

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

22 May

DofE Silver Training Evening
Yr 7, Yr 8 cricket match
OSA Meeting, Boathouse

23 May

Healthy Relationships Project
Yr 10 Rounders Tournament
Yr 9/10 Combined Cricket v
Writhlington

24 May

Yr 10 Sixth Form Taster Day
Yr 8 Racing to School Trip
Healthy Relationships Project
END OF TERM 5

03 June

START TERM 6
WEEK 1
Yr 10 Yeo Valley Trip

04 June

Yr 8 Rounders Tournament v
Writhlington
Yr 9/10 Combined cricket match v
Wellsway

05 June

Girls Cricket coaching session
Yr 3 Tennis coaching at Newbridge
Primary School
Yr 8 Cricket match v Wellsway

06 June

Yr 10 Jaguar/Landrover Trip
Yr 12 Geography Trip Information
Evening

10 June

WEEK 2
Yr 10 Geography Trip Clevedon

11 June

Minor Athletics
Yr 8 Parents' Evening
BANES Music Hub rehearsal

13 June

6th Form Business Talks
Yr 9 Rounders v Broadlands
Yr 7, Yr 8 Cricket match v Ralph Allen
Yr 7-10 Dance Showcase

14 June

Yr 10 Geography Trip Clevedon

Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite it being only a few school weeks since the previous newsletter was published at the end of last term this is, once again, a bumper edition of Outlook which, I hope, provides something for all interests.

We are now looking ahead to what will be a very busy final term of the year with activities week, residential trips, sports day, the summer concert and the induction day for our new Year 7 cohort taking place in late June / early July. Other significant events include the Sixth Form taster day for Year 10 followed by their work experience placements towards the end of June. At the end of term will be the inaugural 'Oldfest'; more to follow on this, however your children may be already sharing their tutor group plan for this day with you.

Year 11 and Year 13 have now started their GCSE and A Level examinations and all of us at the school are wishing them all the best over the next few weeks; they have impressed us with their approach and attitude to these examinations and they deserve to be successful.

I would also like to welcome Mr Williams to the team, who will be teaching music until the end of Term 6.

May I wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing half term holiday.

Steven Mackay
Headteacher



Second-hand School Uniform

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those parents and pupils who have kindly been sending in their old school uniform to donate to the OSA. Feedback from parents who have bought second-hand uniform has been really positive.

We are now looking ahead to the new intake evening in July and would be delighted to be able to offer this service to the new parents. Therefore, if you would like to donate, please just bring any clean, unwanted uniform to school in a bag marked "OSA", hand in to reception and we'll do the rest! Many thanks.

NOTICE BOARD

Free Book Tokens

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself. Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://nbt.gift/schools>

Bath & North East Somerset Council

School Meals Eligible by Benefit; All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB).

Registration could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,320 per Primary pupil and £935 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please contact the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317.

Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online.

Upcoming Dance Event – Thursday 13th June

Last year we launched the Key Stage 3 Dance Showcase which was an opportunity for our talented students to choreograph and perform their own work. Students created some beautiful pieces that were then performed in The Evening of Dance.

This year the newly named Student Choreography Showcase is open to all year groups. We would love students to come along to Choreography Labs to create their own dances. We are hoping to see a whole host of dance styles and hear some new music! The event will take place after school in the Main Hall at 6pm and parents and friends are more than welcome to come along and see the fantastic work that the students have created. If you are interested in taking part please talk to either Mrs Macnaughton or Mrs Smith and grab an application form. We'd love to hear about your ideas and to see them on the night!



Medicine in school

We are no longer allowed to administer over the counter medication to your child.

If you would like the school to administer prescription medication to your child, the medication must be prescribed by your GP and be labelled with the child's name. It must also be in the original packaging. For those parents/carers who wish the school to administer prescribed medication, please contact the main office for a form.

