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Important Dates;

01 Mar

OSA Meeting, 19.00

02 March

World Book Day

08 March

Yr 7 Hockey Match, away

09 March

Yr 9 DTP Immunisation

10 March

PSHE Day 2

15 Mar

U15 Girls Rugby Festival, away

16 March

Yr 8 Parents' Evening

17 March

Yr 11, 12, 13 Group photos

Quiz Night, 19.00

18 – 19 Mar

D of E Practice Expedition

21 Mar

Yr 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Trip; Curious incident of the dog in the night-time

22 Mar

Yr 10 trip to Futures Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair, Bath

23 Mar

Yr 10 & 11 Netball Tournament, away

24-26 Mar

Yr 9-11 Netball & football PGL Tour, Wiltshire

30 Mar

Yr 10 Landrover/Jaguar Business Studies Trip, Birmingham

Yr 7 Parents' Evening, 16.00

4 Apr

Yr 9 Spanish Speaking Day, Bath Spa University

05 Apr

Evening of Dance

07 Apr

End of Term 4

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Dear Parent / Carers,

I hope that you are well and that you have had an enjoyable holiday. As we enter Spring the pace of work at the school is increasing, in particular for our Year 11 and 13 students. Large numbers of students and staff were in school over the holiday period involved in revision and controlled assessments sessions and I am very grateful to the staff who readily give up their time in holiday periods to support our students. A programme of after school revision sessions will continue for the remainder of this term and into term 5 and I would strongly advise parents to encourage attendance at these.

Year 9 students have now selected their option choices for GCSE subjects and Mr Heuff is currently working on the curriculum model that will give the best fit for our students with regards to these choices. Although there will be some who will be disappointed as demand may exceed supply in some subject areas, we will endeavour to make sure that all students are provided with either their first choices or reserve choices in their options and students will be informed of the results of the options process in due course.

There is a non-curriculum day on March 10th which will mean that normal lessons at the school are suspended for all students. Lessons will be replaced by a number of sessions focused on learning skills and PSHE. Students will not, therefore, need to bring equipment and books for their timetabled lessons on that day. In every other respect the day will be as normal, including start, finish, break time and lunchtimes.

World Book Day is being celebrated at the school this Thursday (2nd March) and students and staff are being encouraged to dress as their favourite book character we will also be encouraging students to read more widely and staff will be sharing who their favourite authors are. For me, this is Patrick O'Brian and his series of historical novels. These are set during the Napoleonic War period and chronicle the career of 'Gentleman Jack' Aubrey, commander of the frigate HMS Surprise. There are 20 novels in his Aubrey canon and every one is a great read which I return to at periodic intervals.

Looking further ahead we are in the final stages of planning for an activities week in the week of 5th–9th June. This coincides with Year 10 work experience and a range of in-school activities, trips and residential trips are planned for Year 7 to 9 students. More information about this week will be shared with parents and students later this term. Could I take this opportunity to remind parents of Year 10 students that they need to confirm work experience placements with us; there are a number of student in Year 10 who have yet to do so. Year 10 students without a placement will not be able to join the activities week programme; therefore, it is essential that they find a placement for this week.

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You will, I am sure, be aware that Bath Community Academy is closing in August 2018. I feel that it would be helpful to clarify the implications of this for the other schools in Bath and for Oldfield School in particular. I am aware that there is a good deal of speculation about this and there has been some unfortunate press coverage recently around this issue. The Bath secondary schools (ourselves included) have agreed to work together to support the transition of Year 9 BCA students this year and also the Year 9 students next year into other schools in Bath and there is a consensus view that the well-being and future education of students from BCA is a collective responsibility. This will mean that a small number of students will join the school in Year 10 in September and we are planning for a transition process to be in place in the summer term. We have had a number of students move to Oldfield from BCA during this academic year and I am sure that those joining next year will be made to feel as welcome and be as well supported as those joining in year have been.

I have now completed six months at Oldfield and I am thoroughly enjoying my time here. It is a great school with fantastic students and dedicated staff. One of the highlights of my schedule is that every two weeks I am lucky enough to meet with a group of students nominated by staff, to have biscuits and squash. I am very much enjoying this opportunity to spend time with some of our many talented and hardworking students.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

NOTICE BOARD

Calling all instrumentalists!

