

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

26 June

6pm Talk on Social Media;
how to support your child
Yr 7, 8 BANES tennis
tournament

27 June

Yr 7-9 Exams
Yr 10s Rugby 7s
Tournament

Yr 10 Cricket v Ralph Allen

28 June

Yr 8 Cricket v St Gregs
Yr 7-10 Rounders v
Broadlands

29 June

Visit from Joffre White,
Patron of Reading

30 June

Yr 12 Bath Spa Lecture
Experience Day
7pm Battle of the Bands
Yr 13 Leavers' Celebration

03 July and 04 July

Yr 10 Geography Trip

06 July

New intake day

07 July

Sports Day
Yr 11 Prom

10 July

Yr 12 Geography Trip
School Production
rehearsal

12, 13, 14 July

7pm School Production
"Oliver!"

Dear Parents/Carers

This newsletter focuses on the events of activities week and I am sure that you will enjoy reading the experiences of students and staff. The irony of last week's very hot weather following the autumnal conditions of activities week is not lost on me. Despite the inclement weather, I know that students had a very rewarding and enjoyable experience regardless whether they were on trips or involved in activities in school and, of course, those students in Spain and the Ardeche enjoyed beautiful weather.

A tremendous amount of work went into organising the week and many staff gave freely of their own time to organise and run events and I am very grateful for this. Thank you to those parents who have contacted the school to express your thanks; this was very much appreciated. Given the success of the week, we have decided to run this next year and to continue to combine in-school activities with day and residential trips. We will be moving Activities Week and Year 10 Work Experience to the last week in June (25th and 29th June) to avoid clashing with external examinations and to move the week nearer to the end of the school year. This will also mean that it will be after the Year 7 to 9 examination period.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Sports Day will take place on Friday 7th July and normal lessons will be suspended for all students that day. We will be running track and field events in the morning, up to lunchtime and relays after lunch. Years 9 and 10 will take part in field events during periods 1 and 2 on Westgate Field and Years 7 and 8 will have their track events on Penn Field at this time. After morning break, these arrangements will be reversed with Year 9 and 10 on Penn Field on the track and Years 7 and 8 on Westgate Field. Non- participating students (I hope that this is a small number) will be watching their peers compete under staff supervision. All students will be participating in or watching the relays in the afternoon.

Parents are very welcome to join us for the day and we will have a seating area for parents on Penn Field to watch the track events. If you are planning on attending, please be aware of the timings of the track events, which are different for Year 7/8 and Year 9/10. Also, we will be designating a toilet for parents to use and for safeguarding purposes you should not at any time enter the school building. The OSA will be selling ice-lollies at break near Penn Field so you may want to give your child some additional spending money for the day. In the expectation and hope that the weather is good, please ensure that your child has a hat, sun cream and water as they will be outside for much of the day whether participating or spectating. The expectation is that children who are participating will be in their sports kit all day; therefore, they can wear this to school. Students not involved in events should be in school uniform.

I hope that you are able to attend what will be a very enjoyable and rewarding day.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

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Change to the school day

Thank you if you responded to the consultation on changing the school day and lunchtime arrangements. As you would expect, there were a wide range of views and many useful suggestions. The majority of parents who responded (70%) supported having a single lunchtime and extending this. Those who would like the day to remain as it is raised issues around pressure on facilities, including catering, lack of space on wet days and the impact on after-school travel and/or activities.

Feedback from staff was also mostly in favour of the proposed changes and the reasons given mirrored responses from parents. Students were less clear when asked with no majority for one or other of the proposals.

Given this, it has been agreed to change to a single lunchtime from September 2017 and the school day will, therefore, be extended until 2.50pm. The day will start at 8.30am as it does currently and registration will be 5 minutes shorter to ensure that lunchtime can be 40 minutes in length without impacting on the length of lesson time. This means that period 1 will start at 8.50am. The pattern of the school day will therefore be:

08.30	Tutor period
08.50	Period 1
09.50	Period 2
10.50	Break
11.10	Period 3
12.10	Period 4
13.10	Lunchtime
13.50	Period 5
14.50	End of school

The main issue raised by parents, students and staff was the capacity of catering facilities and the arrangements for managing students during lunchtime with the whole school out of lessons. We have plans to put in an additional catering facility outside the main building near the Sports Hall which will provide sufficient capacity and also allow our caterers to cook on-site (currently they bring food pre-cooked into school each day). We hope that this will improve current catering arrangements. We already have all of our students out of lessons during the 20 minute break and by running clubs and activities and allowing access to some indoor spaces and facilities we do not anticipate that this will be a problem. We do need to add more covered spaces in outside areas and more seating and this will happen in future years and we will also improve outside sports and leisure facilities; this is a funding priority for next year.

