Bristol Brunel Academy

The Brunel Times

Term 6, July 2026



Student Spotlight: Alfie White Year 11

Message from the Principal

As I reflect on the start of the year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our students and your support is greatly appreciated. We have enjoyed a very positive start to the term. Students have settled well into routines and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their learning. It has been great to see high levels of engagement in lessons. Beyond the classroom, many students have enthusiastically participated in our extensive extra-curricular programme, taking advantage of the wide range of activities available. We have also celebrated a number of sporting successes, with students representing the school with enthusiasm, determination and pride.

As we begin to look ahead to Term 2, we have high expectations that students will continue this positive approach. We encourage all students to make the most of the opportunities available to them, both academically and through the wider life of the school. By maintaining high standards of attendance and effort we are confident that our students will continue to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful term ahead

Jen Cusack



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Key Information

Useful Dates

Date	Year	Event
Wednesday 21st October	Whole school	Last day of Term 1
Monday 2nd November	Whole school	First day of Term 2
Monday 23rd November	Whole school	Inset Day
Thursday 26th November	Year 11	Mock interviews
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11	Parents' Evening
Thursday 10th December	Whole school	Winter Festival
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 4th January	Whole School	First day of Term 3

REMINDERS

The deadline for applying for secondary school places is Saturday 31st October.

Year Group	Email	Phone
Year 7	bbayear7team@clf.uk	07599101203
Year 8	bbayear8team@clf.uk	07599101207
Year 9	bbayear10team@clf.uk	07599101208
Year 10	bbayear10team@clf.uk	07599101209
Year 11	bbayear11team@clf.uk	07599101211

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KS3

Year 7 Team

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Heather Milburn
Associate Assistant Principal



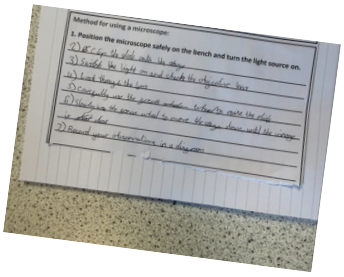
Ms Baker
Head of Year



Mr Hall
Pastoral Support Leader



Miss Smith
Pastoral Support Officer



We have been delighted with the start that Year 7 have made at BBA - developing new friendships and finding their feet in secondary school. This term, Year 7 have been taking part in tutor time activities to promote different areas of the BBA backpack, it has been great to see their engagement with these. Next term we will begin the tutor reading programme, we can't wait to hear what students think of their tutor reading book!

Year 8 Team

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Ms Griffiths
Associate Assistant Principal



Mr Withers
Head of Year



Mr Sanday
Pastoral Support Leader



Ms Kaur
Pastoral Support Officer

Year 8 have had a positive start to the academic year, with camp being a particular highlight and providing students with opportunities to develop teamwork, independence and resilience while creating lasting memories. Throughout the term, we have continued to promote our core values of respect, resilience and honesty, encouraging students to treat others kindly, persevere through challenges and take responsibility for their actions. As we move into Term 2, we look forward to building on these foundations and supporting all students to make positive choices and meet our high expectations.

Year 9 Team

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Mr Saunders
Assistant Principal



Mr Jones
Head of Year



Mr Buckingham
Pastoral Support Leader



Miss Helm
Pastoral Support Officer

Well done on a great start to the term. Your focus and determination in class have been excellent, and it is clear that you are taking your learning seriously. Continue to approach lessons with the same positive attitude and enthusiasm, and you will achieve great success this year.

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Year 10 Team

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Mr Green
Associate Assistant Principal



Mr Slocombe
Head of Year



Ms Heatherson
Pastoral Support Leader



Miss Ackerman
Pastoral Support Officer

The Year 10 students have made a really positive start to their KS4 GCSE journey. It has been fantastic to see so many students stepping up, working hard, and demonstrating a positive attitude towards their studies.
Maintaining high attendance is equally important. Every lesson counts at GCSE, and even small amounts of absence can lead to gaps in knowledge that become increasingly difficult to catch up on. Regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to make strong progress, develop confidence in their subjects, and achieve their full potential.
Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a productive and successful lead up to Christmas as students continue to build strong foundations for their GCSE courses.

