

The Brunel Times

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Student Spotlight: Abigail From Year 10

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

Last term I wrote in the newsletter that we were reviewing our mobile phone policy in line with new Government legislation regarding phones in school. They have carried out extensive research which has looked into how restricting phone use in schools improves students' concentration, behaviour and academic outcomes by removing distractions during the school day. It also aims to protect children's wellbeing by reducing exposure to online harms such as bullying, inappropriate content and excessive screen time, helping schools create calmer and safer learning environments. We have partnered up with Yondr, a mobile phone pouch company, and will be providing information to students, staff, parents and carers regarding mobile phone use in Term 6 and beyond. We will send out more information to parents and carers in the coming weeks in addition to delivering assemblies to all students. Finally, as you read this our year 11 students are in the middle of their exams, we wish them well and the best of luck!

Jen Cusack



Key Information

Useful Dates

Date	Year	Event
Monday 1 st June	Whole School	First day of Term 6
Friday 12 th June	Year 9	Catch up clinic (HPV vaccinations)
Tuesday 23 rd June - Friday 26 th June	Year 7	Residential camp
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 11	Prom
Friday 3 rd July	Whole School	INSET day
Tuesday 21 st July	Whole School	Last day of Term 6
Thursday 20 th August	Year 11	GCSE results day
Monday 7 th September	Incoming Year 7	First day of Term 1
Tuesday 8 th September	Years 8-11	First day of Term 1

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Mr Withers
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Mr Sanday
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Not long to go now until our year 7 camp. All final arrangements are sorted and staff are as excited as the students are.

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns or questions then please just get in touch via the usual channels.

Mr Withers

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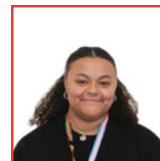
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Congratulations Year 8 on completing 5/6 terms successfully. Your resilience and ability to push on even when the going gets tough is a lessons to other year groups. We look forward to the final term, its a long one but one full of rewards for those who are willing to put the work in.

Year 9 Team

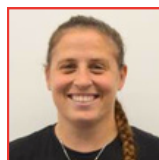
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Well done to all Year 9 students for the excellent effort and commitment shown in lessons this term. Your hard work, positive attitude, and determination to succeed have been fantastic to see across all subjects. Option timetables will be given out before the end of Term 5, helping you prepare for the exciting start of GCSE Year 1.

As you move into this important stage, strong attendance will be vital to your success. Being in school every day helps you stay on track with learning, build confidence, and achieve your full potential. Keep focused, keep aiming high, and continue the excellent work, Year 9

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Year 10 have started their revision of core subjects in tutor time in preparation for their mock exams. The mock exams are a great opportunity for students to start to prepare for their GCSEs. More information will also be shared by options subjects and exam timetables will be on their way soon after the holidays.

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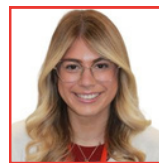
Mr Busby
Associate Assistant
Principal



Ms Baker
Head of Year



Mr Hall
Pastoral Support
Leader



Amber Smith
Pastoral Support
Officer



At the half way point of the GCSE exam period we continue to be proud of year 11's commitment to performing to the best of their ability. We are looking forward to celebrating with them at leavers' assembly on 25th June and Prom on 2nd July!



Attendance



James Ferguson
Designated
Attendance Lead

Dear BBA community,

As we look ahead to Term 6, a huge well done to everyone for your efforts last term, and special congratulations to Year 9 for achieving the best attendance in Term 5. Your commitment sets the standard for the whole Academy.



Attendance matters every day. Each lesson builds knowledge, confidence, and real choices for the future. Let's carry the momentum into Term 6: arrive on time, be prepared, and aim for 100%. Together, we can make this our strongest term yet. Thank you for your continued support.

BBA News

Year 9 students completed their Bronze expeditions this term.



Expeditions involve being out for two days and navigating for 6 hours per day. Students must be self-reliant so need to carry all the equipment they need including tents, sleeping bags and stoves



In the evening they must cook a hot meal.

During the two days they must also complete a group project.

