

## To inspire, to learn, to succeed

### Important Dates;

**22 Mar**

Celebration Evening

**23 Mar**

END OF TERM 4

**09 Apr**

START OF TERM 5

WEEK TWO

**11 Apr**

Yr 12 UCAS HE Exhibition

OSA Meeting, Boathouse

**12 Apr**

Yr 12 Particle Physics Masterclass

**13 Apr**

Tennis Talent ID

**20 Apr**

UK Maths Trust Team Challenge

Watersports SEND Trip (weekly)

**21 Apr**

Pop up Restaurant Fundraiser and 12 hour Music Marathon

**26 Apr**

2018 Spring School Games, Yr 7/8

Handball

**03 May**

Yr 7 Parents' Evening

**04 May**

Science Fiction Day, LRC

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your understanding regarding the decision to close the school this week and at the start of March. Hopefully we have now seen the end of winter and spring will make an appearance in time for the holiday.

Our sports teams have had a busy and successful term. In netball and football our teams have put in very competitive performances with some excellent results as you will see from the sports round-up in the newsletter. In addition, our students have been supporting primary school sports acting as Junior Sports Leaders and helping to run a number of primary sports events and festivals.

Earlier this month Year 9 students took part in the final of the Big Pitch. This is the second time that this event has been run and the standard of presentations from our Year 9 entrepreneurs was exceptional. The quality of their products, their marketing and presentations were first class. I would like to thank the Bath Rotary Club for organising the event and providing mentors for the student teams.

The last event of this term is our Celebration Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and I look forward to celebrating and recognising the achievement of some of our students.

Unfortunately, the snowfall has interrupted preparations for the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; having affected both the in-school training and also the practice expedition. We have a very large number of students involved in both Year 9 and 10 and I know that they were very much looking forward to the expedition last weekend. This will now take place next term on the original date of the qualifying expedition (on the assumption that it will not be snowing in early May!), the qualifying expedition will then will take place in September.

As the examination season approaches Years 11 and 13 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, including the information that was shared with parents of Year 11 students at the GCSE information evening on 14th March.

Mrs Jeremy is leaving us at the end of this term to go on maternity leave and we wish her all the best, her classes will be taught by Mrs Merriman from the start of next term onwards. Over in the English Department, Mrs Stevens is teaching Mrs Rhode's English classes during her maternity leave. We will also be joined by Miss McIntyre and Miss Head in learning support as teaching assistants. Other staffing news includes the appointment of Mrs Goddard-Palmer to the post of Student Medical Officer.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Heuff has been appointed as Headteacher of the St Georges School in Munich and he will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. This is a well deserved promotion and he will be greatly missed at the school.

I am quite sure that your children are ready for a well-deserved break this Easter and I wish you and your families all the best over the holiday.

*Steven Mackay  
Headteacher*

# NOTICE BOARD



## Visitors from the Jiangsu Province, China

We are looking forward to welcoming our eight students from the Jiangsu Province, China this summer. The students will be arriving on the 1<sup>st</sup> May for eight weeks. They will be staying with Oldfield families and be in school attending Year 8 lessons during the day. They are looking forward to learning about British culture, making friends and improving their English.

If anyone is interested in hosting a Chinese student please get in touch. We are still looking for families. If you can accommodate to cover all living expenses including transport to school, we provide an allowance of £150 per week.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more please contact Caroline Sackett or email [C.Sackett@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:C.Sackett@oldfieldschool.com)

## Lost Property

We try to return all named items of lost property to students as and when they are found. Unfortunately we have a large amount of un-named coats and other items. All of these items will be displayed in the hall on Thursday 22nd March, so please encourage your child to come and claim their property. It would be very helpful if you could check and label any items not already labelled over the holiday ready for the start of next term.

*Mrs Goddard-Palmer  
Student Welfare Officer*

## Year 9 English

Year 9 groups in English are in the process of being re-organised into GCSE groups. The change-over will take place at the start of Term 5 and students will be informed of their new group in the first English lesson of term. We envisage few changes from these groups in Year 10 - but it is important that we get the mix right in groups so that all students are able to achieve their maximum and consequently there may be some 'tweaks' made. Students and parents will be informed individually if this is the case.

GCSE English and Literature skills and work starts in Term 5 and we hope all students will see the importance of the work they will be doing and also get to understand the 1 - 9 GCSE grading system.

*Ms J Malt  
Leader of Learning: Communications*

## Activities Week

With the weather slowly improving, I am sure that many of us have already started thinking of summer. At Oldfield School this means Activities Week! For those of you whose child is in Year 7, or is new to the school, Activities Week is an opportunity for your child to take part in a range of activities and trips as we collapse the timetable and there are no lessons for the duration of the week. Some students have already signed up for residential trips taking place during Activities Week – Barcelona (Year 7), Ardeche (PGL Years 8/9) and Battlefields (Year 9). Students in Years 7-9 who are not on these trips will take part in some compulsory activities such as cross-curricular learning days in school as well as Geography trips to Lulworth Cove (Year 8) and Burrington Coombe (Year 7). In addition, students will have a range of other activities to choose from including Harry Potter World, mask making workshops, horse trekking in the Brecon Beacons, Splashdown, floor hockey, history of computer games, theatre workshops and much more! After the Easter holiday I will write to you with full details of the week and this will include information about how to go about selecting your child's preferences and how payments will be collected.

The key dates to be aware of are:

Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> April – information and booklet to be sent to parents

Choices need to be made by 16<sup>th</sup> April

8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May – payments need to be made

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June – Activities Week!

As I am sure you will appreciate, the logistics of organising Activities Week is challenging. We appreciate your support in sticking to these deadlines to ensure that the planning and preparation for the week runs smoothly and to schedule.

