Bristol Brunel Academy Termly Newsletter

A message the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We have had a very busy start to the new academic year, welcoming our new Year 7 students, plenty of PE fixtures, drama production auditions, an Awards Evening to celebrate our Duke of Edinburgh and BBA backpack students and our careers Envision trip. Our Year 11 students are currently sitting their first round of mock exams and, as I write this,

they have shown such a mature attitude and approach, we are very proud of how they have conducted themselves.

We have come together to celebrate and show our support for Show Racism the Red Card. We wore red, the music department put music on for us and we stood together to raise money. We have also raised money to fund bleed kits that are provided by the charity, Mikey's World.

As the first term draws to a close we have much to celebrate, however, we look to you to ensure that you child is accessing all that they can to be successful here at BBA. We value being in school every day, we want our students to be ready to learn, we want them to be in the right uniform, we know the importance of taking an active part in their lessons and being great ambassadors in our community. There are so many great opportunities that your child can get involved in from taking part in our wonderful enrichment programme, being part of the Student Council, the House Council and being a peer mentor.

In Term 2, we will be seeking your views on a number of things to help us drive improvement across the Academy and would be very grateful if you can spend a few minutes to complete any surveys that we send out to you.

Have a restful break!

Jen Cusack





School of Sanctuary

We are delighted to announce that as of this term, BBA has officially signed up to become a School of Sanctuary. Over the course of the next academic year, we will be working to achieve the School of Sanctuary Award in recognition of demonstrating good practice in fostering a culture of welcome, belonging and solidarity for those seeking safety.

To become a School of Sanctuary, we must take an intentional and reflective approach to review and refine our practice across the Academy. We must demonstrate that we have implemented three key principles.

LEARN: Help our students, staff and wider community learn about what it means to be seeking sanctuary and the issues surrounding forced migration.



EMBED: Be committed to creating a safe and inclusive culture of welcome that benefits everybody, including anyone in our community seeking sanctuary and working with people seeking sanctuary to co-produce their sanctuary efforts and practice.

SHARE: Proudly share our values and activities with our local community and work collaboratively to build a movement of welcome.

Over the course of the year we will keep you updated with the work that we are doing towards this award.

Mr Saunders

Assistant Principal: Culture and Ethos | Bristol Brunel Academy

Term 1

Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 8th October, we held our third annual BBA Awards Evening. Parents and carers were invited into the Academy where we recognised those students that finished their DofE Bronze and Silver Award and those that have completed their BBA Backpack over the past academic year. The BBA backpack is linked directly to the Brunel Way, with students collecting badges for going above and beyond across our five strands of Academic, Personal, Professional, Social and Community. When students achieve all five badges, they then complete their backpack.

We also recognised four students who have made exceptional progress over the last academic year with the Principal's Award. It was a pleasure to celebrate these achievements with students and their families as these young people attend the Academy every day and get it right all the time. They really are true ambassadors of BBA.

Backpack Winners

Muhammad Athar	Harrison	Britton	Jacob Cederholm-Mellin
Jaye Cook	Amirah	Edwards	Aballah Elmi
Elska Gettrup	Sophia (Gillam	Hashim Hussain
Felic McEwan	Sam Mu	rray	Leia Prior
Kaiyah-Essiene Pochot Fl	eming		Kennedy Taylor
Mariamie Williams	Lola Wri	ght	
Principal's Award Wir	ners		
Thomas Howie Daevia	Layne	Connor Lloyd	Fletcher Marley





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Principal's Award Winners Thomas Howie Daevia Layne Connor Lloyd Fletcher Marley

Celebration Evening D of E

The celebration evening was also an ideal opportunity to celebrate the students who have achieved the bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

For the Bronze award students have spent between 3 and 6 months developing skills, being physically active and volunteering in the community as well as completing their 2 day expeditions.



For the silver award the have spent 6 months working of skills, physical abilities and volunteering in the community in addition to the three day expedition.



