

## To inspire, to learn, to succeed

### Important Dates;

#### 01 Feb

Duke of Edinburgh Parents' Information Evening, 18.00

#### 02 Feb

6<sup>th</sup> Form Parents' Evening, 16.00 – 19.00

#### 04 Feb

DofE Training and Preparation, 09.00 – 15.00

#### 07 Feb

Yr11 Netball v Somervale, (home)

#### 08 Feb

Widening Participation Day, MFL trip to Bath University

#### 09 Feb

Yr 9 Trip to Ardeche and Mimosas Info Evening, 18.00

#### 10 Feb

End of Term 3

#### 20 Feb

Start of Term 4

#### 22- 24 Feb

Yr 11 Mock Exams

#### 22 Feb

GCSE Drama students Macbeth Theatre Trip

#### 27 Feb

Yr 10 & 6<sup>th</sup> Form Art trip to London Gallery

#### 02 March

World Book Day

#### 07 March

Yr 9 Spanish Speaking Day, Bath Spa University

#### 09 March

Yr 9 DTP Immunisation

#### 16 March

Year 8 Parents' Evening

#### 17 March

Quiz Night, 19.00

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### Dear Parents / Carers

In assemblies at the start of this term, I welcomed back each year group and asked how many students had made a New Year resolution. I confess I was surprised at the relatively low numbers who had done so. Although I suspect this was, in part, a consequence of a reluctance to share this during an assembly! The theme of my assembly was the story of a friend of mine who had set himself a challenge to achieve an ambition that he had had for a number of years. The challenge was to climb Crib Goch in Snowdonia, which we attempted together. A challenge that I am pleased to say that he achieved! At the end of the assembly, I asked each year group to identify something that they will resolve to achieve this year. I advised them this should be a challenging and aspirational resolution. I hope that they will achieve their ambition, please encourage them to update me on their progress.

I would imagine that for some students participating in the school production will be one of their most significant achievements of the year and the casting for this has now started. I am very much looking forward to following the preparations for this and to watching the show in July. You will see from the content of this newsletter that there are many sporting, performing arts and other achievements to celebrate and I am appreciative of the efforts that staff and students make in their contribution to the wider life of the school. The achievements of Sami Ait-Kaci and Josh Hooper –Jones in achieving qualification for the GB Judo finals for their age groups is particularly impressive, as is the achievement of Katie Williams in kickboxing. You can read more about their success later in this newsletter. I was also delighted to hear that our girls' football team have had a strong start with an excellent win against Wellsway School. My New Year resolution is to find the time to visit more of our after-school clubs, activities and fixtures so that I can experience the achievements of our students first hand.

*Steven Mackay  
Headteacher*

### Term dates 2017-2018

There is an additional inset day to add to the calendar for 2017-2018. The date for this has now been agreed and this will be Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. This will mean that the first day of term 3 in January 2018 for students will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January being inset days.

In addition, the first day of term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be for Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 only. This will be an induction day for these year groups and all other year groups will start school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please note we are including Year 10s in the induction day, to reflect the importance of this new chapter in their school life as they embark on their GCSE years.

A copy of the updated calendar for 2017-2018 will be sent out next week.

# NOTICE BOARD

**Computer Coding Club**

**For Years 8 and 9, Boys and Girls are welcome!**

**Sign up before half term**

**Mr Eidman in room 006**

We will cover several coding languages, you can be an expert or beginner. The important aspect is you want to practice and improve

**Python HTML/CSS**  
**Java JavaScript**

**Tuesday 3pm – 4pm**

**Room 006 with Mr Eidman**

**Starting Tuesday 21st February**

### Activities Week 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June

We are very pleased to announce that for students in Years 7-9 the school curriculum will be collapsed during the week of 5-9<sup>th</sup> June, and rather than attending lessons as normal, students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of exciting and educational trips, activities and subject designed curriculum days.

Some aspects of this week have already been put in place: a group of Year 7 students going to Barcelona and the Year 9 Ardèche residential trip. Other trips will form a compulsory part of the week: Geography will be running trips for all Year 7 and Year 8 students. However, for the other activities, students will have a choice of what they would like to do with options ranging from raft building to a trip to Harry Potter World. There will be a cost for trips but we will ensure pricing is reasonable and there will always be free in-school activities available.

We will write to you again in Term 4 with a detailed description of what is available to each Year group on each day of Activities Week and explaining the process by which students make choices.

*Mr Nash*  
*Assistant Headteacher; Head of Sixth Form*

Just a reminder that Homework Club runs Mon-Thurs 2:45-4:30 in the Learning Resource Centre. Everyone is welcome.

## Lead Exam Invigilator required for May / June 2017

£9.50 per hour

A professional and responsible individual is required to lead our team of invigilators. Working hours will be variable depending on examination requirements, but will normally be between 8am and 4.00pm.

