

**Important Dates;**
**24 Apr**

Start of Term 5

**28 Apr**

GCSE Art Examination

**01 May**

Bank Holiday

**02 May**

GCSE Art Examination

**08 May – 12 May**

Yr 10 Mock Exams

**13 May – 14 May**

D of E Final Expedition

**15 May**

GCE/GCSE exams

begin

**18 May**

Yr 10 Parents' Evening

**23 May & 25 May**

 Yr 7 trip to synagogue  
and mosque

**26 May**

End of Term 5

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been one of the busiest and also most rewarding terms that I can recall (as well as one of the longest!). I am quite sure that your children are ready for a well-deserved break this Easter. I very much hope that the weather will cooperate.

The term has ended with two celebration events. The first took place at The Bath Forum; our Evening of Dance on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Over 200 of our students showcased the work from their dance lessons this year and this included performances from our signature dance group and the GCSE examination classes. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with a high level of enthusiasm and talent shown by our students. Thank you to all of you who supported your children on the evening and in their preparations for the event. Particular thanks go to Mrs Smith, Mrs Macnaughton and Mrs Little who have worked tirelessly to prepare the students for the show.

The second event was the Celebration Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. This is an opportunity to recognise the achievements of Years 9, 11 and 13 students at the end of each Key Stage at the school. Subject awards for the highest achieving students in each year were given as were achievement, effort attendance and House awards. These awards reflect the outstanding efforts and commitment made throughout the previous 2 or 3 years of the students who have received them. Of course there are many more students who have also worked to an exceptionally high standard and we will be recognising this through awards assemblies at the end of the year where class awards for achievement and effort will be presented.

Our sports teams have had a busy and successful term. As well as a sports residential trip, our netball and football teams have put in very competitive performances with some excellent results as you will see from the sports round-up in the newsletter.

I was hugely impressed by the maturity, confidence and ingenuity of the Year 9 students who presented to the Bath Rotary Club and parents in the finals of the Big Pitch. All of the teams in the final produced excellent presentations and the Rotary Club members were very impressed with their quality and the confidence shown in presenting to a large audience. I am also delighted to be able to share with you the name of the School's Poet Laureate: Luka Rollings. Luka was selected for this prestigious role after a very competitive and high quality selection process. He will now be working with young people from other parts of the South-West on a residential and will be funded by the programme to write poetry.

Year 11s are preparing for examinations this summer and a wide range of support is available for students from their teachers. Further information on guidance for parents and students is on the school website.

The schedule of clubs and activities for the summer term is included in this newsletter. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate in these and if you have any suggestions about activities that we could offer then I would be very happy to hear these. We have a number of our sixth form students involved in a trip to Russia over the Easter holiday, they will be accompanied by Mrs Jeremy and I am quite sure that this will be an amazing experience for them.

We have one member of staff leaving the school at the end of this term. Mrs Howard is moving to teach at Writhlington School after the Easter holiday and we wish her well in her new job. Mrs Howard's maths classes will be taught by other member of the Maths Department for the first two weeks after the holiday and will then be taught by Mrs Pierce-Butler on her return to school following her maternity leave. Other staffing news is that Miss Boseley will be joining us for terms 5 and 6 and will be teaching Mrs Morris' English classes for the remainder of the year while she is on maternity leave. We have been very fortunate to have had these classes taught by Miss Rose this term and we wish her all the best for the future. Lastly we have appointed an additional teaching assistant, Mrs Carter, to work with our support for learning team and she will be joining the school after the holiday.

I wish you and your families all the best over the holiday.

*Steven Mackay*  
Headteacher

# NOTICE BOARD

**Uniform**  
 Along with our new logo and new website, we will be updating the logo on the uniform. Those students that have the current uniform will not be expected to purchase new uniform unless you are doing so anyway. If you are purchasing from June onwards the uniform will have the new logo.

