

Important Dates;

01 Sept 2022

INSET DAY

02 Sept

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05 Sept

WEEK 1

Yrs 7, 10, 12 in school

06 Sept

All students in school

08 Sept

Yr 11 Information Evening

09 Sept

Yr 7, 10, 12 School Photos

12 Sept

WEEK 2

Yr 13 Information Evening

(online)

13 Sept

Yr 8, 9, 11, 13 School photos

Yr 7 Information Evening

14 Sept

Yr 8 Information Evening

OSA Meeting

15 Sept

Yr 10 Information Evening and

Work Experience launch

20 Sept

WEEK 1

Yr 9 Information Evening

21 Sept

Open Evening

22 Sept

INSET DAY

23 Sept

Open Morning 1

26 Sept

Open Morning 2

28 Sept

Yr 7 BBQ and Disco

06 Oct

Yr 10 Parents' Evening

21 Oct

End of Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well as we come to the end of the school year.

It has been quite a year. The realisation that Covid was not cooperating in the Spring terms was an unwelcome reminder of the previous two years, as we had to have year groups working at home because of covid related staff absence. A school closure because of a storm was a first for me, as has been the disruption caused to school this week because of the heatwave (although it has been a long while since we have had to restrict attendance because of heavy snow). It would seem that the consequences of climate change are now something we are going to have to plan for in future years. This is, most definitely, not something I would have had on my radar when I became a headteacher.

Despite some ongoing disruption this year we have been able to return much of school life to normality and every time an event or activity has taken place this year it has been a most welcome reminder for us all as to why we chose to follow a career working in education. Our students have participated in fixtures throughout the year, been involved in a myriad of extra-curricular and enrichment activities, hiked across Wiltshire on their Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, gone on school trips, participated in musical performances, the school production and the Evening of Dance, and joined in with innumerable other events and activities. It has been a pleasure and privilege to attend many of our whole school events and I am very proud of the commitment shown by the students involved in all of our extra-curricular activities. I am reluctant to highlight specific events but I do feel that I have to mention, again, the amazing achievement of our U14 girls football team in winning the Somerset Cup and also the school production of West Side Story, which was, I am sure those of you who watched it will agree, amazing.

As ever, the end of the school year is tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to staff who are leaving us. A number of staff are moving on to promoted posts in other schools, these include Lucy James, who has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Churchill School, Dan Fox, who is joining Sheldon School as Head of Geography and Lawrence Trowell who is going to Ralph Allen School as Head of English. We wish them success in their new roles. Other staff leaving to work in other schools are Charlotte Noakes to Frome College and Ivonnes Langsi to Clifton College. Jessie Garbutt is relocating to Hungary, Jonathan Clarke to Egypt and Mhairi Zeigler to Germany. Vicky Vipond, Paul Burford and Ben Makroum are also leaving us at the end of this term to pursue careers in another sector. My thanks also to Dymphna Skehill who has taught Miss Grimes class this term. Sophie Cornelius and Penny Bird will be starting their maternity leave at the end of this term (I will keep you posted on any developments here!) and Juan Martos is leaving us temporarily on shared parental leave. Other staff leaving us are our Science Technicians Jenny Beard, who is retiring, and Tyrone Falls, who has a new job working for the British Council in Spain. Two of our SEND team, Lowri Morgan and Naomi Tarrant are leaving us to follow careers in teaching and Elle Pursey is going to university.

Lastly Jan Malt, our English Leader of Learning is retiring after 25 years teaching at the school. Jan joined the school in 1997 and has made a huge contribution to the school and the wider community over this period. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her all the best in the future.

Many thanks for all your support this year and we wish you a very enjoyable and restful holiday.

Best wishes,

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NOTICE BOARD



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.

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



Dates for your diary

14 Sept OSA Meeting, 8pm online

Is your family worried about the cost of living? Future Bright could improve your career prospects

The cost of having children can be expensive, and with the addition of rising living costs, no wonder families are feeling the pinch.

If you are a working parent, you could be entitled to Future Bright's **free career coaching** to help you take control of your future and make positive progress towards new opportunities and get better pay to support your family.

In the UK, 1 in 6 jobs pay below the real Living Wage*, and with inflation being the highest in over three decades, many of us are starting to consider our options to help improve our situation.