Staff and parents had the opportunity to see some of the presentations that student produced for the silver award. Unfortunately some were too long for the evening but the quality of production in the videos was excellent.

European Day of Languages

This term in the Language Department, we ran a cake competition to celebrate European Day of Languages. Students had to bake a cake or cakes to represent Languages. We received over 25 entries and all students who entered received house points. After over a week of deliberating, we finally came to a very difficult decision and decided on our winners. Congratulations to all students who participated!





BBA SEND Parents / carer coffee morning

Bristol Autism Support

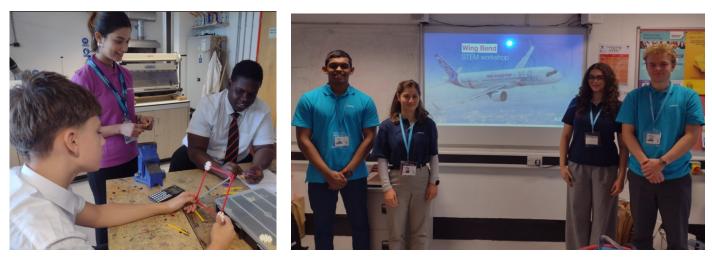
On Tuesday 8th October, we had a BBA SEND parents / carer coffee morning where parents had the opportunity to come and meet some of the SEND team, feedback on BBA SEND provision and meet other parents and carers. Bristol Autism Support also attended and were able to provide some information and support. It was great to meet parents and carers in our community and to share ideas and experiences. Feedback following this coffee morning will help us shape future events. Please sign up and come along next time.

Ms A Pearce

Year 10 Engineering - Airbus

This term, we hosted 12 Airbus Engineers who ran workshops for us on wing design. They first introduced Airbus as a company, then talked about careers in Airbus and routes into the company which included apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and graduate schemes. Next they explained how aircraft wings are designed and tested. Students spilt into groups of 4 and were asked to design and build their own wings. They were then tested by the Airbus Engineers using a test rig with different masses applied. Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and were fully engaged.





BBA Visit to Paris, September 2024

We had an early start on day one at 6.30am but after the coach and ferry journey we arrived at our hotel. Breakfast at the hotel was a success with a range of pastries, cakes and Nutella, enough to set us up for the day of walking Mrs Miles had in store for everyone. We visited the beautiful palace of Versailles as well as travelling into the centre of Paris to visit the Sacré Coeur at Montmartre where there was a lot of souvenir buying.

The following day was filled with sightseeing, hours spent walking around the Louvre, I ncluding selfies with the Mona Lisa as well as a boat trip along the Seine and a visit to the Arc de Triomphe and shopping on the Champs Elysées. After a delicious evening meal, we headed to the Eiffel tower where we walked to the second floor to watch the Tower sparkle. C'était magnifique if not a little wet!

The last full day was spent at Disneyland Paris. Equipped with Mickey Mouse ears, we embraced the Disney magic, going on rides, watching the parades and ending with the awesome light and firework show in front of the Disney Castle.

We managed to pack a lot into our five days. A fantastic trip with fantastic students!



Theatre trip—Bristol Hippodrome

On Wednesday 9th October, ninety Year 10 and Year 11 students went to see the fantastic production of 'An Inspector Calls' at the Bristol Hippodrome. The play is a core text for GCSE English Literature and GCSE Drama so our students were very fortunate to see it come to life on the stage. Everyone really enjoyed the performance. Ms Cusack was even contacted by a member of the public to praise the excellent behaviour of our students— our BBA students are great ambassadors. We have high hopes of seeing some of our students tread the boards at the Hippodrome one day too!



Fundraising

Show Racism The Red Card

In a powerful display of unity and commitment to eradicating racism, staff and students at Bristol Brunel Academy came together for a school-wide event dedicated to showcasing their support for anti-racism initiatives.