If the school is currently holding any over the counter medication or incorrectly labelled prescription medication for your child, please could you contact me to arrange collection. Medications that have not been taken by 24th May 2019 will be disposed of.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Goddard-Palmer, Medical Officer

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



The students have received their in-school training from Ocean Rock and will now be preparing their own personal equipment ready for the Bronze Award practice expedition on Saturday 6th July. Ocean Rock has released the following timings:

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| Drop off: Sat. 6th July 2019 @ Barbury Castle Carpark, SN4 0QH | Pick Up: Sun. 7th July 2019 @ Barbury Castle Carpark, SN4 0QH |
| Blue teams 1-3: 09.30 | Blue teams 1-3: 14.30 |
| Green teams 4-7: 10.00 | Green teams 4-7: 15.00 |
| Red teams 8-11: 10.30 | Red teams 8-11: 15.30 |

For all Oldfield School DofE information please visit our school website:

<http://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/duke-of-edinburgh/>

Mr John, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Parking around school

A further reminder to parents to please be careful when picking up and dropping off at the beginning or end of the school day. Parking should not be on the double yellow lines at the front or side of the school, near Penn, and should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.



Oldfield win for best design at Particle Physics Masterclass

The Year 12 physicists visited Bristol University Particle Physics Masterclass in Clifton. They looked at real data collected from the Large Hadron Collider and were asked to identify different particles. They asked questions via a live video link to post graduates working at CERN and worked as teams to develop their



own particle accelerators. They presented their ideas and I am pleased to say that Oldfield school won the prize for the best design! The trip is designed to not only promote higher education in particle physics but to introduce students to what education at university may be like.

*Miss Hobbs
Physics Teacher*



New York Trip

We were very fortunate to be given an opportunity to join Kingswood School on a trip to New York just before the Easter holidays. Three of our Sixth Form students and myself travelled to the city that never sleeps and experienced first hand a jam-packed itinerary of some of the many wonders NYC has to offer - it was sensational! It was a pleasure to take our students on the trip and we hope to run it in the coming years.

Please read Amelia's review below to find out about all the things that we got up to.

Miss Grimes



New York Trip with Kingswood School – Amelia Harris, 6th Form student

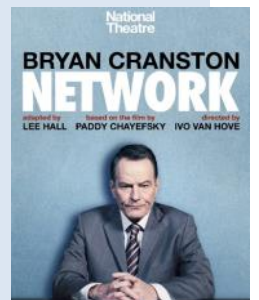
It was an early start of around 3am for our trip to New York, followed by a 3 hour coach journey to Heathrow and a 7 hour flight to JFK, during which we had the chance to properly meet the people we would be sharing rooms with for the next few days. When we arrived, we got our first real look of New York on the way to our hotel; we saw the Flatiron and the Empire State Building.

On our first evening, we had dinner in the Heartland Brewery where we got given so much food we could barely finish it! After this we went to the Empire State Building and climbed the 86 flights of stairs to the very top where you could see all of New York, it was a beautiful view but very cold and windy.

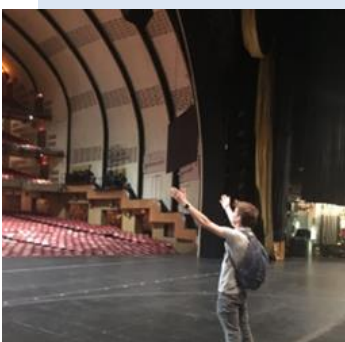
On our second day we had breakfast in a classic American diner, went to Grand Central Station and to the New York Public Library where the real toys that inspired the Winnie the Pooh stories are kept. We also got to go to the very top of the Rockefeller Centre and another beautiful view of New York. In the evening, after dinner, we went to Times Square and then to Broadway where we saw Beetlejuice the Musical, it was an amazing show and something I'd definitely see again and recommend to others.