*Lucy James  
Assistant Headteacher*

## Parking

We have been informed by our neighbours at Halfway House on Kelston Road that they will be carrying out building work over the next few weeks. This will mean that parking or picking up students will be difficult and to please avoid parking outside their house. In addition they have asked that we remind parents that the entrance to their driveway should not be used at any time for turning or a pick up point and ask that you respect their wishes with regards to this.



## ????Quiz Night????Quiz Night????

OSA Quiz Night went very well on Friday, with a great turnout of over 12 teams! Questions were posed and answered, brains were taxed, prosecco was drunk and money was raised for the school. Well done to the winning team, "Don't be a Quizzard Harry!". Thank you to everyone who took part, wrote questions, served at the bar, prepared and served the food, scored the teams, set up and cleared away. We look forward to this entertaining event next year.



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

**Music Department**

**Music Marathon 2018!**

**and Pop-up Restaurant**



### Dates for your diary

- 11 April 2018**, OSA Meeting 7pm  
Boathouse
- 21 April 2018**, Pop-up Restaurant  
Dinner Fundraiser and Music  
Marathon

Due to the exciting developments within the Music department this year, we are now raising money for a sound system that is of a high enough quality to enhance the performances of our amazing musicians! Following attendance at our annual Christmas Festival of Music, our lovely catering staff Karen and Dave have very generously arranged to host a 'Pop-up restaurant' on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, for which tickets are currently on sale. All proceeds from this event will be going towards new and improved Music facilities. The one-off pop-up restaurant will serve a beautiful 3 course meal accompanied by music from our music students. There will also be a cocktail bar operated and run by Steven Mackay. Tickets are £25 per head but there are limited spaces, so book your ticket now.

David Hemmings has been a chef for 35 years. Classically trained in French cuisine he has worked in restaurants all over Europe. These dishes are some of his favourite to prepare and serve. Take a look at the menu below and see if you can resist booking your tickets!

#### Menu

##### Starters

- Wild mushroom soup, truffle oil, sour dough bread (vegan)
- Pan-fried scallops, black pudding, crispy bacon
- Ham hock terrine, homemade chutney, sour dough crisps

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##### Mains

- Treacle cured beef fillet, red wine jus, fondant potato, sautéed spinach, beer pickled shallots
- Twice cooked belly of pork, apple cider sauce, sage mash, cavolo nero, crackling
- Salmon fillet wrapped in Parma ham, puy lentil cream, dressed pea shoots, salmon crackling
- Aubergine tagine, black olives, preserved lemon, wild rice (vegan)

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##### Desserts

- Cheese board
- Ben & Jerry's vegan ice cream
- Trio of chocolate
- Trio of rhubarb

Alongside this evening, our most enthusiastic performers will be embarking on a 12-hour sponsored music marathon! Students will be performing continuously in the school canteen and hall from 7pm throughout the night until 7am.

All students involved are currently collecting sponsorship, and any donations are gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support and we would welcome visitors at any time of the night to join the music madness!

*Ms Lobbett  
Music Teacher and Assistant Headteacher*

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —

# Introducing the Learning and Resource Centre and Mrs Pearce, our new Librarian

Mrs Pearce has been a Librarian for over 11 years, and loves every minute of it. She looks after the Library to make sure that it is a welcoming environment for everyone. She orders all the books and keeps it tidy, creating imaginative displays on various topics. She can help you choose or find books or help with your work. If you have any good ideas on making the Library a better place – just tell Mrs Pearce.

Mrs Pearce lives in an old messy cottage, which is messy because she spends more time reading than tidying. She lives with her husband who is a photographer. She has two children – one a Graphic Designer and one at University. When Mrs Pearce is not here she is an Artist, Illustrator and Calligrapher - which is why you will see so many displays and drawings!

Her favourite children's books are *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and *Rowan the Strange* by Julie Hearn. Her favourite adult books are *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, *A Room with a View* by E. M. Forster and *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. Her favourite foods are mature cheddar cheese, Heinz Baked Beans and hazelnut chocolate spread (not all together!). Her favourite films are *Amelie*, *Jean de Florette*, *Dirty Harry* and the first ever *Star Wars*. She won't miss Dr. Who and EastEnders – in fact most sci-fi or thrillers. She likes buying clothes, jewellery, serviettes, books and pointless things for her house. She is addicted to iTunes, Twitter, Facebook, *Catfish* and Radio 4.

### What does the library do for us?

- Enables all young people to achieve their full potential, academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually.
- Fosters the development of personal moral values.
- Develops a sense of self-esteem and the habits of self-discipline.
- Promotes creative and aesthetic awareness and enjoyment.
- Develops a wide range of skills in communication.
- Develops respect for other people and the environment and an awareness of rights and responsibilities.
- Encourages active citizenship, participation in decision-making and the democratic process.
- Educates young people to respect and value other cultures and to be aware of issues relating to the wider world.
- Fosters positive links with the local community.

### The Library Day-To-Day

- Read books in a friendly atmosphere.
- Take out, renew or return Library books.
- Research Library books for school projects and homework.
- Use the computers for school work.
- Book Club – every Wednesday lunch time for years 7, 8 and 9.
- A friendly, safe and welcoming space for all students allowing them to flourish.

### Library Special Events

Harry Potter Book Night Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

World Book Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Science Fiction Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May includes Author Visit by Huw Powell.

Author Visit Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from Marie-Louise Jensen.



### World Book Day 2018

Winner of the Student Best Costume Competition was Jacob in Year 7, dressed as a rather remarkable Oompa Loompa from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

Winner of the Staff Best Costume Competition was Mary-Helen West, dressed as Fantastic Mrs Fox.

Prizes will be presented this week.



### Football Season!

The BANES inter-school football season has officially kicked off for Oldfield School and a full fixture calendar is running through Terms 4 and 5. Students need to check the notice board in the sports hall for team news and confirm with PE staff their availability.