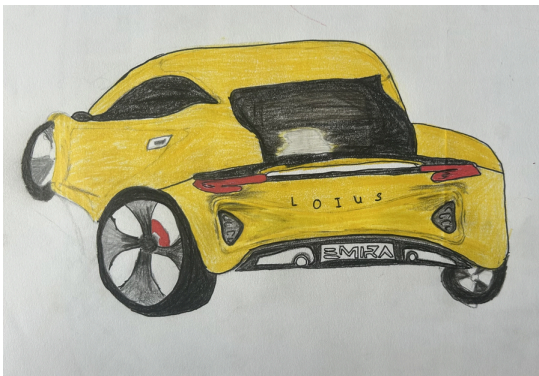


Art Gallery



It has been a busy term in the Art Department with our Year 11 students completing their exams.

Year 10 have started their independent coursework projects on the theme of 'Mechanic Organic'. They have been working from their own photos to create pieces inspired by their artists.



Year 7 have been exploring pattern, collage and 3D paper techniques. They are now exploring 3D relief work combining these elements together.



Year 7
Pattern Relief
Squares

Sport at BBA



At the end of last term, Year 7 girls had the opportunity to attend the “Festival of Rugby” (Yes, that is the real World Cup with the girls!)



The cricket season has started and the school is fielding Year 8 and 10 boys teams. The Year 10 boys started off with a particularly impressive win, including a four-for (4 wickets in 4 balls) for Rehan



A big shout out to Laila. The talented Year 11 athlete took time out of revision to compete in the Avon County Championships. She medalled in both of her events; Silver in the 200m and Bronze in the 100m

Literacy

As the school year draws to a close, it is the perfect time to remind your child to return their library books. We lose hundreds every year and it will only take 5 seconds for them to drop overdue books into the return box. Especially Year 11s who will not get a chance to next year!

The library is open:

Every break time
Every Y7, 9 & 11 lunch except Mon
Every Y8 & 10 lunch except Fri
After School until 4pm everyday except
Thursday

We would also happily take donations of books that are in good conditions and suited for BBA aged students. Donations let the library expand its range by spending less on missing popular books.



Staff Recommendation

This comically dark tale centres around three children, Violet, Klaus and baby Sunny, whose parents are killed in a fire which also destroys their home - a tragic event which sets the tone for the rest of the book. Sent to live with Count Olaf, a distant relative, their unsettled lives take a turn for the worse.

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to our new word millionaires

Sienna L with 1,007,300 words!	Harnaam J with 1,262,570 words!	Zion E with 1,103,807 words!
Zac B with 1,046,777 words !		Zunairah W with 1,018,589 words!

Dyson Engineer Visits BBA

This term, we hosted a Dyson Engineer who ran an air pollution / air filter workshop with our four Year 10 Engineering classes.

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

Students had to design their own air filter solutions and then present them to the Engineer and the rest of the class. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.



Enrichment

3D Modelling Club

Design, Print, Paint

Some of the models completed in Term 4- the challenge was to resize a model template and convert it to a keychain.



This term's challenge- design a sunscreen warning card which will have a slip of ultraviolet-reactive sheet inserted.

Lots of imaginative designs and beautiful painting!

A reminder that enrichment clubs are free of charge.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full Term 6 enrichment timetable.

BBA News



Tristan Year 10



Luke and Federico Year 8



Ayzah Year 10



Niall Year 9

We have had some fantastic cooking coming out of the Food Technology rooms recently, with students showing growing confidence, better organisation and much more independence in practical lessons. It's really good to see many of our chefs becoming more professional in the way they work, manage their time and present their dishes.

Miss Cole's Top Chef Board is filling up quickly! Places on the board are earned through consistently high standards, excellent practical work and professional behaviour in lessons; only the very best dishes make it onto the wall. She is particularly proud of 10C in Hospitality and Catering, who have shown a fantastic attitude in lessons recently.



Naeem Year 10

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR NEW YEAR 7

If your child is currently in Year 6 and joining BBA in September, they are invited to
BBA Summer School



 **Bristol Brunel**
Academy

Skateboarding
Wellbeing sessions
SUMMER
SCHOOL
Orienteering
Art sessions

A great chance for new year 7 to meet each other and staff



Different activities throughout the two days

All students will get a hot meal.
Thursday 27th, and Friday 28th August
2026
£10 a day - free if in receipt of free school meals





Student Spotlight: Year 7 Collage