The event not only served as a platform for education but also reinforced the school's commitment to fostering a culture of respect, understanding, and acceptance.



Bristol Brunel Academy remains dedicated to promoting anti-racism initiatives and creating an environment where every student feels valued and included.

James Ferguson, Associate Assistant Principal and event organiser, said: "At Bristol Brunel Academy, we take great pride in our diverse community.

"We believe that standing up to racism is crucial to fostering an environment where every individual feels valued, respected, and has a true sense of belonging.

Mr Ferguson

Dear all,

I'm raising money in aid of Alzheimer's Society by running 2080 kilometres in 2024 (40kms a week). Thank you in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to me and my family.

Alzheimer's Society aim to support those suffering, like my Grandad, by giving help to those living with dementia. They also provide hope for the future by campaigning to make dementia the priority it should be and funding groundbreaking research.

Any support for the fundraiser would be much appreciated.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/run-10km-a-day-every-day-for-a-year





School Council

What is working well at BBA?

Our school is diverse and takes racism seriously.	
Longer lunches – we have more time to play.	
Having tutor at the start of the day and feel that	the pastoral teams help to sort any issues quickly
Removing reading from tutor time.	
There are lots of enrichment clubs which are fre	e.
Scrumptious bagels and cookies in the canteen!	
You said	We did
	λ.
You said the water fountains were not fit for purpose. Many students complained they are broken or that the water is hot.	As you know last term, Ms Cusack agreed to re- place 5 water fountains across the school. Unfor- tunately, this work has been delayed. However, they should be fitted during the October half term. Watch this space.
You wanted more non-school uniform days	Ms Cusack was impressed with the behaviour and attitude of students during the term 6 non- school uniform day, and we raised lots of money for the House charities. Therefore, she has agreed we can run another
	non-school uniform day at the end of term 1 on the 23rd of October. We will be raising money for Mikey's world . Every student in their own clothes should donate
	f1.
You wanted a quiet space at lunch time	Ms Cusack is aware of this request and is looking into possible practical solutions which can be safely staffed however the library is available for the time being.
You are unhappy with the school uniform – especially blazers and you would like to be allowed to wear leggings.	It's important all CLF schools have a uniform as a 'social leveller' and therefore BBA will not com- pletely remove a uniform. However, SLT and the Academy Council are in discussion with our uni- form provider to review our current uniform with the possibility of removing compulsory blazers.
	Despite considering changes, our uniform needs to remain professional therefore leggings will not be an option.

School Council

You said	We did
You wanted adjustments to the menu like	Aspens – the school catering company are cur-
more pizza toppings, sauces and battered sau-	rently running a new menu in the canteen. The
sages.	School Council will be meeting with Aspens at the end of term 1 to review and discuss these chang-
You wanted less paper to be used around the	es. This is something we will discuss with the eco
academy. Including paper timetables and	team and Miss Ali (in charge of homework) as
homework sheets.	we're very keen on keeping BBA ecofriendly and waving our green flag with pride!
You do not think the school behaviour system	Last term we met with Mr Saunders to discuss
is fair. Some students have questioned the im-	the importance of the 'positive' side of the be-
pact of Safety Net.	haviour system. This meeting raised some chal-
	lenging questions around whether students felt
	recognised for getting things right around the
	academy. The School Council will arrange a re-
	view meeting with Mr Saunders and Ms Curtis to
	discuss.
The toilets need improving.	It is your responsibility, as a member of the BBA
Broken locks	community to report any damage to staff.
Lack of soap	It is also important that you encourage your
Rubbish on the floor	peers not to misuse the toilets and that you do
	not hang around in the toilets so that space is
Un hygienic	freed up for people to use them for their intend- ed purpose.
You said we should include different coloured	We asked Mrs Cusack, and she said, "before add-
Hijabs	ing more colours of Hijabs to the uniform, we
	(SLT) would like to focus on the rest of the uni-
	form (blazers, shorts, ties, shoes, etc.)."
You said that on celebration assemblies we	It is important that students sit in the correct row
should mix up the tutors and should be allowed	during assemblies so that their tutor can take the
to sit with our friends	register. If you are missed off the register in the
	morning a message is sent home stating that you
	are not in school – this can cause a lot of unnec-
	essary worry and panic.