### Year 9, 10 & 11 Girls Football Team

We took a mixed team of Years 9, 10 and 11 girls to play in the U16's girls football tournament held at Somervale school. There were a total of 5 schools that entered the tournament, each school played a round robin. We were up against the toughest competitors first, Hayesfield. We started well and worked really hard, Hayesfield went 2-0 up early on. We managed to score a goal back with a great strike from Akeylah Johnson. Unfortunately, the game ended 2-1. In the next game, we were up against Wellsway, this wasn't one of our best games that the team had played but the final result ended a 1-0 win to us, the goal was scored by Katie Williams. The third school we played against was Somervale, this was a well battled game and we took an early lead with Katie's fantastic strike. The girls played some quality football, however Somervale kept the team on their toes and managed to score in the final seconds in the game resulting in a 1-1 draw. In the last game of the tournament we played St Greg's, this was one of the best games of the tournament that the girls played; they worked extremely hard and connected well as a team. We finished the tournament with a 2-0 win, with goals scored by Katie Williams and Akeylah Johnson. After a cold evening of great football, we finished the tournament in second place. Well done girls!

*Miss Hooper  
PE Teacher*



### Year 8 & 9 Girls Football

The girls played in the quarter finals of the Somerset cup against Holyrood School based in Somerset. It was a cold afternoon and the girls did not let the weather get the better of them. We went 1-0 up in the first 5 minutes of the game. We gained an early lead scored by Quinta Coombes. The girls played some good quality football by passing, moving and creating lots of opportunities to shoot. We went 2-0 up before half time, another great goal scored by Quinta. At half time, we had a tactical team talk and made a few substitutions to allow all the squad to play part of the match. The second half began; Holyrood came at us creating some good attacking opportunities. Maddie Haag made an excellent save keeping the score 2-0. The girls kept working really hard and in the last 5 minutes of the game the girls played fantastic football. Akeylah had an outstanding shot with the outside of her boot to make it 3-0. The final score ended 3-0 and Akeylah Johnson was nominated Holyrood's player of the match. Well done girls and here's to the semi-finals of the cup!

*Miss Hooper  
PE Teacher*

### Year 7 Boys Football

Our Year 7 football team started their campaign at Lansdown playing fields against a strong Beechen Cliff side. George Sweet was selected to captain the side and was one of many stand out performers in a closely fought match. This was the first time many of the players had played together as a school team and they are a very talented bunch of football players who have a bright future. Unfortunately, two wonder goals from Harry Hamilton and Rory Perry were not enough to come back from Beechen's early first half goals. Final Score 3-2.

Oldfield continued their fine performances in the league with a very positive run against Somervale that led to a 6-0 win.

*"It was a great result at home for Oldfield today playing against Somervale. The end result turned out to be 6-0 to Oldfield thanks to: Fin Williams scoring two, Rory Perry, Harry Hamilton, Sam Ojewa and Ethan Hall. Also a big well done to Alfie Barron for keeping a clean sheet in goal on his debut. Overall a very well done to everyone who played, a great team effort." – Captain, George Sweet, 7S.*

Unfortunately the success of the Somervale match followed with a recent loss against Norton Hill, 0-6. Despite losing the game, everyone showed great determination to see the game through. It will go down as a great learning experience for the boys and our hopes are still high for the remaining games in the league.

*Mr John  
PE Teacher*

### Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 football team started their campaign in the league very positively with a fantastic 11-2 win against Somervale.

*"Great performance from the lads and great finishes especially for Coleman with 4 goals. Fantastic teamwork and great attitude. Well done lads!"* Captain Callum Osmond, 8D.

For our next game, we lost 1-9 against Beechen Cliff. A big learning experience for the boys and we have many areas to improve yet some promising signs.

*"An unfortunate loss to a very good side. Not much in the game apart from our only goal scored by Tate Hopkins which was caused by a very well-executed lob pass from Vinnie Baker over the top. Tate shot with a great left foot finish. After learning a lot at full time, we will push on with the league the best we can."* Callum Osmond, 8D.

Unfortunately, we lost our third game against Norton Hill, 0-8. Despite losing the game, everyone kept their heads up to the end, and we had a great, honest feedback session to go over what we could learn from the game. I know the boys will give it their all for the remaining league games.

*Mr Gann  
PE Teacher*

### Year 10 Football

Year 10s travelled to Beechen Cliff with a depleted squad due to sickness but still managed to show strong heart and commitment. Some consistent strong performances by Billy Taylor, JC Horrocks, Marley Carpenter and Rory Jones.

From a strong first half Oldfield conceded a goal against the run of grain to go into the break 1-0 down. That was quickly moved to 2-0 with JC Horrock's putting the ball into his own net. Heads never dropped and Marley Carpenter, who showed fantastic fitness all game, pounced on a loose ball to put the score 2-1. Straight from kick off Beechen scored again and again with the final score 4-1.

### Year 7 Hockey Tournament

The Year 7 girls hockey team played their first hockey matches together at the BANES tournament. The girls have been practicing and training and display real enthusiasm for the game. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and played some fantastic hockey. We played Ralph Allen, Norton Hill and Wellsway School. We drew one and lost 2, unfortunately we didn't make it through to the semi-finals of the tournament. Player of the matches were nominated from the other teams as; Becky Weldon, Alicia Corbett and Lola Milne-Clark. I was super proud of the girls for how well they played and mostly how excellent they represented themselves and Oldfield school. Well done girls!

*Miss Hooper  
PE Teacher*



### U14s Girls Football Team

The girls travelled to Somervale School where we entered the U14's girls football tournament. The original line up was for 10 schools, but a few teams dropped out so there were only seven in total. The tournament leader decided to do a round robin and allow all teams to compete against each other with eight minute games. The schools we were up against were St Greg's, Hayesfield, Somervale, Writhlington, Broadlands and Ralph Allen. We were undefeated each game and won every match except a draw against St Greg's. The girls performed amazingly well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Goal scorers throughout the tournament were; Keira, Quinta and Mia and player of the match nominations were; Maddie, Quinta, Mia, Keira, Gaby and Freddie. As we were placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the tournament we qualified to

go through to the next round in the school games. The school games will take place in April. Well done girls, another great success.

