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Important Dates;

16 August

A Level Results Day

23 August

GCSE Results Day

03 September

INSET DAY

04 September

WEEK ONE

Years 7, 10, 12 return to school

05 September

Rest of school return

11 September

Year 11 Information Evening

12 September

OSA /AGM Meeting, Boathouse

7pm

13 September

Year 7 Information Evening

18 September

Year 10 Information Evening and

WEX launch

20 September

Year 7 BBQ and Disco

26 September

Open Evening

27 September

INSET DAY

28 September

Open Morning 1

01 October

Open Morning 2

03 October

Whole School Photographs

25 October

Parent/Tutor afternoon/evening

26 October

END OF TERM 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another successful, busy school year draws to a close, it is a time that I reflect on my personal highlights of the year. I have to confess that as a historian they are often related to my love of my subject and this year is no exception. I never tire of visiting the battlefields in Flanders and Northern France and every visit (and there have been many) adds to the experience, the visit this year was no exception. It has been a pleasure to teach a Year 10 GCSE history class this year and every lesson has been a highlight in itself; how many other careers allow you the opportunity to immerse yourself in your favourite hobby!

Other highlights this term have included the Evening of Dance, our school production of the Wardrobe, the success of our athletics teams and the interviews for Head Boy and Head Girl. In addition to these there have been many other events and moments throughout the year that have made me feel proud of our students and staff and have reminded me why working in a school is such a rewarding vocation. The wider enrichment opportunities that the school provides are only possible because of the willingness of staff at the school to provide these and I am very grateful for this.

We will be ending the year with a whole school assembly and, with end of year celebration assemblies held over the last week of term, we have recognised the achievement of students in their subject areas and also in sports, work experience and in student leadership. We will also be announcing the winner of the House Shield in this assembly; this will be awarded to the House with the highest score taking account of attendance, House Points, extra-curricular participation, the fewest behaviour points and sports day. Regarding student leadership, I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed our prefects and also selected our student leadership team. Our Year 11 leadership team are Jessica Weston (Head Girl) and Jordan Brown (Head Boy), their deputies are Max Dooley and Harriet Lee with Kesheba Evans as the Head of the Student Council. The Year 13 team are Tom Wills (Head Student) with Freya Spear and Tom Templeton as his deputies.

There are a number of staff leaving the school at the end of this year and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well in the future. Two members of staff are retiring, Margaret Roberts and Gillian Beckett, both have made a significant contribution to the school and we wish them all the best in their retirement. Another long serving member of staff leaving us this year is David Herbert, who will be joining Sexey's School in Somerset in September. I am sure that you are aware that Patrick Heuff is leaving to take up a headship in an international school in Munich, he has had a huge impact on Oldfield school over the previous 3 years and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with him. Natalie Ashford-Hodges and Harry Thompson are taking a break from teaching next year and others, including Genni Pierce-Butler, Hamish Crow, Julia Folland and Andrew March are leaving Oldfield to continue their teaching careers in other schools. Members of our support staff leaving this year include Hannah Weldon and Jessica Carter, both to work in schools elsewhere.

We have a number of new teaching staff in September and I know that they are very much looking forward to joining the school and have spent a day at the school already this term. This will mean that some tutor groups will have a new tutor in September, although for the very great majority their tutor will remain the same. While Years 10 and 11 will move up with their existing Head of Year, the Head of Year 8 will be Mark Hayward and Year 9 will have a new Head of Year, Brendon Abood, who is also new to the school and is a business studies and economics teacher. There will be a parent tutor afternoon/evening on Thursday 25th October for all which will be an opportunity for all parents to meet with tutors.

All that remains is to wish you all a relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 back on Tuesday 4th September and Year 8, Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13 on Wednesday 5th September.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

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NOTICE BOARD

Activities Week 2019!

