

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

14 May

WEEK ONE

External Exams start

15 May

Yr 7-10 rounders v St Greg's

16 May

Acceleration Programme Lecture;

Free lunches antipodean style

Yr 10 cricket v St Greg's

Battlefields trip info evening, 5pm

17 May

Yr 7 Spelling Bee

Yr 8 cricket v St Greg's

U13 & U15 boys tennis match v

Downside

KS3 Dance Showcase, 6pm

18 May

Watersports Trip

Acceleration Programme Lecture;

'Auctioning the Amazon Rainforest'

21 May

WEEK TWO

Trip to Kingswood Music Festival

22 May

Colombian Dance Rehearsal

U15 boys tennis v Ralph Allen

23 May

Local author visit; Local and

Community History Month

Acceleration Programme Lecture;

Genetics

Yr 7-10 rounders v Wellsway

Minerva House Reward Trip

24 May

Yr 7-10 rounders v Ralph Allen

25 May

Yr 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Watersports Trip

END OF TERM 5

Dear Parents/Carers

I am quite sure that the rather excellent weather over the Bank Holiday weekend was welcomed by all. It was most unusual to have such clear skies and warmth and was very much appreciated. I have almost forgotten that we have been in the grip of winter throughout much of the spring.

As you may be aware the public examination period is about to start in earnest next week. I am quietly confident that our Year 11 and Year 13 students will perform well this summer and we will continue to provide the best possible support and guidance for them over the next few weeks to try to ensure that they are as well prepared as they can be. I would like to remind parents that Year 11 students are expected to be in school as normal until the holiday at the end of Term 5 and will be attending lessons in between their examinations until this point. After the holiday they will only attend lessons in subjects where they still have an examination to take. The arrangements for the examination period for Year 11 are explained in detail in the GCSE Revision section of our website if you need a reminder of these. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in the examinations.

We are about to select our prefects and Year 10 students who have applied will be interviewed next week. Our current Year 11 prefects have been the first in role and have done a fantastic job; making a real difference to the organisation of the school and have set a high standard for others to follow. I am sure that Year 10 will rise to the challenge and contribute in just as positive a way. We will be selecting the student leadership team from our Year 12 students and Year 10 prefects shortly and I will update you in the next newsletter with the outcome from this process.

It is a particularly busy period for Year 10, they have just completed their mock examinations and a large number participated (along with Year 9) in the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition during the Bank Holiday weekend. They are also preparing for their work experience placements at the end of June which will take place during activities week.

The number of articles in the newsletter this term will give you a sense of the wide range of activities and events taking place at the school. Excellent academic outcomes for our students are our first priority but we must not lose sight of the value of the wider school experiences as these provide the opportunities for us to develop the skills and attributes required to be successful in life. I am hugely appreciative of the time and commitment of our staff in running these activities and trips and the school is a richer and better place as a consequence.

A number of staff are joining the school this term. Russell Driver was appointed as Leader of Learning; PE and Dance last term and will be joining the school on Monday 21st May. He has remained at his previous school this term to see his Year 11 students through to their examinations; which speak volumes for his commitment to his students. We will also be joined by Megan Ely in our pastoral team as our Education Welfare Office.

Lastly, I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have appointed Jonathan Reeves as Deputy Headteacher following a very rigorous selection process last week. Jon is currently an assistant headteacher at Oasis Brislington in Bristol, his subject specialism is science.

Steven Mackay
Headteacher

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NOTICE BOARD



School's a hoot!

We were very excited to receive our Minerva Owl last week. This is a part of the Minerva Owls of Bath project which is raising money for several charities and will be showcasing the decorated owls over the Summer holidays around Bath.



We are running a competition with Year 7 and 8 Minerva tutor groups this week to design the owl. Other students and tutor groups are of course very welcome to get involved and submit their own designs.

Once the winning design is chosen, we will decorate it and send it off to Nest HQ. All the Minerva Owls of Bath will be displayed in Bath and will be part of a trail around the city throughout the Summer. We will then do a sponsored walk with some of the students in September to bring the owl home.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Head of Minerva House*



Sugar Smart



This week we've launched the Sugar Smart initiative at Oldfield school. This is a national initiative supported by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation and Sustainable Food Cities. It is a campaign to help schools and individuals reduce the amount of sugar we all consume.