Future Bright can offer you a dedicated career progression coach for 3-6 months working with you to:

- Create a career action plan
- Explore career opportunities
- Develop employability skills
- Build confidence and motivation

The team can also direct you to other support services, including money, benefits, counselling, and self-employed business support.

To be eligible for Future Bright you need to live in the West of England (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire).

Participants must be aged 18 or over, in paid work (including zero hours and self-employed) and receiving eligible benefits OR earning below the Real Living Wage (below £9.90 an hour).

If you are unsure if you meet the criteria, contact the team to find out more and discover other support services which may be more suitable for you.

Visit Future Bright at West of England Combined Authority for further information and contact details for your local area <https://bit.ly/3NwIUak>

*Living Wage Foundation, Nov 2021.



Sustainability at Oldfield

At Oldfield, we believe we can make a positive impact on our environment through the choices in our everyday lives. We want our students to be aware of their responsibilities for the environment; we can all do something.

Things to look out for!

Behind the scenes, we are busy thinking about how we can increase our sustainability around the school site. We currently recycle our plastic and cardboard waste and students and staff will soon see new recycling bins in and around the school as we continue to tackle our waste and reduce what is sent to landfill. Keep thinking about our waste and how we can reduce it!



Oldfield Focus: Rewilding

You may have noticed that we are taking steps to invite nature back into the school grounds through our rewilding scheme. Rewilding involves returning land back to a more natural state by doing nothing to it and allowing nature to flourish. This will often lead to a more biodiverse area. At Oldfield, we have started to allow a section near the Orchard to grow wild; the hope is that nature of all sizes will return to this area- what will you spot over the coming months?



What can you do?

We can all take small steps towards sustainability in our community; here is just a few ideas:

How do you get to school?

Car sharing and public transport is an easy option to **cut your CO₂ emissions**. Could you start walking or cycling to school?

Ditch the plastic!

Can you replace your single use plastic bottle with a metal one? By doing this you can **save around 150 single-use plastic bottles every year!**

Turn it off

A running tap wastes more than **five litres of water a minute**, so turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or washing your face.

Share your ideas!

Do you have an idea that can make a difference? If you have an idea on how we can reuse and reduce waste within the school, save water or save energy, **let Mr Santarpino or your student council rep know.**

Want to know more? Visit the WWF website for 10 easy ways to help save our planet: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/thingsyoucando>

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Spelling Bee!

This term the Languages Department held our first MFL Inter-house Spelling Bee. Many students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the first round in their French and Spanish lessons, with the top scorers progressing to a semi-final. The students had to spell as many words from the list as they could in one minute, using the French or Spanish alphabet – quite a challenge! After the semi-final, we had one finalist from each House who competed in a final round in the LRC last week. In third place was Joschi from 7S for Maia, in second place was Nico from 7H for Apollo and the winner – spelling an impressive 15 words in Spanish in one minute – was Marc from 8N for Neptune House. Congratulations to our finalists and all who took part in the competition.

Mrs Green, MFL Teacher



Language Study Inspiration

Year 12 Spanish students enjoyed a visit from 2 university languages' students this week. The girls, both in their second year at Oxford and Birmingham studying several languages between them, shared what life is like as a languages student. They talked about what a typical week looks like, the modules they are studying, life outside of their studies, their upcoming year abroad and offered a whole host of useful tips for university life. The Year 12 Oldfield students had a great time listening and asking questions and all felt that they had a better grasp of what studying a language at degree level would be like (and hopefully were further inspired to take languages themselves). We finished off with a Spanish game that Tate Hopkins managed to win!

Mr Cordle, Leader of Learning Modern Foreign Languages



Junior Maths Challenge (Kangaroo Paper)

On 14th June, several thousand students in the UK across Years 6-8 took part in the second round of the Junior Maths Challenge; five of these students were from Oldfield School. It was a brilliant achievement for them to qualify for this and I am delighted to announce that Nathan, Noah and Caitlin, from Year 8, were able to achieve a Merit in the Kangaroo Paper, putting them in the top 25% of students that qualified for the second round. Well done to our students!

