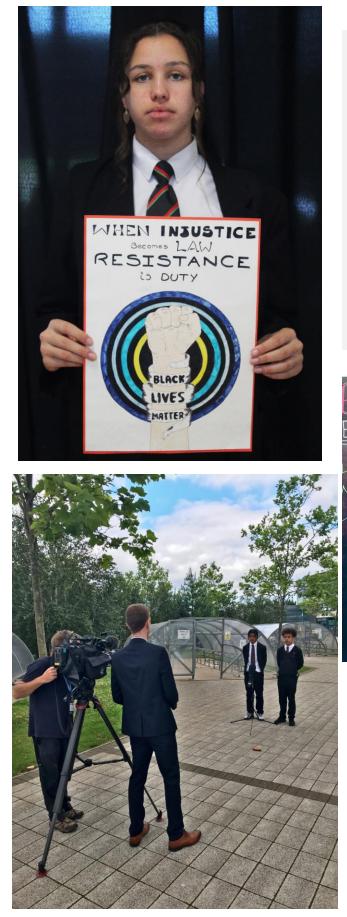
Mr Buck has also done an assembly on why Pride month is important to the LGBTQ+ community, and Miss Bainton has updated the BBA community board with a Pride twist.



## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



### This Term...



At BBA we are keen that our students develop their Social Action skills. Georgia and her class completed work in September inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement. Georgia's work was submitted to the Show Racism The Red Card competition where she won the prestigious national award which was presented to her by the Metro Mayor, Dan Morris. She was also interviewed in school by BBC Radio Bristol about the project.

### BABOARD WE ARE PROVD OF YOU LADS. IT ALMOST CAME HOMME! THANK YOU TO GAPREN SOUTHCATE AND THE BOYS FOR TAKINIC, US ON A WONDERFUL JOURNEY TO THE FINAL. PASHFORD, SANCHO AND SAKA PLEASE DON'T FEEL BAD. Well done ITALY! #EUROS 2021

SHOW RACISM THE <u>RED</u> CARD

Georgia, Marley, Romiah & Laila were also interviewed by ITV West Country News about the importance Anti-Racist message and what it means to them – <u>click here to watch the</u>

#### interview.

We are very proud of Georgia's work and all those interviewed.

### This Term...

On the 11th of June, the PE department hosted Murilo from the Creative Youth Network to run a variety of dance sessions to students across Year 7 and 8. This was a fantastic opportunity that was well received by our students, with some fantastic performances created within just one lesson. Students explored their creative sides within the workshops which involved replicating choreography, as well working initially independently doing solo work, then in small groups and then finishing off to perform to others within the class. It was a real pleasure to host the Creative Youth Network, with these links continuing on towards the end of term and another session already booked in after the initial success for later on this term.





#### Social Action Group

The Social Action Group held their first Social Action Day on 15th July. We had a focus on learning the history of the Israel-Palestine conflict and fundraising to help those suffering as a result of this. We also had a raffle with prizes that had been donated from our local community, thank you for our donations!



We are delighted to announce that we have raised over  $\pounds 600!$  This will be donated to Islamic Relief. We will have another social action day in the next academic year, with the students deciding the next charity we raise funds for in term 1. Thank you all for your kind donations.

### Houses

#### House Cup Winner 2020/21

Congratulations to Stephenson house for being the winning house this year. There was an <u>ice cream</u> treat for Stephenson house on the last day of term, perfect in the hot weather. House points have been won for excellent attendance, effort in lessons, competitions and academic house awards. Fantastic effort and participation from all. Keep up the great work next year.

1st	Stephenson	36151
2nd	Patch	35494
3rd	Blackwell	32638
4th	Kielburger	30456





### Covid 19 Testing

Please continue to complete Lateral Flow Tests regularly over the summer to keep safe. On your return to school, you will be invited into the academy to complete your test before returning to school. More information will be sent out towards the end of August. Have a great holiday.



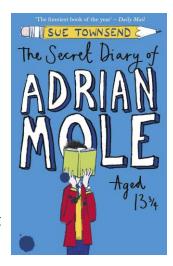
### Reading

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

### Tom Leahy - Maths

One of my favourite childhood books was **The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13** <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by Sue Townsend.

The book is a fictional boy's diary about his life and the ups & downs of a hormonal teenager. I read it when I was around 10 years old and therefore a lot of the content resonated with me as it was a funny interpretation about what I was going through or about to go through in a few years.



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

#### **BBA Reading Volunteers**

We have had a number of applications from parents/carers to support Year 7 and 8 library lessons next year.

We will get in touch early in the new academic year.

THANK YOU!



#### Bring a book!

All year 7s, 8s and 9s will read for the first 10 minutes of the day in September. All students should bring a book every day. Reading 5 times a week make a significant difference to student performance. Read as much as you can over the summer!



