

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

18 June

WEEK ONE

Yr 12 end of year exams

Yr 7-9 end of year exams

20 June

Yr 8 Rounders v Writhlington

Yr 8 & 10 cricket v Norton Hill

21 June

Yr 10 Parents' Evening

22 June

End of external exams

Yr 11 Prom night, Bath Racecourse

23 June

PGL Ardeche/Mimosa trip ; 1st coach

leaves

24 June

PGL Ardeche/Mimosa trip; 2nd coach

leaves

Yr 7 Barcelona trip leaves

25 June

Yr 9 Battlefields Trip leaves

Yr 10 and Yr 12 Work experience week

25 June—29th June

Activities Week

28 June

Yr 9 Battlefields Trip returns

29 June

Whole School Sponsored Walk

Yr 13 Leaving Celebration

30 June

PGL Ardeche/Mimosa first coach returns

Yr 7 Barcelona trip returns

01 July

PGL Ardeche/Mimosa 2nd coach returns

02 July

WEEK ONE

Yr 10 Geography Trip to Clevedon

03 July

Yr 10 Geography Trip to Clevedon

Sixth Form Induction Day

Yr 10 Cricket v Writhlington

Sixth Form Applicants Parents' Evening

04 July

Sports Presentation Evening

05 July

New Intake Day

Yr 8 Cricket v Writhlington

U14 Girls indoor cricket

Yr 12 Parents' Evening

06 July

Sports Day

Dear Parents/ Carers

It seems no time at all since our previous newsletter but, as you will read in this newsletter, the school has been a flurry of activity. It is impossible for me to mention all of the diverse events which go on but I wanted to highlight a couple. Firstly we continue to excel locally in athletics with some fantastic team and individual performances and this culminated in a number of students participating very successfully in the County Athletics Championship. The second is the Evening of Dance, which took place last week at Bath Forum. The quality of performances was excellent and it was wonderful to see so many of our students performing to such a high standard and, even more importantly, thoroughly enjoying themselves. I would recommend that you put this event in your diary for next year. Regarding forthcoming events I am very much looking forward to our Sports Awards Evening on the 4th July. This is a new event for us and an opportunity to recognise the sporting achievements of our students both in individual and team sports.

We are now just a week away from activities week and I know that your son or daughter will be looking forward to this and we have a wide range of trips and in-school activities taking place. I am away with Year 9 to the First World War Battlefields during the week and I am very much looking forward to revisiting the historical sites and the opportunity to spend time and spend time with the students in the group in a different context. Year 10 will be on work experience and I wish them all the best and hope that they find this to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Finally we celebrate the end of the exams with Year 11 next Friday with a special assembly and barbecue followed by the prom in the evening. They have been a fantastic year group and have worked extremely hard over the last few months preparing for their GCSE examinations. They deserve to gain excellent results this summer and I very much hope and expect that this will be the case. We are also saying goodbye to our Year 13 students and I would like to wish them success and happiness in their future lives. It has been an privilege watching them develop over the last couple of years.

Steven Mackay
Headteacher

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Please note, the last day of Term 6 will be a half day. Further details to follow.

Please find our extra-curricular clubs list attached to this newsletter.

NOTICE BOARD

Residential Trips during Activities Week

All residential trips going out in Activities Week will find their extra information, kit lists etc. on the website under School information>Extra curricular Activities>School Trips.

School Production 2018: 'The Wardrobe' featuring 'The Roald Dahlings'

With only a few weeks left before the performances of this year's school production, we are working hard to get everything ready. Students are busy rehearsing, learning lines and trying on costumes for the performance and the Art and Tech Department team are constructing the wardrobe itself especially for the production.

The Wardrobe is a new piece written in 2014 for the National Theatre and is quickly becoming a classic. Sam Holcroft's 'The Wardrobe' is a play exploring British history, how the country was shaped, and how connected we are with our past. The play's action is set in different time periods across five centuries, all within the same wardrobe. In each scene a group of children climb into the wardrobe, seeking sanctuary of one sort or another. There are 12 scenes altogether, ranging from the bedchamber of Elizabeth of York on 27th October 1485, to a museum, in Bath in 2018'.