School Council

You said	We did
Too busy moving around in the corridors –	The School Council will arrange a meeting with
need more time between lessons / the one-	Ms Curtis and Mr Saunders to discuss this. Watch
way system in the academy enforced	this space!
You said you wanted Phones at break and	Whilst useful, phones can be problematic. For
lunch time.	example, causing distractions, cyberbullying,
	mental health issues, limiting your attention
	span, highlighting a digital divide. Therefore, BBA
	has a mobile phone policy that prohibits the use
	of phones, earphones and other electrical devic-
	es. This policy will not change and is in your best
	interest.



Dear all.

The trainer exchange is a relatively new charitable organisation that organise the collection and the redistribution of trainers. Our Academy has just been the beneficiary of trainers from this organisation.

If you have any second hand trainers or ones that your children have outgrown then please visit this organisation on Facebook or Instagram. Donations and exchanges normally happen at local netball events.

Ms Chaplin







Congratulations to our first Word Millionaire! Bertie B has read 1,194,589 words



1.Who wrote The Graveyard Book?

Terry Pratchett b. Suzanne Collins c. Neil Gaiman

2. How many witches appear in Macbeth? a.2 b.9 c.3

3. In Wimpy Kid how do Greg & Rowley escape from scary teenagers on Halloween?



a. Greg's dad sprays them with water b. they hide at Grandma's house c. Rowley

repels them with The Cheese Touch 4. What is the White Witch's name in "The Chronicles of Narnia"?

a. Ursula b. Jadis c. Lucy

5. Who writes the Goosebumps series? a. Christopher Pike b. R.L Stine

c. Steven King

6. How does the wicked witch in Snow a. chokes with rage White die? b. chokes on an apple c. she melts 6. What is the title of the 4^{th} and final

Twilight book?

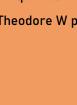
a. Breaking Dawn

b. New Moon

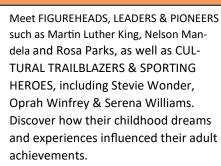
c. Eclipse



Congratulations to our TOP SCORING Year 7s so far this year Zayyan I passed 16 quizzes Yara B passed 9 quizzes Federico S & Theodore W passed 7 quizzes



WELL DONE!





The Library is open at break & lunchtime

and before & after school for homework/quiet study

Also try these great sites for some online reading:

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



Tilly T passed 8 quizzes

Salman R-M, Sumayya

K, Aditya J, Gurnaam S, Eesa

Attari and Fleur B passed 6 quizzes

Year 8s

Upcoming Events

Your future starts here..

CLF Post 16 Open Evening

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 16:30 to 19:30

- Find out more about the Post 16 experience
- Explore our courses
- Meet the teachers
- 🖌 Take a tour
- See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!

Booking essential!

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Support for Inter-Parental Communication









available

for one or

both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- · Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

Support is available for either one or both parents. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or a local practitioner will help you access online resources which can be used at your own pace. If English is not your first language, translators can be provided.

Please contact Gina Pazienza:

07721 635376

relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk



Visit the SIPCo page at www.bristol.gov.uk

When you apply, your details will not be shared with anyone else. After applying online, if you do not see our response email, please check your junk/spam folder, then mark relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk as a trusted sender.









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Young people aged 11-18 welcome!

Come and discuss issues affecting young people in Bristol

DATE



 Bring issues you feel are important to be heard

 Talk to your local Youth Councillors

Meet new people

 Free food will be provided

5.30 PM - 8.00 PM

RSVP BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE AND HEAD OVER TO OUR INSTAGRAM @BRISTOLCITYYOUTHCOUNCIL FOR MORE INFORMATION!