I have contacted the bus companies and an additional 5 minutes at the end of the day will allow students to catch buses as they do currently with no need to change bus timetables. The first bus to leave at the end of the day is the 19

Service and the departure time is 14.57, a 14.50 finish will allow enough time for students to board the bus. The 37 Service departs at 15.12 so this will be a shorter wait for our students at the end of the day than is currently the case. ABus have agreed to amend their schedule accordingly to allow for the 5 minute extension.

Steven Mackay

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Well done to all our Year 10 students who were out on work placements during last week. Thanks to all the businesses that supported them. These are a few of the organisations that were able to host our students;

- University of Bristol
- University of the West of England
- Dribuild
- Bath City Football Club
- Marks & Spencer – Longwell Green
- Avon & Somerset Constabulary – Stables
- Ministry of Defence
- Santander
- Wessex Water
- Ikea
- University of Bath
- Weston All Saints Primary School
- Newbridge Primary School
- Bristol Boxing
- Scienco Ltd
- Bristol Civil Justice Centre
- Pattinson & Brewer Solicitors
- Able Investigations & Enforcements

We have received excellent feedback from employers.



Year 10 student, Freya Bradley enjoying work experience with Avenue Veterinary Centre, Staple Hill.

NOTICE BOARD



FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

**7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
£2 ENTRY ON THE DOOR**

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS AS THEY BATTLE IT OUT TO BE THE WINNING BAND!

COME AND ENJOY A ROCKING EVENING OF BANGING TUNES. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.

LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE!!

Eid al-Fitr

We would like to wish all our Muslim families an enjoyable celebration of Eid al-Fitr which is due to take place on 25th – 26th June 2017 subject to the new moon sighting. Eid al-Fitr is an important Muslim festival which celebrates the end of the month of Ramadan in which Muslims are required to fast during the hours of daylight to show their devotion to Allah.



Photography Competition

This term the Art Department will be teaming up with the RSPCA to support their annual Young Photographer Awards. The RSCPA has asked our students to capture local wildlife and use their photographs to encourage young people to seek interest in the animal and wildlife around them and to develop their photography skills. There are three categories our school will be supporting: Under 12's, 12-15 Years and Mobile Phones. Students will need to capture their subject and save the image digitally then enter using the form on the RSCPA website: www.rspca.org.uk/yipa/schools. Whilst there also check out some of the great work the RSPCA is involved with. Some of the prizes include, £800 worth of vouchers (for the student), a trip to London and a visit to the RSPCA Animal Centre. Mr Pearce (Art) will happily assist any student that wants to enter this competition. The deadline for entry is 18th August 2017. Good Luck!



*Mr Pearce
Art and Tech Teacher*

Oldfield School Association News

We have a few events coming up this term that we wanted to let you know about;

30 June, 7pm; our popular "Oldfield's Got Talent", Battle of the Bands event with some great music from a variety of bands. £2 entry on the door. Winners will receive 8 hours of studio rehearsal time with local studio stage2studios (stage2studios.co.uk)

07 July; Sports Day. We will be selling ice pops to students and would appreciate help on the day.

12, 13, 14 July; Oliver! We will be providing refreshments during the interval.

17 July; New Intake Evening. We will be providing tea, coffee and squash before the parents and children go into the hall.

If you are able to help out at any of the events, please do get in touch osa@oldfieldschool.com. We are also excited to be able to let you know about a new event in September aimed at new Year 7 students and their parents, a family BBQ and disco. This will take place on 21 September, more details to follow.

OLIVER! OLIVER!

Tickets for Oliver go on sale this week—so get yours early to avoid disappointment! The production will be over 3 nights; 12th, 13th and 14th July. Tickets are £5 adults and £3 concessions and are available through ParentPay.