Performances of the play will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July at 7pm in the school hall and are part of a Double Bill with The 'Roald Dahlings'.

The Year 7 and 8 Drama club will also be performing a short piece entitled 'The Roald Dahlings'. Directed by Christy Grimes, the piece explores some of the students' favourite works by the author and they have really enjoyed creating this original piece. For many of our students, this will be their first opportunity to perform on the school stage so do come along and support them!

Tickets are available through ParentPay or contact the school through enquiries@oldfieldschool.com.

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction 3rd July

Just a reminder that 3rd July is our Sixth form Induction Day for all Year 11 students intending to join us in Year 12 this September. Please come along dressed appropriately for outdoor activities as there will be some team building activities during the course of the day.

The day starts at 8.45am in the Sixth Form Common Room and ends at 12.30pm. There will then be a barbecue from 12.30pm until 1.10pm.

In the evening there will be a brief information evening for parents of Sixth Form applicants from 5-6pm, explaining the procedures within the Sixth Form and what to expect from Year 12.

If you can't attend, please let me know and we can arrange the information to be emailed to you.

Mr Nash- Head of Sixth Form

Oldfield School Proudly Presents

THE WARDROBE
BY SAM HOLCROFT

& THE ROALD DAHLINGS

Tickets:
Adults £5 Concessions £3
available at;
Reception, ParentPay
orenquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Tues 10th &
Weds 11th July, 7pm
Oldfield School Hall
Refreshments will be available
during the interval

Ski trip postponed

We have unfortunately had to take the decision to postpone the ski trip planned for April 2019 to the following year. Going forward we have decided to run the ski trip every 2 years.



Ice lollies at Sports Day, 6th July

Just a reminder for the students to bring 50ps in for Sports Day on July 6th as ice lollies will be on sale again—fingers crossed for the warm weather to continue!



Second-hand School Uniform

The Oldfield School Association (OSA) would like to set up a second-hand uniform shop both to help parents with the expense of buying uniform and to raise funds to support the school.

So, we need your help.

Please could your children bring in any outgrown school uniform donations and hand them in to the School Office before the end of term.

Don't worry, the OSA will clean and carry out any minor repairs if necessary.

Year 11 Leavers - don't bin it, donate it!

All clothes donations will be gratefully received.
Many thanks, OSA

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F I X T U R E S

TERM 6 – FIXTURES

DATE	SPORT	STAFF	YEAR	OPPOSITION	VENUE
Wed 20 th June	Y8 Rounders tournament	HPA/BER	Year 8	BANES	Writhlington
Wed 20 th June	Cricket	JOD/GAC	Year 8 & 10	Norton Hill	Away
Activity week					
Tues 3 rd July	Cricket	JOD/GAC	Year 10	Writhlington	Away
Wed 4 th July	Level 3 summer games	-	All years	BANES	Bath university
Thurs 5 th July	U14's Girls Cricket	BER	Year 7-9	Hayesfield	Home in SH
Thurs 5 th July	Cricket	JOD/GAC	Year 8	Writhlington	Away
Thurs 5 th July	Colombian music and dance event	MAS	All years	-	St Georges Theatre, Bristol
Thurs 12 th July	Friendly cup athletics	BER		BANES	Writhlington



Athletics Success

Following on from their amazing performance at the District Championships last term, several of our students qualified to perform in the **Avon Schools Championships** on Saturday 9th June at Yate Athletics Track. All students did Oldfield proud with their performances and gave 100% effort. They were competing against some really strong performers from across Avon and showed exceptional resilience. Special congratulations to Eleni F, Chloe M, Nico L, Mackenzie D and Damani J who all qualified to represent Avon at the South West Championships in Exeter on Saturday 16th June. We wish them all the best of luck in the regional round. Fingers crossed they qualify for the National Competition! All results from Saturday 9th June can be found: <http://www.avonschoolsathletics.org.uk/>



