

# Bristol Brunel Academy

## Termly Newsletter

July 2025



### From The Principal

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement have played a vital role in the success of our students, and we are incredibly grateful.

Throughout the year, our students have taken part in a wide range of exciting and enriching activities, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter. From academic achievements to creative and sporting successes, it has been a year full of growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

Looking ahead to September, we are committed to ensuring that every student has a strong and successful start to the new school year. Your support is essential in helping us achieve this. We ask that all students arrive on time each day, ready to learn. The academy opens at 8:10am for our free Breakfast Club, which is open to all students and a great way to start the day.

We also ask for your support in ensuring that students are:

- Wearing the correct uniform and have their full PE kit, reflecting our values of standing together and being proud of being part of a larger community.
- Fully equipped for all lessons, every day.
- Aware that mobile phones are not permitted on site. We believe it is important to encourage face-to-face social interaction and reduce screen time during the school day. Please speak with your child about this expectation.



# From The Principal

From September, we will be introducing tutor time at the end of the school day to accommodate a new two-sitting lunch schedule:

Years 7, 9, and 11 will have first lunch at 12:20 pm– 12:50pm

Years 8 and 10 will have second lunch at 1:10pm – 1:40pm

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students when they collect their GCSE results in August, and we are excited to welcome all of our students back in September for another fantastic year, particularly our new Year 7 students who begin their journey with us.

We hope you have a wonderful and restful summer break

Jen Cusack

## Newsletter Review

As with all things in schools we like to continually review and update what we do and strive to improve.

At the end of this school year we would like to review all aspects of our newsletter.

In order to do this we would welcome feedback from parents / carers.

Please use the QR code to access a quick feedback form. It should take no longer than a few minutes and will give us insight into your wishes.

Thank you in advance.

Mr Smerdon



# Your Holiday HUB Bristol

Hundreds of  
holiday activities  
are available  
in Bristol  
Eligibility criteria apply



Sports



Day trips



Cookery

Performing  
arts

Crafts

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# Botanical Monoprinting Workshop

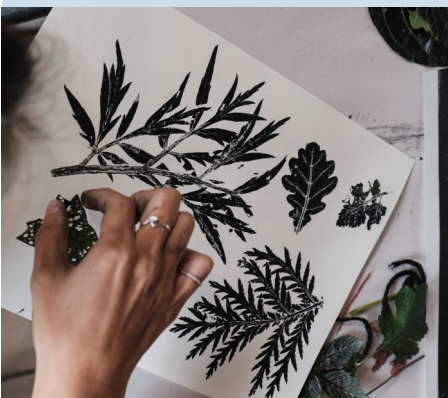
My name is Luke, I am the DT Tech at BBA. I am a printmaker and member of the Bristol Print Collective. Together with fellow printmaker Sonja Burnie, we run workshops all over Bristol together as Blue Roll Press CIC.

On **Saturday 26th July**, we will be running a Botanical Monoprinting Workshop at AWT Grow Wilder, in Frenchay. Here, you will be free to explore a beautiful wildlife conservation space, where you will be using print to make observational studies and forage plants and flowers to ink up and take impressions from using our etching press, as well as hand-printing techniques. No experience necessary.

To book, visit: [https://www.bristolprintcollective.com/service-page/botanical-print-at-grow-wilder-july?referral=service\\_list\\_widget](https://www.bristolprintcollective.com/service-page/botanical-print-at-grow-wilder-july?referral=service_list_widget)

But what exactly is printmaking?

Simply put, it is a way of making images by transferring from one surface to another. How you make that surface and print it is where the magic lies. There are many different types of printmaking, ranging from the beautifully simple to the alchemically complex.



Blocks can be carved from wood, lino or made from cardboard, rolled up with ink and printed onto paper and fabric with pressure (Stencils can be made on a screen and ink pulled through onto a substrate Plates can be etched or engraved using acid, needles, lasers or photopolymer plates and printed with high pressure presses onto wet paper Images can be drawn with grease onto porous substrates such as stone or zinc alternatively, photocopy toner can be dissolved with solvent and pressed through onto paper

You don't need to draw to print, you just need to be curious.

And for CLF staff, you can use the code BBABLUe to get 20% off your ticket price!

We look forward to seeing some of you there!