*Miss Hooper  
PE Teacher*

## CRICKET NEWS!

### Somerset and Avon Counties Indoor Cricket Championships

By Ross Edwards, Cricket Captain, 10N

#### 17th January 2018 - St Bernadette's, 1st round

I'd like to say well done to everyone who took part in the Somerset county cricket play offs. We made it through into the next round despite coming second. Our players included Ross Edwards, Hamdi Saleem, Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond, Joe Eden-Bull, Will Paget, Gaby Edwards, Ollie Howell, Matt Wordon, George Sweet, Fletcher Lucas-Smith. In our first game we won comfortably in our first over which Ross Edwards bowled and bowled a two wicket maiden and Joe Eden-Bull bowled a four wicket maiden including a hat-trick. Hamdi with his raw pace was too quick for most of their batsmen who didn't stand a chance. We managed to bowl the opposition for 31. Hamdi opened the batting and retired within 1.4 overs and we achieved their score in 4.5 overs.

In our second game we faced Beechen Cliff and unfortunately we lost. A good performance from both teams meant that we both went through. Will Paget took one catch, one stumping and one run out. And in both games 4 consistent performers did well and they were Joe Eden-Bull, Will Paget, Hamdi Saleem and Joaquin McLoughlin-Dymond. Thank you to everyone that played, well done!!

#### 6th March 2018 - Taunton, Somerset County Cricket Club, Indoor Finals

A massive congratulations to everyone who took part in the Somerset and Avon Counties Indoor Cricket final. There were three other good schools there and between us all there was a lot of good cricket played. In our first game we played Castle School and we made a few errors in the field which cost us as they racked up a massive score of 102 off 8 overs. In return we managed to score 46 off of our 8 overs.

Having lost that game the best we could now finish was 3rd. In the 3rd place playoff we came up against the losers between Beechen Cliff and Holyrood. The 3rd place playoff was between us and Holyrood. The winners of the final were Beechen Cliff, so congratulations to them. Despite our first game loss, we managed to win the 3rd place playoff against Holyrood. They managed to score 66 so we had to get 67 to win. We bowled very well and we consider them lucky to get 66. However, we also batted very well and managed to get their score with 1.3 overs left.

I want to thank everyone who took part; Ross Edwards, Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond, Will Paget, Matthew Wordon, Joel Barton, Joey Williams, Gaby Edwards, Joe Eden-Bull and Sam Reeves. Also a big thank you to Joel and Joey for making their debuts for the team and both did very well.

#### Word from Mr Gann

Honestly I am incredibly proud of our cricket team's performances this term. Despite having some losses we have been able to show great resilience, teamwork and strength across all year groups. It is a great achievement to say that we are 3<sup>rd</sup> in Somerset and Avon Counties for Indoor Cricket.

The highlights from the championships include: Joey for a very good reaction time and catch, Joaquin and Ross for good captaincy and leadership, Matt for very accurate bowling, Gaby for a good catch and outwitting two opponents with her variety of bowling (using pace and right hand spin) taking a wicket, Will for consistent stumpings catches and stops throughout the day, Ross and Joe for batting under pressure at the end of our last match. Finally Joel and Joey batting really well considering they haven't played cricket all winter.



This performance will certainly kick start our Summer Cricket season with high expectations. We have entered two teams into the BANES Cricket League, U13 and U15. Watch this space for upcoming cricket training!

### Sportshall Athletics South West Regional Final

Eleni F who competes for Team Bath AC and Chloe M who competes for Bristol & West AC both took part in the Sportshall Athletics South West Regional Final, held on Saturday 10th March in Torbay. The counties competing were Avon, Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Dorset and Devon.

Three students were chosen from Oldfield after we won the County Final earlier this year. Sadly Livvy B was unable to take part due to her gymnastic commitments.

Devon won (U13 girls) and Avon came second.

Chloe won the two-lap race and the triple jump and her relay team (4 x 2 lap) came second in their race. Eleni came second in the long jump (agonisingly just 1cm behind the winner and to date the second longest jump in the country this year) and her relay team (4 x 1 lap) won their race. Avon U13 girls narrowly lost out to Devon, so unfortunately, didn't qualify for the National Final.



We are so proud of the girls and look forward to more great performances from Oldfield during the summer athletics season. Oldfield have entered the normal athletics competitions that BANES offers during Term 5 and 6 but in addition have entered the English School Track and Field Cup. We are the only school in the area to enter this competition and pride ourselves on giving athletes at our school additional opportunities to excel.

*Mrs Bell  
PE Teacher*

### Staff V Year 11 netball

Once again the staff took to the netball court to play the Year 11 senior netball squad and defend their winning run of two out of two wins! After quite a hectic start and a lot of chaos on the court the staff team settled down to do the job much to the frustration of the Year 11 attack. The defence unit did a sterling job to keep the Year 11 shooters out of the game however a late comeback from the Year 11 put pressure on the staff to maintain the lead and a strong performance in the last quarter from Isobel Cleaves as GS added to the tension!

However, experience (or age!) prevailed and the staff managed to hold on for a 19-12 win.

We are looking forward to the next one.

## Celebrating our students achievements in their individual sports outside school

Well done to Kacey Pratley in Year 7 who went to Florida to compete in the Magical Classic Gymnastics competition. She competed against gymnasts from all over the world in bars, beam, floor and vault. She came 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations, Kacey!

### Katie W – Kick boxing champion

This weekend, Katie attended the British Championships where she placed second and third in her 2 respective categories. This now means that she is entitled to attend the GB Squad Training and attend the trials in July where the GB squad will be selected to attend the World Championships that will be held in Venice in September.

Katie was also selected to take part in the biggest sports martial arts competition in Europe, The Irish Open held in Dublin at the beginning of March and later in the Dutch Open. Well done Katie, we wish you all the best in your competitions.