On our third day in New York we went to the famous Radio City Music Hall and got a full tour of the amazing stage and building where we could hear people on the stage even when we were sat at the very back of the highest seats. Later, we saw the play Network, which was completely different to Beetlejuice but technically amazing; it used multiple different screens on the one stage to show different angles to what we were seeing the actors doing. Some of us even got to meet the star of it, Brian Cranston, at the stage door where we took photos and got our playbills signed.



On our last day we went on the Manhattan Ferry and saw the Statue of Liberty, however, it was far too cold and windy to be outside for longer than a minute. After this we saw the Ground Zero 9/11 monument, Wall Street and the Manhattan Bridge. It was an amazing (and exhausting) once-in-a-lifetime trip that I'll never forget and I'd definitely recommend people go on this trip when it hopefully comes around again.



BANES Y11 netball tournament

Congratulations to the Year 11 netball squad who produced a very strong performance in the recent BANES tournament. They started strong against Norton Hill but just couldn't get ahead in the time and finished with a draw. This theme was to continue against Writhlington finishing 2-2, although the game was cut short due to an injury to our captain Ruby Lovegrove who couldn't play on. This was a huge blow to the squad but they battled on producing strong performances with a changing line up and next came a 12-0 win against St Mark's.

Unfortunately, despite their very good efforts they were unable to beat Hayesfield and Ralph Allen in their final matches. I am super proud of the entire squad, not only with the motivation and determination they showed under pressure but also with the positive manner in which they have approached every match this season. Despite being under pressure as Year 11 students, they have all committed their time and effort to training when they can and to matches. A special mention to their captain, Ruby Lovegrove and vice captain, Taylor Hacker, who have been superb role models.

We wish them all the very best in their upcoming exams and in their future netball careers!

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 7 & 8 Hockey Team

The hockey team travelled to St Greg's for their first hockey fixture. The team were fantastic and worked extremely hard whilst playing with one player short. We had some excellent defending from Megan, Becky and Joseph. In the midfield we had some good play from Jenson, Starla and Spencer. The final score was 6-2 to St Greg's, goals scored from Megan and Spencer. Player of the match was awarded to Joseph and Megan from the opposition.

Miss Hooper



Year 3 Summer Festival

On Wednesday 15th May we hosted a Year 3 Summer Festival at Oldfield School. It was a lovely sunny day and the leaders

worked hard delivering their own planned session to over 90 Primary children. Newbridge and WASPs were the Primary schools that took part in this festival and we had positive comments throughout the afternoon from the teachers and staff that came along. The Year 8 ambassadors also did a fabulous job looking after their group of children and we hope that many will consider being a Sports Leader when they too are in Year 9.

Well done to all the Sports Leaders and Ambassadors that took part during the afternoon.

Mrs Bell

Yr 8 BANES football final on 30.04.19

The Year 8 football team competed in the BANES final against Norton Hill at Somervale. It had been a huge achievement to get this far by winning their league - an achievement that has only ever happened once for Oldfield before! Having an unbeaten season the team approached the game with confidence and high spirits. Despite conceding 2 goals in the first 10 minutes Oldfield managed to continue a fast paced attacking style and managed to score twice. The team entered half time 3-2 down. Motivating and inspiring words from Captain George Sweet positively impacted team morale and all players showed fantastic determination to stay in the game. Unfortunately Norton Hill scored 2 incredible goals that closed off the match. Despite losing, this team have developed hugely this season and everyone who has contributed should be super proud of their achievements. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this side through both the triumphs and dips. As a faculty, we are incredibly excited for next season. Have a good rest this summer boys and get ready for a busy winter season next year!

Mr Gann, PE Teacher



Rounders fixtures against St Greg's, Chew Valley, Wellsway and Hayesfield Year 7 and 8 match reports



Year 7

This week set both Year 7 and 8 teams off on their rounders' fixtures. Both match days saw the teams play in a triangular fixture. Up first was St Greg's and our Year 7 team showed huge enthusiasm for their game. As the second innings started the team began to organise themselves better. However, the girls ended up losing to St Greg's, with Annabelle Morris voted opposition player of the match.

