Oldfield School Newsletter

Outlook

Important Dates;

01 Apr 2021

END OF TERM 4

19 Apr

START OF TERM

5 WEEK 2

26 Apr

WEEK 1

28 Apr

OSA Special

General Meeting

03 May

BANK HOLIDAY

WEEK 2

10 May

WEEK 1

13 May

Year 7 Parents'

Evening

17 May

WEEK 2

24 May

WEEK 1

28 May

END OF TERM 5

7 June

START OF TERM

6

WEEK 2

14 June

WEEK 1

17 June

Year 8 Parents'

Evening

01 July

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have an enjoyable Easter and are able to take advantage of the relaxation of covid restrictions to spend time with family and friends (weather permitting of course!). You may have noted that, fortuitously, the second half of the holiday aligns with retail and outdoor hospitality opening. Therefore this will allow us all to experience a few more elements of normal life once again over the holiday. As yet, we have not received any information on whether the measures that schools are required to have in place will change from Term 5 onwards. I am expecting to receive updated guidance at some point after 12th April and will share any developments with you as soon as we are informed of these.

Your children continue to impress me with their resilience and fortitude and I am delighted with how positive the return to school has been. I have already written to you to outline our plans for increasing extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities over the remainder of the year and you will see in this newsletter that enrichment activities in our PE and music departments are already in place. Please encourage your children to participate now the opportunities are once again available.

Year 11 and Year 13 are undertaking ongoing assessments next term and a wide range of support has been provided to help them with their revision and preparation. Further information and guidance for parents and students will be shared with parents of Year 11 and 13 students in separate letters which will be sent to you at the end of this term.

Students and staff in our SEND Department are getting increasingly excited in anticipation of their move into the new SEND building next term. This will be completed during the holiday period and ready to be occupied at the start of next term. I will share more details with you (and photos) in the next newsletter. It is an amazing building and will transform our provision in this area. Furthermore, we are being joined by Suzanne Crosbie, our new SENCo, at the start of next term. She has visited the school on a couple of occasions since her appointment and is just as excited about the opportunities provided by our new facilities as our current staff are.

You may be aware that we interviewed for a new Assistant Headteacher last week and have appointed James Beddow from an exceptionally strong field of candidates. James is currently a senior pastoral leader at St Martin's School in Brentwood, and will be joining us in September 2021 in the role of Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral.

We have one member of staff leaving the school at the end of this term, Jane Higson; our Finance Manager. We wish her all the best in the future and are grateful for all that she has done in supporting staff and in helping to ensure that the school is in such a strong financial position.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families all the best over the holiday period.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Steven Mackay, Headteacher

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Pond Life; DONATIONS REQUEST

The science teachers are getting together to do some work on cleaning up the pond over Easter and we would be most grateful for any donations of plants for the pond. Please email enquiries@oldfieldschool.com if you have any you can donate. Many thanks.

NOTICE BOARD

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 drivers should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.

Furthermore, parents should not pull into the main school carpark to drop off students, this blocks the area for teachers and staff trying to get to work.

Updating details - general and medical

Please ensure you keep us up to date on where you live and contact numbers and email if they change. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition then we need to be informed of any changes. Please do so by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Leaving Oldfield?

If you know that your child will be leaving Oldfield School in July to start at another setting in September, e.g Studio School, please can you let us know by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com FAO: Mrs R Bromiley. Thank you.

Parents' Support for Schools Campaign

The BANES Parent Support Groups are organising a virtual meeting on 29th April from 7pm to 9pm, a local 'roundtable' meeting for parents, carers, teachers and those who work with their school communities to put forward thoughts on the last 12 months, the significance of schools and the key issues for the future; in the presence of our two local MPs.

This will be a Zoom meeting at:

https://zoom.us/j/94395860183?pwd=MDI2M2diM0t3dTRYdVRJY1pkcWtDZz09

Parents and cares, staff and governors are welcome to attend.

Warning Allergies

Many of our students suffer serious nut and sesame seed allergies. Therefore, please remember not to include these in your child's packed lunch. We are a nut free school.

Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan, from BANES Council

The Transport Delivery Action Plan will help tackle some of the biggest challenges we face as Somerset Council a society: improving air quality, combatting climate change, improving health and wellbeing, addressing inequalities and tackling congestion on our roads.

Bath & North East

The development of the plan provides an opportunity to help create places we want to live and work – with better connected, healthier and more sustainable communities.

It will place people at its core and help deliver clean growth, by supporting local businesses, as well as helping ensure prosperity can spread.

This consultation provides the chance for you to have your say on how the Council, on your behalf, shapes the future transport system in Bath for the next 10 years.