Luke

# Botanical Monoprinting

at **Grow Wilder** BS16 1HB

June 21,  
& July 26

Playful and experimental  
monoprinting workshops in a  
beautiful wildlife conservation  
space. Led by printmakers,  
Luke and Sonja.

**Book your place**  
and find more info at  
[bristolprintcollective.com](http://bristolprintcollective.com)



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**PRINT**  
COLLECTIVE



# A Message From P.E.

As we draw a close to the 2024/25 academic year, it seems a fitting time to reflect on the sporting year at BBA. It has been a wonderful year for sport at the Academy, this is all down to the enthusiasm and commitment that is shown by our students.

This year we have fielded teams across a large number of sports, including, rugby, football, cricket, netball, rounders, swimming, dance and basketball. We have seen teams achieve unprecedented success, such as our basketball team reaching a regional quarter final of a national competition. We have also seen a surge in the number of students that attend our after school clubs along with the welcomed return of half term house matches.



Towards the tail end of this academic year we saw a hugely successful school sports day, seeing a significant number of our students so proudly represent their houses. Across these two days it was clear to see just how much sport means to our students.

Moving forward, the PE Department will continue to push to increase the numbers of students attending after school clubs as well as the numbers of students representing our school community at fixtures and tournaments.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support towards sport here at BBA, without your support sport at the school wouldn't be possible. Wishing you all a happy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming your child back for the 2025/26 academic year.

Mr Meredith

# Term 6

## Year 6 Transition Day

It was great to welcome next years Year 7s into BBA on Wednesday 2nd July! It was an amazing day where the Year 6s engaged in lots of activities: met their tutor and fellow students in their tutor group, engaged in some taster lessons and played Yoshi during a PE session.

We are looking forward to welcoming them properly in September and hope to see lots of faces in summer school in late August.

If you need to contact us before the end of summer, please contact a member of the Year Team:

- Harry Withers (Head of Year)- [Harry.Withers@clf.uk](mailto:Harry.Withers@clf.uk)
- Tim Sanday (Pastoral Year Leader)- [Tim.Sanday@clf.uk](mailto:Tim.Sanday@clf.uk)
- Amy Kaur (Pastoral Support Officer)–  
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Have a lovely summer!

Harry Withers

# Appeal for sports kit

## Academy Appeal for Sports Equipment.

Thank you for all of your donations so far, we are very grateful to all families who have donated useable PE kit. As ever, boots suitable for the 4G pitch are always very welcome.

The PE Department



## AJ Cup 2025

The second annual AJ Cup, celebrating the life of colleague Ashley Jackson took place on 7/7/25. A typically spirited match which this year resulted on no injuries !

There was some lovely football on show... and, in true BBA style, a few moments of gloriously terrible football too.

As ever, the aim is to raise awareness and funds for mental health awareness and specifically the charity "Off The Record".



# Student Council

## School Council End-of-Year Review 2024–2025

As the school year draws to a close, the School Council would like to reflect on what has been a truly rewarding and impactful year. From championing student voices to launching new initiatives, it's been a year of growth, collaboration, and positive change across the academy.

### What We've Achieved

- **Student Voice:** We've worked hard to ensure students feel heard by re-introducing the termly House Council. From food feedback to uniform concerns, we've taken your ideas seriously and raised them with staff.
- **Collaboration:** We've built stronger links with groups like the Eco Club and Inclusion Teams, and we're planning more joint projects next year.
- **Wellbeing & Inclusion:** We've advocated for more non-uniform days, colourful headwear options, and better recognition of student achievements including the introduction of the very popular 'skip the lunch queue'.
- **Facilities & Environment:** Your feedback helped push for improvements like new water fountains, increased indoor and outdoor seating, greater access to the astro turf and discussions around longer lunch breaks.
- **Curriculum:** We've advocated on your behalf for better, more organised homework systems, including some movement to online homework. We have discussed concerns around girls PE topics with the Head of PE and are hopeful for curriculum changes next year. We will continue to discuss the dislike of double lessons in KS3 but haven't managed any change here yet!
- **Safeguarding:** We have been working with Mr Clements this year to produce some student friendly safeguarding policies so that we all know where we can access help if and when we need it.
- **Behaviour:** We have been working with Ms Curtis to develop clearer, stricter behaviour policies which help to make school a safe place for everybody.
- **Environment:** Enoch challenged the CLF central team and Steve Taylor on our behalf about the environmental credentials of BBA! We will continue to campaign for more renewable energy and better waste management.