### Finlay C, Kickboxing Champion

Fin in Year 7 has been competing in kickboxing at a National level for a few years now and over half term competed in Birmingham at the WAKO British Championships and received a title of British Champion in 42kg in continuous kickboxing!

Off the back of this title, Finlay has now been invited to train with the British Team and try out for them.

Amazing results—  
well done Finlay.





# OLDFIELD SCHOOL SPORTS AMBASSADORS

## Oldfield Year 2 Winter Festival

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January we held our Year 2 Winter Festival in our Sports Hall. Children from Newbridge, St Andrews, and St Marys came along and took part in a number of small sessions run by our Sports Leaders and Sports Ambassadors. Our students worked really hard during the afternoon leading the sessions or being group leaders. All the children had a great time and you can read about the next festival which took place at Newbridge Primary School for Years 5 and 6, below.

Some of our Sports Leaders and Ambassadors have also gone into the primary schools and held coaching sessions. All our students are doing exceptionally well and representing the school outstandingly.

*Mrs Bell*  
*PE Teacher*



## Primary Coaching session at Newbridge

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March our Year 10 ambassadors, who are competent netball players, went to Newbridge Primary School and delivered a netball coaching session and a high five tournament to two Year 6 classes.

Each of our students took charge of a small group of children, leading a warm up, delivering a skills session and umpiring their games.

Both the primary children and the Oldfield students enjoyed the session and it was lovely to see how enthusiastic everyone was. Our next coaching session is booked in with St Mary's school where we will be doing some summer activities such as striking and fielding and athletics with their Year 3 children.

Well done to the following students who took part in the coaching session.

- Hannah Weldon
- Gabby Norman
- Morgan Bazley
- Amelia Crook
- Scarlett Bryan
- Ruby Lovegrove
- Ella Longford

*Mrs Bell*  
*PE Teacher*



# HOUSE NEWS

Where is this school year going? We've been rather busy in Apollo House taking part in various competitions and trying to increase our house points total. There will be a reward trip to Bath's trampoline park for the top house point achievers in each year after Easter.

Last term, all Apollo tutor groups took part in a yellow themed 'What am I?' quiz. There were some rather interesting answers! The tutor group with the most entries were 11S, Mr Blower's tutor group, so a big thank you and well done to you all. Congratulations to Sam Gore, 11S, for being the overall winner with an impressive 14/18.

This term we may find a number of the students looking down at staff's shoes as they try to guess 'Whose Shoes?' in our latest picture quiz.

A number of Apollo students 'launched' themselves in to the house rocket competition. There were some great rocket designs. Apollo won the Year 9 competition and were the overall winners of the first inter-house rocket launch. Congratulations to everyone involved and a special mention to Lucas Morgan, 8D whose rocket flew over 24m! Thank you to Mrs Langsi and the Science department for running the event.

Keep up the good work Apollo and let's have another fantastic term after Easter. Let's see that house point total continue to rise!

*Miss Vickery*  
*Head of Apollo House*

Another fantastic term for Maia House! We are in very close competition with the other Houses and slowly closing the gap with the house point leaders.

This term's reward trip for the top house point earners will be an all-expenses-paid outing to Bath Leisure Centre for our bowling bonanza! I have been practicing my bowling technique in anticipation for those strikes. I want every Maian to earn as many house points as possible to gain a place on the rewards trip. Current leaders for the total house points for this year are: Mohab Murshan (8H) and Anna Williams (7L).

I saw many house rockets go into orbit last week; it was the inter-house rocket launching competition in aid of science week. All competitors earned Maia house lots of house points!

We also have some amazing inter-house events in Term 5, including 'Whose Shoes?' competition and our first annual House Drama event. I want to see as many Maians involved as possible!

*Mr Gann*  
*Head of Maia House*

**Brilliant news for everyone in Neptune House:** This term's reward trip for the twenty top house point earners will be an all-expenses-paid outing to Victoria Falls crazy golf at Victoria Park, Bath. I have been polishing my putter in preparation. Now go and earn the house points Neptuners! Current front runners Tom Searle and Fin Cole, both 8L, are setting the example.

**Look out for the new house point tubes** that will be displayed in the main hall in forthcoming weeks. Tokens will be added to the tubes as house points are earned. We need to make sure that our tube is filled first, Neptune - no excuses! Remember that house point stamps allocated by your tutors can be used to purchase tokens, vouchers and stationery at the House Shop – open Mondays to Neptune.

**Up and coming events:** Look out for the 'Whose Shoes?' competition. Chocolate prizes are on offer for the tutor groups that can work out which staff members have had their footwear photographed.

**Everyone in Neptune House is right behind our Year 11s and Year 13s** who are entering in to the home straight for their forthcoming GCSE and A Level exams. If anyone is worrying about things or needs a hand you are very welcome to N12 any lunch time or after school. Mr Fox will put the kettle on!  
*Mr Fox*  
*Head of Neptune House*

Term 4 has been an eventful one. From building rockets to Colombian dance workshops, guessing games and the Harry Potter evening. Minerva students have represented the house with passion and commitment.

Don't forget that the top 5 house point earners in each year will be heading off on a reward trip every term; get your skates on for the Roller Disco!!

The 'What Am I?' contest got everyone thinking and there were some very interesting guesses! The winner of the overall competition is **Rebecca Thorne** in 11D. Congratulations!

Our new quick competition will be 'Whose Shoes?'. Remember house points for all students who take part.

**MINERVA EXCLUSIVE** In our last assembly we spoke about Minerva Owls taking over Bath this Summer. As a house this is an important occasion and an amazing opportunity for the continuation of the Minerva take over. We have contacted the organisers of the event and we are going to have our very own owl. I am launching a house competition for you to design how we should decorate our owl. The winning design will be used and put on display in Bath for the summer. More details will be given out soon.