Mr Spence, Maths Teacher



This Girl Can

A group of Year 7s went on an activity day, linked to the sporting initiative, The Girl Can, at the University of Bath. The initiative targets girls who enjoy PE but may not regularly represent their school, and included a series of practical sessions on team work, challenge and fun! They were lucky enough to have their photo taken with Amelia Coltman from the Great Britain Bobsleigh and Skeleton team.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher



Year 10 Geography Trip

On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th June our keen Year 10 GCSE geographers were outside the classroom conducting fieldwork in and around Clevedon. Students worked in groups to collect data looking at the beach profile of the seafront as well as a comparing two different areas. Students were able to use a range of geography equipment such as a ranging pole and clinometer for the first time and develop their geographical language and skills in the sun!



It was a fantastic 2 days and there was time at the end for fish and chips to round the trip off.

Mr Santarpino, Geography Teacher



New Intake Day

We were very excited to welcome our September 2022 Year 7s into school for their induction day. They had a great time, getting to know their way around school, meeting their tutor group and taking part in a treasure hunt. A big thank you to the prefects who helped out so brilliantly with the day, welcoming children and reassuring parents that were dropping them off.



Evening of Dance

On Tuesday 28th June we were able to hold our Evening of Dance at Bath Forum. This was a wonderful celebration of talent from all year groups in school and students were able to share dance pieces created in lessons, at extra-curricular clubs and as part of their GCSE or A Level examination work.

This year we also invited local primary schools to perform, and it was wonderful to see the talent and enthusiasm from students at Newbridge, St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St John's Catholic Primary School.

Having had her opportunity to perform postponed, it was a pleasure to invite back past student Alexis Henry to perform; Alexis has just completed her first year of her Dance degree course based in Bournemouth.

The evening was one filled with smiles, energy and enthusiasm from all involved.

Mrs Smith, Head of Dance



Maths Workshop

On Tuesday 21st June, a group of Year 7 mathematicians enjoyed an evening of "Constructing Impossible Objects". Using constructing and measuring skills, the students produced their own impossible objects.

Mrs Eason-Blake, Maths Teacher



Let's Make Music!

Battle of the Bands

10 bands battled it out in a hugely entertaining Battle of the Bands on 26th May. The standard of performance was superb and the students played with confidence and maturity – there was not a single performance that I did not enjoy. I am so pleased that I was exempt from voting as I do not know who I

would have voted for! There was, however, a winning band - Ignotis won the prize of a studio session in Bath Spa University music studios. While they were there they recorded an original track which I think they are hoping to release, watch this space for more information.

The Battle of the Bands was supported by the OSA, who are always so generous with their time and energy, and we were joined by our three fantastic judges – Maisie Beggan, Danny White and Lucy James. Thanks so much to them, all audience members and, especially, the bands for a truly fantastic evening! I am looking forward to next year's already.

Mrs Robinson, Head of Music



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Year 7 Rounders team



Year 7 played two innings against Wellsway and lost 12 – 7 rounders.

Year 8 Rounders team



Year 8 played two innings against Wellsway and unfortunately lost 17 – 10 ½ rounders after winning the first inning.

Year 9 & 10 Rounders team



Year 8 and 9 combined team played two innings against Wellsway and unfortunately lost 22– 10 ½ rounders. Mable Dale Pearce was voted player of the match.

Year 10 team played two innings against Wellsway and lost 14 ½ - 11 rounders. Sylvie Llewellyn was voted player of the match.



Years 10 Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 10 rounders team for coming 3rd in the Year 10 tournament held at St Greg's recently. Considering they were two players short on the day this is even more of an achievement! Some fantastic batting from Mika, Olivia, Kacey and Silvie clocked up the rounders, awesome fielding from Ava, Sienna, and Silvie stopped the opposition from gaining rounders at key moments and strong bowling from Gemma topped off a great night. Well done to you all!
Mrs Little, Second in PE



Oldfield Students Experience Golf

Over the last 5 weeks, students from Oldfield School have been taking part in some golf lessons at Lansdown Golf Club. The students learned the basics of swinging a club, chipping and putting, and were able to play the academy course. The club have shown excellent hospitality to our students and came away having enjoyed the game, learning how to improve, and they have all been given a year's free membership at the club! There will be an opportunity early

next academic year for another group of students to attend so look out for more information soon.

Mr Driver, Head of PE

Year 8 Rounders Tournament

The Year 8 rounders tournament took place at Writhlington school. The team played really well and only lost by 2-3 rounders on some games making it a very close game. Unfortunately we didn't win, placing fourth in the tournament. Well done to the team.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher





Year 12 rounders match against Ralph Allen. Score was 20 ½ rounder to Ralph Allen - 15 to Oldfield. A lovely summer game of rounders played.