## Exam Invigilators required for May / June 2017

£8 per hour

Professional and responsible individuals are required to join our successful team. Working hours will be variable depending on examination requirements, but will normally be between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

Full training will be provided.

The school is keen to appoint individuals who are firmly committed to working with young people. We are looking for individuals who can communicate clearly, be organized and follow instructions as part of a team.

**For more information please refer to the adverts on our website, any further queries please contact Chris Johnson, [enquiries@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com)**

We welcome applications regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnicity or religion. Our school is also committed to the protection and safety of its students. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.





**Celebrating the Wonderful World of Performing Arts at Oldfield**

At Oldfield School, we are proud of all our students who perform in school productions, concerts and at whole school events. We also know that there are lots of students who have individual achievements outside school, performing at local venues. We want to celebrate all those achievements. If you have auditioned, performed or had an exam in a performing arts subject, we would love to hear from you. We want to know about your experiences at the theatres you have performed at or the orchestras or bands you play with.

Toby Sewell in 7B is currently performing in 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang' at the Bristol Hippodrome, Morgan Bazley appeared in 'Annie' at the Theatre Royal in Bath in November (and further performances to come as you can see in the article below). Lucy Lord in 11D is a member of Bath School's Philharmonic Orchestra.

What are you doing that needs to be celebrated? Could you be a performing arts student who inspires other students to go and audition for their dream part? Please talk to your dance, music or drama teacher for more details on how we would like to celebrate your achievements but also use your experiences to help others.

*Mrs Macnaughton  
Teacher of Dance and PE*

**Oliver comes to Oldfield**

We were thrilled that so many students came along and took part in the auditions for this year's school production...Oliver! We are really excited about the production and we are looking forward to the performances in July. Note for your diaries, the evening performances will take place on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July.

All students are welcome to come along and take part and once we have the actors and performers and band in place we will need to recruit the backstage and front of house helpers as well as students to help with set and costume. We will keep you updated with the progress of the show through the newsletter each month.

*Ms Bloomfield  
Head of Drama*

**Congratulations Morgan Bazley**

Morgan has successfully auditioned to perform at the Videopolois in Disneyland Paris with other members of her dancing school in March. She had to learn and perform a number of dances for the auditions, and rehearsals have already begun.

Morgan thoroughly enjoys dancing and singing and we are thrilled she has been awarded such a fantastic opportunity.

Morgan also successfully auditioned last year to be one of the orphans in Annie the musical when Bath Light Operatic Society performed it at the Theatre Royal, Bath in November.

Congratulations Morgan and good luck!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUDO STARS SAMI YR 7 & JOSH YR 9 ON WINNING GOLD & SILVER AT THE SOUTH WEST SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS & NOW THROUGH TO THE GB FINALS IN APRIL**

**Kickboxing congratulations!**

Congratulations to Katie Williams who has recently been competing in kickboxing competitions with great success!

She has competed in two national competitions in January, coming away with two gold medals and one silver in one competition and with a gold and a bronze in the other. The bronze was in the higher weight category (over 58kg!) where she fought well against a very tall 17 year old, only losing out 6-3.

We look forward to hearing about your next success!



**Theatre Visit – In a Thousand Pieces – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

GCSE Drama students in Years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to go and see 'In a Thousand Pieces' by Paper Birds Theatre Company at Kingswood School Theatre. The piece is a challenging piece of theatre tackling the issues of people trafficking and was an excellent example of Physical Theatre and Verbatim theatre. Students will be studying the work further in their Drama lessons.

*Mrs Bloomfield  
Head of Drama*





**Invasion Club wins at Wellsway**

Girls' junior netball club has developed this term into "invasion club", in response to the girls wanting to do more hockey and football. It takes place every Wednesday after school.

This week the girls did extremely well when both the hockey and football teams came up against Wellsway school in a friendly. The year 9 football team won 7-2 with Chiara Williams being nominated player of the match. The two hockey teams played really well with one team winning both their games 3-0 and 2-0. Players of the match for this team were Mia Sparks, Eleni Francis and Maddie Haag. Thank you to Mr Herbert for driving the second mini bus. Well done girls- what a fantastic performance!

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*

**Senior Netball**

Congratulations to the senior netball squads in their first game of the season. On a very cold night in Bath we travelled to Ralph Allen for the Year 10 and 11 game in the BANES league.

I was very impressed with both squads working from one extreme to the other - as the Year 10s fought with only the bare seven players and Year 11s had to keep changing round a large squad of eleven players.

The Year 10s went into the last quarter two goals down and fought their way back to a ten- all draw. A fantastic effort from the whole team. Congratulations to Isobel Moon nominated player of the match.

The Year 11s played brilliantly although they lost their game. I was impressed with the squad effort and commitment by all players. Congratulations to Kyra Williams, who was nominated player of the match.