# Student Council

## Events & Fundraising

The School Council helped organise several memorable events this year, including:

- BBA Awards evening – recognising the students across the Academy who have completed their BBA backpack
- World Mental Health Day – where students took part in ‘pop up’ activities designed to encourage all of us to accept and process how we feel.
- Wear Red Day – Staff and students made a powerful stand against racism by wearing red, selling badges and pens and enjoying live music at lunch time. BBA raised £627 for Show Racism the red Card
- Anti-Bullying week – students took part in a series of pop ups – showing a stand together against bullying.
- BBA Advent calendar of celebration and success – 25 students/groups of students were celebrated for their contributions both inside and outside of school on the run up to Christmas.
- Christmas food hampers – over 30 hampers were packed and sent off for families to enjoy over the festive period, including basic items and some festive luxuries.
- AJ Day – a day to celebrate Mr Jackson and promote mental health awareness in our school community. BBA has raised a significant amount of money for Off the Record.
- Comic Relief – Crazy hair styles and splat the teacher – much joy was had by all! BBA raised £216.90 for Comic Relief.
- Skip the Lunch Queue - Students love the opportunity to leave their lessons early on a Friday to skip the queue for fish and chips! This is awarded to the students with the top House Points in each year group.

# Student Council

## Goals for Next Year

- More KS4 involvement in events, competitions, and leadership roles
- Update the School Council board so everyone knows who to talk to
- Improve the election process to be more inclusive and flexible
- Partner more closely with the Eco Club on sustainability
- Strengthen links with the Academy Council and senior leadership
- Create a mentoring system for new students

We're proud of what we've achieved this year, but we know there's more to do. Thank you to everyone who shared ideas, gave feedback, or supported our work. If you're thinking about joining the School Council next year—go for it! It's a great way to make a difference and grow your confidence.

Let's keep building a school where every voice matters.

— Your School Council

# Cyber Security @ UWE



At the end of June, Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to UWE to experience all things 'Cyber'. Many large national and local businesses were involved in delivering a range of cyber activities to students. Students were tasked with problem solving tasks which gave them a flavour of this every growing sector.



# UKMT Maths Challenge

As I said in the last newsletter, on 1st May we participated in the Junior Maths Challenge and I am very pleased to confirm the below achievements:

## Bronze Award

Year 7—Oscar, Luca, Ibrahim, Michael, Vinnie, Logan, Azar, Micah, Filip, Theodore, Charlie, Archie, Essien, Roshan and Bobby

Year 8—Annalise, Marley, Twis, Sakariye, Ellie, Alice, Polly, Edward, Sam, Rosie, Ayesha, Glade, Louis, Noah, Raphael and Paul

## Silver Award

Year 7—Ahmed, Jessica, Posi, Victoria, Bertie, Spencer, Eashaan and Vinny

Year 8—Fletcher, Lily, Alex, Frankie, Ollie, Rhys, Fleur, Ben, Andryl and Tilly

## Gold Award

Year 7—Tierney

Year 8—Luke, Jackson and Will

Tierney in Year 7 went on to achieve a Bronze award in his follow on round.

Well done everyone who took part in the Maths Challenges this year!  
Mrs Shaw



**United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust**

# Year 7



Ms Griffiths  
Associate  
Assistant  
Principal



Mr Iwan Jones  
Head of Year

Ms Buckingham  
Pastoral  
Support  
Leader



Mr Carstairs  
Pastoral  
Support  
Officer



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## Sports results

Tuesday 3/6/25

Our Year 7 rounders team played against Bristol Met.

All of the players involved represented BBA fantastically, applied full effort throughout. It was a great atmosphere across the two schools, with some really outstanding play from both teams. It was a close match throughout, however the final score did not go our way, ending in a 11-14.5 loss to us.

Our players of the match were Faith for batting, and Leticia for fielding.



# Year 7 Art

## T6 Y7 Shout outs from Mrs McBride-July 2025

Congratulations to Y7 who learnt how to create a 2 colour print from one piece of printing polystyrene! They were inspired by Inuit Art, in particular Kenojuak Ashevak. Shout out to the following artists.....