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Thorpe Park - Wednesday 7th May 2025

We are pleased to inform you that this year's Thorpe Park reward will recognise those students that have accumulated the greatest number of

House points from the start of Term 2, to the third week of Term 4. Students were informed of these criteria in this term's celebration assemblies. Where students have a similar House point total, we will be taking into consideration the number of negative events that have occurred



over the same time frame. Approximately 50 students each of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will get to attend, with an even split across the Houses.

Follow BBA on Social Media to keep up to date with our latest events and news.



Year 7



Ms Griffiths Associate Assistant Principal



Mr Iwan Jones Head of Year

Ms Buckingham Pastoral Year Leader



Mr Carstairs Pastoral Support Assistant



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a smooth start to the year for Year 7. They have settled really well, with many in the year group attending the 3 days of summer school which allowed them to really get to know the building well and to make new friends.

The Year Team is made up of our new SLT Link Ms Griffiths, and myself, Mr Jones, an experienced Head of Year who has worked with Ms Buckingham as my Pastoral Lead for the last few years. We also welcome Mr Carstairs to our team as Pastoral Support Assistant. Some of you may already know Mr Carstairs as he has previously worked in the schools 'Fresh Start 'provision.

You can contact us via email at:

BBAyear7team@clf.uk

Year 7 Sport

Tuesday 15/10/24

Amazing results from the Year 7's first netball match. We took our pupils to Oasis John Williams Academy.

Our team won 4 - 0! With Bella Shortt being picked by OJWA as player of the match.



Year 7 Art

Congratulations to Y7 on a wonderful start to ART at BBA! Students have been learning the basic drawing and painting skills techniques to create successful drawings, including line, tone and texture.











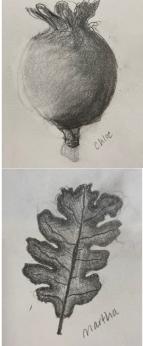
























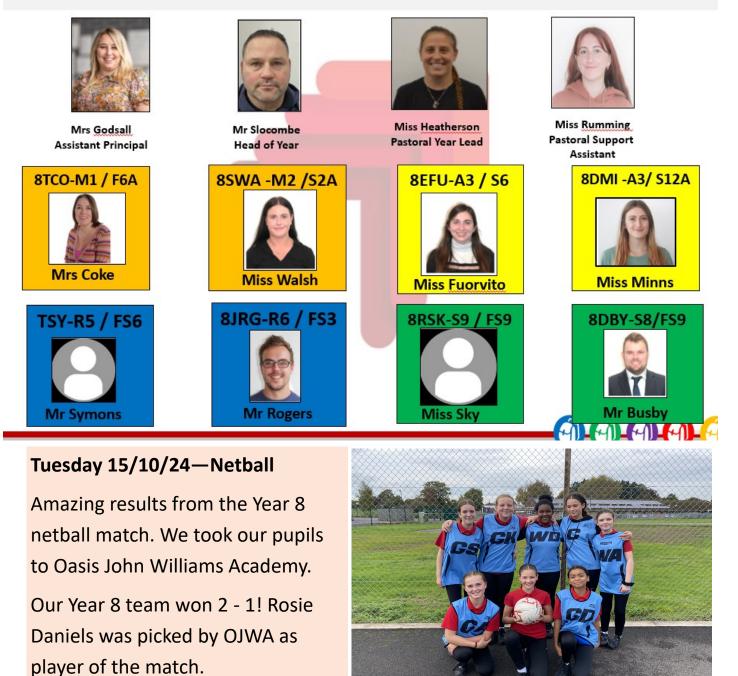






Year 8

Year 8 Team



Weds 2/10/24—Football

Our Year 8 football team played Backwell. After a disappointing first half, BBA were trailing 3-1. The start of the second half saw BBA turn a corner and react to the first half score, with two goals scored in quick succession, bringing the score to 3-3. The game finished 6-4 to Backwell. BBA goal scorers were Inder, Cass and Kardell.