The Performance Arts Department are really excited about our production of Oliver this year. It's one of the biggest we've tackled yet. All of the fabulous singing, dancing and acting will be accompanied by Oldfield's very own school band and we cannot wait! Although I am confident that the band members will rise to the challenge of performing this tricky score we would certainly be grateful for some help from any willing parents/carers out there. If you play an orchestral or band instrument and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you. The band will be rehearsing every Tuesday after school from 3pm until 4pm. The production is in the week beginning 10th July and there will be intensive rehearsals in the run up to the performances. You do not have to be available for every rehearsal (Tuesday at 3pm is not a greatly convenient time for most people!) but if you might be able to help us out I would be happy to hear from you. We are still welcoming new student members of the band as well, if you know of any students who might want to be involved please point them in my direction!

*Mrs Robinson
Head of Music*

Oldfield School Proudly Presents

Oliver!

The Musical that leaves you wanting more.

Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th
Friday 14th July 2017
7.00pm Oldfield School Hall

Music and Lyrics by Lionel Bart

Parental help on trips

We would love to hear from you if you are willing and able to help out on the various trips that the school organises. We have several going out this term and then will be very busy with the trips organised for activities week (more information to follow). If you think you may be able to help out or would like to find out more, please contact enquiries@oldfieldschool.com, FAO Ishbel Tovey.

World Book Day, 2nd March

As part of World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, students are allowed to come to school dressed as a book character. Please note this is not a non-uniform day, those that do not want to dress up should come in their normal uniform. Students will still need to bring PE or dance kit for their lessons as normal if they do choose to dress up as a book character. We look forward to seeing many different characters on display around the school!

*Miss Lobbett
Assistant Headteacher*

Important parking notice

Could parents who collect their children by car at the end of the day ensure they do not use the entrance to the house next to the school to park or reverse in when doing so. Understandably our neighbours have raised this as an issue and your cooperation in ensuring that we continue to have a positive relationship with them is appreciated.



Selfie Competition

The Art Department are running a Year 7, 8 & 9 selfie competition. We are calling all budding photographers to enter their most creative selfie. This competition is supported by the Saatchi Gallery. We need to have your selfies printed and handed to Mr Pearce (Art) by 27th March. The work will be put on display in school.

We are looking for creative selfies! Everyone that enters will be awarded house points for their efforts. The overall winner will receive a mystery prize!

Search #SaatchiSelfie for inspiration. The competition coincides with the launch of Saatchi Gallery and Huawei's new exhibition, From Selfie to Self-Expression. The exhibition will open from 31st March – 30th May 2017 and take over one entire floor of the Saatchi Gallery. The show will be the world's first exhibition exploring the history of the selfie from Velazquez to the present day. Students will be shown how they can become part of the worldwide cultural phenomenon by uploading their image to display in the gallery in London. Get Snapping!

*Mr Pearce
Art Teacher*



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A big thank you to WESport who have been coming in to our PE lessons and running laser shooting sessions with our Year 9s.



Partnership with industry

We are very pleased to announce that Oldfield School is currently forging a partnership with Dribuild, a leading construction and interior fit-out company, to support and collaborate with our existing careers and work-related learning programme. With a wide range of career opportunities in this sector, ranging from architecture to surveying to engineering, Dribuild can offer advice and guidance that could be invaluable for a wide number of our students.

We will be launching the partnership with an assembly in March and subsequently Dribuild will be supporting us with our Mock Interview day for Year 10s, taking part in our Careers Fair in July and hopefully providing the inspiration for some of our young people to realise their ambitions.

*Mr Nash
Assistant Headteacher. Head of 6th Form*



Congratulations

- Zachary Marshall in Year 7 received 2 gold medals just before half term in the County Taekwondo Championships at Weston-Super-Mare in the middle weight category. Fantastic result – well done Zachary!
- Congratulations to Katie Williams again. Katie just keeps on going! In her most recent kickboxing competition in the Watford Open she came away with two gold medals, one silver and one bronze. Well done to Katie!

New Enrich Drop-in club Mondays

A new club has started on Mondays from 2.45pm till 4pm. It is an after school drop-in for Years 7 and 8 in the dining area and there will be board games and craft activities. It will be run by Jo and Clive from Enrich Weston (from Weston Church). No need to book, just turn up. www.enrichweston.org.uk

County Trials

On Saturday 28th January a number of students were selected from Oldfield School to attend the indoor athletics county trials at Bristol Grammar School. Students performed in their strongest events and the best athletes were selected to represent Avon in the National Competition. There were 27 schools represented and a record entry of competitors.

We are pleased to say a number of students from Oldfield school were selected;
 Chloe Marrett, winner of standing triple jump (6.74cm - a new school record), 4th in 2 lap final
 Jasmine Andrews, county winner of the vertical jump (61cm – a new school record), 2nd in shotput
 Damani Jones, 4th in 2 lap final, 5th in the vertical jump
 Jimmy Davies, 5th in the shotput

Indoor Athletics County Final at UWE sports Centre

Year 7 girls were one of eight teams that made it to the final round. They performed really well during the afternoon and ended up as silver medallists and second in the county!