VICTORIA



FREDERICO



AKIRA



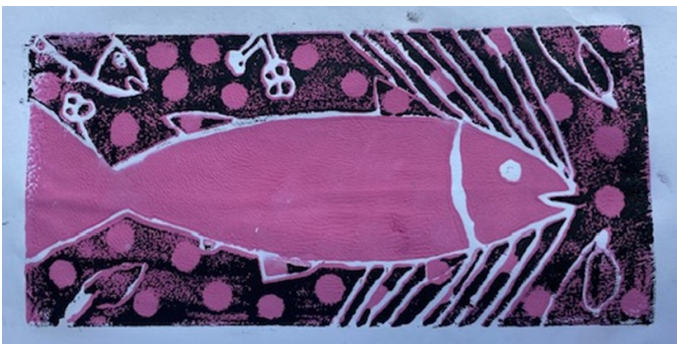
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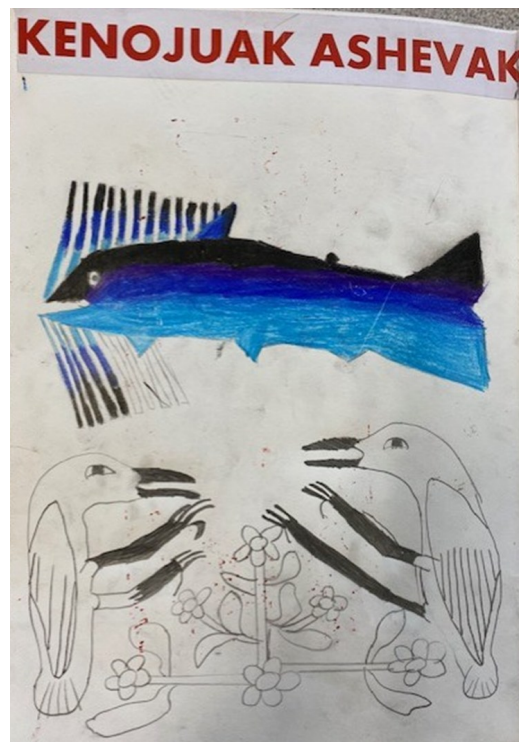
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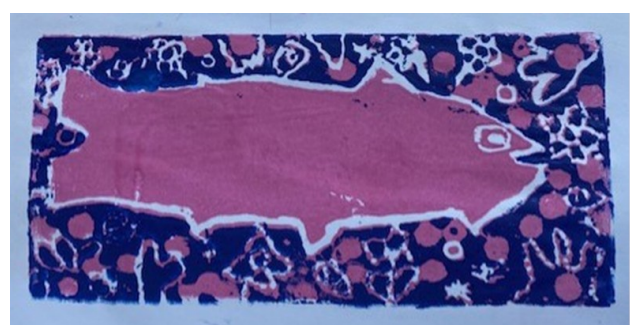
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# Year 8



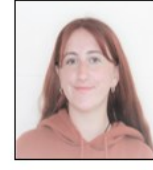
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Assistant Principal



**Mr Slocombe**  
Head of Year



**Miss Heatherson**  
Pastoral Year Lead



**Miss Rumming**  
Pastoral Support  
Assistant

8TCO-M1 / F6A



**Mrs Coke**

8SWA -M2 /S2A



**Miss Walsh**

8EFU-A3 / S6



**Miss Fuorvito**

8DMI -A3/ S12A



**Miss Minns**

TSY-R5 / FS6



**Mr Symons**

8JRG-R6 / FS3



**Mr Rogers**

8RSK-S9 / FS9



**Miss Sky**

8DBY-S8/FS9



**Mr Busby**

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## Sports results

A huge congratulation to the girls Year 8 rounders team starting Oriole (Year 7) . We had a fantastic game against Trinity, the final score was 171/2 to 8 to Trinity but it was a great outcome considering we played with only 7 players.

Congratulations to Oriole for helping by playing up a year and Twis for being player of the match.



# Year 8 Art

## T6 Shout outs for Y8 from Mrs McBride July 2025

Students in Y8 have told me they have really enjoyed the recent project which was inspired by the work of Leroy Johnson who creates buildings reflecting the heritage and culture of his neighbourhood.