*Mr Mackay  
Headteacher*

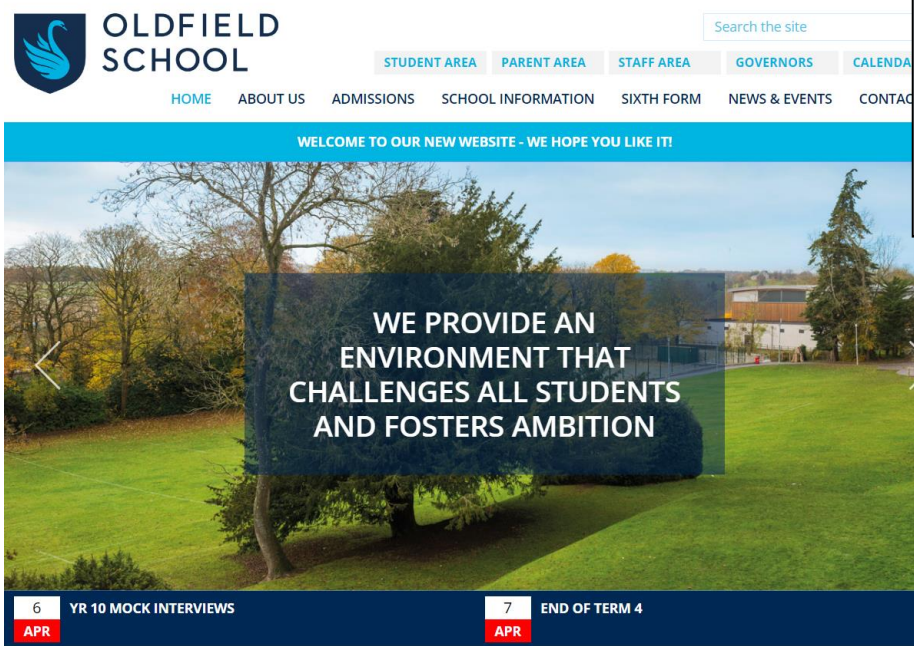
**Girls Cricket**  
 Students in year 7-9 have been participating in cricket over the last 10 weeks on a Friday afterschool. This coaching has been provided by Gloucestershire County Cricket.

We would like to raise the profile of girls cricket in the school and although the coaching has sadly come to an end, we hope that the students will now access clubs outside school to further develop their skills. Please find information below about the two local clubs and their training sessions.

**Girls Cricket Training at Lansdown CC**  
 Training starts Monday 10th April 6.30-8pm sessions will be ran by the Head of girls cricket Kate Randall Please come along for a free taster session.  
 Contact details; [Martin.jones646@btinternet.com](mailto:Martin.jones646@btinternet.com) or contact Kate on 07903122656

**Hanham Cricket Club**  
 Girls cricket training starts on Monday 8 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Monday 15 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Thursday 25 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm and then every Thursday after that from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.  
 Contact details; Mollie Robbins on 07804 922981. Mollie has been taking cricket club at school with the male coach and runs the girls section at Hanham. Having a female role model taking training often helps attract girls.

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*



Hopefully you will have had a chance to look around our new website. We hope you like it and find it easy to use. If you have any comments or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mrs Sweet  
Events Manager*

**Congratulations to our sporting students**

More success for **Katie Williams**; Katie goes from strength to strength as she competed in the Irish Open a few weeks ago – the biggest international kickboxing competition in the world. She fought extremely well in her category and came second – what a fantastic result. The score was 3-3 and finished 5-3 in extra time. Congratulations to Katie for such an amazing achievement!

In March **Oliver Snook** competed in London at the British Gymnastics championships. Despite being one of the youngest competitors as he was in the under 14 age category, he managed to execute a very good floor routine which earned him a silver medal. His other pieces had mixed results but he managed to finish in the top 20, out of the best 58 boys in the country. Well done Oliver!

A big well done to **Will Hall-Haines** who competed at the Junior Sculling Head at the Olympic Lake in Eton a couple of weeks ago. His team came 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 66 crews and did very well for a team that have not been rowing together for very long.