*Mrs Little  
Second in PE*

**Winter School Games – Multi Sports**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, five Year 7 and 8 students attended the Winter School Games at Filton College. After the opening ceremony, the boys competed against other schools from Bath and Bristol and took part in three new sports; Seated Volleyball, Boccia and Polybat.

The first game of volleyball was very close and Oldfield lost by only one point to Ashton. The boys soon found their game....Boccia. Boccia is similar to Bowls. Oldfield beat Oasis 8-6 and went on to beat John Cabot 17-3. The last game of the day was Polybat; a game based on table tennis. Oldfield had a win and a loss to BCA and a win and a draw to Ralph Allen.

Points from each game were tallied ready for the awards ceremony. Oldfield took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the boys each received a bronze medal, presented by Jack Rutter, the captain of England Cerebral Palsy Football Team. Congratulations to Jacob Cook, Eli Smith, Alex Southwell, Ewan Beale and Ollie Childs.

*Miss Vickery  
PE Teacher*

**Theatre Visit - Robin Hood– Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Drama Club students from Years 7, 8 and 9 had a fantastic time on a visit to the Egg Theatre in Bath to see Robin Hood. We had front row seats and it was great to be so close to the action. The production was lots of fun and included actors and musicians and has already inspired many of Oldfield's young thespians in their own work in Drama club and in lessons!

*Mrs Bloomfield  
Head of Drama*



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Oldfield at the heart of government!

Our 2017 Parliament trip was a huge success. This was an amazing opportunity for year 10 and 12 students to have a guided tour around parliament including watching a debate in the House of Commons. Students were also lucky enough to be allowed into Downing Street and pose for photographs outside the famous front door of number 10. Although not at all surprised, I was very pleased to be told by the education department at Parliament that they were amazed by our students who were a credit to Oldfield School. Moreover, due to extremely positive feedback from the students who attended, we will certainly aim to run this trip again in 2018.

*Mr Fenwick, Head of Social Sciences*



'Seeing the politicians debating in the House of Commons was amazing. I always wondered whether I would like a career in Politics, but this trip has definitely inspired me to pursue this!' Tom, Year 10.

'Standing outside number 10 Downing Street was surreal! I just kept thinking about all of the influential people throughout history that have stood exactly where I was. I would recommend this trip to everyone' Ceri, Year 10.

'I was really amazed by the amount of history in Westminster. The tour guides were so informative and could answer every question we fired at them' – Jay, Year 10.

'For me the highlight was getting to spend the day with Mr Fenwick who truly is an inspiration and example to us all' Aidan, Year 10.



## Young Chef Competition

On Friday, Alfie Hogg entered the Springboard Young Chef of the Year competition at Bath College, using the professional catering kitchens. He had to prepare and cook a two course meal for two people for under £7. He worked really hard to produce his dishes, within the 90 minutes time frame and did an excellent job of representing the school.

*Miss C Evans  
Head of Technology*



# OLDFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

**The Very Serious Quiz**  
 OSA PROUDLY PRESENTS  
 A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED  
 Friday 17th March  
 7PM ENTRY  
 TEAMS OF UP TO 6 - £5 ADMISSION  
 OLD FIELD SCHOOL  
 ENTRY PRICE INCLUDES PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER AND A DRINK  
 LICENSED BAR  
 Early Bird Tickets Available.  
 Email [OSA@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:OSA@oldfieldschool.com)

## Quiz Night Quiz Night Quiz Night Quiz Night

Please put the date in your diaries! **Friday 17 March for the next OSA Quiz Night.** Come along for a fun, friendly evening, and this year we will be providing a ploughman's supper and free drink – all for only £5 per ticket. There will be the usual licensed bar and snacks available. You can form teams of 6 people or come along and we'll put you in a team. Tickets are available in advance, through ParentPay, or send in cash/cheques in a clearly marked envelope. Any questions, email [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

### Dates for your diary;

<b>01.03.17,</b> <b>7pm</b>	Next OSA Meeting. Come along to the Boathouse to meet and chat. Steven Mackay will be attending.
<b>17.03.17,</b> <b>7pm</b>	Quiz Night! Come along and test your knowledge against other teams or just come along and have fun.

## FROM OUR COMMUNITY

We have been contacted by a group campaign to keep Bath Central Library open and have agreed to publicise their campaign. If you would like more information, please follow this link:  
<https://www.change.org/p/bath-and-north-east-somerset-council-save-bath-central-library>

### Do you own a guinea pig?

Guinea pig owners are needed for research into how guinea pigs are commonly cared for!

If you can spare the time to complete an online questionnaire about your guinea pig, please visit [goo.gl/R3Dpj2](http://goo.gl/R3Dpj2).

All participants will be given the chance to win one of 5 x **£40 worth of prizes** for their guinea pig.

The questionnaire will close on **10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.