Student	Year Group	Event & Result
Eleni	Year 8	100m – 4 th Long Jump – 2 nd
Emma	Year 9	800m – 6 th
Chloe	Year 8	High Jump – 1 st 100m – 1 st
Nico	Year 9	High Jump – 1 st
Mackenzie	Year 9	Long Jump – 2 nd
Damani	Year 9	100m – 1 st 200m – 1 st
Marley	Year 10	400m – 3 rd 800m – 9 th



Extra-curricular Cricket Club

Term 5 has seen Oldfield boys cricket continue to develop in popularity, particularly among Year 7 students. There has been a growing number of students wanting to stay on Tuesday's after school to develop their skills and knowledge of the game with the guidance of Mr Gann and Mr John. Some of the Year 7 students have had the

opportunity to represent Oldfield School in competitive fixtures playing for the Year 8 team which is an achievement in itself. This club continues throughout Term 6 for both Year 7 & 8 participants as we look forward to more competitive fixtures against local schools. This club is open to players of all abilities and we welcome newcomers at anytime in the term so come along! Tuesday's after school until 4pm.



Cricket

On a lovely summer's evening the Year 7/8 cricket team travelled the short distance to play a local derby against St Gregory's School. The team was well captained by Gaby whose calm manner and assertive leadership was commendable throughout the game. Captain Gaby won the toss and decided that Oldfield should field so that a score could be chased. Fletcher opened the bowling delivering pace and accuracy towards the St Greg's batsmen. Some great fielding by Year 7 students George B, Dylan and Sachin meant not many balls got through to the boundary, scoring was kept low and only single runs made. With brilliant bowling from Fletcher the bails were sent to Wales and the first batsman dismissed! The team continued to put pressure on the batsman with some great bowling from Theo, Tom, Joe and Sachin, to finish St Gregory's all out for 52 runs.

Oldfield opened the batting with Gaby and Joe hitting fours for fun and setting the team off to a great start. At 30 runs between them both players retired to let others bat. Some great striking from Fletcher and Sachin and Oldfield were in control and well on the way to securing the win. The game concluded with Sachin striking another four and Oldfield reached the target of 53 with 9 wickets spare. Well done to all involved.



Mr John

ROUNDERS ROUND UP

Year 8/9 Rounders

Congratulations to the Year 8 and Year 9 players who played in the fixture against Wellsway at the end of last term.

There were some great fielding performances from Mia and Maddie on 2nd post, Erin and Hollie in deep field and steady bowling from Nelly coupled with tight fielding from Daisy, Trinity and Honey meant the opposition found it hard to score. Well done to Milly and Tilly who kept it tight around 3rd base. They all showed impressive composure in the final moments of the Year 8 match when it was getting tense and there was only one rounder in it with Wellsway still having 6 more players to bat!

Congratulations to Mia who was voted player of the match.

Results

Year 8 Oldfield 4.5 Wellsway 4
Year 9 Oldfield 6.5 Wellsway 3.5

Mrs Little, Second in PE



Year 8 & 9 Rounders team

Year 7 and 8 Rounders

The Year 7 and 8 team also travelled to Wellsway school and played two innings against their teams. Oldfield played really well against their Year 8 team and managed to get a whopping 7 players out of 9 put when fielding. However, our batting was not on form today and we lost the game 3 ½ Rounders to 4 ½. Player of the match was awarded to Georgia for her excellent batting.

The next innings we played the Year 7 team. The girls turned their batting around in the second innings and managed to get an impressive 9 ½ Rounders to 2 ½ Rounders. Player of the match was awarded to Chloe.

Overall, a successful trip to Wellsway and another successful rounders fixture in preparation for the up and coming tournaments.

*Miss Hooper
PE Teacher*



Year 7 & 8 Rounders team



Year 10

Rounders Fixtures Year 7—10 against St Greg's

We took a total of 40 students to St Greg's to play a rounders fixture for Years 7-10. The weather was delightful we had a sun-filled afternoon. Each team played 3-4 innings during the fixture. We came away with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Overall, a very successful trip, with some quality rounders.