*Mrs Macnaughton*  
*Head of Minerva House*

## A Very Busy Term 4 For Oldfield Sixth Form

It has been an extremely busy time at Oldfield Sixth Form this term. All students in both Year 12 and Year 13 have sat mock examinations and are now eagerly awaiting their results. Meanwhile students have been involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.



### Auschwitz Immersion

Two of our Historians, Freya Spear and Tom Wills, took part in a Holocaust project which involved a twenty-four-hour trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz. Here is Tom's report:

*At the beginning of Term four, Freya and I were asked by the Holocaust Educational Trust to go on an educational visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Before the visit we were given a preparatory seminar in which we heard the testament of a holocaust survivor and examined pre-war Jewish life in order to further understand the impact of the Holocaust. During the visit, we were given a history of the Holocaust and were able to see both the physical and emotional effects that it had. The trip was incredibly moving and has had a profound effect on both Freya and myself. The following Monday, we were given a follow up seminar in which we were instructed on the next steps in the program for which we are required to share our experience. We will complete this part of the program in the coming weeks, during which, we will give a presentation to the upper years. Tom Wills, Year 12*

### Young Leaders Award

We were also very fortunate that two of our students, Tom Templeton and Freya Spear were sponsored for the Rotary Club Young Leaders Award. This involved a week residential in Dartmoor. Recently they spoke to Bathavon Rotary Club about what they gained from the experience. Here is a report by Freya on the experience;

*Last half-term, Tom Templeton and I were sponsored by local Rotary groups to go on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, a residential week in Dartmoor. The week was filled with outdoor activities, team challenges and personal development sessions and seminars run by the staff leaders at the training centre. The highlight of the week was the Wednesday when we hiked to a quarry, abseiled and later camped that night. On the last day, we presented to parents and Rotarians our experiences and what we had learned from the week. I found the session on personality types particularly interesting as a Psychology student but all the challenges were really helpful in bringing us closer as a team and learning key leadership qualities and skills we can take forward and apply in our daily life. Overall, the course was extremely valuable, enjoyable and greatly improved my confidence. Freya Spear, Year 12*

### Insight into Oxbridge

A group of students were also selected to attend the Bath Education Trust Oxbridge event hosted at Hayesfield School. Tabatha Johnson, one of our top budding scientists, had this to say about the event:

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6 students including myself visited Hayesfield upper school to attend an event for Oxbridge universities. We started off our day by having an introduction to the facilities of the university and 2 careers advisors from both Oxford and Cambridge. They talked us through the courses and what each university had to offer which ranged over 250 courses. We were then given a choice between 2 lectures. One for neuroscience, which I attended and one for History, led by two incredible lecturers from the Oxbridge universities. We got to experience what it is like to sit through a 1.5 hour lecture on a subject that we were interested about. It gave us a huge insight into how we would spend a margin of our time at university. At the end of the event we were given a chance to talk to 14 offer holders of the Oxbridge unis, 5 of which were for medicine. We got a huge insight into the time and effort not to mention the sky high grades these people had achieved and accomplished to get their offer. Overall, the day was an informative and interesting event and we were all swayed towards applying for an Oxbridge University and starting to think about the things we have to do to achieve a place. Tabby, Year 12*

### Careers in the NHS

Oldfield School has a productive working relationship with the Royal United Hospital and we were very fortunate that a small group of Year 12 students were able to visit the hospital this week to look at the apprenticeship opportunities within the National Health Service. Khadisha Massey reports:

*On 16th March Lottie and I (both year 12) went to the RUH to find out about the different apprenticeships they offer. They divided the day into three workshops and three talks. The first workshop involved us learning how to take blood from a simulator. A doctor taught us how to correctly and safely use a needle and find the correct vein to draw the blood from, one person released the pressure too late and the fake blood shot across the room. The second workshop was a demonstration of why communication in a hospital is important and the consequences that can arise from the lack thereof. The final workshop was on how important getting the correct quantity of medicine is. The talks were also extremely useful as they allowed Lottie and I to see all of the apprenticeship choices we have if we decided to work at the RUH. They also gave a speech about how to find the correct job for you which was highly beneficial. Furthermore, we learnt about the various different job roles the NHS has - a very informative productive day. Khadisha Massey, Year 12*

We are also proud that a number of our students are volunteering as readers at St. Michael's Primary School in Bath. We expect all students in the Sixth Form to engage in some form of school service or volunteer work and this is a very worthwhile example of such a project. Once again, this opportunity was facilitated by the Rotary Club.

Lastly, and disappointingly, the Kingswood School Model United Nation event was cancelled due to the recent blizzard. A great shame for all the students involved but we are very excited about attending next year!

# Student Investor

## Student Investor Challenge 2017-2018

More success for Year 12 Business students; Oldfield School has a semi-finalist in the Student Investor Challenge! This competition is the UK's largest online investment competition for young people with over 400,000 students from 2,500 schools taking part. Teams of four students take control of two investment portfolios with £100,000 of virtual money for each one to invest in the stock market.

The Student Investor Challenge gives you the chance to experience what it's like being a stock broker in a fast-paced and competitive market. There are great prizes up for grabs, with the winners receiving a trip to New York and £2,000 for their school. And there are many more prizes to be won throughout the competition including cash prizes for teams and their school.

'Business Boys' are ranked 84<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 5000 UK teams. Congratulations to Ben Key, Tom Templeton, Kyle Goldsworthy and Alex Comley. 500 teams are through to the semi-final. The ultimate prize of this competition is a trip to New York!

*Mrs Folland  
Business Studies Teacher*

## Business Lectures

Year 12 Business students have enjoyed listening to guest speakers as part of an ongoing 'Oldfield 6<sup>th</sup> Form Business Lecture Series' which involves inviting experts from industry to speak to the students to help deepen their understanding of the A level specification. Recently they have heard from Richard Bush about the motives for setting up his business as a consultant specialising in business continuity, Ian Cowie with regard to advising PLCs how to become a FTSE 100 business and Simon Spalding who spoke about 'Creating Value' based on his vast experience with the TV and film sector. All three speakers have helped to understand the importance of the theory taught in lessons as well as giving students an understanding of career paths and options.