We've pledged to become 'Sugar Smart' and anyone can join us in our campaign. It is a great way to help young people and their families understand the hidden sugars in everyday food and drink and support them to make some simple changes to reduce their sugar intake – and reduce the chances of becoming overweight or obese.

Did you know adults and children in our area are, on average, consuming three times more sugar than we should?

We started this week with a launch assembly, where we guessed how many teaspoons of sugar are in a McDonald's medium strawberry milkshake. The answer is 14, which is twice the daily recommended sugar intake for KS3 students!

What else will we be doing? We have pledged to get students involved in Sugar Smart activities and have also pledged to be an energy drink free school. We're also asking anyone to add to the campaign, so you are more than welcome to do your bit for the Sugar Smart Campaign.

Do you have any Sugar Smart recipes you could share with us at school? Could you make a campaign video or poster? Could you make some Sugar swaps? Whatever you do, we'd love to hear about it!

*Miss Grimes
PSHE Coordinator*

KS3 Dance Showcase

Our new performance evening will take place on **Thursday 17th May**. This is an event where students from across KS3 will get to show their own choreography; performing solos and well as group dances with their friends. I look forward to seeing lots of people there to support the event which will start at 6pm.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Acting Head of Dance*

Activities Week

Staff in school are very much looking forward to Activities Week, which takes place from 25th-29th June. Students have now been informed of their allocated activities which I know caused a lot of excitement! As usual, some activities were very popular but we have accommodated as many first preferences as possible. Payments for activities are now live on ParentPay. We would be grateful if these could be paid by 18th May so that the administration team have sufficient time to get everything ready for what we hope will be an enjoyable week. If you are unable to make payment by May 18th, please contact us via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com to ensure that your child does not lose their place on paid activities.

*Mrs James
Assistant Headteacher*

Local Author's Visit

Oldfield School will be welcoming Marie-Louise Jensen, the famous author, to the Library for a fun talk about the history of Bath and highwaymen featured in her wonderful book *The Girl in a Mask*. This event is held during Local History Month.

Marie-Louise Jensen's early years were plagued by teachers telling her to get her head out of a book! Marie-Louise studied Scandinavian and German with literature at the UEA and has lived in both Denmark and Germany. She completed an MA in writing for young people at the Bath Spa University in 2005. She lives in Bath and home educates her two sons.

There is strong evidence that reading for pleasure can improve educational outcomes. It can also increase empathy, reduce depression and improve relationships and well-being. The Library encourages reading for pleasure and celebrates all reading. Hearing authors talk about their work and inspiration is really important and the love of reading becomes centre stage. Mrs Pearce has created a fascinating display of strange facts and unusual historical events in Bath's past and also Oldfield School Records going back to Victorian times.

This event will be held on Wednesday 23rd May between 1 and 2 in the Library. Students are asked to sign up in the Library.

Mrs Pearce
Librarian



Stand and Deliver!

Talk by the famous local author

Marie-Louise Jensen



**A fun event about Highwaymen
and life in Bath in Georgian times**



Wednesday 23rd May 1.10 - 1.50 in the Library

Books for sale £5.99 - £7.99 on Parentpay

Sign up in the Library

Limited Spaces Available

Parking

Could parents/carers please be careful parking around the school particularly at the entrance/exits. Not only is it illegal to park on the yellow zig-zag lines but clearly very dangerous for those entering and leaving the premises and students crossing the road. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

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Colombian Dance Performance

A number of our dance students from Year 7-10 are taking part in an exciting collaborative performance with other schools and a Colombian Dance expert on 5th July in Bristol. Please note that tickets are available for this event direct from the venue, St George's Theatre, Bristol, www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk

Lost Property

We try to return all named items of lost property to students as and when they are found. However we have a large amount of un-named coats and other items. All of these items will be displayed in the hall on Thursday 24th May, 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

The Evening of Dance

Our annual event is fast approaching and students are working very hard in lessons and extra-curricular clubs to learn routines as well as choreograph their own performance pieces. If your child would like to participate in the annual Oldfield event then please e-mail enquiries@oldfieldschool.com to confirm that they would like to participate by **Friday 25th May**. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay so get yourself a seat for this exciting event today!

*Mrs Macnaughton
Acting Head of Dance*

Oldfield School proudly presents our annual...