Johnson loves using cardboard to construct his mixed media buildings as it is cheap and readily available.

**REPURPOSE**

**RECYCLE**

**RESTORE**

Is Johnson's mantra and he says he is trying to be green and use materials in a respectful way.



Special shout out to the following students who really engaged with this project....



FLO



ADIA

MOAZZAN



AYAT & EVA



SAM'S  
GROUP!

JOE &  
IMOGEN'S  
GROUP



CAITLYN & LEXI



CASSIUS



# Year 9



**Ms Milburn**  
Associate  
Assistant  
Principle

**Ms Ahmed**  
Head of Year 9



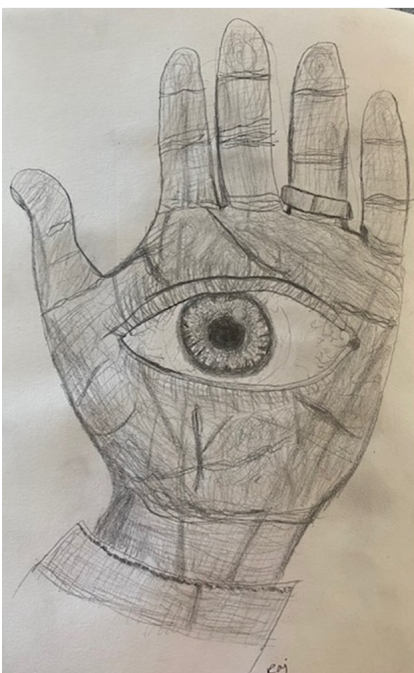
**Mr O'Callaghan**   **Abigail Hamblett**  
Pastoral Support   Pastoral Support  
Leader   Officer



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# Year 9 Art

## T6 Year 9 Shout outs/news from Mrs McBride

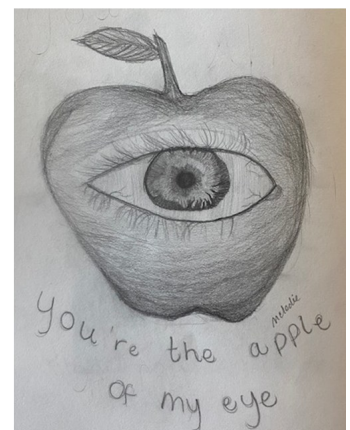
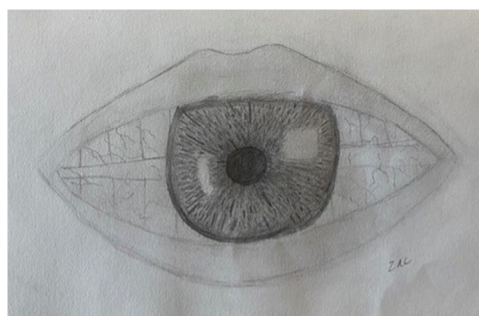


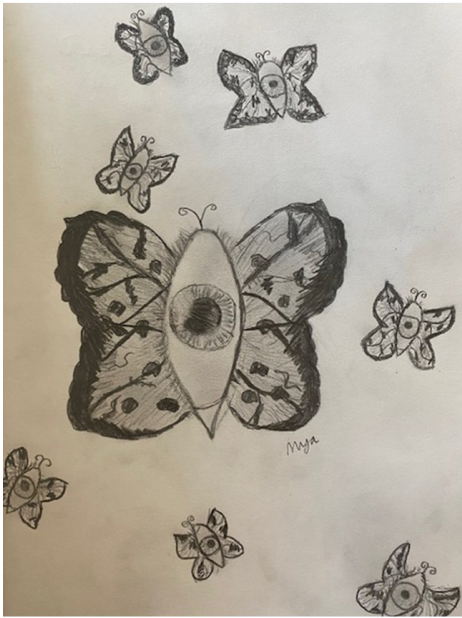
**CONGRATULATIONS Y9** you have done a fantastic job of creating Some amazing surreal eye pencil drawings as well as monoprints.