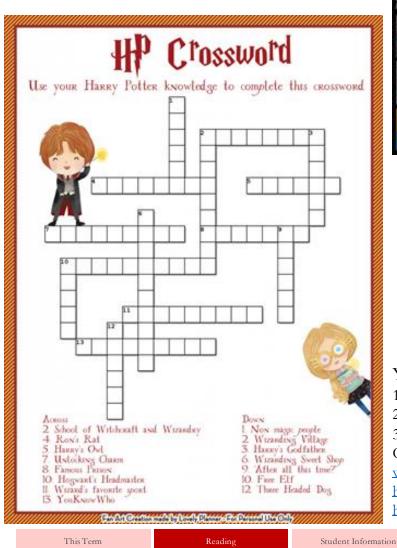




### CLIMATE CHANGE- what can we do about it?



### Borrowabookforthe summerbreak!



Congratulations to our **TOP SCORING Year 7**s this year



Madinah passed 114 quizzes

Kabir passed 90 quizzes Verity & Samira passed 36 quizzes

and **Year 8**s Caylum passed 88 quizzes JJ passed 34 quizzes Charlie passed 24 quizzes











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 <u>anne.watkins@clf.uk</u> 3.Collect it at the end of the day Or try these great sites for some online reading: <u>www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/</u> <u>https://manybooks.net/</u> <u>https://library.thenational.academy/</u>

Parent Information

Puzzles & Wall of Wow

### **Careers & Enrichment**

#### Alternative work experience week 12th-16th July

As you are aware we had to cancel work experience due to the pandemic but we wanted to offer our students something outside of their normallessons. We have 15 guest speakers who will joining us virtually this week across most of our GCSE subject areas. The speakers are currently employed or running their own businesses in a sector that directly use the subject that your child is studying.

The speakers have volunteered to talk about how the subject has supported them in their career journey, talk about pathways into the sector and offer some top tips that the students can use when planning for and applying for their next steps. At BBA we are trying to have a stronger link between careers and the curriculum and give our students some interaction with employers.

I would personally like to thank all of our volunteers. In particular Gillian Risdale who has brought various speakers from WSP. Gillian is also working with BBA to support with our schools' career programme through her voluntary work with the careers and enterprise company. I hope this is the start of much stronger contacts between school and employers.





#### Get singing and playing this summer!

Over the summer Bristol Plays Music are opening their doors for two weeks of activities for young people to play, sing and explore their creativity. This is open to young people going into <u>Year 7 and 8.</u>

**Brass Band week** (26 – 30 July) for young brass musicians playing at Grade 1-5 to play, socialise and make music together. Find out more and book here. Sing the Musicals (2 - 6 August) where young vocalists will be able to perform songs from modern musicals to Disney songs. The only requirement for this week is enthusiasm! Find out more and book here.

Running daily from 8.45am until 3.15pm each course costs  $\pm 50$  for the week, we also offer bursaries for low income families. For all the information, <u>click here.</u>

### **Summer Activities**



#### <u>Creative Youth Network (CYN)</u> Build your confidence, build relationships, build your future. Creative Youth Network offer a large range of services, clubs, projects events for young people in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

#### Click here to find out what they offer.

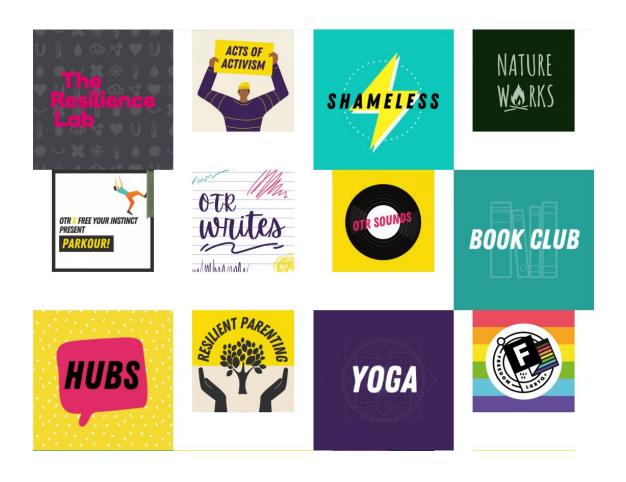
Alongside this they also offer mentoring programmes and much more. Explore the website for more details.

#### Off The Record Bristol (OTR)

OTR run various projects across Bristol and South Gloucestershire which you can find out about here. They have been designed with the help of young people, and all of them are delivered by a team of super-friendly staff and volunteers.

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<u>Click here to see the list of projects</u>, some are shown below.



### Summer School – NEW Year 7

<u>All new year 7's</u> are welcome to join our Big Summer of Fun at BBA.

It is a 5-day free event starting on Wednesday 25th August until Wednesday 1st September.



There are many exciting adventures organised, such as:

Mobile planetarium, animal experience, it's a knockout, Shakespeare drama, CSI detective workshop, Dance, Drumming, Circomedia circus skills, sports and many more.