Trading Standards - Product Safety - Fidget Spinner Warning

Bath & North East Somerset Council is warning residents about the dangers of fidget spinners, after its Trading Standards team seized nearly 300 spinners from shops and stalls in Bath. They seized fidget spinners with small parts that can easily pop out, causing a choking hazard to young children. Some featured a blade with sharp pointed edges, and others had LED lights containing lithium-ion batteries which, if ingested, can cause internal bleeding. In most cases, no safety warnings or minimum age restrictions were indicated on the fidget spinners. There were also no name and address details for the manufacturer/importer, which would enable the fidget spinners to be swiftly withdrawn from the market in the event of a product safety issue.

Bath & North East Somerset Council's Trading Standards Officers are now working with the fidget spinner sellers to trace the supply chain and identify the importers so that the dangers to children identified can be addressed. If you have concerns about a spinner you have bought, or a retailer selling them, contact the Citizen Advice Bureau on 03454 040506; if necessary, they will refer complaints to the relevant local authority if Trading Standards need to investigate.



ACTIVITIES WEEK



Harry Potter



at Bristol
SCIENCE CENTRE



Castles Trip

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Bristol
ZOO
Gardens

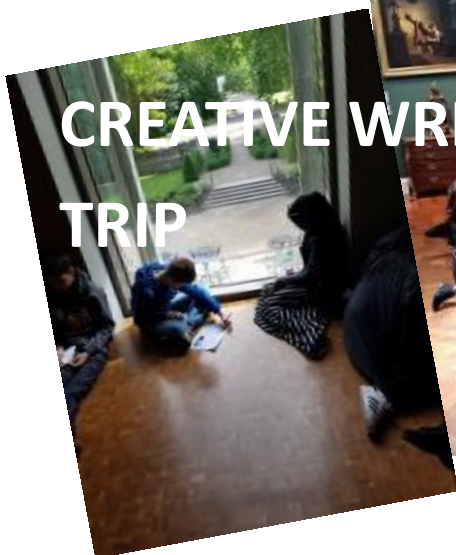


Welcome to...
the DRIFTING isles

Myths
and
Legends



MASK MAKING



CREATIVE WRITING
TRIP





RAFT BUILDING



Whole school sponsored walk



SURF TRIP

Barcelona 2017

When asked to write this article our amazing trip to Barcelona, we really struggled to fit everything in, it was such an action-packed few days.

Forty Year 7 students set off in the very early hours of Monday morning and boarded a flight to Calella, Barcelona. After checking in and exploring our 4 star hotel, we ventured into the town of Calella. We were met by scorching high temperatures and a bright skyline that shone through the Spanish mountains. After taking in the local shops, we spent the afternoon playing



rounders on the white sandy beach and dipping our toes in the crystal clear sea. Our long day ended with an all-you-can-eat Spanish themed dinner. Here our students got to taste a range of foods from this area and other parts of Europe. Miss Evans used her culinary knowledge to point students in the direction of hidden treats. At this point, all were tired and our king-size rooms were calling us for a well-earned rest.



The next morning we were up early and set off into Barcelona city centre. We started our day at the world famous Park Guell. Our students got to explore this tropical gem, filled with plant life and some of Gaudi's most famous work. The park itself is hidden on the Spanish hillside and overlooks the entire city skyline. Miss Morens set our students the challenge to find out as much about Gaudi as possible and explore the park by taking photos for the upcoming competition.

The group moved on to the Gaudi's world famous Sagrada Familia. Everyone got to explore the ever developing cathedral that is still being constructed 135 years after starting. All of our students were taken back by the size of this building and the way the colours of the stained glass appear to move around the white marbled interior. We then moved into one of the city's parks for a spot of lunch and a much needed hydration.

After our morning of historical culture, we spent the afternoon exploring Nou Camp – the home of FC Barcelona. Mr Pearce spent the time showing Messi a few tricks and how to improve his game whilst the rest of us got to explore the backstage areas of the stadium and have access to part of the pitch. After this action packed day, we headed back to our hotel to chillax by the pool and another evening meal at the hotel.