Year 11 Team

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Ms Curtis
Assistant Principal



Miss Williams
Head of Year



Pastoral Support Leader



Pastoral Support Officer

It has been a busy start to the year for Year 11 students - with the start of the first set of the mock exams. Great to see some students coming in early to take advantage of a free breakfast and some last minute revision. Lots of students taking their exams seriously with a mature approach to their studies. We have also had a few assemblies about Post 16 choices, and we had St Brendan's College and SGS College in to talk about options for next year - lots of exciting futures ahead.

Attendance



James Ferguson
Designated Attendance Lead



As we reach the end of Term 1, a big well done to all our students who have attended consistently this half term – being in school every day really does make a difference, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. We'd also like to give a special mention to those students who have improved their attendance compared to last year; that takes real commitment, and we're proud of the progress you've made. Thank you to families for your continued support in getting students in and on time. Looking ahead, BBA FOMO Week will be back in Term 2 – more information will be shared at the start of next term, so watch this space!

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BBA News

Duke Of Edinburgh Award Success

6Th October marked the official awards ceremony for BBA, marking success in the previous year. Students who had taken part in the Bronze and Silver awards were present to collect their certificates and badges.



Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award



Silver Duke Of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh award involves students completing four sections over the year.
1 Physical
2 Skills
3 Volunteering
4 Expedition

This year's candidates have completed over 1000 hours of volunteering in the community completing tasks such as litter picking, working with the elderly, volunteering in charity shops and in animal shelters.

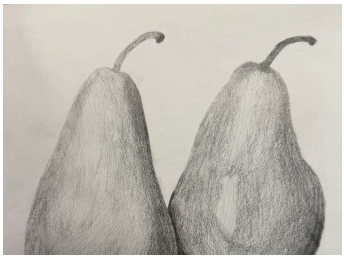
It shows the commitment of the students; not just to develop themselves but also to serve their local community.

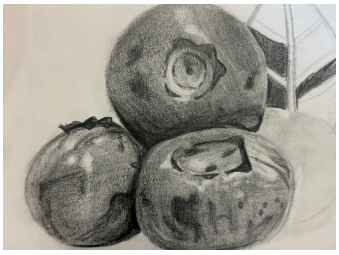
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Art Gallery

The Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to their art and photography GCSEs. Working on the theme of natural forms, students have completed pencil and pen drawings. In photography, students have been developing their skills with angles and lighting.