The Year 7 & 8 mixed successfully won their match, 13 rounders to 9. Player of the match was Corey.

Year 8 had a very competitive match and the final score was a draw of 11 rounders each. Player of the match was given to Maddie.

Year 9 team had an extremely close first innings of 4- 4 ½ rounders. However, we had an injury and went down a player and unfortunately lost 14 ½ rounders to 9. Player of the match was Gaby.

Year 10 team had a very active game as a total of 45 rounders was achieved from both teams. Oldfield managed to get a massive 26 rounders. The team successfully won

their game as the opposition managed to get 19 rounders. Player of the match went to Keziah.

All four teams were excellent and played really well and worked hard for each other.

*Miss Hooper
PE Teacher*



Year 9



Year 7/8



Year 8

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



Congratulations go to Remy for her indie rock performances—singing her own songs and covers at gigs around the city.

Well done to Will H who took part in the National Schools Regatta 2018 on the Olympic Lake at Windsor at the end of last month. Will rowed in a J15 quad (he rows up a year as the other boys are all 15). They came 16th out of 61 crews which was amazing and they very narrowly missed out on 15th place.



Well done to Ellis in his success gaining gold medal on 25th March at the NDP Tumbling Competition in Bath. He will be attending the NDP Regional Finals for the South West in Birmingham this Saturday.

Zachary Marshall came second last month in the National Championships for Taekwondo within his age category. This means that he is the second best taekwondo fighter in the entire country! He also won the tag team category with his teammates. Keep up the hard work Zachary! Your training is paying off! Well done.



Last month Maddie became the Avon Regional Champion in shot put, 100m and javelin. A fantastic achievement, well done Maddie!





On a beautiful bank holiday weekend over 100 Year 9 and Year 10 Oldfield students embarked on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition practice weekend. The students arrived at school fully prepared with rucksacks, walking boots and great attitudes to the challenge ahead.

We travelled by bus to Barbury Castle to begin a glorious trek that would see the students navigate the Cotswold W while taking in some beautiful Wiltshire scenery.

The students began arriving in camp just after 15:00 after walking over 13miles. They then worked together to unpack rucksacks and assemble their tents. Once tents were set up they enjoyed some time in the sun. The day finished with preparing their group meals and eating around a camp stove under the stars.

I was extremely proud of how the students coped with the weather and how they all showed courage and determination when completing the expedition. Hopefully we can build these attributes further and they will have success in the qualifying expedition in September.

Mr John, D of E co-ordinator



HOUSE NEWS

Apollo

At the end of a short but busy term 5, I took a group of students to Flip Out trampoline park in Longwell Green as their reward for being the highest house point achievers in Term 4. They all had a great time and went home very tired.

Term 5's house point achievers have been identified and the next reward trip will be revealed shortly. There's still time to be earning house points this term as they will roll over for a reward trip in the new academic year.

The inaugural house paper aeroplane competition had to be postponed due to inclement weather. Apollo house made some fantastic planes and are being kept safely in storage for a day when there are perfect flying conditions.

In Apollo house, we are busy preparing for Sports Day and OldFest. Sports day is always an enjoyable event whether students take part or support others in their house. OldFest is Oldfield's first festival taking place on Thursday 19th July. Each tutor group will be in charge of a stall to help raise money for charity. I'm looking forward to hearing all Apollo tutor groups great ideas for their stall. It's going to be a busy term but undoubtedly a great one!

Miss Vickery
Head of Apollo House

Minerva

Marvellous Minerva have had an amazing Term 5. From designing our Owlet to accruing lots of wonderful well deserved house points. It was all go at the Rollerdisco last month. Our first reward trip was fantastic fun and who knew we had such skating talent! This term we shall be testing out our trampolining skills. Congratulations to all the students whose Names were revealed in our House assembly this week. Letters will be winging their way to you shortly with details of the trip.