Evening of Dance

*A fantastic display of the talent & hard work of Oldfield students
An evening not to be missed*

Thursday 7th June, 7pm

Bath Forum

Tickets available through
ParentPay or
enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Adult £5.50 / Concession £2

OLDFIELD SCHOOL

Students visiting from China

Welcome to the nine visiting students and their teacher, Ray, from the Changshu International School, China. They arrived on at the beginning of May and are staying with Oldfield students' families in Bath and South Gloucestershire. The Year 8 students prepared a welcoming assembly for them and gave them tours of the school. They will be in school for 8 weeks and are here to improve their English and experience our culture. Ray and his students will be holding several lunch time clubs for the Oldfield students to enjoy, such as; Learn to write your name in Chinese, mastering mathematics, Chinese food cookery demonstrations and competitions in chess and the Rubik's Cube. Thanks to everyone for making them feel so welcome.

Ms Sackett



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS — HUMANITIES

The Humanities Learning Area includes a broad and diverse range of subjects. At their core they all enable young people to understand and critically interpret the world they live in. We strive to equip students with the necessary skills and attributes (subject specific and transferable) to be effective and responsible citizens, in community and global contexts.

The humanities are delivered by a talented and dedicated group of teachers. Geography is taught to all years and is delivered by a team of four specialists: Mr Fox, Mr Crow, Mrs James and myself, Mr Peacock. History is also taught to all year groups and is led by Mr Allen, the rest of the History team are: Mrs Cross, Mrs Mills, Mrs Jeremy, Mr Mackay and Ms Merriman, who are all History specialists with a diverse range of areas of expertise. Religious Studies is led by Ms Bird and also includes Mrs Edmondson who specialise in Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Religious Studies is taught to all years. Social Sciences is led by Mr Fenwick and includes psychology which is taught at A Level, sociology which is taught at A Level and for the first time this year at GCSE. Ms Lobbett also teaches A Level Psychology. Social Sciences also includes child development and health and social care which is taught by Mrs Clark and is delivered to GCSE and A Level.

The world, and the way we conceptualise it, is constantly changing and it is important that the curriculum reflects this. Consequently, the curriculum is continually being updated and kept relevant; for example, history recently introduced a module on migration and geography produced one on globalisation. In addition to the diverse and exciting schemes of work, we offer a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities. Already this year humanities students have had the opportunity to visit Bristol Harbourside with geography and Berlin with history. There are also many exciting trips coming up before the end of the academic year including Clevedon (Year 10 and 12), Burrington Coombe (Year 7), Lulworth Cove (Year 8), Battlefields (Year 9), visiting a synagogue and mosque (Year 7). All of these trips are opportunities for students to develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

The team who deliver Humanities all have a deep knowledge and passion for their subject and a broad range of teaching experience. We believe the different subjects all enrich the lives of individual learners and help develop a capacity to critically reflect on and question relationships between ourselves and 'others' in our complex, shifting world. Students in the humanities also develop the essential transferable skills needed in the world of work. It is an exciting time for the humanities at Oldfield: student numbers studying them are increasing, new courses are being offered and new extra-curricular trips developed.

*Mr Peacock
Leader of Learning: Humanities*





STOP PRESS; We have just found out that Olfield won the BANES athletics competition last Thursday (10th May). More details will follow in the next newsletter. Well done to all our students that took part.

Avon Schools Golf Championships

Despite the rain and very boggy conditions the Avon Schools Golf Championships did go ahead at the Kendleshire Golf Club on Wednesday 11th April with 80 players.

Both of our competing students did very well. Matthew Wordon came 15th on his gross score (before handicap applied) and only 8 shots behind the winner.

Beth Earl came 4th with her net score (after handicap applied) and was 6 shots off the winner.

Not only was this a fantastic result but even more impressive when you consider they were both up against county and national players up to the age of 18. We are incredibly proud of them both!

Mrs Little, Acting Head of PE

End of the netball season

The Year 10 netball team played against Ralph Allen at the end of March. Unfortunately we lost but played to the best of our ability with Mia Barnes being voted as player of the match by the opposition. Well done, Mia! Some great shooting by Gaby Norman and Molly Noble kept us in the game but we were just unable to keep up the pace. However, the preparation for the end of season tournament has given us more confidence and well done to all the girls!

