

## To inspire, to learn, to succeed

**Important Dates;****25 Nov**

Yr 9, 10 & Yr 13 Trip to Good Food Show, NEC  
Yr 9 WW1 Day

**28 Nov**

Oxford Schools Debating Workshop

**29 Nov**

WASPs Yr5 Writing Workshop with English Department  
BANES Basketball U16 Triangular

**30 Nov**

Yr 7 Netball Tournament  
BANES Basketball U14 triangular  
Weston Church Xmas Festival and Carol Service

**02 Dec**

Yr 9, 10 Trip to Clothes Show, NEC  
Duke of Edinburgh students meeting, 15.00

**03 Dec**

Oldfield Christmas Fair, 10-12pm

**04 Dec**

Yr 7 Readathon starts  
Newbridge Yr 5 Writing Workshop with English Department

**06 Dec**

BANES Yr 7 & Yr 8 Boys Athletics  
Choir performance at Bath Xmas Market

**07 Dec**

Somerset Schools Football Cup

**08 Dec**

Yr 11 Parents Evening

**12 Dec**

Newbridge Dance Workshop

**14 Dec**

School Carol Concert

**16 Dec**

End of Term 2; 12.15pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

It is difficult to believe that we are in the run up to Christmas already, although the weather this week has given us a timely reminder that winter has arrived. There are a number of festive events before the end of term and I hope that you are able to join us for these. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, our students are involved in the Christmas Festival and Carol Service at Weston All Saints Church; we have our Christmas Concert on 14<sup>th</sup> December at the school and on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Christmas Fair takes place. In addition, our carol singers will be performing at the Bath Christmas Market on 6<sup>th</sup> December and also at Newbridge Towers on 9<sup>th</sup> December where they will be entertaining some of the older residents in the local community in a visit during the school day.

As in previous years, the school day will be shorter than usual on the last day of this term and we will finish at 12.15pm, after period three. The bus companies have been informed and arrangements will be made for students who have free school meals to be able to collect their lunch during morning break. There will be no hot food provision on that day. This will not be a non-uniform day but students (and staff) will be able to wear a Christmas jumper that day in return for a charitable contribution of £1. Regarding fund-raising for charities, you will be delighted to know that we raised over £1000 for Children in Need last week, which was a fantastic effort by our students. I was involved in the judging of the baking competition and there were some fantastic (and tasty!) cakes on display despite the torrential rain.

Year 11 have been very busy this week with their mock examinations and I have been impressed by their approach to these, it is clear that the great majority of the Year have taken these examinations seriously and prepared well for them. Thank you to parents for your support and encouragement of your son or daughter during what can be a stressful period for them.

In the previous newsletter, I informed you that we were interviewing for an Assistant Headteacher appointment. I am very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Jessica Lobbett and she will be starting with us in December. Initially covering for Mrs James while she is on maternity leave, she will therefore be responsible for professional development and will be the teaching and learning lead at the school. Miss Lobbett previously worked at St Bede's School in Bristol as Head of Performing Arts and is a talented musician.

Additional appointments for next term include Emma Prior as Head of Science, Miss Prior is currently Head of Science at Clarendon School in Trowbridge and will be ably supported by Mrs Hobbs as Second in Department. We have had a vacancy in the Head of Computing post since September and Mr Herbert has been teaching and supervising this subject area this term. We have now appointed Mr Eidman to this post and he will be joining us in January. Lastly, we have appointed Mrs Cross to cover for Mr Allen in the History Department while he is on shared parental leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the first day of next term (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January) is an inset day and that the first day of term for students is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our Christmas events later this term.

Steven Mackay  
Headteacher

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# NOTICE BOARD



### Austen House Charity

Austen House will be supporting The Bath Food Bank again this year.

Here is a list of the food that they would like donated, but anything that is in tins or packets would be appreciated.