Special mention to the following students who I feel have engaged and achieved especially brilliantly this year:

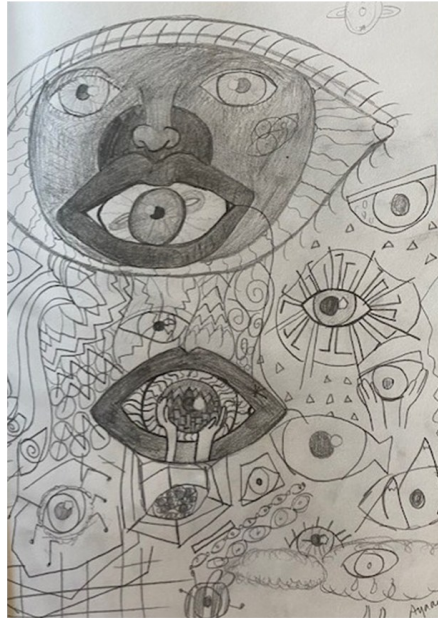
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**Isabelle W**

**Esther C**  
**Lois W**  
**Mya V**  
**Raj S**  
**Mischa P**





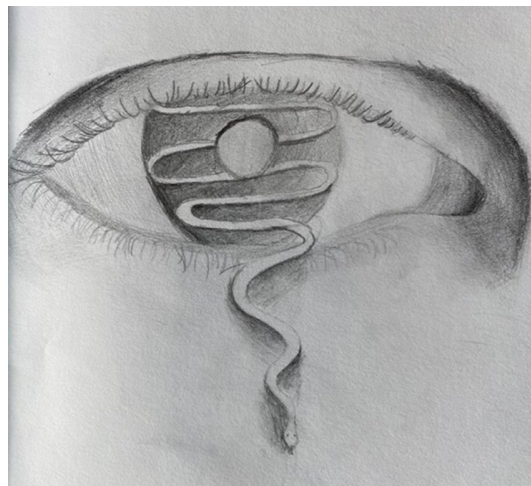
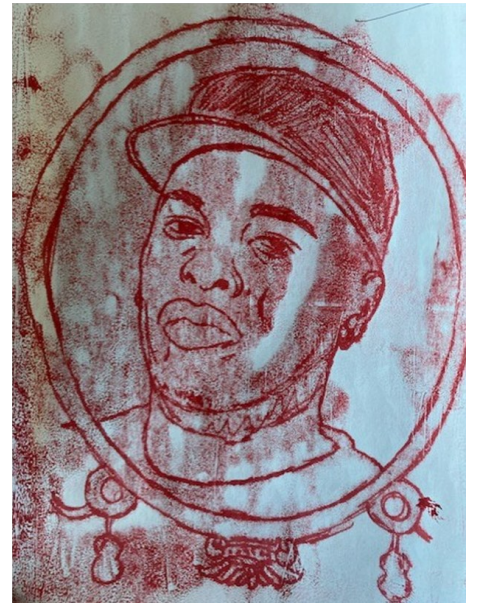
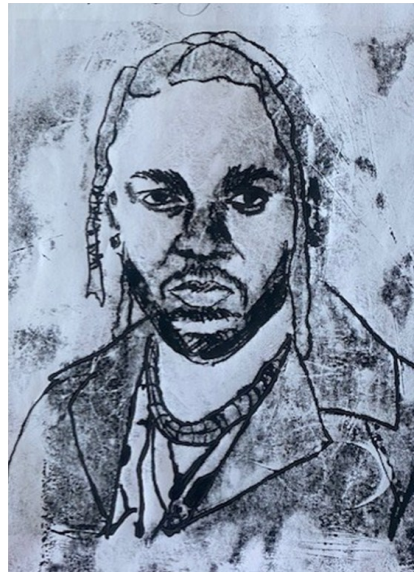
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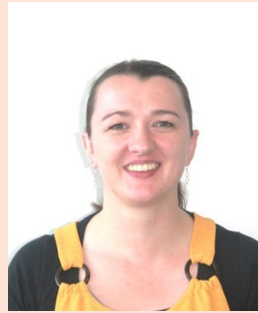
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# Year 10



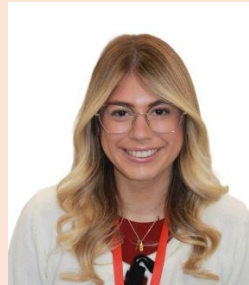
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Ms Baker  
Head of Year



Mr Hall  
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Leader



Amber Smith  
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## Longwell Green Sports JFC

### U16 Girls

## School YR11 or YR10 this Sept

### Season 2025-2026

Our well established Longwell Green Sports U16 Girls are looking to add a couple more competitive players to their squad for the upcoming season.