Livvy Britton 7L - Livvy went to the individual trials for the county team and did really well in the 4 lap.

- Eleni Francis 7G
- Claudia Pearce 7L
- Mia Sparks 7L (Captain)
- Maddie Haag 7N
- Chloe Priestley 7N
- Eloise Parker 7N

Chloe Marrett - Chloe went to the individual trials and is now the county champion in the standing triple jump.

Year 8 boys

The Year 8 boys came seventh overall and did really well too.

- Mackenzie Davies (Captain)
- Nico Long (Vice Captain)
- Damani Jones
- Jimmy Davies
- Jamanye Scott
- Jake Elphick
- Will Hall-Haines



Well done to all the students that took part.

Mrs Bell
PE Teacher



Term 3 – Inter House Basketball

A new term brought a new sport for the Oldfield Inter House competitions as we turned to basketball. Individual brilliance would no longer result in a house victory as participation and team work would be key for victory. The tournaments were split into 2 sections. Part 1 would be a series of four or five-a-side matches with 4 points for a win, 2 for a draw. Part 2 was a best of 10 free throw shoot out with sudden death to decide the outcome if scores were level after 10 throws each.

Junior Boys – Year 7 and 8

The term started off as usual with the Junior Boys first tournament. Austen had an excellent turnout of 10 boys from both year groups who were split into 2 mixed teams and Palmer and Holburne House combined to form a Barbarians V. If the Barbarians team beat an Austen opponent the houses would split the win, 2 points each. A strong Barbarians team won both their matches 2-0 and 8-0 and Austen A beat their house associates 10-2.

Into the penalty shoot-out and the Holburne and Palmer guys split apart in a bid to become champions. Six matches were played overall with the highlight being a 4-3 sudden death win for Austen A over Austen B. Overall the large participation for Austen helped their cause greatly.

The final scores:

Austen A: 13 points

Austen B: 0 points

Holburne: 10 points

Palmer: 7 points

House Champions: Austen (Ned Knapman, Yahye Said, Ewan Beale, Zain Ali, Haydn Gosden Couzens)

Junior Girls – Year 7 and 8

The second tournament of the term turned out to be an inter tutor affair between students of Miss Ashford-Hodges, Mr Newport and Mr Crow. The girls' shooting was excellent from close range as they carried their netball skills across sports. All were very excited about the chance to finally move whilst holding the ball and the result was some very high scoring games. Holburne and Austen were both a girl down unfortunately. However Laura Flint from Senior Palmer stepped in to allow some 5-a-side matches and to try and ear an unlikely Palmer victory. Holburne dominated the round robin matches including a convincing 11-2 victory over Austen who consistently forgot that you can dribble in basketball. Austen exacted revenge in the penalty shoot-out with no team registering a clean sweep of wins.

The final scores:

Austen: 6 points

Holburne: 12 points

Palmer: 5 points

Shelley: 7 points

House Champions: Holburne (Leyla Othman, Rosie Burns, Maddie Haag, Lily Morrison Cayford)

Senior Boys – Year 9, 10 and 11

The final tournament of the term was the senior boys. The round robin matches were a competitive and physical affair with all the guys trying to prove who was the best 3 point shooter. When Shelley (who were under-represented) were involved, Austen and Palmer players gallantly stepped in to help out. (The incentive of earning their house a small cut of the points for winning, most likely had a part to play.) After 3 close round robin matches the Austen team forgot their priorities and left for football training, conceding a loss in both of their free throw shoot outs. Shelley and Palmer still fought it out, Shelley were 2-3 down with 1 shot remaining and a very confident Kamran took his place. Perhaps his judgement was clouded after earlier taking a basketball to the face, but with a dodgy hamstring, nose and shoulder, Mr Ashraf turned around and performed a backwards swish to tie the game. The place erupted and Kamran took off celebrating madly around the sports hall, clearly forgetting about the pulled hamstring. A shoeless Hugo Villaran scored the winning basket shortly after.

The final scores:

Austen: 9 points

Palmer: 0 points

Shelley: 9 points

House Champions: Austen (Linden Kirby Smith, Joe Winstone, Mitchell Taylor, Ethan Edwards)

A great term of Inter House sport which was enjoyed by all who participated and even more by those who won. Thank you to tutors and Heads of House for putting teams forward, Mr Pearce for his involvement and Mr McHugh for his assistance during the tournaments.