Congratulations to Emily in 10D for creating the winning Owlet design. Elsie and Megan in 7D were very worthy runners up. Alongside Mrs Pearce, our very talented librarian, the students helped to paint the winning design. It will be displayed as part of a parliament of Owls in Bath over the summer break. Look out for our Very impressive design.

Don't forget two upcoming events to end the year; Sports Day and our new event Oldfest! Keep reading for those extra house points and lets really push our brilliant selves in lessons to do our very best and earn those points. We are in this together until the end!

And lastly, a note to our Year 11 Minerva students... you've nearly done it! Enjoy the Prom and your next adventures. Your Minerva house mates are wishing you all the very best for your long summer and we look forward to seeing lots of you back at Oldfield in September!

Mrs Macnaughton
Head of Minerva House

Maia

Maia House are a full 500 house points ahead of the other houses with 18602!!

This is absolutely amazing and I hope all pupils maintain their improved behaviour and conduct. All Maians have improved their attendance to all house events and deserve a big pat on the back.

We had a fantastic rewards trip to Bath Leisure Centre for Bowling. We will be aiming to achieve the House Shield this year, providing our success continues on Sports Day!

Mr Gann
Head of Maia House

Neptune News!

This term Neptune's reward trip will be at the movies at the end of this term. The top 20 from last term will be invited.

On the subject of house points, Neptune is doing well – currently just outside the medals – in 4th position... We need to pull out all the stops to make the required surge for the house cup. We continue to be the best behaved house, but just need to get our heads together and rinse every last house point out of the last 5 weeks. Come on Neptune – we can do this!

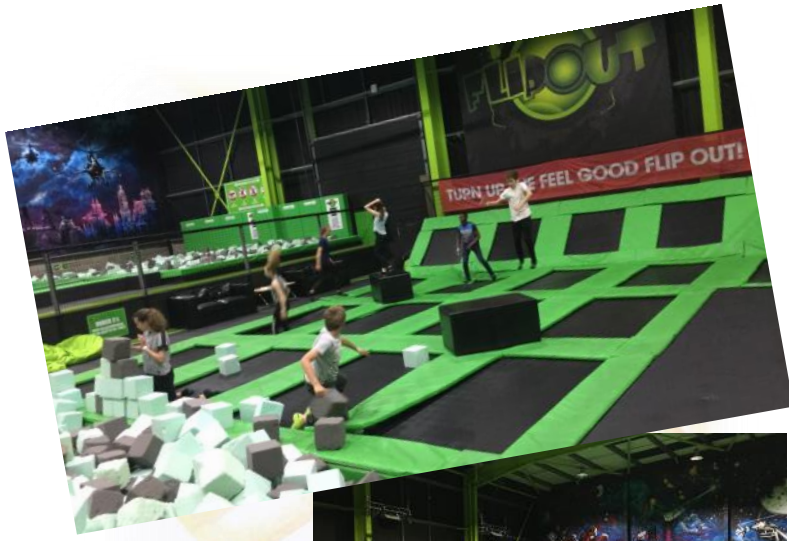
The 6th July is a huge date on the house calendar. Neptune has a very proud history of victory at Sports Day (winners 2017 and 2016); I expect nothing less this year. The other houses fear us! Our support for our athletes will be crucial to ensure we retain the trophy. Get practicing the famed *Neptune Thunder Clap* (search 'Iceland Chant' on YouTube...) and prepare banners for the track afternoon. We're going to blow them away. Blue! Blue! Blue!

Speaking of sport, the 2018 World Cup has obviously kicked off in Russia. Well done to those forms who entered the group-stage prediction league. Medals and chocolate will be awarded to the top scoring form and the house with the highest average will pick up a pile of house points. Fingers crossed for 8L's predicted 7-2 victory for Brazil over Switzerland on the 17th...(!)

Well done to all the Neptune Year 11s and 13s for battling through the exam period. You have earned yourselves a well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing those of you returning to start A level courses in September and wish those of you moving on to pastures new all the best for the future.

