

Important Dates;

21 July

END OF TERM 6

Tuesday 10th Aug

A Level Results Day

Thursday 12th Aug

GCSE Results Day

Yr 11 Prom, Bath

Racecourse

Tues 07 Sept 2021

TERM 1

Yrs 7, 10, 12 only

Weds 08 Sept

Yrs 11 and 13 start

school

Thurs 09 Sept

Yrs 8 and 9 start

school

Yrs 7, 10, 12 school

photographs

Yr 11 Information

Evening

Mon 13th Sept

Yrs 8, 9, 11, 13

school photographs

Tues 14th Sept

Yr 7 Information

Evening

Weds 15th Sept

Yr 8 Information

Evening

Thurs 16th Sept

Yr 10 Information

Evening

Mon 20th Sept

OSA Meeting

Tues 21st Sept

Yr 9 Information

Evening

Wed 22nd Sept

Open Evening

Thurs 23rd Sept

INSET DAY

Fri 24th Sept

Open Morning 1

Mon 27th Sept

Open Morning 2

Weds 29th Sept

Yr 7 BBQ and disco

Dear Parents and Carers

Before I proceed with the customary end of year announcements I feel that I need to reflect on what has been quite the most challenging school year that any of us will have experienced. Firstly, I want to thank you again for your patience, support and resilience over the previous 12 months, as your response to the demands that have been placed on you as parents has been amazing. I also want to thank parents who have written to me to thank school staff for their efforts this year; I have shared these with staff and they have been most welcome.

When we reopened back in September 2020, I confess I felt a large degree of uncertainty over how the school community would respond to what was going to be a very different school experience for us all. There was no part of school life that was going to be unaffected by Covid; from the seemingly trivial, such as not sharing a glue stick, to measures that had a huge impact on school life such as extra-curricular activities and the structure of the school day. I was very conscious of the potential impact on learning, but even more so on behaviour, wellbeing and on our cohesiveness and sense of community. Without question, all of these have been adversely impacted. However, I am immensely proud of the way that your children have responded and the efforts made by staff at the school to minimise the impact on our students.

It is too early to be certain about what lies ahead in the new school year but I remain hopeful that we will be able to return to something resembling normality and, if this is not possible, then I am confident that students, staff and parents will continue to work together to overcome any challenges; as we have done over the last year.

Sadly we have not been able to end the school year as intended and all of the events planned for this week have been cancelled. This included a performance on Penn Field by Rak-Su, which was to be a surprise thank you for our students and, unfortunately, this event cannot now be rescheduled. We have, however, been able to say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students at their celebration events last week and I am looking forward to seeing them again at their proms in August and September respectively. We wish our Year 11 and 13 leavers all the best for the future and look forward to welcoming back those Year 11 students who are joining our Sixth Form in September.

We were able to complete most of our sports day events (albeit over more than one day), although Year 7 were unable to participate because of self-isolation. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and a welcome reminder of more normal times. The winner of the House Shield will be announced in the extended tutor period at the end of this term.

We have appointed the Sixth Form leadership team from a very strong field, the Head Student is Ruby Pearce; Oliver Phillips and Paula Ifrim will be her deputies. Congratulations on their appointments and also to the other Year 13 students who are in leadership positions next year. We will appoint our Year 11 prefects and Year 11 student leadership team at the start of next year.

Teaching staff leaving at the end of this year include Tom Allen, who is moving to Munich to teach in an international school, and Ross Fenwick, also departing abroad to teach in Dubai. Anna Taylor is leaving to join a school in Manchester and Jamie Pearce has been promoted to Head of Creatives in a school in Devon. Jessica Davies has also been promoted to the post of Head of Music in a Gloucestershire school. Kim Reed is retiring having taught in our English Department since 2004. We wish her all the best for the future and I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the school and our students over the previous 19 years. John King is also retiring this year after 14 years as site caretaker. He will be missed by us all, as will his encyclopaedic knowledge of the school site. Amy Vickery has been promoted to the role of Head of Year at Winterbourne Academy so will no longer be covering lessons in school for teaching colleagues. Holly Paillin is leaving our pastoral team to undertake teacher training. Jayne Barton is leaving our SEND team and Victoria Cornwall is leaving the Sixth Form team to move back to Sussex.

We start back at school on Thursday 2nd September; this is an inset day for staff only, as is the following day. The first school day for Year 7, 10 and 12 will be Tuesday 7th September; for Years 10 and 12 this will be a

GCSE / Sixth Form Induction Day. Years 11 and 13 will start on Wednesday 8th September and Years 8 and 9 on Thursday 9th September. The staggered start to the year will allow us to complete two lateral flow tests for each student before they return to school in September. We will write to you in more detail about the testing arrangements later in the holiday. I will also write to update you on what Covid-19 mitigation measures will be in place in September as, although we have had some guidance on this, I am anticipating that additional guidance will be shared with schools at some point over the holiday.