Georgia Meddick, Year 10



Year 11 Rounders team

The girls went to St Greg's for the Year 11 rounders tournament on 8th May. Five schools entered the tournament, where we played a round robin. The first school we played was Hayesfield, the girls drew 4 rounders each. Laura Flint was voted player of the match from the opposition. The next game we played was against Somervale, the girls batted unbelievably well and managed to get 9 ½ rounders and won the game. Player of the Match was awarded to Keziah Marrett. The last two games were against Writhlington and St Greg's; unfortunately the girls battled well but lost both games. 11 ½ - 7 against Writhlington and 9 ½ - 4 against St Greg's. Keziah Marrett was voted Player of the Match from both teams and for the third time in the tournament. An excellent team effort and we were placed 3rd overall in the tournament.

Miss Hooper

Tennis Triumph

Well done to our U13 boys tennis team, who won their first match of the summer. On Tue 8th May, Josh Kazombo 7S, George Sweet 7S, Olly Coleman 8N and Mikey Wharf 7D took on Writhlington. Josh dug deep & came back from 3-0 down to win 7-6. A huge achievement for all, especially Mikey as this was his first ever tennis match. Keep up the good work.

Miss Vickery, PE Teacher

Year 8 & 9 Girls Football

Our Year 8 and 9 girls competed in the Spring School Games at Bristol Grammar School in April. There were a total of 12 teams that entered with two pools. The girls played 5 games in their pool of 10 minute matches. As you can imagine the games were very fast and we managed to win 2



matches, drew 2 and lost 1. In our pool we had Bristol Free, Hanham Woods, Yate and Somervale school. We successfully made it through to the semi-final where we were up against Worle School. The game was a battle and both teams were unable to score, resulting in a penalty shootout. The penalty shootout was won by Oldfield by three good penalties from Mia, Quinta and Akeylah. In the final we were up against Hanham Woods again, this was the girls seventh game of the day in the sun and unfortunately, Hanham were the

better team and won the final 3-0. The girls did amazingly well throughout the tournament and came runners up. Another successful fixture for the girls football team. The squad: Maddie H, Maddie L, Isabelle M, Eleni F, Quinta C, Missy M, Gaby E, Kiera F, Mia S, Akeylah J.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher



ROUNDERS FIXTURES Y7 -10 AGAINST CHEW VALLEY

The girls teams played their first rounders fixture last week against Chew Valley School. The teams were mixed across the years; Year 7 and 8 made up one team, Years 8 and 9 another and Years 9 and 10 for the third team.

The Year 7/8 team successfully won their match, 9 to 5. Player of the match went to Becky Weldon.

Year 8/9 mixed team also had success, winning 13 ½ to 6. Player of the match was Chloe Marrett.

Year 9/10 team had an extremely close game and unfortunately lost by ½ a rounder. The final score was 9 – 8 ½. Player of the match was Keziah Marrett.

All three teams were excellent and played really well and worked hard for each other. The next rounders fixture for year 7-10 is Tuesday 15th May away to St Gregory's.

We would love to see more players coming along to rounders club — everyone is welcome — and it takes place on Tuesdays 3-4pm (Years 9/10/11) and Thursdays 3-4pm (Years 7, 8).

Miss Hooper & Mrs Bell



Year 8/9



Year 9/10

Handball Tournament

In April some of our Year 8 PE students entered into the West England Spring Games Handball tournament, held at UWE. Before the matches the boys had the opportunity to tour the facilities and see what opportunities are available to them if they go to university.



The boys first match was against a strong Clevedon School.

Captaining the team was Jayden Joyce who had an extremely strong presence scoring the first goal and leading his players such as Herbie Bailey, Zaid Malkawi and Callum Osmond to secure their first win 6-0. The next game was against Hans Price School, Bristol. With a strong squad to pick from, Oldfield rotated their players with Woody Orr, William Payne and Vinnie Baker getting their chance to shine. Oliver Coleman was a rock in goal making strong saves after early pressure. The breakthrough came with Woody Orr scoring two goals, added to goals from Nathan Baker and Captain Joyce to finish 4-0.

Oldfield went on to play Downend School who have won the tournament in the past and continue their unbeaten streak with no goals conceded. Once again it was Joyce and Osmond who rose to the occasion making constant threats which eventually led to four goals, the final score was 4-1.