Mr Fox
Head of Neptune House

HOUSE REWARD TRIPS



TRIPS AND EVENTS

KS3 Dance Showcase

This year we launched a new event for our KS3 students which gave them the opportunity to choreograph and perform dances for an evening performance at school. The students who took on the challenge performed in a variety of styles ranging from Irish to Street and Contemporary to Tap. An added incentive to produce their own dances was the opportunity to perform their own choreography at the Evening of Dance. The standard and commitment of all the students was amazing and we decided to make sure all students got to perform their excellent work on the big stage! We will be making this a new annual event for our students as it was such a success.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Dance Teacher*

Year 10 Land Rover Jaguar Trip

On Wednesday 6th June we took 39 Year 10 students to Land Rover Jaguar in Solihull. The trip gave students an opportunity to walk around a working production line this reinforced the learning we have completed in class on Business Operations. Thank you to Miss Vickery, Mr Fox and Mr Hayward for joining us on our business trip.

“The trip to Jaguar Land Rover in Birmingham was very enjoyable as we were able to walk round the inside of the factory and find out how everything worked on their production line. It was very interesting as not many people get the chance to see how companies produce their products. Due to

the secrecy of the factory, we were not allowed to take photos which ensured that we would not sell any information to other companies. This made me realise just how top secret and competitive having a business can be. The grounds of the factory were massive and they even had football fields and a nursery on site.

When the tour was over we had lunch and swapped over groups. In the afternoon, we worked in small groups of 5 where we had to work as a team to produce trollies out of small plastic parts. This taught us how working as a group to get things done in time for delivery was very important. The game was really fun because everyone became competitive.



The day was really interesting and very different to any trip I have done before.”

Chiara, Year 10

“I really enjoyed the trip to the Jaguar Land Rover factory, it was very interesting and I would never of thought that cars were made with that much technology.”

Alex, Year 10

“We went around the factory in groups in a tour to see the cars being made and did an activity to produce some little plastic b-tec legos. We could see how they needed to manage staff and they also talked a lot about rivets and other manufacturing techniques.”

Ben, Year 10



Spelling Bee

Years 7 and 8 have recently been showing off their spelling prowess at Oldfield by taking part in a spelling bee. This complex (some would say overly so!) competition involved multiple stages, starting off with a fun yet fiercely competitive in-class competition before a final three from each group went through to the team round, held in the LRC. At this point, spelling champions assembled in teams of three to take on the rest of their year group. This proved to be a hard-fought context, and notably the Year 7 spell-off had to be extended thanks to two teams exhausting the word list!

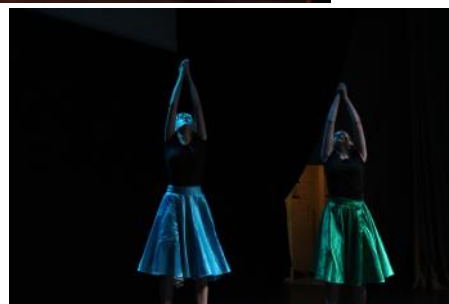
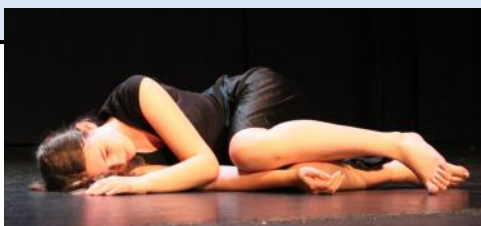
After this stage, a final event was held between a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 students, to see who would be going forward to represent Oldfield School in the BANES event. This proved to be an incredibly close race, and those of you excited for the start of the World Cup, I'm afraid to say that you have already missed out on what will easily be the most tightly fought event of the year. Eventually, Keira (Y8), Tate (Y8) and Lily-Rose (Y7) emerged victorious from the (metaphorically) bloody crucible of orthography. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for them as they head over to Hayesfield on the 29th of June, and hope that their efforts in the annual sponsored walk taking place on the same day don't hamper their performance!