I hope that you are able to have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Best wishes, *Steven Mackay, Headteacher*

NOTICE BOARD

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

Reading list for Summer

We have a brand [new recommended reading list](#) for the summer holidays for students. Please click [here](#) to be view it on our website.



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.

Writing history

Mr Allen, Head of History, has been working on a book about Bristol and Transatlantic Slavery with some other history teachers in the local area. It is being published by the M Shed museum in Bristol and uses objects from the museum's collection to tell the story of how Bristol's involvement in transatlantic trafficking enriched the city, while having devastating effects in West Africa and the Caribbean. The book will be on sale from the M Shed shop this summer.



School Uniform

I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that we maintain high standards of uniform by ensuring that your son or daughter returns to school in September in the correct uniform. Please remember that extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colouring are not permitted. Could I also take this opportunity to remind you of our policy on piercings. We do not allow students to have piercings other than for an ear stud and the best advice I can give is that if you are going to allow your son or daughter to have a piercing other than in an ear that you do so at the start of the holiday. This will give time to heal prior to the return to school in September as they will not be allowed to wear any jewellery in these piercings when at school. Our expectations about uniform are outlined on the school website.

Steven Mackay



Uniform Donations

Many thanks to all of you that have kindly donated uniform to the OSA for the recent second-hand sale. Please continue to send in any donations of Price and Buckland uniform items for our sales.

Date for your diary; Monday 20th September, OSA Meeting

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

Amazing news from Hester Wiltshire in Year 8 who has achieved a distinction in her grade 8 violin, scoring 139 out of 150. This is a remarkable achievement for someone in Year 8. Our congratulations go to Hester!



Sports Day

Against all odds, Oldfield Sports Day was able to take place for most year groups. Over the past few weeks the Oldfield PE faculty have been working hard to organise the two Sports Days, within the COVID-19 restrictions, with year group bubbles in place to keep students safe.

A very enthusiastic Mr Gann Head of Maia House had the following comments “Although Maia House was divided across the field in year group bubbles, I was extremely delighted to see green face paint on pupils faces and green flags waved as athletes took to the track. From the centre of the track, everyone could hear the house chants and this almost certainly created high levels of motivation and team spirit. And gosh! Didn’t they perform well?! We had a Maian athlete with a podium position in almost every single race! This ultimately led Maia House to win the entire Sports Day – the very first time for our house. Well done teams!”

Well done to all the students and staff involved in enabling another great Sports Day event to take place.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

The Translation Exchange at Queen's College Oxford launched a brand new competition for schools this year called the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. A number of students had the opportunity to use resources in lessons to try out some translation from French and Spanish of poems and literary texts.

Some of our Year 12 students entered the final competition and we are delighted that the Spanish entry from Evie Medd was 'Commended – South West Region'. 200 schools took part in the competition and there were over 1,000 entries. Well done to all the students who entered and congratulations to Evie – the Languages Department is proud of your achievement.

Mrs Green - MFL



Library News

The Book Club Forum has been a rip-roaring success! Book Club in normal times is a weekly face-to-face meeting for students to discuss books. Now that it has gone online in Teams we now have about 100 members. A new book-themed topic is posted on a regular basis and the students discuss it (often extremely passionately!) at any time they wish. It's a very friendly group of enthusiastic readers from all years. Students wishing to join just need to give me their name and tutor and I can add them to the group.

In a similar vein, a Science Fiction group will be starting on Teams in the same style as Book Club. It's a group where students are free to discuss their favourite Sci-Fi television – like Doctor Who or films like Marvel or even books like I, Robot etc. It's a student lead group. Students wishing to join just need to give me their name and tutor and I can add them to the group.

And finally.....

Grand Library Opening

We are pleased to announce the official grand opening of the library on 22nd September. We will be welcoming the following authors to open our doors; Chris Vicks who has been nominated for the Carnegie Book Award and Jasbinder Bilan

has won numerous awards including the Indie Book of the Year and is now the Somerset Young People's Patron (Somerset Art Works). I'm sure Cygnus, our resident owl will come dressed to celebrate!



LOVE WINS and so did we! Congratulations Mia!

Mia H entered the @banescouncil LGBTQ+ History Month Competition during lockdown. Today it has been confirmed that her logo will front the publicity for the 2022 LGBTQ+ Celebrations throughout Bath and North East Somerset.

We are all extremely proud of Mia's effort - Well done!