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to have fantastic experiences, explore the new school, meet the teachers and more importantly make lots of new friends! Sign up quickly using this link: <u>Click here for the link</u>

If you have any further questions, please email: <u>louise.roscoe@clf.uk</u>



### Support

### Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing

At BBA we take the wellbeing of our staff and students seriously.

Please <u>click here</u> to take access our website that has all the information about how we support students, key contact details for year teams and links to outside agencies and organisations that can support our children. This is a great resource with advice and guidance to help parents support their child with their mental health.



Should you have any further questions or concerns, please use the links to contact the relevant year team.



Bristol City Council SEND Local Offer & Support Bristol City Council's website has lots of information about SEN and support. Please click here to access it.

#### Supportive Parents

Supportive Parents are an independent organisation that offer advice, guidance and support to help students with Special Education Needs & Disabilties in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Please click here to access it.





### Support

### **Bristol Safeguarding**

Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership is an excellent place for information if you have any safeguarding concerns over the summer for parents and students.

Please click here for more information.



Sirona School Health Nursing Service are running a free webinar Series over

the summer. Please see the flyer below

### Sirona School Health Nurse Webinar Series - August 2021



Healthy Eating Monday 2nd August 10.30am - 11.30am

Understanding Your

Child's Wellbeing

Wednesday 4th August

9.30am - 11am

Eating Disorder

Awareness

**Tuesday 10th August** 

1pm - 2pm







Continence in Children and Young People Tuesday 10th August 10.30am - 11.30am







Company Reg. No: 07585003 | Sirona care & health, 2nd Floor, Kingswood Civic Centre , High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS159TR

### **Parent Information**

<u>Uniform message to all of our</u> <u>families</u>

Please refer to the website to ensure that your child starts school in September in the correct uniform. Click here for BBA Website - Uniform

### MONKHOUSE Schoolwear Specialists

### 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 <u>Bedminster</u> 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

If a student needs a new tie for any reason, these can be bought at school reception for  $\pounds 5$ .

We would really appreciate any old or outgrown uniform / PE kit to be donated to the school. Just drop it into reception.

#### Returning to School with Injuries or from Significant Illness

If your child is returning to school with an injury or illness that could affect their mobility around school or that the Academy may need to make changes, then please let the year team know before their return. This is so the school can make necessary arrangements to keep your child safe and happy in school, meet with parents/carers (if necessary) to get your view and complete risk assessments and/or health care plans.



### **Medical Policy Information**



#### **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 or Lou Coles louise.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

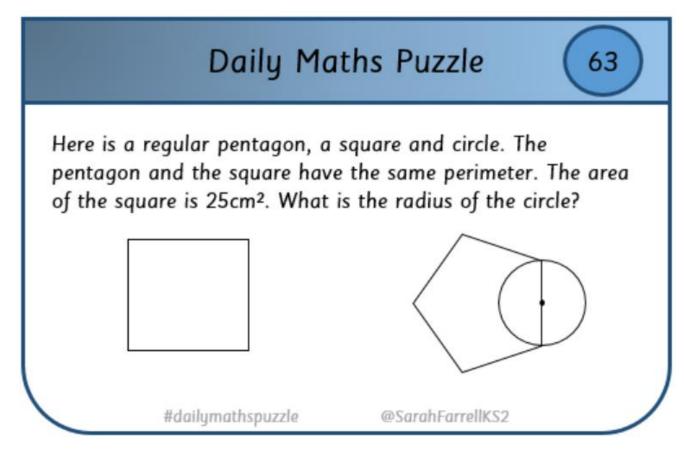
For the Full Medical Needs Policy please use this link.

Reading

### Puzzle Corner



How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter **N**. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 25 other words of four letters or more avoiding proper nouns? <u>SOLUTIONS</u>





A massive congratulations to Daniel & Arham for successfully securing a place on Maths Masterclasses beating 2000 other applicants.

Top mathematicians of the future!



The CLF ran a poetry competition and selected the following Year 7 & 8 students to enter based on their excellent poems about 'Connection':

- •Antonio
- •Kian
- •Verity
- •Elsie-Mae
- •Ivy

Congratulations to **Verity** who won the competition and **Antonio** who came runner up across all schools in the federation.

Well done all!

Please see the poem on the next page

### We make good things happen every day

# Wall of Wow

#### Connection

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An evolution tactic, Our Ancestors had a choice, Thrive together, Or die alone. They lived together, They died together, they mourned together.

But things are changing. Connection, Once vital for survival, Is now seen as unimportant, Dangerous, Frowned upon As putting others at risk.

So now, Loved ones faces Are pixelated, Behind glowing screens. They say that Connection is selfish The green and yellow signs, They command, Stay At Home, Control The Virus. However, Connection is important. Connection defines Every, Connection. An evolutionary tactic. Our ancestors had a choice, Thrive together, Or die alone.

Single. One of us. We need it. We cannot function Without it. And it's worrying How we are choosing To ignore it.

**Connection by Verity** 

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