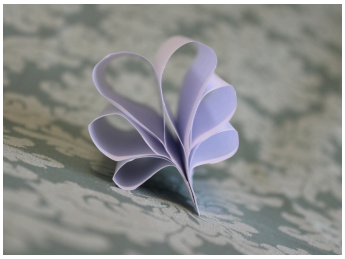




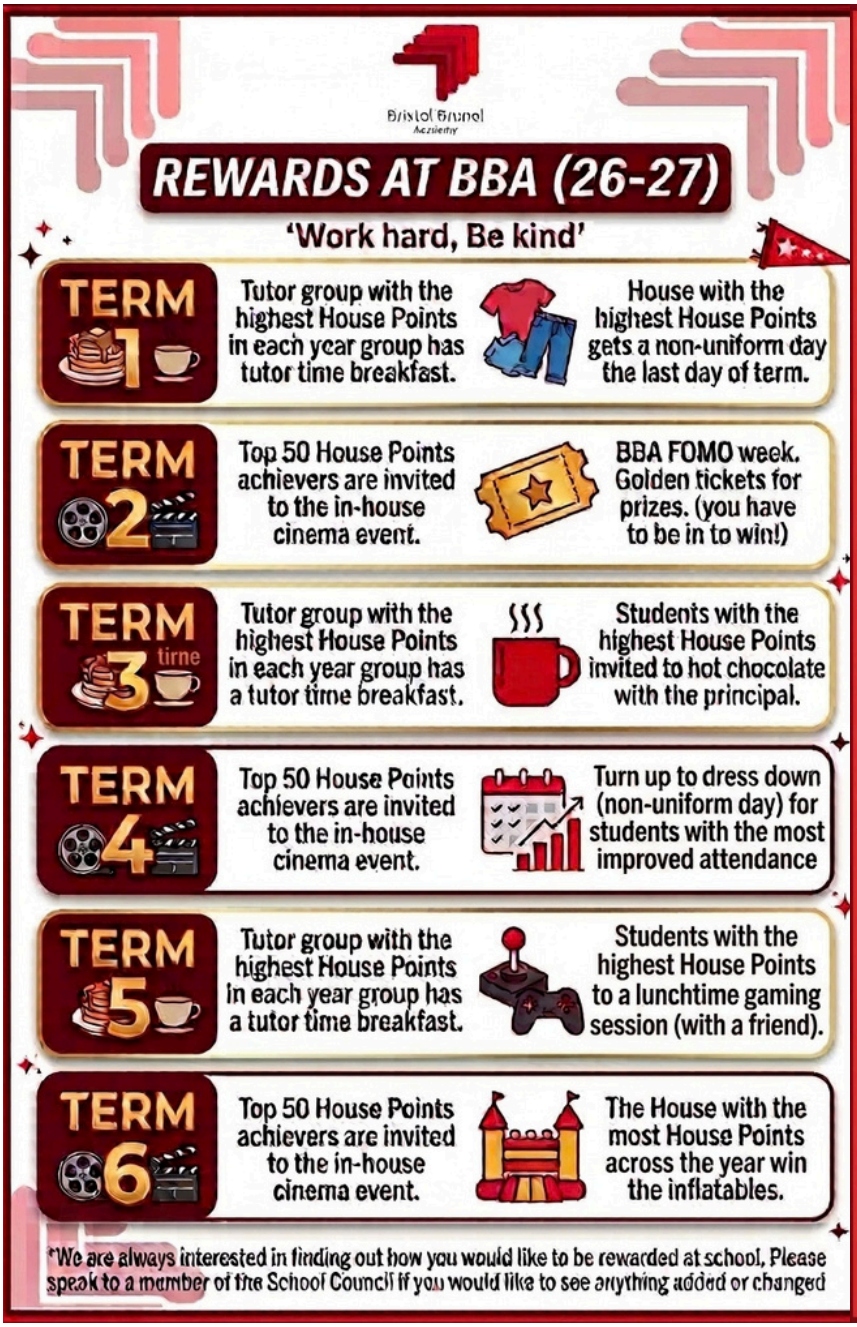


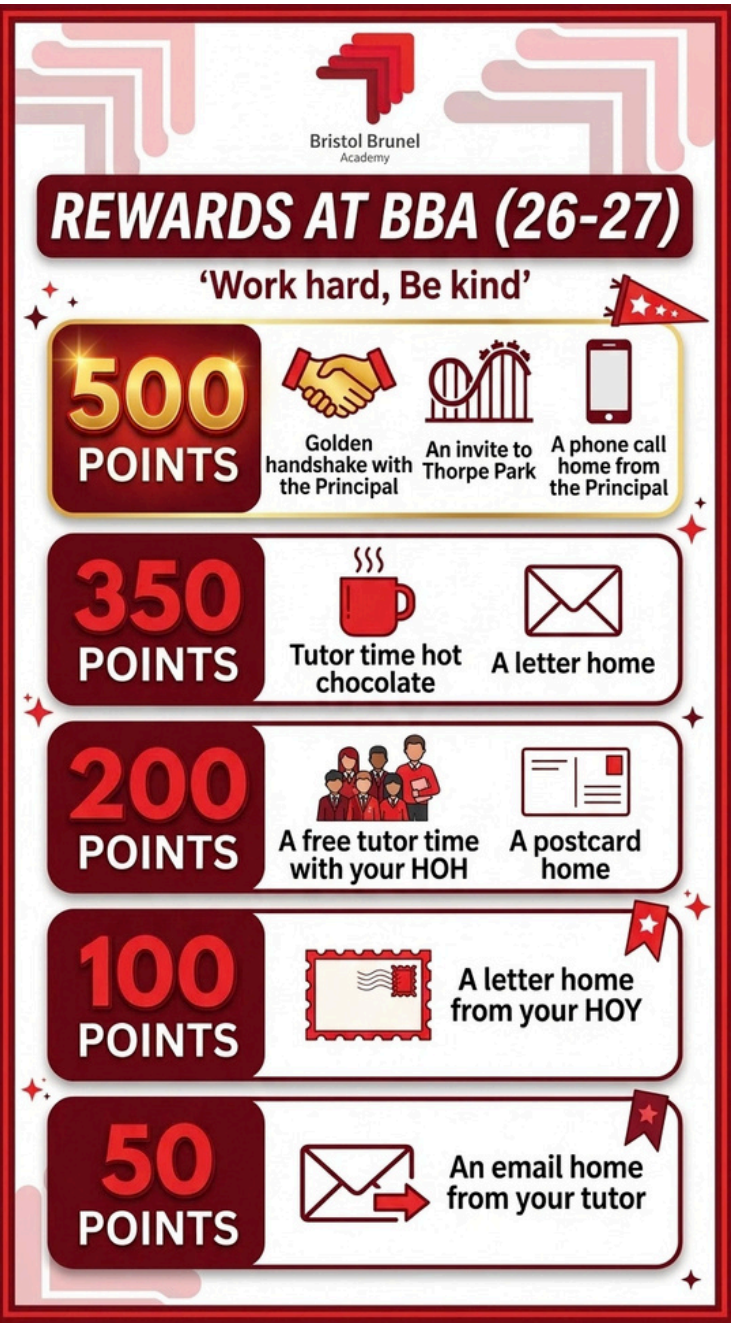




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Rewards at BBA





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Congratulations to **RASHFORD HOUSE**,
who have finished top of the House Point leaderboard this term!
As a reward for their fantastic effort, all students in **RASHFORD HOUSE** will enjoy a **non-uniform day** on **Wednesday 21st October**.

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BBA School Council

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



This term the School Council have been reflecting on the impact they had across the academy last year.

In particular their work with Aspens to increase the themed meal days and the changes to the uniform policy.

5 new students have been elected onto the School Council from Year 7.

As a School Council member, students play an important role in helping to shape academy life, sharing student voice, and working with staff and other representatives to make positive improvements across the school.

I am excited to see the contributions the BBA School Council will make throughout this academic year.

Mrs Milburn



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Sport at BBA







It has been a wonderful start to the boys rugby season here at BBA.

The programme rebuild continues to take postive steps forward with the sport showing increasing popularity amongst our students.

The rugby season continues after the October half term and is open to students of all abilities.

Training nights are as follows:

Year 8 & 9 - Tuesday (RME)

Year 7 - Thursday (ISL/TKI)



Year 8 girls football team who attended a Bristol City/FA talent ID event and came in 3rd place!