The next morning we set off to Port Aventura– home of Europe's tallest, fastest and most inversions rollercoasters -our students were absolutely buzzing with excitement. We got to the park early and had a full day there exploring the many themed lands. Students had total freedom of the park and got to venture out to the rides within their groups. Many of our students were brave enough to take on Shambhala; Europe's tallest roller-coaster that jumps to 83.5mph in seconds. This park had something for everyone, we all left happy and tired.

On our final day we popped into Calella to use the last of our Euros and pick up gifts, we then had a group picnic on the boardwalk and relaxed all day at the beach. Mr Cirera showed his hips don't lie by hosting dance lessons on the sand. Some of our students complained that the sun was so hot that they had to eat their ice cream quickly and splash around in the water to cool down!

On behalf of all the staff involved, please pass our gratitude to every student that came along on this trip – they represented the school and the UK perfectly. I know from talking to both students and parents that everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to next year!

Mr Cirera - Miss Morens - Miss Evans - Mr Pearce

Year 9 Ardeche/Mimosa Trip

The Year 9 nine day trip to France was full of adventure and amazing activities. The group split into two, with one group heading off to the Ardeche first and the other spending time at the beach in Mimosa. The first adventure involved the students canoeing down the Ardeche. They had to negotiate rapids and had fun rock jumping. They all enjoyed their time on the river, the weather was glorious, accommodation good and entertainment fun! The time spent in Mimosa was packed with beach activities, a variety of water sports, banana boat rides, catamarans, sea kayaks and fun evening games of robot wars and discos. On the last full evening they took a trip to the lovely port town of Cap d'Agde and enjoyed ice creams by the port. The students behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Look out for information on next year's trip!

Mrs Macnaughton and Mr Gann



Year 9 Morocco

World Challenge Trip



BANES District Athletics competition Thursday 11th May, Bath University

All the students who took part in this competition last month were a credit to the school. They experienced competing on a proper track and supported each other throughout the day showing great determination and strong team morale. Well done to all the athletes who took part. The top results were as follows from the girls;

Minor Girls competition (overall winners)

An amazing day for the five students who competed in this age group. There were only four events offered to the year sevens, but Oldfield School won three out of the four and in addition won the relay;

Chloe Marrett 100m final winner, 13.4 seconds and winner of the high jump 1.35m

Maddie Haag shot putt winner 7.12m

Mia Sparks, Maddie Haag, Eleni Francis, Chloe Marrett relay winners

Eleni Francis also made it into the final of the 100m. Chloe and Maddie have now been selected to compete in the County Championships.

Junior girls

Special congratulations to Keziah Marrett for coming second in both the discus 18.9m and shot 8.02m. Amaya Reid and Ruby Frampton came 4th and 5th in the javelin. Amaya also came fourth in the 200m final.

Inter Girls

Matilda Snook gained a new personal best of 5.45.72s in the 1500m coming 5th overall. Megan Barwick came second in both the long jump 4.26m and triple jump 9.21m. Megan will now go through to the county round.

The top results were as follows from the boys;

Minor Boys competition (overall winners)

Team relay silver place (Oliver Snook, Tom Leonard, Sean Cluskey, Herbie Bailey)

Junior Boys competition (overall winners)

Ross Edwards got bronze 110m hurdles with 14.87s

Marley Carpenter got silver in 1500m with 4.39s

Timmy Dereszynski got gold in long jump with 4.62m

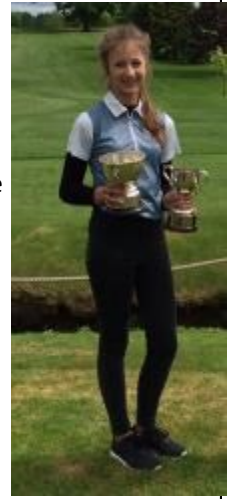
James Horrocks got silver in javelin with 25.95m (James has recently won the next stage in the County Championships and will be representing Avon in the next stage!) All have been selected for county championships.

Mr Gann and Mrs Bell

Golfing champion!

Well done to Bethany Earl (8B), who had golfing success during the half term holiday. Beth has won the Knowle golf club's junior girls open competition with a score of 48 points. She also won the closed Knowle competition as the highest scoring junior within the golf club and has won herself 2 trophies.