Year 9 Art– Mrs Darby

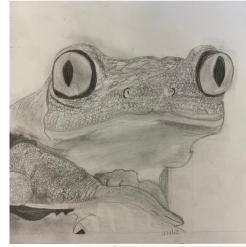
Year 9 have made a fantastic start to the year working on their food themed projects. Some beautiful work here, a mix of pencil drawing and watercolour painting.



Year 8 Art

Oct 24 : Y8 Term1 SHOUT OUTS FROM MRS MCBRIDE

Y8 have been learning how to use the grid method to create a drawing. I'm so impressed with their beautiful tonal pencil drawing of these gorgeous animals. Here are a few examples.....WELL DONE Y8!







Polly

Rhys



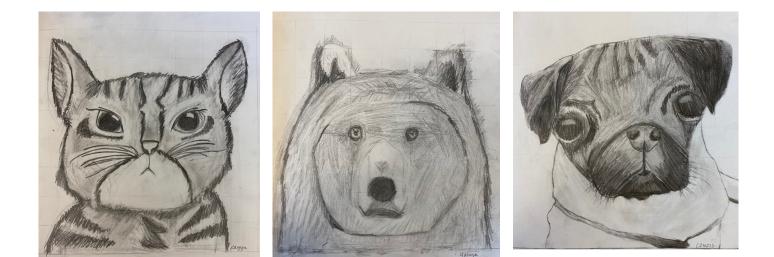


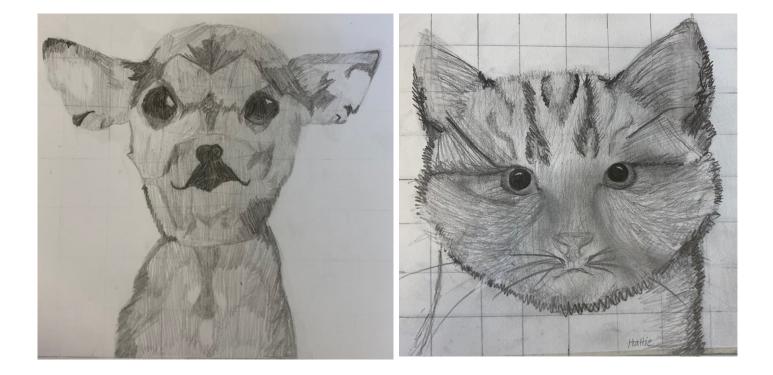












Year 9



It has been a strong start to the year for Year 9, we have seen an abundance of code 1s and a number of our year group were celebrated at our Awards Evening as they have received all 5 of their BBA Brunel Way badges - an exceptional achievement!

The Year 9 Team has welcomed a new member this term with Miss Hamblett taking on the role of pastoral support assistant. Ms Willets continues to work with the team and our SLT link is Ms Milburn.

Year 9 is massively important for students as they choose their options for GCSEs. We have already started assemblies link to this but more information about the process and options available will follow.

You can reach the Year 9 team by email using 'BBAYear9team@clf.uk' or by calling 07599101211

Best wishes,

The Year 9 Team

Netball 9/10/24

Year 9 travelled to City Academy compete in a netball festival. We played 4 games of 8 minutes. The Year 9 team battled through each game showing resilience, patience and dedication. Unfortunately, we lost each game which resulted in finishing last. However, the score did not reflect the effort and team spirit! The girls handled the losses with maturity and were extremely reflective as a team. Well done to the team:

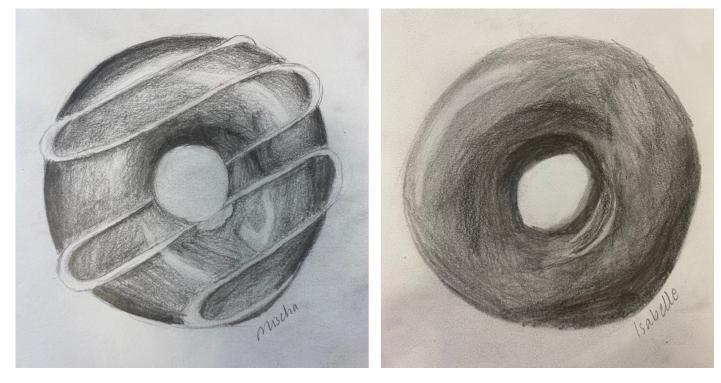
Esther, Hadiyah , Melody , Lillie, Lacey , Mya, Macie , Taiwo , Savannah, Najwa

Year 9 Art

Oct 24: Term 1 Y9 Shout outs from Mrs McBride

Y9 have made a wonderful start to their first project of the year: Food! They have been learning how to use tone and shading to create these fantastic, realistic donut drawings. They look delicious! WELL DONE Y9!









Year 10



Mr Ferguson Associate Assistant Principal



Ms Baker Head of Year



Mr Hall Pastoral Year Lead We have been very impressed by the way that year 10 have started the new academic year. Students have settled well into their options subjects and are working hard on their GCSE content. It has been a successful term for many of our students, with 9 members of the year

group receiving their BBA backpack award and the D of E students officially receiving their bronze awards. The end of term is somewhat bittersweet as we have wished Miss Taz goodbye and good luck as she begins her new role at Fairfield school. We know that Miss Taz will be missed by staff, students and their families but wish her all the best for her next challenge. We will have news of our new pastoral support assistant in the next newsletter so do watch this space!

Year 10 will soon be sitting some mock exams (Term 3). Please can you ensure that your child has a locker in school as their belongings need to be secured during exams and cannot be left in any offices as their safety cannot be guaranteed. The deposit for a locker key is £5 which can be brought to reception and will be refunded to parents at the end of Year 11 when they hand their key back in. If you are not sure whether your child already has a locker, please contact school reception who will be able to confirm this information.

Have a lovely, safe half term and we look forward to welcoming students back after the holiday.

Ms Baker

Year 10 Art

Year 10 have made an incredible start to their GCSE with fantastic pen and pencil drawings. These are from 10A and 10C with Mrs Darby



Year 10 Art

Lovely detail and tone used in these pieces from 10A and 10C art classes.



Year 10 Art

Y10 Shout Outs Term 1 Oct 2024

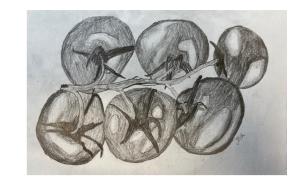
Y10 Artists have made a strong start to the GCSE course. They have been learning to create tone and texture with different drawing materials such as pencil, pens and pencil crayons. WELL DONE Y10, I'm looking forward to seeing your skills and techniques develop further next term!















Year 11



Hi from the Year 11 team,

The Year 11s have settled into life as Year 11 students this year with an action -packed term! So far this year we have said 'au revoir' to those on the trip to Paris, an insightful careers trip to Ashton Gate, Post 16 talks from CLF Sixth Form, SGS and St. Brendan's, and of course the start of the mock exam period.

As we come back in Term 2 we will see the continuation of mocks so please support your child with revision over the week off but also ensure they have a break too. Students and parents/careers of Year 11 have been sent mock help sheets to help them prepare for the mock exams.