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Cheerleading







Pegasus Cheerleading Session

On Thursday 1st October our cheer squad had the pleasure of taking part in a cheerleading session with a fantastic coach named Hollie from Pegasus Cheerleading.

They took part in a variety of activities including stunting, tumbling and jumps. It was a brilliant session which the students really appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed. The club is currently looking for new members in a brilliant new facility which is only a 10 minute walk from BBA.

Please get in touch with Pegasus Cheerleading if there are any keen cheerleaders out there in the Speedwell area!

Cheerleading club at BBA will resume after Christmas for all year groups.





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Literacy

Sparx Reader

Since introducing Sparx Reader in our Year 7 and 8 library lessons at the start of term, we've had some fantastic feedback from students and we're looking forward to seeing their confidence and enthusiasm for reading continue to grow.

Congratulations to the students featured on our leaderboard, which celebrates the Sparx Reader Points earned so far this term. Well done to all students for their reading efforts!

Y7

Jack H	5,594 SRP
Goodness A	3,191 SRP
Harvey T	2,561 SRP

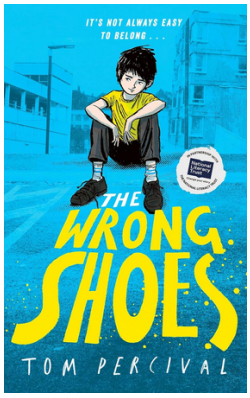
Y8

Sameeha A	3,131 SRP
Adam A	3,055 SRP
Jai S	2,519 SRP

Black History Month Display



Student Book Pick



Will has the wrong shoes – he's always known it but doesn't know how to change it. Navigating the difficulties of home and school when you feel you stick out is tough, but finding confidence with the help and empathy of friends can be all you need to see the way.