Thank you to Bath Rotary Club for helping to organise these lectures.

Since term 3, Year 12 business students have taken part in ICAEW's national BASE 2018 competition. This is a business/accountancy challenge open to Year 12 students throughout the UK. All the challenges are business focused, requiring strong analysis, teamwork, decision making and communication skills.

Task 1 was an individual round where students answered questions online during lesson time. From this task, students received (individual) detailed feedback outlining their strengths and areas for development.

Following this, students were put into teams with team captains assigned based on their strengths. Oldfield had two teams led by Alex Comley and Abdur Shafi. As teams, they completed an online team challenge. Teams were then shortlisted across the UK to go through to the next round.

Oldfield School has one team successfully through to the next round – the presentation round. The team, led by Abdur Shafi, includes Tom Templeton, Kyle Goldsworthy and Tiegana Przytocka. This is a great achievement. The team, supported by an ICAEW Chartered Accountant as a mentor, will then work on and deliver a short presentation via video link outlining their response to the challenge so far. From here, 48 successful teams will be invited to the National Final in Birmingham to take part in one final challenge to be crowned BASE 2018 National Champions. Good luck Year 12!

*Mrs Folland  
Business Studies Teacher*

## Year 12 Business Tour of Bath

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 12 students went on a Business Tour of Bath organised in collaboration with Barclays Bank.

The students found the tour very informative and especially liked how it gave them a context to their studies. The Theatre Royal helped them to think about cash flow and how businesses balance charity with profit. The retail shop at John Anthony hairdressers was very beneficial in terms of learning how stock control works in the real world. Richardson Swift, Chartered Accountants, showed them the different



pathways to that career. Mogers

Drewett Solicitors helped us understand HR in a real environment which will help them in applying it in their exam papers. Gradwell Communications, the final business we visited, gave inspiration as to what business studies can help students achieve in the future.

We would like to thank all the organisations for the time and resources they gave to us. Special thanks also to Martin, Amy and Kate at Barclays Bank who hosted and organised the trip for us and provided lunch!

*Mrs Britton  
Business Studies Teacher*

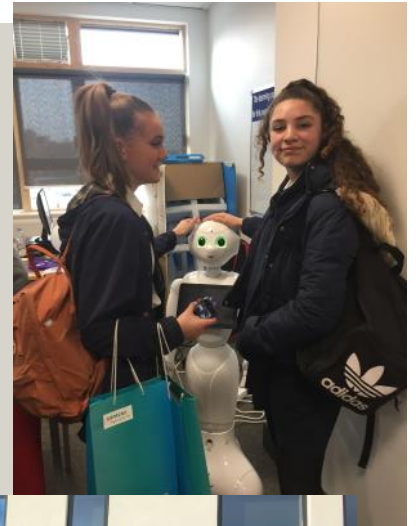


# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Women in Engineering Careers Trip

This term we were very fortunate to take a group of excellent Year 10 students to the Women in Engineering event at Wiltshire College. This was a wonderful day with plenty of hands on activities and experiences, ranging from virtual reality to robotics. Here is Nafisa El-Turki with her view of the day:

*I attended the women in engineering convention and found it very useful because it helped me obtain an insight into what a career in engineering would be like. I particularly enjoyed the engineering company Siemens as they presented an activity where you had to balance ten long steel nails on one. This was challenging however, they were very encouraging and supportive. This experience also increased my confidence with talking and interacting with adults and others. Overall, this was a fantastic experience because it made me realise the importance of how women should get more involved and shouldn't be hesitant towards new career paths and opportunities that are now currently available for women. Nafisa El-Turki, Year 10*



## Italy Ski Trip – Mr Gann

I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who attended the Italy Ski Trip 2018. It was a very enjoyable experience for all staff and students. For many it was their first time away from home let alone on skis. I am incredibly proud of everyone who attended and Oldfield School are very lucky to have a group of highly polite and conscientious students. Everyone behaved brilliantly and reacted in a mature fashion to highly challenging situations up the mountains. For a full summary of the trip please follow the link below:

<https://YouTu.be/b0ZPwr4eDTU>

Due to the success of our first school ski trip in a decade, I will be organising another ski trip for next year. Please watch this space for details.

*"It was such a good experience and the ski instructors were amazing! They gave everyone advice on how to improve." - Harley Lester, 10H*

*"The ski trip was so much fun! Our ski instructors were lovely and very helpful." - Amaya Reid, Year 10*





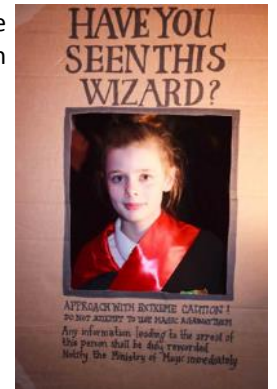
### Harry Potter alive and well in the halls and corridors of Oldfield School

The halls and corridors of Oldfield School echoed on Friday evening with the screams of students (and teachers) as they came across Dementors, curses and shrieking shacks! This exciting evening of Harry Potter entertainment started with a very serious "Sorting Ceremony", where students were put into Houses, headed up by Oldfield Heads of House, masquerading as their more famous counterparts with 6<sup>th</sup> formers as head students. They then embarked on a treacherous hunt for magical creatures around the corridors of the school. Unfortunately, the task was not as simple as it first appeared as Dementors lay in wait, swooping on the students and freezing them to the spot. The games continued in the main hall with attack and defence duels and a Hogsmeade to Hogwarts challenge.



The evening finished up with a Hogwarts Award Ceremony and a huge Wizard Banquet in the library, complete with deathly hallow biscuits and a very enticing Harry Potter cake. The winning house was Slytherin, prizes were awarded for best dressed student and most enthusiastic student.