#### **Bristol Girls League Division A.**

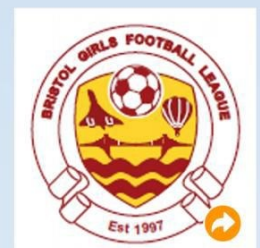
Come along to a few trial training sessions.

Training on Thursday, Matches on Sundays.

For more info contact Jason.

07886182170

[jminers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jminers@hotmail.co.uk)



# Year 10 BIG Kick Off Football

20/5/25

A group of students took part in the Big Kick Off football tournament planned and held by CLF Post 16. It was lovely to get to see some of our former pupils involved in creating a tournament for Year 10 pupils in every CLF school.

Special mention to Jake and Altair for scoring our goals. It was really impressive to see boys that don't normally play football get so involved and show great sportsmanship.

We sadly lost the tournament, but we were awarded the CLF heart award because of our great sportsmanship. The boys were complimented on how well they worked as a team

Ms Jackson



# Dyson visit Year 10 engineering.

The last week of term 5, we hosted three Dyson Engineers who came into school to run air pollution workshops for our three Y10 Engineering classes. They first talked about their route into Engineering, Dyson as a company and how James Dyson created over 1,000 prototypes before he released his first bagless vacuum cleaner.



The Engineers then talked about air pollution, the different causes and Dyson's solutions. Finally the students had to design and then build a prototype air pollution filter.

Students came up with fantastic prototypes and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. At the end of the session, they had a chance to ask the Engineers questions.



# Year 10 Art

**CONGRATULATIONS** on a fantastic first year of the ART GCSE course! Just look at these amazing final outcomes from Y10. Special mention to students who have engaged and worked really hard in class ALL year..... Tojes, Liam, Belle, Noraiz, Ethan, Nathan, Sidney, Ilyas, Sophie, Kamil, Ruby and Zach.



KAMIL



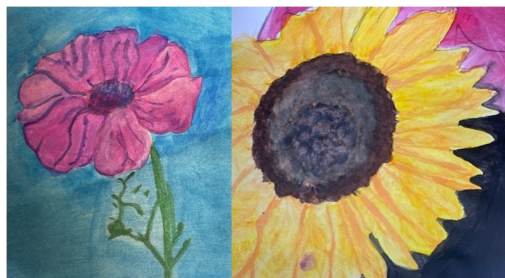
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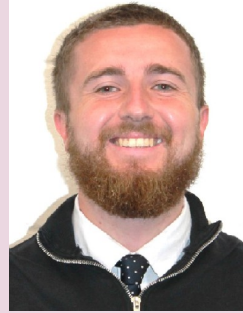


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# Year 11



Mr Green  
Associate Assistant  
Principal  
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Mr Withers  
Academic  
Year  
Lead

Mr Sanday  
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Leader

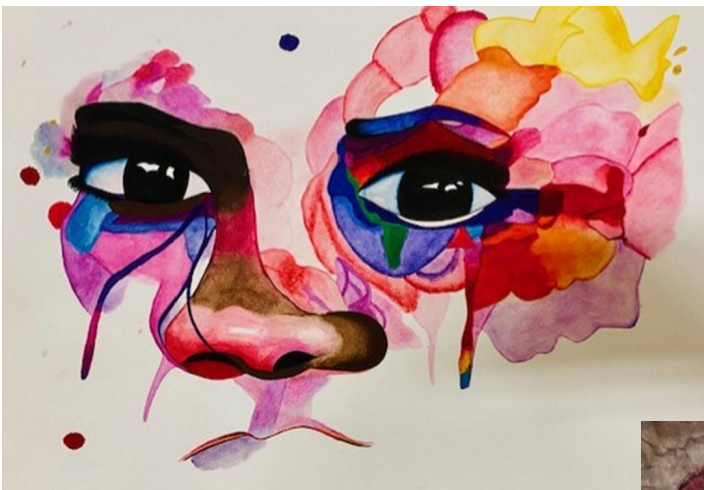


Ms Kaur  
Pastoral  
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# Year 11 Art work