The Council adopted the Liveable Neighbourhood Polices in December. This plan builds on those policies with a holistic Transport Delivery Action Plan that will identify the transport measures that we want to deliver for those living, working and visiting Bath.

To find out more information and stay up to date with the latest on the Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan, please email transport planning@bathnes.gov.uk . Register to attend a public webinar to learn more about the plan and find out how to have your say by visiting bathnes.gov.uk/bathtransportplan.







OSA Constitution Review

The OSA is in the process of reviewing our constitution and as members of the Association we are giving you the opportunity to comment on the changes. Please find a link below to the document with suggested amendments.

www.oldfieldschool.com/about-us/osa/

If you would like to make any suggestions or have any comments please contact osa@oldfieldschool.com, before the Special General Meeting which is due to take place on 28th April. Please note everyone is invited to this meeting and further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Second-hand School Uniform Donations

The OSA will be holding its next online sale of second-hand uniform next term and we are keen to receive any Price and Buckland uniform items you would like to donate.

Please send in your clean donations into main reception in a bag, labelled OSA. Donations should be Price and Buckland stock only, and we are unable to accept any footwear or blouses or shirts. We are currently very short of girls' PE kit, girls' skirts, ties and blazers.

Please note from now on we will **only accept Price and Buckland uniform that has the new logo** on it.

The uniform must be washed and ready to sell, i.e. no hems to deal with or buttons to sew on please.

We do not accept coats, shirts, socks, hoodies, water bottles, DofE kit, pencil cases, timetables or trainers.

Thanks for all your donations and watch this space for details of the next online sale.



The online order form will be open to take orders from **17th May.**

Its been a long time but welcome back to Duke of Edinburgh Award!

It has been a long time since students first signed up to the DofE Award at Bronze and Silver Level and with many covid setbacks we are finally on the road to recovery and ready to restart DofE Award at Oldfield School. Over the current year students have had to adapt to so many different challenges and this is evident with many 'home' choices for the activities as students completed the DofE with a difference.



Many have learnt a new skill, started a new hobby and even got physical along the way with the daily family lockdown walk. We are finalising dates to complete our expedition which will be in line with the government road map so everything is on track so that our Year 10 Bronze and Year 11 Silver will be able to complete the Award this school year. Students will be invited to discuss any concerns or questions they have through a Teams meeting. We also have a parental meeting scheduled in for early next term, further details will be sent shortly. Could I please ask that students continue to use the EDofE portal to submit evidence of activities that they have completed during lockdown, and, if you have any queries, use the Teams DOFE channel.

Mr John, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Staff Running Team

This term members of staff united together and formed the Oldfield Staff Running Team! It was initially set up during lockdown for social runners to share enthusiasm for light jogs, occasional skips and that sprint for the finish. However since then, we have had the opportunity to participate in an inter-school staff competition. On Sunday 28th February, over 400 school staff runners spanning from the moors of



South Devon to the Highlands of Scotland competed in a virtual 5k relay. Out of 42 schools, Oldfield Staff Running team came 6^{th} - pretty decent result for a few social runners! We will participate in other races as they come up, so watch this space!

Mr Gann

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

PE Clubs

Week 1 Day	2.45-3.45pm Year 7, 8 & 9 only	3.45-4.45pm Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form only
Monday	Year 7 Ready 4 Rugby (JOD - Penn Field) Year 9 Dance (SMH)	
Tuesday	Year 7 Football (DBL - Penn Field) Year 8 Five a-side Football (Bath City FC)	Year 10 Five a-side Football (Bath City FC)
Wednesday	Year 8 Netball (BER) Year 9 Netball (LIK) Year 7 Dance Club (MAS)	
Thursday	Year 9 Badminton (DRR)	Year 10 GCSE & Cambridge National Trampolining/Table Tennis (GAC)

Week 2	2.45-3.45pm	3.45-4.45pm
Day	Year 7, 8 & 9 only	Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form only
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 7 Football (JOD – Outdoor, Penn Field)	
	Year 7 Dodgeball / Benchball (HPA)	Year 10 Five a-side Football (Bath City FC)
	Year 8 Five a-side Football (Bath City FC)	
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball (BER)	Sixth Form Volleyball (DRR)
	Year 8 Dance Club (MAS)	
	Year 9 Netball (LIK)	
	Year 9 Football (DOL)	
Thursday	All staff teaching	Year 10 Basketball (HPA)
		Year 11 Five a-side Football (DRR)
		Year 10 GCSE & Cambridge National
		Trampolining/Table tennis (GAC)

Music Clubs

Day	5pm
Wednesday	Concert band Modulo rehearsals and workshops (DAJ)
Thursday	All year groups; choir rehearsals online (ROV and DAJ)