Leading into their second fixture against Chew Valley, who had some outstanding hitters, our fielding couldn't quite keep up with the power of the batters. Unfortunately, Chew Valley won the game 11 -6. Mya Dillon was awarded player of the match.

The Year 8 team played in the exact same triangular fixtures and were up against St Greg's first. Our fielding was our strong area, but unfortunately the batting got the better of us. We lost to St Greg's with Shan Stonestreet voted player of the match. It was a similar situation against Chew Valley, however in this game we managed to get more runs. Player of the match was awarded to Freya Keyford.

In the second triangular fixture this week against Wellsway and Hayesfield, the Year 7s again showed their commitment and enthusiasm in the matches which was great to see. Some impressive hitting kept us in the game but we just could not compete (yet!) with fielding the more challenging balls at times. We just lost out to Hayesfield 6 ½ - 4 ½ and we lost to Wellsway 7 ½ - 3 ½. Congratulations to Neela Clements who was voted player of the match in both games. The Year 8 team had a lot closer scores against Wellsway and Hayesfield and managed to make improvements in their game play. Unfortunately the girls lost 9 - 5 ½ to Wellsway with Sophie Iles awarded player of the match. Hayesfield awarded Freya Keyford player of the match, but unfortunately Hayesfield beat us on rounders.



Year 8

Year 9 and 10 Match reports

The senior rounders squads started their new season off with a match at St Greg's. Having had no time for training, we entered into the unknown! Both squads played very well and soon got back into the swing of it producing some great performances in batting and fielding. Unfortunately, the Year 10s had to contend with some big hitters from St Greg's and we lost 9-5. Congratulations to Ruby Frampton who was voted player of the match.

The Year 9 squad came away with a 9 - 5 ½ win thanks to some great hitting. Congratulations to Amelia Mattock voted player of the match. At the second lot of fixtures, both teams were up against Wellsway and Hayesfield. The Year 9 team fielded really well against Wellsway and got

a lot of the opposition out early. They won the match 12 rounders to 8, with player of the match awarded to Hafsa Said. The second match against Hayesfield, the girls won again 7 ½ rounders to 3 ½. In this game Maddie Haag was awarded player of the match.

The Year 10s had two great games against Wellsway and Hayesfield in the triangular rounders fixture. Despite making some great fielding decisions and rounders from Ruby Frampton we just missed out on the win in both games, losing both by just 1 ½ rounders! Congratulations to Ruby Frampton who was voted player of the match in both matches.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

Year 9



Year 10



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District Athletics

Oldfield School had a fantastic day at the District Athletics Competition at Bath University on Tuesday 14th May. There were excellent performances in every age category. The inter girls managed to come overall third even though they were a small team. The junior girls came overall second and would have won if the relay was counted. The junior boys team won their category and received a trophy which was a lovely surprise. A huge congratulations goes to the following athletes who came in the top two in their events and now qualify for the County Athletics Championships on Saturday 8th June at the Kip Keino Stadium, Filton.

Mackenzie Davies inter boys 200m 24.62s and long jump 5.45m

Indy Jennings 80m hurdles 1st

Lauren McKenzie inter girls 100m 13.27s

Chloe Marrett junior girls 100m

Eleni Francis junior girls long jump 5.30m

Fletcher Lucas-Smith junior boys discus 24.61m

Sam Ojeiwa junior boys shot 9.5m

Herbie Bailey junior boys high jump 1.65m and 300m 40.8s

Mary Akinboroye minor girls shot 7.01m

Ella Hamnett minor girls high jump 1.35

Well done to all those who took part. *Mrs Bell*



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Year 9 Girls football – Spring Games 2019

The girls qualified for the Spring Games 2019, a total of 11 teams were in the tournament. The tournament had two pools, in our pool we were up against Bedminster Down, Downend, St Gregory's and St Bernadette's. We didn't lose a game in our pool; we beat St Bernadette's and St Gregory's and drew against Bedminster Down and Downend. With these result we came second in our group and were up against Hanham in the semi-finals. The games were only 12 minutes long and unfortunately this game went to a penalty shoot-out where the girls missed out on going into the final. The next game was up against Mangotsfield for a third and fourth place finish. The girls were most definitely the better team in this match. However, it was not our day, the game went to a penalty shoot-out again. The girls unfortunately didn't manage to score all of their penalties meaning we came fourth in the tournament, but a massive well done to all the girls that took part.