A spokesman for BANES said: "The competition judging panel included the Chair of the Council's LGBT+ Staff group, the Head of Communications at the Council, the Inclusive Communities manager and me as Equality Officer. Mia's entry was unanimously voted as the winner. Here is what one of the judges said about the winning entry:

"Really bold and graphical, and a beautiful piece of artwork and design. Not sure about 'love wins' for council use but that could be changed; nice local connection; good submission with and without HM text. Hits brief very well".

Six of our students also made the shortlist, the judges gave specific feedback for each design. This will be shared with our students in September.

The school will officially award Mia and the runners up with their prizes and feedback in September.



Staff Virtual Running Team

No doubt this year has been rather turbulent with unexpected challenges faced by the pandemic and pressure on both students and staff. We have attempted to alleviate some of that pressure through setting up a staff virtual running team. The original online forum had been intended for social runners to share enthusiasm for light jogs and occasional skips, however within weeks 21 staff members at Oldfield had joined the team. Some staff shared running routes, personal bests (PBs) and invited others out for socially distanced runs around the local areas of Bath and Bristol. Whilst the social spirit continued among many members of the team, for some however, a hunger for competition soon developed!

In March the Oldfield Virtual Running Team entered a nationwide school staff virtual 5k team relay competition. With 43 competing school staff teams, our very own social staff team came 6th overall! This was a great result that motivated team members to continue their training throughout the next few months. We all decided it would be a fun to enter the next inter-school virtual 5k competition. Since then we have entered 4 additional competitions throughout Term 4 - 6, and the most impressive highlight was the most recent team relay; Oldfield came 9th overall in the Team Relay, Amy Green came 4th in the women's individual race with a time of 24:47 and Chris Gann came 9th in the men's individual race with a time 21:50, all these results are very impressive considering over 400 runners took part and represented over 80 schools!

We hope to continue the enthusiasm for running in the next school year and are pleased it has had such a positive impact on people's wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the spirit in the team and hopefully we can inspire more staff and students to give running a go!

Mr Gann



Year 10 6th form taster day

Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a taster day for Sixth Form at Oldfield. They had chosen their preferred subjects and, on the day, were able to find out what a lesson was like in those subjects. Oldfield Sixth Form offers a range of over 25 subjects to study. The Year 10s found the day interesting and helpful in their thoughts on decisions about their future.



James Cousins Dance Company Workshop

On Thursday 15th July we were lucky enough to be able to invite George, one of the dancers from James Cousins Dance Company into the studio, albeit virtually. The workshop had been planned to ahead with George visiting Bath but unfortunately it was not meant to be. The Year 10 GCSE group who study the company's dance work 'Within Her Eyes' as part of their course, were able to hear how the piece was choreographed and able to analyse sections of the work. 'Within Her Eyes' is set in outdoor spaces and the students were able to hear first hand how all the elements of the performance piece work together in this space to show the themes of love and loss through the choreography.

We are very much hoping that we will be able to get back to live workshops next year and will look forward to welcoming George to the studio! It was such a fantastic experience for our Year 10 students and it will undoubtedly help them with their final exams next year.

Mrs Macnaughton



United Differences

Following on from our Pride celebrations and Diversity week activities in June we want to keep celebrating all our differences. Regardless of gender, religion, sexuality or race we want all our students to have the same opportunities and positive experiences. In light of racist reactions on social media toward the England Football Team we have made our thoughts very clear around school.

When we return in September the United Differences Team will be meeting regularly to focus on our plans for celebrating and supporting all students in the next academic year. We would love to see you there! We already have lots of events in the calendar.

Have a safe summer everyone and we'll see you in September!



Mrs Macnaughton, Head of PSHE

Primary School Festival

It was great to be able to run a Primary School Festival this term, as we have had little opportunity to do so over the past year and it gives primary school children a bit of a glimpse into life at secondary school. Although some

schools could not attend we went ahead and ran a summer multi activity festival for St Mary's Primary School who brought their Year 5 class.

The Oldfield Year 8 Sports Ambassadors helped look after the children during the afternoon and were able to support the Year 9 Sports Leaders at the different sporting stations. The Sports Leaders ran events that were fun and engaging and needed little support from me. They praised the children and encouraged them all to do their best. The feedback from the children was really lovely and I hope this improved their self-belief and confidence.

Well done to all those that took part and we hope to run more of these events in the next school year.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



FROM OUR COMMUNITY

MUMS: LOOKING TO (RE) START YOUR CAREER?

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Programmes starting in September & November 2021

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- Are you a mum and currently not working?
- Are you in receipt of Universal Credit but want to go back to work and find a career you love?
- Has the Covid-19 pandemic got you thinking about next steps but you don't know where to start?