**Ellie Britton, Lois Joy-Smith and Livvy Britton** successfully competed on behalf of Majestic Gymnastics in the Team Gym Southern Qualifier competition last weekend and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, as a result they will be competing at the British Championships, in July at the Echo Arena in Liverpool. Big congratulations and keep us posted with your progress!



**Girls Cricket**

The U14 girls' cricket squad have been training every Friday with coaches from Gloucestershire. The girls have shown enthusiasm and commitment to the club and have also been supported by Tom Eden Bull, Josh Edwards, and Ellie Sanders. We are hoping to raise the profile of girls' cricket and hopefully get some fixtures later on this academic year. Well done girls.

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*



**Senior netball results**

Year 10

Oldfield 2 Somervale 15

Player of the match: Megan Barwick

Year 11

Oldfield 21 Somervale 2

Player of the match: Ella Bryant



**Year 7 BANES hockey tournament**

The girls did fantastically well winning their pool at the tournament in March. Unfortunately they then lost against St Gregs 2-1 in the semi-final. The results were 1-0 win against Norton Hill, 0-0 draw against Wellsway, 2-1 win against Somervale. Well done to all the girls who took part and a special thanks to Maddie Haag for being a great captain.

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*





The Year 9 boys recently returned from a great weekend at PGL Liddington. They took part in expert skills training with England Football coaches and had the chance to play in a football tournament as well as the added bonus of PGL adventure activities which helped develop those all-important teambuilding and leadership skills as well as fantastic memories. All boys were a credit to Oldfield and their behaviour and 'coachability' attitude was commended by all staff who worked with them over the weekend.



**PGL NETBALL TOUR  
MARCH 2017**

Congratulations to the U14 and U15 girls who attended another successful PGKL netball tour weekend to Liddington in March. Not only did we have a fantastic squad of girls but the sun came out for us on both days!

The girls played 6 matches over the course of the weekend as well as taking part in outdoor activities such as climbing, zip wire and the giant swing. Thank you to those senior girls who persuaded me to have a go on the giant swing - I loved it (not!!).

We played some fantastic matches over the weekend and had some wins, losses and draws. Although we didn't progress to the Finals, the girls played really well and we are very proud of them. It is always hard to play as a squad when you are not going to play every game but the players approached it maturely and always had the success of the overall squad in mind when playing.

As expected, the girls were a credit to the school and conducted themselves in a professional manner on and off the court.

*Mrs Little  
Second in PE*

**Girls Rugby Tournament in Weston-Super-Mare**

On Wednesday, 16 girls participated in a 10-a-side rugby tournament. We played four matches: two lost and drew two. The first match began with an early try from a break on the wing, but they scored soon after. Our second game – the overall winners – resulted in no tries to us but few conceded. Match number three ended 1:1 with a try following a successful maul. Imogen made multiple breaks but was tackled before the try line. Our final match was a close loss; however our single try was thanks to close support and Ceri's score. Corey also made a try saving tackle out of touch. Well done girls.

*Megan Barwick, 10H*



## TRIPS AND EVENTS

### Oldfield Pi Day Recital Competition - $\pi$

Mathematicians rejoiced as their favourite day of the year came round once again. March 14<sup>th</sup> (3.14 for the Americans) is known worldwide as International Pi Day with Oldfield doing their part to participate in the event with a Pi recital competition. Pi is currently known to approximately 2.7 trillion digits however targets were set much lower than that. Eighteen students took part in the competition at break time and recited Pi in front of their peers. With no actual pies to give away students were content with the sweets provided for each contender. There were entrants from all four houses as well as an overall winner. Huge congratulations to Nathan Finch of 7T who accurately recited 77 decimal places – an impressive achievement. As the scores were tallied up, participation outscored individual brilliance in the final standings.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place House: Austen (137 places total)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place House: Shelley (89 places total)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place House: Palmer (44 places total)

4<sup>th</sup> Place House: Holbourne (14 places total)

**Individual Winner: Nathan Finch (7T - Shelley)**

Runner up: Lubna Dahir

Great fun was had by all. Many thanks to the teachers who gave up their time and those who promoted the competition and thank you to all students who participated. Other departments don't see the appeal in Pi - we think they're being irrational!