Mr Trowell, Second in English

The Evening of Dance

It was smiles all round after another amazing evening at the Bath Forum celebrating dance at Oldfield School. Over 100 students from across the school performed in a variety of styles including tap, contemporary, free-running, street and Bollywood. The enthusiasm, energy and commitment from all the students was fantastic! The inclusion of choreography from the students who took part in the KS3 Dance Showcase added a new level of excitement too as those students proudly performed their own choreography. There were students from Year 7 performing a piece inspired by The Greatest Showman who have started their Evening of Dance journey as well as 4 of our Year 11 students who wanted to perform one last time. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event and a massive well done to everyone that performed; you were amazing!

*Mrs Macnaughton
Dance Teacher*



Bath Festival Music Performance Kingswood School

On 21st May, 37 GCSE Music and Drama Students were invited to a special recital at Kingswood School as a part of the Bath Festival. The event was compared by James Waters (the artistic director of the Bath Festival) and comprised of live performances, especially developed for schools which explored a range of musical styles including some of the music from Bernstein's West Side Story. The event featured Gemma Summerfield (fresh from playing the Maria in West Side Story) and Iain Burnside professional accompanist. In between performances, they spoke to the students about building a career in the performing arts and students were able to take part in an informative question and answer session. They also discussed how they put their work in context and demonstrated the importance of communication with an audience through an exciting variety of performances.

Child Development

Year 10 Child development students were given the opportunity to take a computerised baby doll home to look after for 24 hours. When the baby cried students had to respond by feeding it using a bottle, changing a nappy, burping and/or rocking it. They had to make decisions and try lots of different things in order to meet the baby's needs. The computerised doll cried at irregular intervals throughout the night and day and gave the students a real insight into what looking after a real newborn baby is like.



All students rose to the challenge and those pictured scored 100% in meeting their 'baby's' needs throughout the 24 hour period, Jemma, Jessica, Molly and Celeste.

*Mrs Clark
Child Development teacher*

Educating our Most Able: Acceleration Programme 2018

The Brilliant Club – Scholars Programme

On Thursday 17th May, twenty students from Years 10 and 12 were excited to visit Cardiff University for their graduation ceremony from the Scholars Programme. The Scholars Programme is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club, an organisation which aims to widen access for outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to the UK's most selective universities. All students engaged in the programme attended a series of seven PhD tutorials once a week, writing a 2,000-word dissertation on Neuroscience or Feminism in French Literature. We are delighted that all students passed, with some outstanding results achieved across both year groups. Year 10 students Joey and Luka, and Year 12 student Freya were invited to speak in front of parents and other schools at the event, having achieved a 1st for their work. I am very proud of all students involved for their tremendous work ethic – Congratulations!



Visit from local MP

On April 10th we were delighted to be visited by Local MP Wera Hobhouse to hear about the Oldfield Acceleration Programme and the progress students are making with the Brilliant Club. Articles were published in both the Bath Echo and The Bath and Wiltshire Parent, and Wera 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".

Having heard about our series of teacher-led lectures and workshops, we were fortunate to be visited by Wera again last Friday to lead a workshop with a group of 30 students on 'how to run a campaign'. This was an exciting opportunity for all involved.



Junior Maths Challenge Success

Following the success of Year 9, 10 and 11 students in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, I am very pleased to report on equally excellent achievements in the Junior Maths Challenge. The challenge is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and took place on Thursday 26th April. Over 315 000 students sat the paper nationally, from approximately 4100 schools.

Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are awarded to the top 40% of entries. Many congratulations to the 56 of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who achieved certificates. Both year groups sat the same paper with 32 certificates awarded in Year 8 and 24 awarded in Year 7.

Special congratulations go to:

- Sean (Year 8) – Gold certificate, Best in Year, Best in School (score of 82).
- Conal (Year 7) – Gold certificate, Best in Year (score of 80).
- Mikey (Year 7) – Gold certificate, Best in Year (score of 80).
- Molly (Year 8) – Gold certificate, (score of 77).
- CJ (Year 7) – Gold certificate, (score of 75)

Of the 315 000 entries nationally, only the top 8000 scoring students are invited to sit the follow-on round: the 'Junior Kangaroo'. Well done, and good luck, to Sean who has qualified for this next round which takes place on Tuesday 12th June.