"Well done to everyone involved, it was a huge success and the students clearly loved the evening." Mr Mackay.



"The children really had a fantastic evening - and many of them

said to me personally how brilliant it was (some even asking about next year!).

Immersive events take book appreciation to the next level..." Mrs Pearce, Librarian.



"It was the best night ever - I really enjoyed it" Year 11 student. Thanks to Jonathan Pearce Photography for recording the event for us.



### Intermediate Maths Challenge Success

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 176 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The competition is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and this year, around 270,000 students sat the paper from over 3,300 schools across the UK.

We are very proud to congratulate 54 of our students who achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. All three year groups sat the same paper. Year 11 students got 25 of the certificates, Year 10 got 13 and an impressive 16 certificates were for Year 9 students.

Special congratulations go to the following 'Best in Year' students:

- Daniel Weston – Best in Year 11 and Best in School
- Joey Williams – Best in Year 10
- Nathan Motean – Best in Year 9

Of the 270,000 entries nationally, the top 8,000 scoring students are invited to sit the follow-on round: the 'Pink Kangaroo'. This competition is organised by the independent association Kangarou sans Frontieres (KSF). The name sounds strange, but is in recognition that the organisation was inspired by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Students from more than 50 countries will take part in this competition.

The following four students all achieved Gold certificates and qualify for the Pink Kangaroo. Well done on this fantastic achievement and good luck to:

- Daniel Weston – Y11
- Megan Barwick – Y11
- Jack Gibert – Y11
- Joey Williams – Y10

We hope you are as proud of all of our mathematicians as we are! I look forward to reporting on similar success stories when some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students take the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge at the end of April.

Miss Monaghan  
Second in Mathematics

# The Big Pitch 2018

The Big Pitch project introduces the world of business to a new generation of entrepreneurs. It is organised by the Rotary Club of Bath who provide guidance from members with a business background and mentoring on a weekly basis. This was the second year for Year 9 Oldfield students to be involved and a total of 65 students in nine teams took part in the opportunity to set up and run a mini-enterprise from October to January. This has been a competitive opportunity for one team to be crowned the Big Pitch winning team and have the team name engraved on the Big Pitch shield. This year the competition was fierce with products ranging from soap to slime! The semi-finals took place on February 20<sup>th</sup> which involved the teams delivering a presentation to a panel of judges. Four teams were selected to go through to the finals:

## **BAMFslimes**

Izzy Allen  
Ruby Frampton  
Rosie McLain  
Daisy Baker

## **The Luxury Company**

Madison Chiverton Simms  
Holly Fairweather  
Lucy Meredith  
Maddie Leach

## **EMIEEY**

Freya Rotheram  
Katie Nicholls  
Emma Poploski  
Bethany Earl  
Ruby Pearce  
Amelie Bury

## **Simply Handmade**

Cerys Butcher  
Ellie Stone  
Beth Davies  
Lauren Buxton  
Daisy Groves

The finals involved delivering the presentation to an audience of nearly 100 people including Rotarians, Oldfield staff, family and friends. The students also had to submit their business accounts for judging. As well as being judged on the actual presentation and the accounts, the teams were also given points for criteria such as teamwork and sustainability. All teams excelled and many complimentary comments were received from Rotarians on young people demonstrating such good business skills. The winners were 'Simply Handmade' who produced a range of very professional soaps in a business which was both sustainable and very profitable. The team will present their business presentation to their year group in assembly after Easter as well as to Year 8 students to help them prepare for their opportunity to take part in this brilliant initiative. In addition, to the winners, this year, a special award was made to Lucy Woodward for her exemplary record of attendance and outstanding application to the project.

A big thank you to Richard Bush for making this all possible.

*Mrs Folland  
Business Teacher*





### Concorde Trip

On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> March the Year 7 and 8 Social Groups visited the Concorde Museum at Aerospace, in Bristol .

The museum has the last ever Concorde that flew into Bristol plus many other exhibits relating to air travel and transport development from the first stages of aviation.

The students also took part in a workshop to develop their own composite material and test its strength.

All the students said they had a brilliant day which was really interesting and educational and enjoyed going on Concorde, the workshop, looking around the museum and, of course, spending some money in the gift shop.

Maria Waters  
SEND TA

## Colombian Dance!

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 25 students from across the school were given the opportunity to experience a Colombian Dance workshop. The students who attended were taught key dance movements and also learnt about the culture and history of the Colombian people. Our teacher for morning was Euridice, the parent of a student at school and it was wonderful to see all our students from Year 7 through to Year 10 embrace the intensity and energy of the movements.

This initial workshop will now become part of a bigger collaboration between not only the dance department but our music department and 3 other schools in Bath and Bristol. Oldfield School dancers and singers will become part of a performance scheduled on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at St Georges Theatre in Bristol. Details of the performance are detailed below.



### TOTO LA MOMPOSINA & AMJ COLLECTIVE

May Park Primary School and Astar Artes present an evening of music and dance featuring legendary Colombian singer Totó la Momposina and the reggae collective AMJ. A project celebrating heritage and diversity in collaboration with school children and community groups from Bristol and Bath. Latin and Caribbean music with African influences -from soulful acapella to fiery percussion this promises to be an extraordinary event.

We are all very much looking forward to our next workshop and having the opportunity to work alongside the other schools in the near future.

Mrs Macnaughton  
Dance Teacher





# FROM OUR COMMUNITY



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<https://www.teambath.com/event/team-bath-sportive-bath-glastonbury-bath/>

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Julian House have had a busy year working with the homeless and vulnerable in Bath, focusing more than ever on homeless prevention work. We rely on the wonderful energy and contributions of volunteers to support our work. If you are a parent with a spare afternoon and are interested in volunteering we would love to hear from you. Contact [volunteering@julianhouse.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@julianhouse.org.uk) for more information.

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