We are also intending to run handbell and ukulele rehearsals at lunch/tutor time for Year 7 (time and location tbc) and will be reintroducing concert band and choir rehearsals in school again as soon as possible.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

United Differences

New name and logo competition results

Many thanks to everyone that entered

We are pleased to announce 3 joint winners, all 3 logos will be used to create the new logo for the Equality team. Our New Name will be 'United Differences'









Paige Morgan 9L

Emily Chamberlain 7T

Mya Smith 11B

The 3 winners will all receive Amazon vouchers

Wellbeing, Kindness and Mindfulness with Year 7s

We have teamed up with the charity Bath Mind to run a project about wellbeing, kindness and mindfulness. A group of Year 7 students are participating in a 2 year long project and they will be supporting our new intake of Year 7 students from September. The project will develop awareness in young people of how to be more self compassionate and kinder to themselves, and to others, broaching mental health and wellbeing. The project will be youth led and a 'finale' product will be co-devised by young people to explore a manifesto for self compassion. This work is conducted in partnership with the Department of Kindness and artist Ali Brown. The "I will" campaign is about inspiring young people to be active citizens. More information about Ali and the "I Will" campaign can be found here:

https://deptofkindness.com https://www.iwill.org.uk/about-us/about-iwill-campaign

Miss Davies, Head of Year 7

Orchestras for all!

The Music Department at Oldfield School received an invitation to take part in the "Modulo - Orchestras for All" project. This wonderful opportunity has given students of all musical abilities the opportunity to take part and play with professional



musicians from the following renowned organisations; BBC Philharmonic, City of London Sinfonia, CBSO and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's LEAP Ensemble.

Musicians can be of any instrumental skill level or experience, whether tab-reading guitarists, open string players or traditional orchestral players.

On Wednesday 24th March the organisation held a BIG MEET where our students played alongside other musicians from all over the UK via Zoom. It was fantastic to have them all involved and Modulo were so impressed with our students' focus, creativity and effort. They all really got so stuck in, despite the challenges of online events, with Year 7 student, Miles, presenting for our final session at the end of the day!

In the composition session the students created an excellent piece, even with the additional challenge of them all being in different rooms. If any students recorded their part of the composition, please do encourage them to send it in to us.

Miss Davies, Music Teacher

Introduction to the Industry Workshop - Acting and Theatre with Annabel Baldwin - Year 11 and 13 Drama Students

We were so lucky to have been able to run a Teams workshop for our GCSE and A level drama students with actor Annabel Baldwin.

Annabel has starred in the West End production of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' as well as lots of other theatre and film roles including the lead part in our A level set text, Antigone - she is even the voice of Domino's Pizza at the moment!

Annabel talked to us about careers in theatre and what it is like to work as a professional performer. She also gave our students some great tips on learning lines and ways to approach and perform a monologue, both live and to camera (a new skill they have had to pick up in these Covid times).

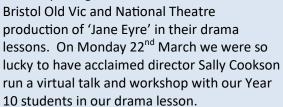
It is great to give our students the opportunity to connect with professionals in the theatre industry - and we really want to thank Annnabel for preparing and delivering her workshop and giving us her time.

Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama



Year 10 Drama A Virtual Visit from Director Sally Cookson

Over the last few weeks, Year 10 have been exploring the



Sally has created lots of famous productions for the Bristol Old Vic, the National Theatre and the Old Vic in London. As well as talking about the productions she has worked on, she also gave our Year 10 students lots of tips for devising and creating original theatre using ensemble techniques, which they can use in their own performance which they will start next term.

Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama

Year 10 Flour Baby Project

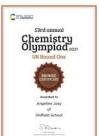
To understand what it is like to have parental responsibilities, Year 10 child development students made and looked after 'flour babies' for a weekend.

Inspired by the book by Anne Fine, students were given a bag of flour to which they added limbs, a head and clothing. They named their baby and looked after it, as if it were a real baby, for 4 nights. Some students made cribs and had suitable toys which their babies could 'play with'. The babies could not be left alone and students kept a diary of all the activities that



they carried out to meet the flour babies' 'PIES' needs (physical, intellectual, emotional and social). They researched the advantages and disadvantages of different types of nappies and breast and bottle feeding as well as how to bath a baby and designed a suitable outfit. All students fully embraced the challenge and said they enjoyed it, although the responsibility and lack of 'me time' meant they weren't ready for their own any time soon!

Mrs Clark, Child Development teacher



Chemistry Olympiad

During lockdown, seven Sixth Form chemists took part in the annual UK Chemistry Olympiad. Over 7000 students entered this extremely challenging competition. To give an idea of how difficult the paper was, the average score was 17 marks out of 85!