*Mr Newport  
Maths Teacher*



### Former Oldfield School Students

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March I was lucky to receive the opportunity to meet and talk to former students of Oldfield school. Along with 6 other members of the school council we were able to gain an insight into how Oldfield has changed over time and how those changes have even affected our school life today. We all learnt some amazing "secrets" of the school and learnt why the school layout is like it is. For example did you know that back in 1961 the students had to climb a fence to reach their playing areas? Amazing isn't it. Not only did we meet some fabulous people, but we were also given the opportunity to look through old school logs and diaries which contained some rather shocking details from sadly the passing of a student to the outbreak of nits! This experience has opened my eyes to the history of this school. I would definitely recommend this opportunity to others as it was a privilege to meet with these former students, learn about their school life and to see how their lives are today.

*Hannah Tyson 10D*



### Saatchi Selfie Competition

This term the Art Department ran a Year 7, 8 & 9 selfie competition that mirrored the current exhibition by the Saatchi Gallery. We called for all budding photographers to enter their most creative selfie. We were overwhelmed by the amount of creative entries from our students. Everyone that took part showcased a variety of creative and visual skills, everyone has been given house points! However there could only be one winner, well done to Jack Wiltshire in Year 7! He's created his own version of the new pound coin.

Information about the Saatchi Gallery and Huawei's new exhibition, From Selfie to Self-Expression can be found on their website. 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.

*Mr Pearce  
Art Teacher*



**Oldfield on TV!**

Following our continued partnership with Dribuild construction company as part of the “Adopt a School” scheme, we were very excited to be asked to take part in a short film for Points West this week. Several of our Year 10 students visited the offices of the Keynsham based firm and then travelled into Bath to visit one of their construction sites. They spent a few hours with the team at Dribuild and were filmed the whole time! The interviewers congratulated our students on their calm behaviour, great answers and stoicism with putting up with what can be quite a repetitive experience. The short film can be seen here; <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-39477876>

*Mr Nash  
Assistant Headteacher, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form*

**It has been a really busy term for us in Drama!**



**Macbeth - Splendid Theatre**

GCSE and A Level Drama Students went to Kingswood School Theatre to see Splendid Theatre’s production of Macbeth. This interactive performance encouraged us to really consider the idea of power and leadership and taught us a lot about how Brechtian theatre techniques can be used to engage an audience. Students were given the opportunity to meet the actors and ask questions about how the piece was created after the show.



**Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night Time – Bath Theatre Royal**

Students in Years 10, 11 and 13 were given the opportunity to see this fantastic production on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bath Theatre Royal. This highly innovative and technical theatre piece really inspired our students and they all thoroughly enjoyed the production.

**GCSE Drama Examination Pieces**

Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed extracts from nine different plays as a part of their Unit 2 GCSE Drama examination. As well as actors, this year we had one student sit the exam as a lighting designer. A really big congratulations to all the students who took part and thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm. Now we have to wait until August to find out the results.

**Oliver!**

Our fantastic cast and band have been busy rehearsing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays afterschool. It is quite common to hear snippets of ‘Food Glorious Food’ or ‘Consider Yourself’ echoing around the corridors at Oldfield. We have just about finished blocking Act 1 and plan to tackle Act 2 next term. The performances take place on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets will go on sale in Term 6.

*Ms Bloomfield  
Head of Drama*

### Celebration Evening 2017

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April we held our first end of key stage Celebration Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and progress of our students in Years 9, 11 and 13. All of the prize winners were nominated by their subject teachers for their awards. In addition, during the celebration we enjoyed a Drama performances from Byron and Maddison Wordon, dance pieces from Grace Parry, Leah Parsons and Jaelyn Eaton and musical performances from Rhianne Good, Georgia Meddick, Joey Williams, Bethany Hopp and Olivia Roberts. Well done to all those who took part.