I am sure you will be as proud of these achievements as we are and I look forward to reporting further successes for this cohort of excellent mathematicians.

*Miss Monaghan
Second in Mathematics*

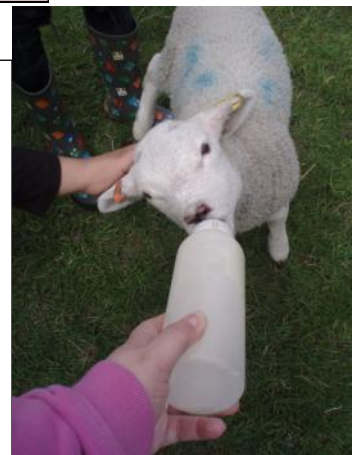
Grimsbury Farm Visit

On Wednesday 9th May the Year 7 Social Group visited Grimsbury Farm, Bristol.

It was a very informative day and the Manager, Mick O'Shea, was incredibly good with the children. He encouraged their questions and answered everything in a knowledgeable and practical way. They had the opportunity to feed and handle the animals and all had a fabulous time. They learnt many skills in caring for young animals and their general knowledge was also enriched with discoveries like the fact that new born rabbits are called 'kittens'.

They had the opportunity to name the newest arrival and there is now a resident Harley in the form of a new born baby goat.

Hannah Keaveney, SEND T/A.



Oldfield students were enthralled by a visit from a highway woman! Author Marie-Louise Jensen visited us and inspired our students with tales of highway women and life in Georgian England.



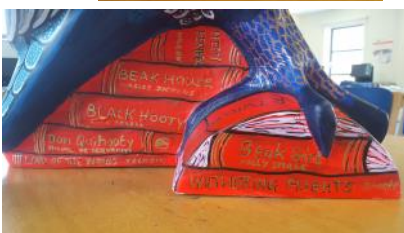
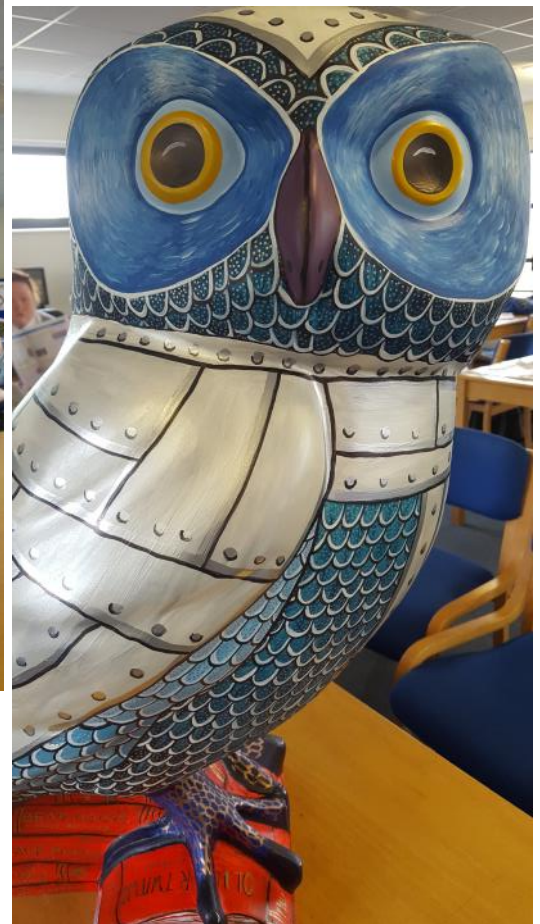
Cygnus the Oldfield Owl



Our owl arrives at school—ready to meet students from Minerva house.



Students with their winning designs; Emily with the winning design, Megan and Elsie runners up, all helped Mrs Pearce, our talented librarian translate the design onto the owl and start the painting.



Finished! We love our owl with its Roman links to Bath, colours and shield of Oldfield School. Well done to everyone involved.