The last match of the day was against Orchard School who were unbeaten and also reigning champions. The boys were amazing, showing teamwork and determination against an extremely experienced side. Oliver Coleman made some terrific saves to repel the constant attack but at the final whistle Oldfield had beaten all teams! We were then surprised to be told that the top two teams had to play in a final. The final was electric and tense with a large crowd gathering to watch the two best teams in the tournament. Oldfield got off to a great start leading Orchard 2-0 at half time. Orchard came back in the second half with constant pressure in Oldfield's half and scoring two goals to send the match into extra time. Unfortunately Orchard secured the win in the final moments. The Year 8 boys represented Oldfield with passion, pride and sportsmanship. They won with elegance and were graceful in defeat.

Mr John



Year 8 hockey tournament - Wednesday 18th April

The girls played really well in the tournament. We came second in our pool.

Results;

Writhlington drew 1-1 Player of the Match Maddie Haag

Wellsway drew 1-1 Player of the Match Eloise Wilson

We got through to the semi finals but lost 2-1 against St Gregs (player of the match Maddie Haag) leaving us in overall fourth place.

Well done to all the girls that took part;

Maddie Haag (captain)

Thalia Perkins

Rosie Burns

Gaby Edwards

Eleah Nye

Eloise Wilson

Eloise Parker

Naj Mohamed



HOUSE NEWS

Apollo

This term Apollo have been steadily adding up those house points and trying to close the gap on Maia & Minerva. As the final two weeks of term approach, I'd love Apollo to take this competition up a notch. Attending extra-curricular clubs, taking books out from the library and getting your tutor to tick off your reading bookmarks are just a few ways to keep adding to that total.

Over the next few weeks we've got a couple of events to look forward to: Inter-house Paper Aeroplanes and the Apollo reward trip. On Friday 18th May, students will assemble on Penn field for a mass paper aeroplane launch. Come on Apollo, let's see who can create the best paper plane & send it the farthest. Another way to add to the house point total, one point just for taking part & extra points depending on distance flown. Fly high Apollo! In the final week of term, I'll be taking a group of students from each year to a trampoline park for our rewards trip. Termly trips will happen for those highest achievers, so if you missed out this time, don't worry keep working hard and it might be you in the future.

Miss Vickery
Head of Apollo House

Maia

This has been the most successful term yet for all Maians! We are finally in the lead on the house point table - this makes Mr Gann incredibly happy and proud to be leader of Maia house. The behaviour of all pupils has improved two-fold, achievements across all subjects and general positive attitudes have paid off!

Our rewards bowling trip went really well this term. Congratulations to Maddy Leach who won with the highest score. We have house drama next week, so all you enthusiastic drama kings and queens make yourself known to Mr Gann this week.

Final word, keep up your top efforts as we enter the final stretch into term 6. We have a good chance to be the first house engraved on the house shield!

Mr Gann
Head of Maia House

Neptune is the best house at Oldfield. What's new?!

Everyone who attended the T4 rewards trip to Victoria Falls Crazy Golf had a great time this week. Rewards trips are paid for by the school and acknowledge the hard work of those propping up our total. Well done Jess Woodham in 7B who hit the lowest score ('Tiger' Woods-ham?!).

Paper aeroplanes at the ready... We are going for a world record... Well OK, a win for Neptune will do. Practice your designs ready for next Friday lunch time. One (blue) piece of A4 remember.

Time to get training for Sports Day! 2016/17's winners are ready: Neptune has an impressive reputation to uphold. The other houses are nervous! No doubt we will hop, skip and jump to victory again in 2018.

Using your house points to buy vouchers, stationery and equipment at the house shop? If not, why not? Remember to get your tutor to stamp your card at morning registration.

Now is the time to pull out all the stops for the House Cup. We need Neptune students to be getting involved in everything on offer – only 9 weeks to go for the House Cup!

Every Year 11 and Sixth former at Oldfield needs our support. Neptune house is right behind them for the GCSE and A-Level exams. Good luck guys – we will miss you when you're gone ☺!

Mr Fox
Head of Neptune House

Minerva

The big news this month is that our Bath Minerva Owl has flown into the school ready to be painted and displayed on the trail in Bath along with the other 100 owls and owlets during the summer break. We in Minerva are very much looking forward to being a part of such an amazing event and representing the school and Minerva House. Remember to get your designs for the Owl in to the school office or your tutor by Monday 14th May.

Talking of flying, the next house event is the Paper Aeroplanes. Pilots and their planes must prepare themselves for take-off on Friday 18th May. Don't forget entries earn those all important house points! Lets all aim to make the perfect flying machine.