*Mrs Mills*

The prize winners are named as follows;

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Year 11 cont.</b>	<b>Year 13</b>
Jordan Brown	Maddie Bryan	Lydia Cross	Lauren James
Shakira Anderson	Ellie Hammett	Denise Vicente	Summayah Zafar
Ethan Rowe	Abigail McLoughlin Dymond	Ellie Kendall	Beth Hopp
Emily Harrison	Yash Rajput	Abigail Cooper	Sophie Clark
Sam Baker	Lucy Lord	Max Babai-Bryant	Rhianne Good
Edward Fox-Gliddon	Rose Vanc	Elizabeth Thompson	Louise Kolman
Louise Gainey	Jude Byrne	Jessica Coleman	Leigh Smith
Finn Searle	Michelle George	Byron Melksham	
Nafisa El Turke	Ariana Singh	Maisy Garrett	
Courtney Morgan	Eleanor Toms	Kyle Goldsworthy	
Harriet Lee	Grace Wallis	Anya Gascoyne	
Milly Henson	Lauren Waring	Luke Jarman	
Marley Carpenter	Emma Splaine	Alicia Farr	
Oliver Iles	Phoebe Beauchamp	Ben Key	
Stanley Thomas	Grace Parry	Eloise Roach	
Leah Parsons	Caleb Marrett	Abbie Mills	
Katie Williams	Ella Bryant	Tom Wills	
Morgan Bazley	Mahdi Saleem	Kiera Shepherd	
Alexis Henry	Caitlyn Palmer	Emily Bodey	
Tristan Speakman	Henry Wilson	Robbie Snowden-Higgs	
Georgia Meddick	James Parker	Alex Comley	
Luka Rollings	Macy Milton	Amelia Lipiec	
Chiara Williams	Xenia Papageorgiou		
Lois Swift	Olivia Mitchell		
Joey Williams	Francesca Rogers		



## **BATH'S FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES**

### **13 and 14 year olds create and manage their own micro-businesses**

Fourteen budding young entrepreneurs from Oldfield faced their very own dragons' den last week when they presented their business plans to members of the Rotary Club of Bath in a bid to win a "Top Business of the Year" award.

The Year 9s, in four teams, had all reached the final of 'The Big Pitch', a Rotary Club project aimed at introducing pupils aged 13 and 14 to the challenges and enjoyment of running their own business. The finalists were chosen after an initial Enterprise Challenge Day in the school last October, involving 230 pupils, before the Big Pitch competition, in which 65 pupils in 14 teams took part. All the finalists created a successful mini-enterprise making and selling actual goods to friends, family, and the general public. Products produced by the mini-Lord Sugars and James Dysons included cup-cakes, magic tricks, and self-contained jars of recipe ingredients. The students set up stalls and sold their products at various locations between November and February, including our school Christmas Fair and Green Park market in the City centre.

The Oldfield School teams gave presentations to an audience of 40 Rotary Club members, who voted for the winning team based on the success and sustainability of the business, and the quality of the presentation. Eventual winners were the "Nifty Gifts" team, who created jars containing recipes and all the ingredients required to make a delicious meal.

Big Pitch organiser Richard Bush, of the Rotary Club, said he and colleagues had been very impressed by the creativity, energy and stamina of all the pupils who formed their own companies, "Creating a business is not easy, and it's even harder to keep it going. The young people really embraced the challenge with verve and style, learning things like stock control, marketing, budgeting and the importance of teamwork. They've told us the experience has shown that running a business can be fun, as well as an exciting challenge, and more now feel motivated to consider Business Studies for their GCSEs."

Steven Mackay said the involvement of members of the Rotary Club had made the whole project much more realistic for the young people, "We're very grateful to the team from the Rotary Club of Bath, who have put a huge number of hours over many weeks to support the students as they ran their businesses. Having the chance to chat with people with experience of actually working in and running a business has been hugely motivating, and taught the teams new skills which will help them in the future, whatever they end up doing."