GRACE

OLIVIA





MAHSA



CHLOE

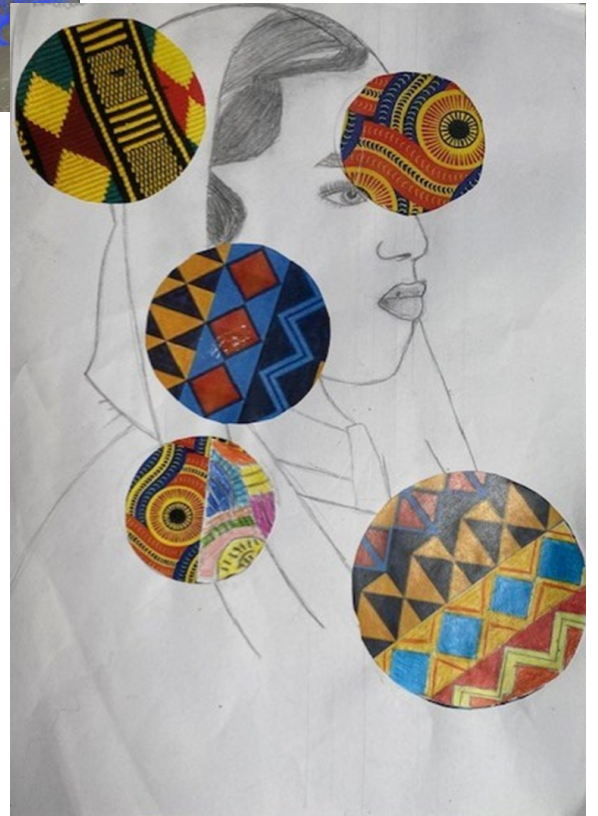
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KHADIJAH



AUTUMN





We are now approaching the end of a very busy year for the D of E team. A record number of expeditions going out, split between the Bronze and Silver groups. For the most part we have been lucky with the weather, in fact the silver practice took place (with adjustments for weather) during a heat wave.

Students should be proud of their efforts, not least in the expeditions but also in the learning of new skills, their physical section and most importantly in the many hours of volunteering in the community they have done.

They have all developed new skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours. Stay tuned for the celebration evening coming in the new school year.

Ms Jackson

## Astronomy club

A solid group of students have continued attending after those who were developing astronomy as a skill for Duke of Edinburgh award have dropped out. We are now 6 units down and complete, with 12 left to go in Years 10 and 11 for those who wish to complete the full GCSE. Next year the focus switches out into the solar system and beyond as we will explore the mysteries of the universe.

Keep encouraging participants to get out and observe, especially during the holidays when a late night is less of a problem and clear summer skies are more likely.

Mr Smerdon / Mr Symmons

# Local Enrichment Opportunities



Brunel Fitness Centre  
Speedwell Rd  
Bristol BS15 1NU

## Junior Gym Program @ BFC

Gym Access For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre are proud to provide our exceptional 'Junior Gym Program' to the local community with supervised sessions for youths.

### Program Includes

- ✓ Junior Gym
- ✓ Junior Circuits
- ✓ £17.50 Monthly
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

### Days/Times



Weekdays 15:30-16:30  
Weekends 11:00-12:00  
Holidays 11:00-12:00



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## Junior Boxing @ BFC

Non Contact Boxing Sessions  
For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre is proud to offer Non Contact Boxing sessions to Juniors. Sessions are tailored towards helping Juniors to achieve their Preliminary, Standard & Bronze Awards in Boxing. The sessions are delivered by a Certified Non Contact Boxing Tutor.

### Prices

- ✓ £17.50 Monthly as part of our Junior Membership
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

### Days/Times

Every Tuesday 16:30-17:30



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## Junior Lifting Club @ BFC

Free-Weight Sessions For 8 to 14 Year Olds

Brunel Fitness Centre now runs 'Junior Lifting Club'. This session aims to help Juniors learn correct lifting form for free-weights in a safe & controlled environment. This session is instructed by a fully qualified Level 3 Personal Trainer.

### Prices

- ✓ £17.50 Monthly as part of our Junior Membership
- ✓ £6.00 PAYG

### Days/Times

Every Thursday 16:30-17:30



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# WANT TO PLAY RUGBY?



## RECRUITING RECEPTION - 99



### WHITEHALL JUNIORS WANT YOU!



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