With the deadline for the Owl designs looming we will put our Minerva Rocks competition on hold until Term 6. If you have already painted your rock, keep it safe until Monday 4th June.

I am very much looking forward to the Rollerdisco Rewards trip next week and challenging students and staff to stay on their feet. Remember that the next intended trip is the Extreme Trampoline Park so make sure you are working hard in lessons, reading and taking part in lots of extra-curricular activities to keep earning those points.

As we move toward the end of the year I would like to wish my Yr 11 and 6th Form Minerva students lots of luck for their upcoming exams. I know that all of Minerva House will be behind you 100%.

Mrs Macnaughton
Head of Minerva House

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Careers Education - Year 10 Mock Interviews

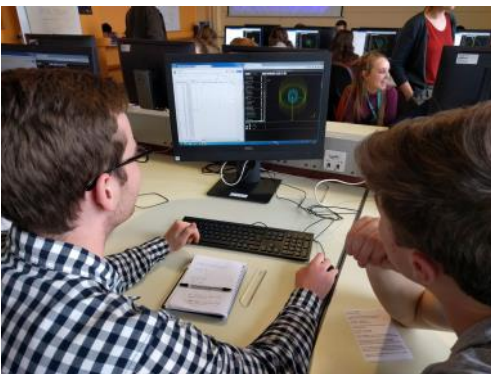
On Wednesday 21st March, 14 external professionals came in to school to carry out mock interviews with some of our Year 10 students. We have received very positive feedback from both students and professionals.

Well done to all those Year 10 students involved.

Mr Nash
Assistant Headteacher – Careers Lead

Year 12 Particle Physics Trip to Bristol University

On 12th April our A Level Physics students made their way to Bristol University to listen to talks from researchers and experience a video link up with physicists in CERN. There were various activities the students took part in, including presenting a funding proposal for a fictional particle physics research project, and interpreting real data to work out which particles are present after a collision.



Tabby, Tom and Saoirse came second in the Masterclass Quiz at the end of the day and won chocolates, their group also came joint first in the funding proposal presentation challenge, and won more chocs!



Dr Patterson
Science Teacher

Visitors from Zambia

In April, we welcomed into school a group of students and their tutor from Mufulira College of Education, one of the leading government teacher training colleges in Zambia. The group had travelled to the UK as part of an established link with Bath Spa University.

During their visit, the students had the opportunity to observe lessons in their chosen subject whilst their tutor spent time in E07 learning about dyslexia and autism. The visit also gave our teaching staff and students the chance to learn a little about the Zambian education system as well as life in the Copperbelt region of Zambia.

The group were impressed with how creative and engaged our students were and how the schools SEN and pastoral teams are working to ensure that students receive the support they need.

Thank you to all staff and students for making our visitors feel so welcome.



Mrs Sheppard

UK Mathematics Trust Team Challenge

Congratulations to our team of four Year 8 students who took part in the UKMT Team Challenge at the Royal High School, Bath on Friday 20th April. The team was Cara Holway, Maddie Rawcliffe, Nathan Finch and Tate Hopkins. They came 6th out of 18 teams which was a great result, especially considering that other teams included students from Year 9. The challenge consisted of four rounds: the group round, the cross-number, the shuttle and the Relay. Each round lasted 45 minutes and required tactics and teamwork as well as mathematical skills. Cara, Maddie, Nathan and Tate worked brilliantly together and drew upon the strategies and skills that they have been using at codebreakers' club on Monday lunchtimes. Overall it was a very enjoyable day and we look forward to competing again next year.



Codebreakers' club for Year 8 and Year 9 is in D04 on Monday lunchtimes. All students in Year 8 and 9 are welcome to come along. No need to book, just turn up!

Miss Monaghan

Oldfield School welcomes MP Wera Hobhouse

Oldfield School students were excited to welcome local MP Wera Hobhouse to hear about their progress on The Scholars Programme - a prestigious national scheme which gives school pupils an opportunity to experience university-style learning.

The Programme is part of a wider initiative involving 172 students from across Years 7, 10 and 11, designed to encourage the Most Able students to have high aspirations and expectations of themselves and their achievements whilst at school and beyond. The initiative involves aspirational mentoring and a series of lectures and workshops held during lunch times at school, created and led by teaching staff. Within Oldfield School there is a rich, varied range of university level expertise and staff have been excited by the prospect of sharing this wealth of knowledge with the students selected for this programme.