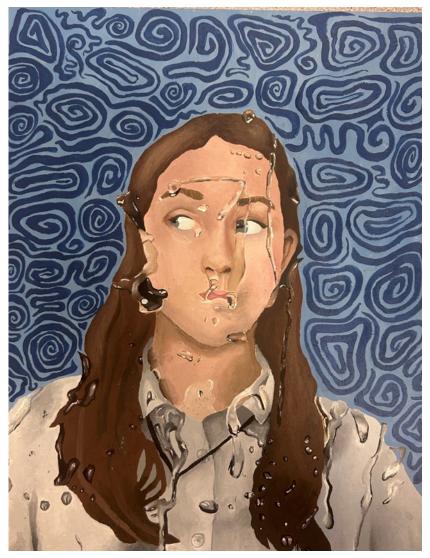
Thank you for your continued support,

Year 11 team

Year 11 Art– Mrs Darby

Here are some fabulous Year 11 pieces for their coursework projects.

Marcy finally finished this beautiful portrait,





Joseph experiments with mono-printing and watercolour.



Maja finished this fantastic piece after using digital drawing, painting and pen drawing.



Zara experiments with pencil drawing and collage inspired by artist Sam Green.

Enrichment

Term 2 Enrichment Clubs

#NAME?	Club	For who	Staff	Room	
	Further Maths Club	KS4	Ms Shaw	F6b	
	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze	Year 9	Ms Jackson	SC2/3	
Nepuc W	Duke of edinburgh Silver	Year 10	Ms Jackson	SC2/3	
Inuiday	Card Club	Year 7-9	Ms Ahmed	F1	
	Fitness Club	All	Ms Weeks	Dance	
	Eco Club	All	Ms Grimes	FS7	
	Rugby For all	All	Mr Meredith	PE	
	Netball for All	All	Ms Gage / Jackson	PE	
	Adventurers Guild	All	Ms Greensmith	F5	
Tuesday	Mindfullness drawing	All	Ms Williams	S1	
	Neurodiversity Club	All	Ms Pearce	F1	Lunchtime
	Creative writing competition	All	Ms C Payne	S8b	
	Lego Club	Year 7	Mr Lynett	S5b	
Weds	Culture Club	Year7-9	Ms Korimbocus	S8a	
	Cheerleading Club	For All	Ms Chaplin	PE	
	KS4 Art Club	Year 10-11	Ms Darby	SA3	
Thursday	Crochet Club	All	Quinn	LS4	
	Board Game Club	All	Ms Clovis	s14	
	UKMT Challenge	Year 9-10	Mr Altaf	F6b	
	Astronomy Club	Year 9	Mr Smerdon / Symmons	FS5	
	Basketball Club	For all	Mr Ngai	PE	
Friday	Table Tennis Club	For all	Mr Day	PE	
	KS4 Art Club	Year 10-11	Ms Darby	SA3	
	LGBTQ+ Club	All	Quinn	F3	



<u>Help save our</u> Community Athletics Track

Re-generation of **BY** Whitchurch Athletics Track will enable...

 Grassroots Athletics Programme
School Holiday Youth Club Athletics Days
Safe & Accessible Space for Local Running Clubs
Positive Mental & Physical Health for everyone
Rehabilitation support for Hengrove Hospital

 Learn to Ride a Bicycle And much more!

For more information and to sign the petition Please scan the QR code or visit;
https://www.change.org - search "whitchurch athletics"





One year ends and another year begins! We started the year by reviewing the presentations of the students completing the silver awards. There were some very engaging, educational and occasionally embarrassing (for the staff) videos produced with some high level production skills on show.

The process of enrolling Year 9 students onto the bronze award has now been completed. This has proved a challenge as the course was oversubscribed by almost 100% with 90 applications for 50 places. We have no doubt there will be some very disappointed individuals.

As you have seen from the post earlier in the newsletter, towards the end of the term we had the chance to celebrate the achievements of last years cohorts in the Awards Evening.

The next term will be filled with training for individuals in school for their expeditions as well as monitoring their progress towards completing their other three sections.

Astronomy club

A really positive start to the year for our club with 20+ attendees. This club will run over three years and offers the students a chance to sit an additional GCSE at the end of this time. So far we have completed the first unit which focusses on the Earth, next term we start on with the Moon before looking at the Sun (not directly obviously!)