#### Christmas Puddings

**Christmas chocolates/boxes of chocolates (no alcohol)**

**Tinned ham**

**Tinned salmon**

**Pickles**

**Selection boxes**

**Crackers**

**Coffee**

**Mince pies (as long as still in date at Christmas)**

**Christmas cake**

**Christmas biscuits**

**Instant mashed pot**

The donated food will be collected on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mrs Macalister  
Head of Austen House*

### Christmas Events

We would like to invite you to the Christmas events hosted by the Music Department this year. Whether or not your child is involved in these events all will be warmly welcomed and we hope to see you join us.

The concerts and services that the Music Department are hosting this year are –

- 7pm, 30th November - Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols in All Saints Church, Weston
- 10am, 3rd December - Musical performances at the Oldfield Christmas Fair in the school hall
- 4pm, 6th December - Performance at the Bath Christmas Markets, you will find us on Bath Street near the Thermae Bath Spa
- 7pm, 14th December - Christmas Bonanza in the school hall (traditional school Christmas Concert complete with tinsel and full on Christmas jollity in the second half!).

Refreshments available in the interval, served by the OSA. It would be lovely to see as many students, parents and friends of the school as possible come to together to celebrate Christmas this year.

*Mrs Robinson  
Music Teacher*



### Gymnastics Champion, Oliver Snook, Yr 7

Well done to Oliver in Year 7, he competed a couple of weeks ago in the National Men's Gymnastics finals in Birmingham and came joint first in his age group, earning himself a gold medal, and national champion title. He was also representing the Southwest, and contributed to his team being the highest scoring, and winning team gold!

### Fixtures List

29.11.16	Basketball BANES Leagues Under 16 triangular	home
30.11.16	Year 7 netball tournament	away
30.11.16	Basketball BANES Leagues Under 14 triangular	home
30.11.16	Rugby Union Oldfield v Norton Hill Year 7	home
06.12.16	B&NES Y7 & Y8 Boys Sportshall Athletics	away
07.12.16	SOMERSET SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CUP Preston, Yeovil	
14.12.16	BANES KS3 Mixed Table Tennis Competition 2016	away



### Christmas Hampers

Don't forget to bring in items for the Christmas hampers for the Christmas Fair raffle. We're asking students to bring in items of their house colours, or wrap something in the colour of their house.

.....Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs..... Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs..... Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs.....

**Banes cross country championships**

We had a very energetic day at the BANES cross country championships and our students did amazingly well. Well done to Joshua Williams who came 5th, Marley Carpenter who came 3rd and is through to the next stage of the Avon and Bath County Championships, and Matilda Snook who just missed out on 11<sup>th</sup> place . Fantastic efforts from everyone.

*Mr Gann  
PE Teachers*



**Badminton Tournament**

Lye Skinner-Toye, Alfie Smith, Mackenzie Davies and Yahye Said all went to a Chew Valley BANES badminton tournament for KS3 students. A good time was had by all and the boys showed excellent sportsmanship throughout. The highlights included an 11-4 win for Mack and a close fought win in the doubles for Mack and Yahye. The boys are already planning for more victories in next year's tournament.

*Mr S. Newport  
Maths and Computing Teacher*

**Year 9 BANES Netball**

Congratulations to the Year 9 squad who played so brilliantly in the recent BANES netball tournament held at Wellsway School. They approached the tournament with a perfect squad attitude, supporting each other on court and off court with the player changes made in each game. They finished fourth overall with some fantastic wins over Somervale and Wellsway B. Sadly, losing by only one goal to Writhlington meant we were out of the running for the top three places. The squad put in a superb effort against a very strong St Greg's team who went on to win the tournament.

A personal thanks to captain, Scarlett Bryan who has taken on her role with maturity and enthusiasm and has led her team brilliantly on and off the court.

Well done to all the Year 9 players who have represented the school this season and trained regularly – it has been great to see so many of you at training and for your understanding that not all 40 players can play every match. A fantastic season for all of you and we look forward to the Year 10 season!