Wera Hobhouse met some of the 32 students from Years 7, 10 and 12 who are currently involved in The Scholars Programme which places PhD Tutors in schools, teaching university-style tutorials to groups of four to six pupils. This is proving to be a unique opportunity for the students to experience university-style teaching whilst working with a world-leading expert. Those engaged in the programme are currently attending PhD tutorials once a week and preparing a 2,000-word dissertation on Neuroscience, Feminism in French Literature, and working as 'Disease Detectives'! All students have attended a launch trip to either Cambridge or Exeter University and, if successful, will graduate from the programme at a leading Russell Group University.

Wera Hobhouse said: "It was great to visit Oldfield School today, and meet pupils taking part in The Scholars Programme. I was very impressed at how they engaged with such a complex and challenging academic topic. It just goes to show what young people from Bath can achieve if we give them the opportunity. I wish the pupils the very best for the future, and I encourage more schools to give their pupils the chance to benefit from this programme".

Jessica Lobbett, Assistant Headteacher said: "I was delighted to meet with Wera Hobhouse and show her the excellent work our students are doing in The Scholars Programme. I am very proud of the achievements of all of our students and I am excited to see how their participation in the programme inspires their study and future opportunities."



Dance Umbrella 2018

This year Oldfield took part in the Dance Umbrella which was held at The Bath Forum. Oldfield dancers along with lots of other students from across Bath schools took part in the annual event which brings all schools together to celebrate dance! Our first dance piece was performed by our Year 7 and 8 students, many of whom had never performed on the big stage before and they did a fantastic job!

Our Year 7 and 8 Signature Dance students had been inspired by the energy, fun and tricks of the Charleston and they performed a piece to Rock It To Me Baby! The Year 9 and 10 Signature Dance Group danced to 'Strangers' which was a choreography based on the notion of interaction; people making new connections with people. All the students were a credit to Oldfield. If you missed the performances they will showcase them again at The Evening Of Dance.

Mrs Macnaughton

May the Fourth be with you on Science Fiction Day

Lots of students came to the Library at lunch time on 4th May, where enthusiastic discussions about all things science fiction began. Students also participated in quizzes, word searches and various other activities before we were joined by the author Huw Powell who gave a great talk on science fiction writing, as well as reading from his Spacejacker novels, during period 5. The students who attended (about 30 from years 7 & 8) were incredible – they were polite, enthusiastic, engaged and responsive. I was very proud of them. They all had a fantastic time and many of them bought books provided by Mr B's Book Emporium in Bath, which Huw subsequently signed. The students were also given a goody bag courtesy of the Library - which included space popping candy, spaceship sweets, stickers and bookmarks.

After school Joe Causey from 7D hosted a spectacular quiz and we watched Dr. Who.

Following the success of this event, I am hoping to host a science fiction club in the Library on a regular basis, so keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Mrs Pearce



FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Future Bright

Free careers advice and support offered by BANES for working parents.



Welcome to Future Bright, a new service offering flexible options to improve your job prospects and enhance your potential.

What will I get?

- **Support:**
A dedicated Career Coach
- ▲ **Advice:**
Practical help to take control of your work and pay
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Is this for me?

Future Bright works with residents in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset, who receive in-work benefits* and are 19 or over.

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Visit
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Call
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Bath & North East Somerset Council

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If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and

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- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please contact the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317.

Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online.

FREE TICKETS FOR FAMILIES FOR 'CONCERT FOR THE PEOPLE OF BATH'



We'd like to invite you, your pupils, staff and their families to attend our 'Concert for the People of Bath' on Friday 25th

May 2018 at 7.30pm at The Bath Forum as our guests. Thanks to the generosity of the Roper Family Charitable Trust we are able to offer **50 free tickets to every school in Bath & North East Somerset** to our concert that encourages future generations to develop their love of classical music.

This unique evening brings together cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason (winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016) Catriona Morison (BBC Cardiff Singer of the World) and the extraordinary Kanneh-Mason family (semi-finalists in ITV's Britain's Got Talent) in a programme of music by Shostakovich, Elgar, Rachmaninov and many more.

Tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis. Please email enquiries@oldfieldschool.com if you would like to put your name forward for them.

Individuals will be able to collect their tickets on the door of the concert by stating their school name and individual name. You should arrive before 7.15pm to allow time to collect your tickets.



Simone Homes, General Manager, Bath Philharmonia