Year 10 GCSE Athletics Competition

All students performed extremely well at the BANES Year 10 Athletics Competition at University of Bath.



Year 9 Rounders Tournament at Wellsway

We came fourth out of 6 teams in the tournament. Hana Saleem and Ella Smith were nominated player of the match against our opposition teams.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

Staff Wimbledon 2022

Once again staff Wimbledon took place this year (on the hottest day of the year, at that time!) and rackets were dusted off as several staff competed to be the new champions of the court. As expected, the matches were fiercely fought out under the pretense of being 'just for fun!'

The standard was very high this year and staff had to bring their A game to stay in the competition. There was some frustration from Mr Spence as he couldn't quite find his form on some shots but he soon recovered to seal a win along with his partner Mrs Clarke.

Sadly, Mr Axe and Miss Hooper, despite some fantastic shots from both of them along the way, could only get a draw at best in their games which meant they didn't make the finals. Mrs Gotts and Mr Blower blazed through the early rounds beating everyone and found themselves in the final against Mr Driver and Mrs Bell but sadly they couldn't keep up their winning formula and were pipped in the last game to finish second overall. Congratulations to Mr Driver and Mrs Bell, staff Wimbledon Champions 2022!



U13 Cricket Champions!

On Thursday 23rd June, Oldfield U13s cricket team played in the "Chance to Shine" B&NES cricket competition. This was a wind ball competition held at St Mark's school.

Oldfield won all of their games at the competition with notable batting performances from Alex Evans and Jake Baker who both scored 22 not out (retired) and each hit two 6s and two 4s, also Jamie Durnford – 22 not out (retired) hitting five 4s in his innings.

Noteworthy bowling performances in the competition came from Jake Baker who bowled out one of the opponents with the first ball of the innings and Tom Ellicott who also picked up crucial wickets.

Well done U13 boys!

Mr Driver, Head of PE



Minor Athletics

Well done to all the students in Year 7 and 8 that took part in the Minor Athletics Championships at Bath University on Tuesday 14th June.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience competing on a proper track at the University.

Students could compete in both track and field events and we ended with the relay. We had a number of pleasing results and I have listed students below who came in the top eight in their events.

Year 7 girls

Rhiannon Anaya	100m 3rd place 13.62s, Shot 5th place 5.63m
Maliha Fletcher	100m 7th place 15.0s
Maya Young	1500m 6th place 6m34
Relay Team	5th place 62.23s
Skyla Coe	Discus 1st place 11.72m
Fay Stinchcombe	Discus 2nd place 11.31m, Javelin 4th place 9.65m
Leila Mitchell	Hurdles 3rd place 16.29s, 1500m 3rd place 6m23s
Oakley Ramsey-Dunne	Hurdles 5th place 17.35s, Shot 6th place 5.58m

Year 8 girls

Phebe Jay-Waters	100m 3rd place 14.34s
Tianna Thomas	100m 5th place 14.47s
Evelyn Tedaldi	1500m 4th place 6m11s, Hurdles 6th place 17.83s
Eva Sanders	1500m 7th place 6m48s
Relay Team	4th place 60.6s
Poppy Slinn	800m 7th place 3m11s
Sadie Horler	High Jump 7 th place 1m10
Khaya Jones	Hurdles 7th place 20.6s
Mabel Dale-Pearce	Shot 2nd place 6.7m, High Jump 8th place 1.10
Aaliyah Maslen	Shot 6th place 6.16m

Year 7 boys

Sam Smith	Hurdles 2nd place 14.7s, 200m 5th place 29.53
Nico Des Forges	1500m 5th place 5m47s
Luke Thompson	Long Jump 4th place 3m.95, Discus 3rd place 13m76
Kai Hurley	Shot 1st place 7m44, Discus 7th place 11m66
Jasper Kraan	300m 7th place 50.67s
Henry Jones	Triple Jump 8th place 5m50
David Gazda	100m 7th place 14.5s, Long Jump 3rd place 3m95
Dan Broom	800m 7th place 2m46s
Arlo Miller	300m 8th place 50.84

Year 8 boys

James Bracey	Hurdles 2nd place 14.43s, 300m 7th place 49.74s
Benji Gleave	100m 7th place 13.27s, High Jump 7th place 1.20m
Jamie Durnford	High Jump 6th place 1.25m
Marcus Scott	Hurdles 1st place 13.84s, 100m 6th place 13.0s, Javelin 7th place 23m



SPORTS DAY

Well we didn't have to worry about any rain on our rearranged Sports Day as the sun came out in buckets this year.