School Nurse

School Nursing Service

Did you know that the School Nursing Service is available to support children, young people and their families with a wide range of health and wellbeing concerns?

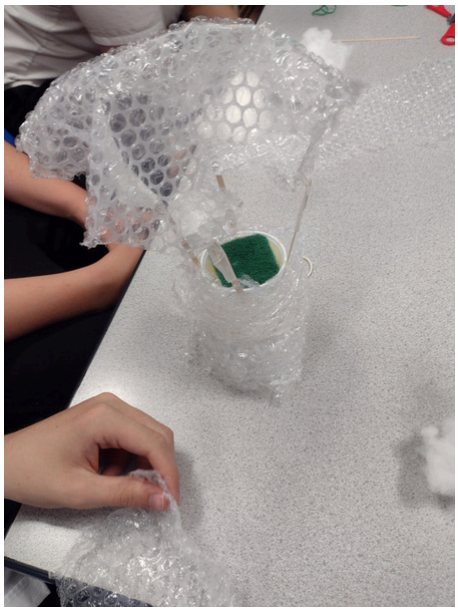
School Nurses work with children and young people aged 4 to 19 years, offering advice, information and support on issues that may affect their physical or emotional health. Support can be provided in school, at home, in the community or through our school drop-in sessions.
Parents and carers can access advice and support directly from the School Nursing Service and young people aged 11-19 can also contact the service confidentially through ChatHealth.
If you would like further information or support, you can contact the School Nursing Service directly or complete a referral form. Whether you have questions about health, wellbeing, emotional health, healthy lifestyles, sleep, relationships, or growing up, the School Nursing Team is here to help.

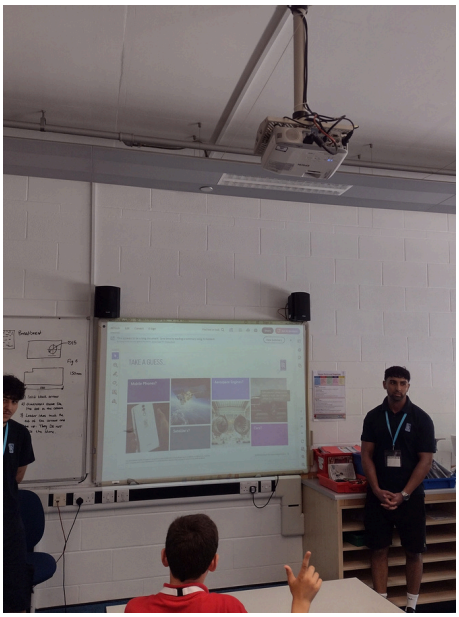
For more information, please visit the School Nursing Service website or speak to a member of the school staff.
https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/

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Engineering

In July we hosted 3 Rolls Royce Engineering apprentices (including 2 ex-BBA students - Adam and Pavlos) who ran an egg drop workshop for our Year 10 Engineering classes. First, the apprentices talked about apprenticeships and their route into Rolls Royce. Students then had to design and build a method of supporting a raw egg which was dropped from the first floor. Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.







The girls made us very proud with their engagement and behaviour on September's STEAM trip. They met lots of women / non-binary staff from Industry and participated in 'speed' networking. They then had to come up with a modern day problem and think up a solution. They had to present their ideas to a panel from Industry with the help of a tool called Animate.
Kitti and Bluebelle's idea was voted the best idea by the student participants.