*Mrs Little  
Second in PE*

**Year 10 Rugby**

On a wet and windy Wednesday a couple of weeks ago, we hosted a rugby match against Ralph Allen at Walcot RFC. After a tough game, Ralph Allen came out on top, but despite this, the team showed signs of dedication and a high level of skill in some areas of the game. Oldfield won every scrum and even overturned 2 of Ralph Allen's scrums. Jack Harvey was man of the match for his defensive efforts. I look forward to working with the team on our tackling leading up to the next game.

*Mr Gann  
PE Teacher*

**BANES Netball Tournament hosted by Oldfield**

The U13 netball squad played their BANES tournament on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Oldfield School. Although the conditions were not great the students showed fantastic effort during the afternoon and won a number of the games in their section.

We missed out on second place by just one point and we met Writhlington in our final winning 5-1. Well done to all the girls who played and a special thanks to Remy who captained and supported the team throughout. Well done girls!!

**FINAL RESULTS**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> WELLSWAY    | 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST GREG'S    |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> HAYESFIELD  | 5 <sup>TH</sup> OLDFIELD     |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> RALPH ALLEN | 6 <sup>TH</sup> WRITHLINGTON |

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*



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**TRIPS AND EVENTS**  
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**Sky Sports Ambassador's visit**

Oldfield School Year 10 students were involved in an inspiring, motivational day, as their PE teacher, Mr Gann, had organised a visit from a very special athlete, Vernon Samuels, a member of the 1988 British Olympic Team and 1992 top ranked GB indoor Triple Jumper and a Sky Sports Living For Sport ambassador.

The morning was filled with activities aimed to encourage the group of gifted and talented students in a project that they are devising aimed to get Year 5 and Year 6 primary children involved in sports.

Vernon took them through some key points for encouraging participation and incentivising groups.

"Oldfield School has a great learning environment, this was a bright bunch of students who were willing to put forward good ideas and work on a project that sounds great for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Great leadership potential."

Mr Gann, who organised the visit to raise aspirations of Oldfield students said, "It is great to develop our students to believe in their ability and their potential. We are very excited about the project with primary school children and I can't wait to see the work they did today with Vernon translate into activities with the children. I found it really interesting and even learnt some new techniques to use in my own lessons!"

*Mr Gann  
PE Teacher*

**Latin American Dance Workshop**

On 4th November, we welcomed back Sam and Martina from Britannia Dance to run a Latin American Dance workshop to all Year 7 students. The morning was an incredible success with students learning some *salsa, macarena, paso doble* as well as moves to the current Spanish pop songs in the charts. It was an excellent morning enjoyed by all.

*Mrs E Roveglia  
Head of MFL*



**Careers advice workshop for 6<sup>th</sup> Formers**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Oldfield Sixth Form students took part in a two hour workshop provided by Future First. This was also supported by Seven Retail employers.

- Ms Jenny Williams, Food Technologist – Marshfield Bakery
- Ms Sue Pendsay, Regional Training Manager – Booker
- Mr Neil Bird, Head of Science – Allied Technical Centre
- Mr Steve Holley, Human Resources Advisor – The Co-operative Group
- Ms Zoe Bracey, National Account Manager – AB World Foods
- Ms Rowena Sindrey, HR Administrator - Greencore

They gave invaluable guidance and support to our students with CV, letter writing and interview skills. The employers also talked about their individual career history and the pathway to their success.

*Mr Nash  
Director of Post-16 Learning*



## Oldfield School 6<sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening



OLDFIELD  
SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form Information Evening was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 6-8pm. Mr Nash, Director of Post 16 Learning gave a talk about life in our Sixth Form and the opportunities we have on offer for students. This was further supported by Head Student, Rhianne Good and Deputy Head Student, Primrose Samuel.

This was also a great opportunity for students to visit our subject fair to find out more information, speak to subject teachers and current Sixth Form students about individual A level subjects.

Our Sixth Form Prospectus is available on the School's website together with the application form and a transcript of Mr Nash's speech on the evening.