We hope to see more of Bethany's golfing career in the coming year and hope she will be able to represent the school in any up and coming competitions. Well done Beth!



BANES Minor athletics competition Tuesday 21st June Bath University

Following on from the above competition the Year 7 and 8 Athletics team then competed at Bath University at the BANES Minor Athletics event run by Oldfield PE staff. All athletes deserve a big pat on the back for their fantastic efforts, great team morale and brilliant individual performances. It was great to see almost all athletes recording personal bests in both track and field events.

Boys Team Results (overall 10 schools)

3rd place for Oldfield Year 7

3rd place for Oldfield Year 8

Individual Results

Gold to Year 7 Boys 4x100m

Gold to Year 8 Boys 4x100m

Gold to Nathan Baker in 100m and 200m

Gold to Herbie Bailey in 1500m

Gold to Damani Jones in 100m and 200m



Oldfield PE staff

Rounders

The senior rounders season got off to a great start with two strong wins against St Greg's. Year 10 coming back from 8-5 down in the first innings to win 12 ½ - 11 thanks to some great tight fielding and tactical hitting. Special mention to Charlotte Garton and Mary Rider who were the only two, left in bat and both scored to secure the win for the team. Congratulations to Mary who was also voted player of the match by the opposition. A fantastic performance.

Similar success was enjoyed by the Y9 team who played with a player down. They were down by one rounder after the first innings but came back with some fabulous team play to win the match 13 ½ - 9.

Special mention should go to, Amaya Reid who scored 7 rounders and congratulations to Amaya and Molly Noble who were voted players of the match by the opposition.

An awesome performance by all players!

*Mrs Little
Second in PE*

From our community

The advertisement features a dark background with a collage of musical instruments including a guitar, a drum set, and a keyboard. The word 'Stage' is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top. Below it, the text 'RECORDING AND REHEARSAL STUDIOS IN BATH' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'Free studio time for 16 - 23 year olds in Bath!' is also in white. A paragraph follows, stating they are delighted to announce a Government-funded scheme for free rehearsal and recording time. The closing date '15th July 2017' is highlighted in yellow. The scheme's offerings are listed in white, and the requirements are also listed in white. Contact information is provided at the bottom in white.

Stage 2

RECORDING AND REHEARSAL STUDIOS IN BATH

Free studio time for 16 - 23 year olds in Bath!

We are delighted to announce that due to a Government funded scheme, we are now able to offer free rehearsal and recording time to young musicians in Bath.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15th July 2017

The Scheme offers:

- 8 hours per month rehearsal time for an entire year.
- 24 hours of professional recording time (fully supervised).
- Free expert advice from music industry professionals.
- Free professional photo sessions and gig opportunities.

This scheme is completely free with no strings attached.

The only requirements are:

- For bands of 3 or more people between 16 and 23 years old.
 - Grades C or above in English and Maths GCSE.

For more information, enquire at stage2studios@btconnect.com or call 01225 425592

www.stage2studios.co.uk

Dear parents,

Do you have a spare room? Could your kids double up for a few weeks to free up a bed?
Earn £420 tax free by hosting one of our Spanish students from 8-29 July or 11 July – 1 August

You would need to provide:

- ✓ Comfortable **Spare/Guest Room** or room shared with your teenage son or daughter (same gender student)
- ✓ Your welcoming home and encouraging conversations in English with your student
- ✓ **Breakfast** – (for example – providing cereals and milk or bread and jam available for the student in the morning)
- ✓ **Dinner** – cooked meal to be shared with your family
- ✓ 1 **packed lunch** on Saturday (full day trip) & 1 **lunch** with your family on Sunday (day spent with you)
- ✓ **One off** pick up and drop off - Avon Street Coach Park in central Bath upon arrival and departure
- ✓ No packed lunches Monday to Friday
- ✓ No dinners needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays – students have evening activities – back by 10.30pm having had dinner at the college
- ✓ No need to provide daily transport - We organise their daily transport to and from school

You will:

- ✓ Earn **£140** per week pro rata
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Meet other host families like you
- ✓ Enrich your children's knowledge of foreign cultures
- ✓ Create wonderful experiences for the whole family



Please call or text Ellie Thomas on 07505472263 or email bathhostfamilies@elac.co.uk