*Mr Newport
Maths Teacher*

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Widening Participation Day at Bath University

On 8 February, seven Year 9 students attended a very interesting languages day at Bath University. After a quick tour of the campus and its cutting edge facilities, students had the opportunity to interview current language students about their study of languages, before enjoying interesting immersion lessons in Brazilian Portuguese and Italian. Students came away with a clear understanding of how languages are taught at university, as well as a smattering of Brazilian Portuguese and Italian!

Mrs Roveglia
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

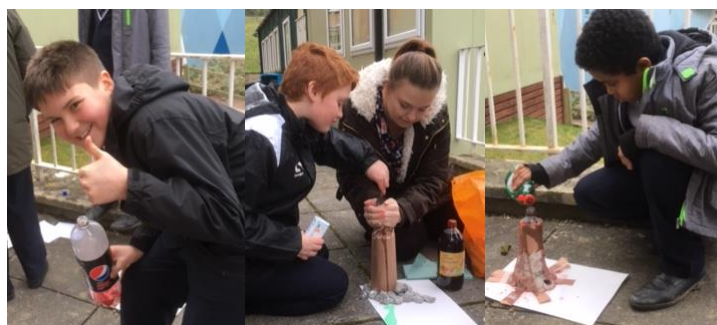


Volcano Fun!

The friendship group that meet on a Thursday morning ended last term with a **BANG!** The group made their own volcanoes out of plastic bottles and play dough and created a chemical reaction to create lava. The Year 7 and 8 friendship group gives an opportunity for children to make new friends outside of their teaching group and participate in new challenges every week.

The group have planned exciting things this term, so watch this space!

Miss Jenkins
SEND TA



London Art Gallery Trip

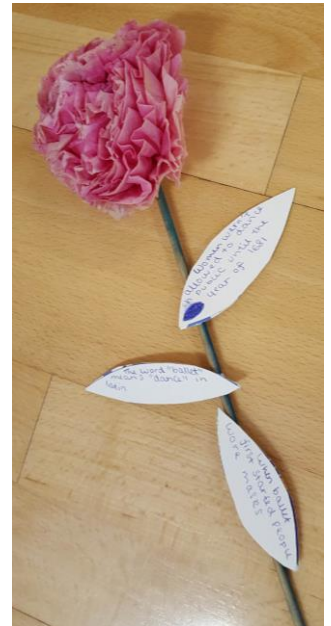
Our Year 10 GCSE Art and our Year 12 A Level Art students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Tate Modern and the V&A gallery in London this term. The aim of the trip was to gather primary research for their controlled assessments that our students are currently studying. As each student has independently chosen their own topic to study, this trip was essential in developing a starting point for research and developing links with artists' work.

The newly renovated Tate Modern offered 10 floors of contemporary pieces of art work by very well known artists. "I can't believe we got to see an actual Picasso - the colours are so bright" Luke Jeffrey commented. Mrs Capetti gave students a talk about some of the pieces of work they may want to seek out and how these could be used in their projects. Most of the group even embarked on the ten story climb to the viewing platform to take in a 360 view of London. After lunch at the gallery, we made our way across London where Mrs Flay give us a guided tour of the landmarks.

Our next stop was the world famous V&A Museum. Here students had the opportunity to explore a vast range of artwork in an historical context. Understanding how and why a particular artist created a piece of work would allow students to have a more informative project and allow extra research areas throughout their project. Mrs Dowding directed students to the textiles and surface pattern exhibition.

On behalf of the staff who attended the trip, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the students for their excellent behaviour and the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. Everyone looked very smart in their full uniform and got a lot of valuable work done for their coursework. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the parents and carers that supported the trip.

Mr Pearce
A very proud art teacher



Year 8 Styles of Dance Props
 Some of the amazing dance props that the Year 8s produced. I was overwhelmed by the creative response and have loved displaying them in the dance studio all week.

*Mrs Macnaughton
 Dance Teacher*



OLDFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Quiz Night Quiz Night Quiz Night

Don't forget to get your tickets for the quiz night! **Friday 17 March 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. We understand there have been some issues with paying for more than 1 ticket on ParentPay, but this should now be resolved and you can always send in money/cheques in a clearly labelled envelope to reception.

Any questions, email osa@oldfieldschool.com

Dates for your diary;

01.03.17, 7pm	Next OSA Meeting. Come along to the Boathouse to meet and chat.
17.03.17, 7pm	Quiz Night! Come along and test your knowledge against other teams or just come along and have fun.