Miss Hooper, PE Teacher



Year 7 Team

Girls Football

The U14's girls team went and played in the last football tournament of the year at Somervale this week. A total of 10 teams entered and there were two pools. Both the Year 7 and Year 9 team managed to win, draw and lose games in their pools. Unfortunately, this time no team managed to get through to the final. However, it was a lovely sunny evening with lots of fantastic football taking place. Bring on the next season of football in September.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher



Year 9 Team

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



Champion Netballer, Maddy

Maddy with her netball player of the year award for her club Bristol Academy. She's had a brilliant season both for her club and for the Avon Satellite Academy. Congratulations to Maddy!

Mackenzie, Rugby star

Well done to Mackenzie who is playing for the Bristol Bears Academy. This photo was taken at the U15 Cleve Festival where he represented Bristol Bears Academy and had just scored, running from his own half against Exeter Chiefs.



AVON ATHLETE Sam Ojeiwa stunning effort at UK Final

Sam Ojeiwa was chosen from Oldfield school to be part of the Avon Team. Avon Schools' young athletes performed with great distinction at the United Kingdom Sports Hall Finals at Manchester's Sport City over the weekend.

On Saturday April 13th the U13 boys team took a magnificent second place of the 12 regional finalists.

The event on Saturday started with a wonderful effort from the Obstacle Relay team who took a surprise but welcome Silver in the very first event. Winning their heat by some distance, they were beaten by 3 tenths to the title. Sam Ojeiwa from Oldfield was part of this team and also took part in the shot put. Well done Sam!

HOUSE NEWS



Reward Trip for Term 3 house point scorers; Trampolining

Top house point earners were literally doing somersaults of joy at the Term 4 reward trip to 'Flipout' at Longwell Green. The Heads of House were blown away with the acrobatics on show – backflips, arab springs and handless cartwheels all over the place. Mr. Gann challenged the students to find out who could bounce the highest – only to win the competition himself, almost jumping out of the building with his biggest effort! Miss Vickery, Mrs. Macnaughton and Mr.

Fox would have taken part, but they didn't want to spill their hot chocolates... Less springy revellers discovered a bottomless pit of fun in the ball pool, whilst others spectated from the top of high boxes and dangled from netting. A pair of Flipout socks was gifted to every house point earner as a memento. We think it would be fair to say that a flipping good time was had by all.

Polish your clubs for the next reward trip outing to Victoria Falls Crazy Golf in Bath... Fore! It will take place at the beginning of Term 6 to ensure we have as many of our students along as possible.

Miss Vickery, Head of Apollo House

Mr Gann, Head of Maia House

Mrs Macnaughton, Head of Minerva House

Mr Fox, Head of Neptune House



OLDFEST—Thursday 18th July

Plans are well under way by both students and staff in preparation for our first ever summer festival, 'Oldfest'. Oldfest will take place on the penultimate day of term, Thursday 18th July and will be an enjoyable event to celebrate the hard work of the students throughout the year. It will also give students the chance to work on their entrepreneurial skills as each tutor group will be responsible for a stall including budgeting, buying items and managing cash flow. Any profit made will be split and donated to charities chosen by each house.

We currently have a house competition running to design the poster for 'Oldfest'. Entries need to be submitted by Friday 24th May and will be judged by Mr Mackay. The winning entry will be used to promote the event around school, on the school website and social media. We look forward to seeing some great designs – get those colouring pencils and paintbrushes ready!