If you require any additional information, then please don't hesitate to contact Mr Nash by email: [g.nash@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:g.nash@oldfieldschool.com)



### German Lecture at Bristol University

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, the German A-Level group enjoyed a very interesting lecture on the history of Berlin at Bristol University. This was delivered by one of the lecturers at the university through the medium of German, which gave the students a flavour of what German at university may be like. The lecture was especially relevant as the students are currently studying the film 'Goodbye Lenin', which is set in East Berlin from October 1989 to just after German reunification a year later.

Mrs Roveglia  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

### Akram Khan's 'Giselle'

Choreographer Akram Khan created a brand new version of the iconic romantic ballet Giselle for the English National Ballet. The classic story of love, revenge and redemption was given a new interpretation, with Academy-Award winning designer Tim Yip (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) creating a stunning set design, and composer Ben Frost adapting the original score. It was an evening that the students from Oldfield will never forget; the choreography was beautiful and the dancers were amazing. It has certainly inspired our GCSE dancers who attended.

Mrs Macnaughton  
Dance Teacher

*On the 20th October we went to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch 'Giselle'. We really enjoyed it as it was an amazing piece to watch. It was a contemporary ballet performance and the dancers were incredible. The story line is about a peasant girl called Giselle who died of a broken heart. The costumes of most of the dancers were very plain and simple in contrast to a few characters who were bold and extravagant. It really added to the overall effect of the dance. Our favourite part of the dance was when the main male dancer was running around trying to find Giselle, we really liked the dynamic content in that section. Overall it was a great opportunity and we would love to go and watch another ballet in the future.*

Piper Tooker 10G and Faith Westwood 10G

### Rambert Workshop 'A Linha Curva'

*It was a great experience for us to take part in the Rambert Workshop. I felt it was very useful in helping me develop ideas to improve my own choreography and it was exciting to be taught a new style of dance. The dance teacher from the workshop was really inspiring.*

Tom Bunting

*The workshop gave us the opportunity to learn the professional rep from 'A Linha Curva' which we are currently studying in GCSE Dance. The movement we learnt on the day was included in our own final performances. It was a fantastic experience which has expanded our knowledge of the piece and encouraged us to fully enjoy the dance in the true spirit of Brazilian culture.*

Matilda Snook



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# OLDFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!! ... well almost.....

**OLDFIELD SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday December 3rd**

Festive Hampers & Prizes  
Musical Performances by Students

Festive Gifts & Treats  
Nordman Fir Non Drop Trees

**10am – 12pm**

**KIDS GO FREE!**  
50p ENTRY FOR ADULTS

**PRE-ORDER XMAS TREES £35/£40**  
FOR 5-6ft/6-7ft TREES, EMAIL [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

**Christmas Fair, 10.00 – 12.00, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

Please come and support the school and students and pick up a couple of nice gifts in the meantime! You can help by;

- Hiring a stall; Students can hire a table for just £2 and adults can hire a stall for £5. Stalls can be anything and have typically been Christmas cakes & treats, homemade decorations, gifts, nearly new etc.
- Help out at the Fair with tickets on the door or helping with refreshments.
- Buy your Xmas Tree; there will be high quality Nordman non-drop Christmas trees on sale at the Fair or available to pre-order: 5-6ft trees cost £35 and 6-7ft trees cost £40.
- Donate a Xmas hamper item; students can bring in any donations in their House colour for our xmas hampers to be judged on the day of the Fair.

To order trees, book a stall or offer to help, please email [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

The OSA thank you for your support.

**Giving Machine**

Now is the ideal time to help the OSA without doing anything extra! When buying things on line (almost anything), please go through [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and it will generate free donations for our school!

It just takes a couple of minutes to sign up;

- Click on “join as a giver”
- Choose Oldfield School Association Bath, Bath and then “join and support”
- Fill in your details and join
- Everytime you go to buy anything online, login to your account and choose your retailer (which you can then add to your favourites to make it easier in future)
- GO SHOPPING!!