We are the Women's Work Lab and we support women in the South West into work. Over a 12 week period, our programme combines face-to-face expert training that fits around the school run (12-15 hours per week), with a formal work placement at a well-respected Bath based employer.

Our training builds your confidence through the skills we teach, our hands-on approach to learning and the supportive peer group that our programme creates. We help you explore career options supported by coaching and invaluable peer support from women with the same kinds of experiences and ambitions as you.

We're looking for women who are currently not working and in receipt of benefits. We don't mind why this is, but we want to help you find your own path back. What's important to us is not what you've been doing up until now, but the fact that you are ambitious to make a change and have a willingness to learn.

All training and work placements will take place term time and school hours only.

Training takes place at The Hub Mulberry Park, Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5BU (Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am-1pm)

Applications for both our September and November 2021 cohorts are currently open

APPLY at www.womensworklab.co.uk.
For more info call Samantha on 07837 716856 or mail samantha@womensworklab.co.uk



Monday 2nd August - Friday 27th August



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*BreakOut prioritises places for children who are entitled to receive free school meals.



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TEEN BREAKOUT

Monday 2nd August - Friday 27th August

WHO IS BREAKOUT FOR?

Teen BreakOut is open to all Teens aged 12-16 years of age, and is set to be our biggest and best Summer BreakOut yet!

*Priority booking will be allocated to children who are eligible to receive free school meals.

WHAT IS BREAKOUT?

Bath Rugby Foundation, Bath Area Play Project, Youth Connect South West, FareShare South West and partners will deliver a fun and powerful package of summer activities including music, art and sports activities, as well as health and wellbeing workshops that have been designed specifically for teenagers.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR TEENS

If you're a teen after a little adventure, our fully funded day trips to explore the best of the South West are perfect for you!

Sign up to attend one of our Teen hubs to be eligible to attend an outdoor adventure day.

(Pre-booking is essential)

Teen BreakOut Sessions

Mon, Tue, Wed, Aug 2nd - Aug 25th	12pm - 4pm	Time-out, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1PS
Mon, Tue, Wed, Aug 2nd - Aug 25th	3pm - 7pm	Southside Youth Hub, Kelston View, Bath, BA2 1NR
Fridays Only, Aug 6th - Aug 27th	4pm - 8pm	Paulson Village Hall, Farnington Rd, Bristol, BS39 7LW
Monday Only, Aug 2nd - Aug 23rd	4pm - 8pm	Astro Courts at Midcombe Norton Sports Centre, Gullack Tipling, Midcombe Norton, BA3 2SY
Wednesdays Only, Aug 4th - Aug 25th	4pm - 8pm	Church Tea Rooms, Church St, Redstock, BA3 2Q5
Tuesdays Only, Aug 3rd - Aug 24th	5pm - 8pm	Playing fields by Congroge Hall, North Rd, Timarig, BA2 0JD
Wednesdays Only, Aug 4th - Aug 25th	5pm - 8pm	The Hub, Mulberry Park, Combe Down, BA2 5BU
Thursday Only, Aug 5th - Aug 26th	7pm - 8pm	Weston Recreation Ground, Upper Weston, Bath, BA1 4DY
Friday Only, Aug 6th - Aug 27th	1pm - 4pm	Riverside Youth Hub, York Place, London Rd, Bath, BA1 5AE

Outdoor Adventures for Teenagers

Dorset Adventure Park & Corfe Castle	Thurs only, Aug 5th - Aug 19th	Est. first pick up 9am, est. last drop off 6pm	Dorset adventure Park (water park & muddy trail), Merriton Lane, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 6BA
Wilshro Outdoor Learning	Thurs only, Aug 5th - Aug 19th	Est. first pick up 9am, est. last drop off 6pm	7 Gipsy Lane, Warminster, BA2 5LR
Kayaking	Mon only, Aug 2nd, 9th, 16th	12-30 7pm, transport provided	Bath Canoe Club, The Old Organ Factory, Cleveland Cottages, Bath, BA1 5DD
Lyme Regis Fossil Hunting	Thu Aug 12th	Est. first pick up 9am, est. last drop off 6pm	Bridge St, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3DA
Bran Theme Park	Thu Aug 12th, Thu Aug 26th	Est. first pick up 9am, est. last drop off 6pm	Bridge St, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3DA
Picnic in the Park	Thu Aug 26th	Est. first pick up 10am, est. last drop off 5pm	Entry Hill, Old Down, BA2 5NA
Golf	Thurs only, Aug 5th - Aug 27th	Est. first pick up 10am, est. last drop off 5pm	Saltford Golf Club, Golf Club Lane, Bristol, BS21 5AA

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