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Flying Start

Last term I took the 'Concord Pigeons' to the Grand Final of Flying start at the Fleet Air Arm Museum. The competition consisted off a range of exciting engineering activities including the Earthquake Tower (building a tower using paper straws which would withstand a 'simulated' earthquake) and the Jet Propulsion Car (using a plastic bottle and balloons to propel a small vehicle). They also had to pitch their posters to a panel of industry experts and Fly 'Gary' (the Glider) in the Grand Final Fly-Off . The team also had a tour of the museum and a talk from a BA Pilot. Although they came home with no prizes this time each team member received their Industrial Cadets at Bronze Level and the team showed resilience and brilliant team work throughout the competition. Well done Maisie, Alexia, Megan and Lola and thank you for your hard work!



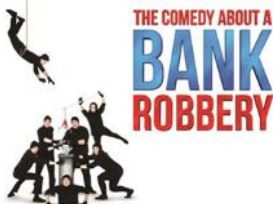
Miss Evans, Head of Technology



UKMT Team Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 27th March, I took a team of four students to the UKMT Team Maths Challenge at the Royal High School in Bath. Our team of Sophie (Year 9), Isaac (Year 9), Conal (Year 8) and Theo (Year 8) worked brilliantly together to tackle a Group Round, Shuttle Round, Crossnumber and a Relay. Each round involved 45 minutes of focussed mathematical problem solving and required good strategies and tactics to maximise scores. There were 16 teams from schools across the South West and although they did not finish in the top three, they performed very well on each of the four rounds and remained enthusiastic and motivated throughout. I was especially pleased with their performance on the Relay where they achieved an impressive run of correct answers in quick succession. Well done Team Oldfield!!

Miss Monaghan, Second in Maths



Year 12 and 13 Drama students went to see 'The Comedy about a Bank Robbery' at the Bath Theatre Royal. The show is

a quick paced farce which is filled with gags and clever theatrical tricks. As well as being an opportunity to enjoy a night at this entertaining production, students will be evaluating the design and theatrical techniques for a question in their A Level written examination.

World Challenge

This year's World Challenge team are almost ready to jet off to Swaziland via Johannesburg, South Africa this summer. We have had our very wet, windy training weekend in the Forest of Dean to help prepare us for the adventure ahead. During the trip, we will begin by trekking across deserts, mountains and wild camping in all sorts of beautiful terrains. The next stop will be a canopy tour to explore the thriving forests of Swaziland followed by camping and safari on one of the many nature reserves. It is going to be absolutely jam-packed and the whole team are so excited but the thing that we are all looking forward to the most is the community project aspect. We will have an opportunity to use the money we have raised to help a local community in some way. This could be anything from building a well, school or a hospital!

If this is something you think you'd like to do, Miss Mellor is beginning to get next year's team together for their trip to Morocco. So if you have any questions, get in touch with either of us.

Miss Brewer and Miss Mellor, World Challenge Coordinators

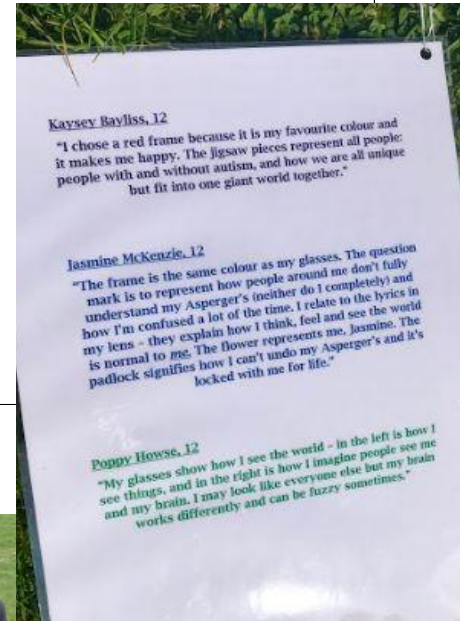




Art for Bath Spa University

Last term, a group of girls from Year 7 and 8 (Annabelle Morris, Poppy Howse, Jasmine McKenzie, Lucy Gleave, Chelsea Morgan and Kaysey Bayliss) came together to create a piece of art to contribute to an exhibition at Bath Spa University as part of Bristol & Bath Autism Awareness week – the theme of the exhibition was ‘Seeing It My Way’. They worked extremely hard on this and it was amazing to see them using their imaginations so well!