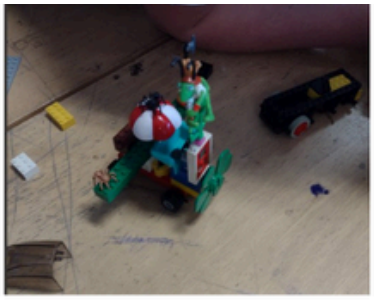


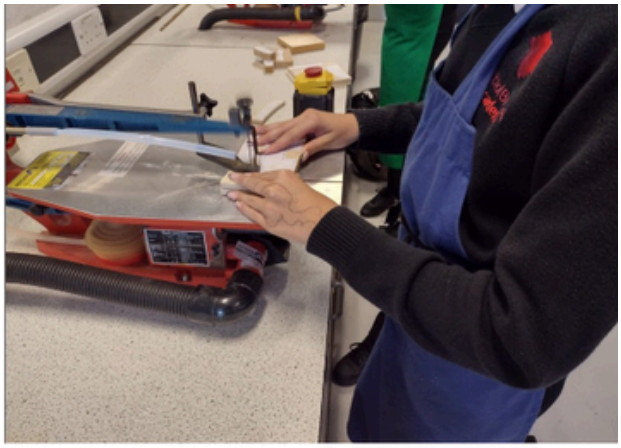
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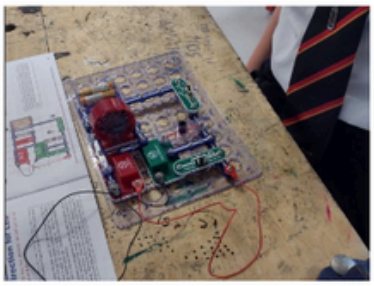
Enrichment

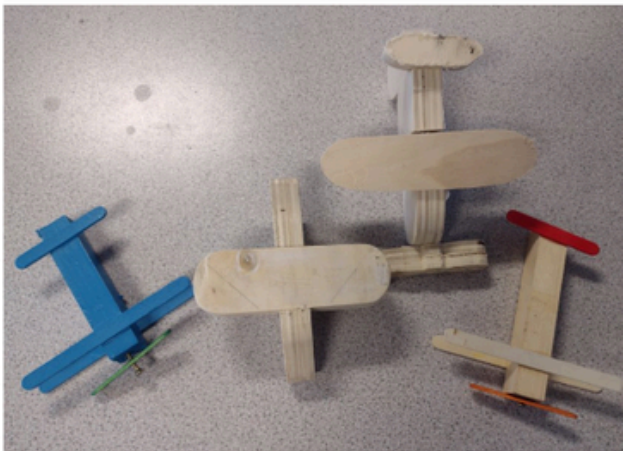
Mrs Bush's STEM club Tuesdays 3-4pm in GT1

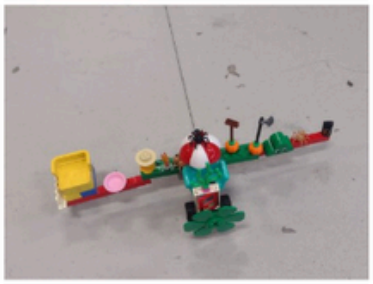
This term, we have continued our aeronautical theme which was started in the summer term with Airbus. We have learnt about the forces on an aircraft, how they fly, the electronics in the cockpit and we have made model aeroplanes out of Lego and wood.











MDFT BARNARDO'S

Family Route Newsletter

July 2026

ABOUT FAMILY ROUTE

Multidimensional Family Therapy works with the whole family to improve young people's lives.
In this newsletter we share feedback and a case study which demonstrate the difference family therapy makes
We continue to welcome referrals.
Please contact us for any more information.



MAKE A REFERRAL

Referral Form Link

07593685617

Family Route Website

familyroute @barnardos.org.uk

MO'S STORY



Mo was referred to Barnardo's Family Route Service by school.
The worries included a daily cannabis habit; disengagement from school and risks of exploitation.

Our Barnardos MDFT therapist worked with the **whole family** to agree shared family goals. Mo heard from his parents how they wanted him to succeed and his parents were able to see a much more positive view of Mo. Mo's father became more involved in his daily life.

Our Barnardos MDFT therapist was invited to share the families Eid celebrations which embedded trust.

Our Barnardos MDFT therapist supported Mo so that his sense of belonging and trust grew and he felt more confident to engage with GCSE's and to avoid risky situations in the community.

We set up meetings with school so that they could hear Mo's experience as an Asian young man, his sense of belonging at school and to understand the community pressures he was under.

Mo has passed his GCSE's and no longer uses cannabis.

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Student Spotlight: Iris, Francesca, Iona, Olivia- Year 11