Once again we had a fantastic day with students competing in the field events of shot put, javelin and discus in the morning. We had some really good performers enter and a few threw some very impressive distances. The atmosphere was brilliant with lots of support for each other regardless of the House they were representing.

In the afternoon the whole school came out to watch the (always!) entertaining track events. Despite the increasing temperatures everybody gave it their all in the events and the PE Faculty are always taken aback by the effort and motivation our students show when competing in these events for their Houses. Again, there were some stand out performances from some athletes and the 6th form egg and spoon race is always a very tense one!

A highlight of the afternoon was the staff fancy dress fun run organised by the 6th form for charity. Thank you to all those staff who took part and well done to the 6th form who raised around £100 for their chosen charities. Congratulations to Mr McGettigan who won! The final results were



Apollo 526



Maia 506



Minerva 533



Neptune 522

Well done Minerva house!!



On Tuesday 12th July Oldfield PE & Dance department hosted our annual Sports Awards Ceremony. It was fantastic to once again celebrate the sporting talent within the school after a couple of difficult years. We were delighted to welcome Jonathan Healy to speak at the awards who is a Premiership Rugby Official. It was lovely to hear about his life within sport and how he came to become a referee and some of the stories from professional sport along the way. Please see below the list of overall winners and some of the photos from the evening. Congratulations to all students nominated for awards.

Overall Performers of the Year

Name	Year	Sport	Award
Hana Saleem	9	Netball	Performer of the Year
Archie Haag	9	Boys Rugby	Performer of the Year
Noah Long	8	Rounders	Performer of the Year
Sayo Kubo-Richards	10	Dance	Performer of the Year
Theo Clifford	8	Volleyball	Performer of the Year
George Athanasiou	11	Basketball	Performer of the Year
Jed Meerholz	11	Boys Football	Performer of the Year
Ella Smith	9	Girls football	Performer of the Year
Noah Parry	10	Athletics	Performer of the Year
Mabel Dale-Pearce	8	Sports Ambassador	Spirit Award for Outstanding Leadership
Scarlet Nye	9	Sports Leader	Spirit Award for Outstanding Leadership
Emily Phillips	10	Sports Coach	Spirit Award for Outstanding Leadership
Claudia Pearce	12	Level 3 Sports Leader	Spirit Award for Outstanding Leadership
Ella Smith			Rising Star
U14's Girls football team			Overall Cup Winner - Team of the Year-



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Summer Holiday Food Help

Many families need a little extra help during the school summer holidays. Below is a list of some of the projects offering support in Bath and Northeast Somerset.

Help through Hardship

If you are in financial crisis, please call Help through Hardship, a national helpline run by the Trussell Trust and Citizens Advice, on **0808 2082138** for free. You will talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser, who can help address your crisis; provide support to maximise your income; assist you to navigate the benefits system; and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they will issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local foodbank (see below).

Open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm; closed on public holidays.

Foodbanks

There are three foodbanks covering B&NES. Please note that to access them you will need a referral. These are available from many organisations, including Help through Hardship (see above). Referrals can also be made through:

Welfare Support: 01225 477277

Citizens Advice Bureau: 0344 848 7919 or Freephone 0800 2787897

Bath Foodbank

Bath Foodbank operates a collection only service at the following locations:

Manvers Street Baptist Church, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JW

Mon	12:30 - 14:30
Wed	12:30 - 14:30
Fri	12:30 - 14:30

The Lighthouse Centre, Twerton, Bath BA2 1DQ

Tues	09:30 - 11:30
Thurs	09:30 - 11:30

See <https://bath.foodbank.org.uk> for further details.

Keynsham Foodbank

Collection from the following centres:

Mon	10.00 - 12.00, The Key Centre, 2 Charlton Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JA
Thurs	10.00 - 12.00, St Francis, Warwick Road, Keynsham, BS31 2PW
Fri	10:15 - 11:45, St Mary's Hall, Saltford, BS31 3EL

See <https://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk> for further details.



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