Miss Morgan, SEND TA



Dog therapy

Our students have spent time with a therapy dog called Misty. In the words of one of our students ‘Misty was extremely playful, adorable and made me feel happy’. She was brilliant at Frisbee and tug of war and she really enjoyed treats and water. They even did maths, working out dog years. Misty is 14 in dog years. They also learnt how to greet and play with dogs.

Miss Westlake

Year 3 Drama Workshop

Year 10 GCSE Drama students worked hard to plan and deliver two drama workshops to Year 3 students from Newbridge Primary School as part of their Arts Week. It was a great opportunity for students from the two schools to work together and we hope to work with them again soon.

Miss Bloomfield, Head of Drama





Water sports

Over the past couple of weeks we have had the opportunity to take a group of our SEN students to Bristol harbourside on a Wednesday afternoon for Watersports sessions with an organisation called 'All Aboard'.

The students have been able to try out sailing, katakanus (two canoes joined together in the centre to form a raft) and rowing. The students have so far had the chance to try all three of these different activities and will soon be choosing which of these activities they would like to



specialise in. At the end of the programme, the students will take part in a regatta (a series of different races) against other schools that have also participated. We have had mostly fantastic weather, however last week we were unfortunate to have a thunderstorm just before we were due to go onto the water. This meant that we had to cancel, which was very disappointing. However the students were fantastic despite this, and the following week we had beautiful warm weather and a wonderful time.

Mr Sully



Forest school

Over the last few weeks a group of our students have been involved in Forest school through an organisation called Broadtree. For the first few weeks each Wednesday we explored the woodland area by Lansdown doing a variety of different outdoor activities.

The students learnt skills such as fire lighting, chopping wood for kindling and how to tie several types of knots. We have had the opportunity to play a variety of games in the forest area and watching the students enjoy the great outdoors and



have a unique learning experience outside of the classroom has been amazing to see.

Throughout forest school so far, we have had warm weather, cold weather and very wet weather! The students have been up for having fun regardless and worked together to set up a waterproof shelter in the rain using tarp and rope to tie this around a tree for support.

Fire lighting seemed to be the favourite with opportunities for toasted marshmallows, cinnamon apple, bread and even fresh popcorn! The confidence of the students has grown over the last few weeks with the students willing to try new things and push themselves out of their comfort zone whilst having fun. Many thanks to Adam Nash for teaching the students these new skills.



Life Skills

During Life Skills our students participated in creating Mother's Day cards. As part of this creative activity the students constructed their own cards and finished them with a personal messages to express their thoughts and feelings.

All the students had great fun during this activity and we are very proud of their achievements.

Mrs Keaveney and Miss Davies



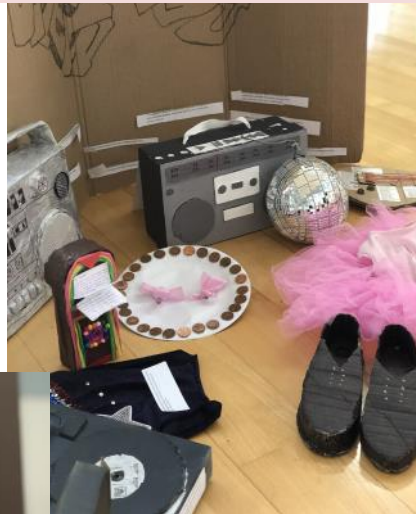
Dance Umbrella

This year's Dance Umbrella took place on Tuesday 2nd April. Our very own Upper Signature Dance group performed a piece called 'Nemesis' at the Bath Forum alongside 20 other schools from across BANES. The dance piece was initially inspired by Benjamin Clementine's track 'Nemesis' because of the strong rhythms. We then started to focus on the idea of one person leading and how this can cause division and friction between individuals. All the dancers were an absolute credit to Oldfield. As well as enjoying all the performances from the balcony of the Forum on the night the students got to perform to a packed room; their performance was dynamic, dramatic and very well received by the audience. It was a fantastic experience for all the students who performed and they all enjoyed being part of the Dance Umbrella family for a second year.