Four students achieved a Bronze Award. Congratulations to Angeline Josy, Will Garmston, Paula Ifrim and Arthur Colyer.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Ms Houston, Science Coordinator



British National Science Week at Oldfield School

The British National Science Week for this year ran from 5th to 14th March with the theme **Innovating for the Future.**

As part of this year's Science Week, all Key Stage 3 students are taking part in a national poster competition to design an invention for the future of their choice. The students are challenged to use the skills learnt from the science inventors that have been discussed in lesson such as openmindedness, curiosity and resilience.

Students are already coming up with some brilliant ideas, some of which are captured below;

- the virus splatter (Noah Long),
- cosy clothes (Olive Knowles),
- medicine administering robot (Tyrese Olley-Grey),
- an app for monitoring hours of phone use (Lula Isom)
- the digital frame (Ella Steel)

and many more.

With all the uncertainty and how schooling has changed for so many teachers and students, it has been amazing to be taking part in this year's competition.

The poster competition is open to all students and deadline for entries is 30th April 2021 on the website: https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/

Here are some of the works-in-progress;







Digital Marketing Course

I am pleased to report our budding entrepreneurs have completed online courses on digital marketing and it's great to see that parents have also joined in the fun to complete the course!

Congratulations to George and Emmanuel Athanasiou, (Year 10 and Year 9 respectively) and their mum for completing the course together. They commented that "we found it really interesting and helpful".

Also congratulations to Alexia Biro in Year 11 who enjoyed the courses so much she has signed up for further courses.

Lauren McKenzie, Year 12, is also enjoying participating; "a really good insight into digital marketing and accessible to many."

www.futurelearn.com/courses/digital-skills-digital-marketing

Students need to follow the link above and register. The topics covered are "How to use Digital Marketing" and "Digital Marketing Techniques". Parents are more than welcome to participate as well.

Mrs Britton, Head of Business Studies

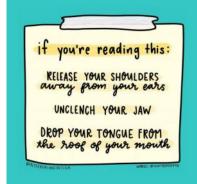


The return to school has been a very different experience for us all. In our PSHE tutorial sessions we have been looking at the different ways we can help ourselves and our friends if returning to school has caused any worries or concerns.

Many of us suffer with anxiety at some time in our lives. We have been acknowledging the different symptoms that people feel and have also looked at different strategies to help us if we feel anxious.

Here are a few of the different strategies that may help your child should they feel anxious during the school day or at home. The key is to remember that we are all very different and that these tips might help our friends and family too. So give them a try and see what works for you!

Students have also been looking at where they can get extra support and help in their PSHE or tutorial sessions. The following websites are full of top tips on a number of issues relating to our mental and physical health, social media, friendships and much, much more. Lockdown has affected us all in very different ways. The key message is that we are all different and have all been dealing with very individual challenges during lockdown. We now need to support each other.





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fighting for young people's mental health





www.headspace.com



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Bath Rugby Coaching Sessions

We were pleased to be able to give some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students the exciting opportunity to take part in "Project Rugby" programme led by the Bath Rugby Foundation. Project Rugby is run by all Premiership Rugby clubs in collaboration with England Rugby and has been designed to increase participation in the game at grass roots level.

The sessions were run throughout lockdown and continued with the transition back to school, with a focus on building "FUNdamental" skills through small games and activities. The sessions were run across PE curriculum time and helped build fun team skills. We are grateful to the dedicated staff and coaches of the Bath Rugby Foundation for all the hard work that they have done with our students and we look forward to continuing our great partnership in the future.

















FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Community Food Pantries

Community food pantries supply low cost, high quality food to families on low incomes. Each week families can choose from a range of chilled, fresh and long-life food. There are four food pantries in Bath; Weston and Newbridge located at the Hub, Mercy in Action located in Twerton, Oasis in the city centre, Brightstart Children's Centre in Odd Down.

Families are encouraged to join their nearest food pantry (i.e live or work within a 15 minute walk or drive from one). Families are only allowed to join one food pantry. A referral form must be completed and then families pay a weekly membership fee of between £2-3. All refrigerated food must be transported in an insulated carrier bag. Some food pantries offer other services. See the information below.

Self-referrals can be made to Oasis Food Pantry and FOOD at Brightstart Children's Centre in Odd Down. Referrals to the Weston and Newbridge Food Club and Action Pantry at Mercy in Action can only be made through the school or another outside agency. For more information or to be referred by the school please send an email to enquiries@oldfieldschool.com FAO S.Mills. Your email address and Surname will be sent to the relevant food pantry. You can then ask the food pantry or school for a referral form. This should be emailed to the food pantry.







Find out more
To find out more, please email:
banesboods.bise@family-action.org.uk
brightstartoc@bathnes.gov.uk
www.family-action.org.uk

 Radstock Children's Centre: Fridays, 1.30 - 3.30pm

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