"I liked the narrative of the dance and about us having a nemesis who controlled us. I choreographed my own movements thinking about the different levels of status using the imagery of puppets being controlled." Lizzy Yr 9

"It was a great experience. It builds friendships and it's fun to perform!" Ellis, Yr 9

Mrs Macnaughton, Dance Teacher

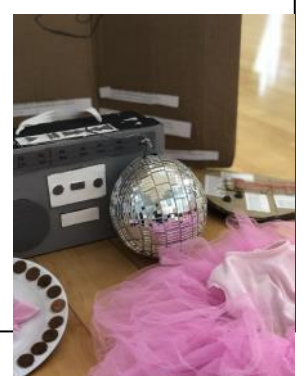


Dance Prop Mania

Once again our Year 8 students have not disappointed us with their creative minds. Last term the dance studio was full of props that represented their chosen dance style. From tap shoes to ghetto blasters, tutus to guitars the standard and variety of props was amazing.

Mr Mackay has once again judged the competition and picked out his winning designs based on both the prop and the factual information that was included. Amongst those picked out was a guitar, a gramophone and a 1920's head piece. The overall winner was Nuala who made a miniature, bright, and informative Juke Box; congratulations!

Mrs Macnaughton



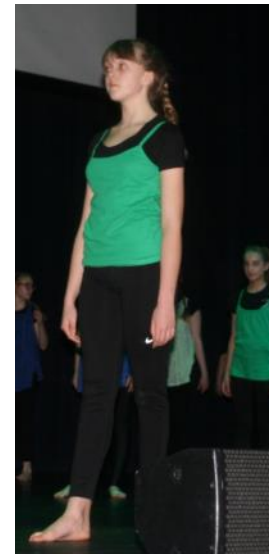
Year 7 Car Man

It's not only the Year 8 students who have been busy making props, Year 7 students have been getting in on the act too! Students from 7D and 7S made some amazing props as part of the Car Man Dance last term to portray working in a garage. From oil cans to tool boxes, the quality was very impressive. Some of the props even made it on stage. They were

used in The Evening of Dance as part of the performance. A special mention to Megan, Amy and Callum whose work was especially creative.

Mrs Macnaughton, Dance Teacher





Evening of Dance

Marking a decade of dance shows at Bath Forum, the evening celebrated the talent, passion and enthusiasm for dance from over 100 students.

Pieces, created during dance lessons and our wide variety of extra-curricular dance clubs, were performed alongside work choreographed by our current GCSE and A Level dance students. From ballet to break dance, contemporary to Charleston and even a glimpse of dance styles through different eras, there was something for everyone.

Thank you to all the students who gave up their time to rehearse and perform, to the staff who put in such dedication, and also to you as parents, for your continued support and encouragement.

Mrs Smith, Head of Dance



Banter or Bullying Conference at Bath Spa by Zai Ciss in Year 7

At the Bullying / Bantering Conference, we had various interactive activities to contribute to, such as the Negative / Positive catwalk, the Bullying Memes and thinking of ways to avoid cyberbullying. Elana, Sayo and I found each activity enjoyable (especially the Bullying Memes) and we all learned new ways to find the difference between bullying and bantering jokes. We met new people from schools and campaigns and exchanged experiences from our perspective. We ended the day with an inspirational Q&A with an upcoming author as he shared what he went through during secondary school. I thoroughly recommend going to a conference similar to this if you ever get the opportunity.

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