Following a successful and enjoyable week this year, we have already begun planning for Activities Week 2019 which will take place from 24th-28th June. We will write to you in September with details of the residential trips that are going to be available during the week, but we are currently hopeful that the opportunities will be:

- Year 7** Barcelona or Paris (both being offered)
Year 8 and 9 Ardeche/Mimosa (PGL) or Bude (Adventure International) (both being offered)
Year 9 Battlefields

Library News

Lots of changes have happened since Mrs Pearce became our new Librarian. Many interesting displays have popped up around the Library throughout the last six months (and they are constantly changing – so keep your eye out for new ones in the following year). Mrs Pearce has organised several fun and exciting events such as Harry Potter Book Night (This will happen every year!), World Book Day (despite the snow!) and author visits by Huw Powell on Science Fiction Day and Marie-Louise Jensen for Local History Month. Mrs Pearce has started a Book Club (which is every Wednesday lunch time and open to all, so just pop in) and has lots of new recruits as Student Librarians. She will also be starting a Science Fiction Club so all those interested need to sign up.

We are in the process of improving the Library stock so new books are coming in all the time. Why not come up to the Library and while you are here take out a book? *Mrs Pearce, Librarian*



Date for your diary

Next OSA meeting/AGM is 12th September, 7pm at the Boathouse.

Second-hand School Uniform

The Oldfield School Association (OSA) have 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, please bring in any outgrown school uniform donations and hand them in to the School Office.

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

Many thanks, OSA

Student Leaders' Appointments

I am pleased to let you know that yesterday, our new Year 11 leadership team were appointed;

Head Girl: Jessica Weston

Deputy Head Girl: Harriet Lee

Head Boy: Jordan Brown

Deputy Head Boy: Max Dooley

Head of Student Council: Kesheba Evans

Student Medication

We shall be sending home all medication at the end of term, so would be grateful if you check it and let us know whether your child still needs it, and if so, whether it needs renewing if it is close to the expiry date. This does not include diabetic medication or Epi-pens.

Please update the school if your child's medical condition has changed (for better or worse).

Mrs Goddard-Palmer, Student Welfare Officer

School Uniform

I would be grateful for your support with regards to uniform by ensuring that your son or daughter returns to school in September in the correct uniform. Please refer to the uniform section on the website for more information on this. Please remember that extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colouring are also not permitted. Could I also take this opportunity to remind you of our policy on piercings. We do not allow students to have piercings other than for an ear stud and the best advice I can give is that if you are going to allow your son or daughter to have a piercing other than in an ear that you do so at the start of the holiday. This will give time to heal prior to the return to school in September as they will not be allowed to wear any jewellery in these piercings when at school.

Giving Machine

Now is the ideal time to help the OSA without doing anything extra! When buying things online (almost anything), please go through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and it will generate free donations for our school!

It just takes a couple of minutes to sign up;

- Click on "join as a giver"
- Choose Oldfield School Association Bath, Bath and then "join and support"
- Fill in your details and join
- Everytime you go to buy anything online, login to your account and choose your retailer (which you can then add to your favourites to make it easier in future)
- GO SHOPPING!!

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —

PE AND DANCE

Welcome to PE & Dance Learning Area at Oldfield

The Physical Education and Dance learning area enjoy the pleasure of teaching every student in the school from Year 7 through to Year 11. Our main aim is to provide a wide range of experiences for students through as many varied sports and styles of dance as we can offer.

The curriculum offering is increasing in September 2018 as the faculty will be offering A-Level courses to the incoming Year 12 students in both dance and Physical Education. We are also planning to revamp the Year 10 and 11 curriculum sports in PE lessons by providing pathway choices for students to be able to select which sports they are participating in. Having trialled this with Year 10s it appears to have a positive impact on students' participation and enjoyment. In addition, Key Stage 3 students will benefit from a broader offering of sports than in previous years to allow everyone an opportunity to develop a wide range of skills.

Since joining Oldfield in term 5 it is clear to see that there are a lot of fantastically talented students at the school. There have been some excellent events where this has been on show in the latter stages of this academic year. Firstly, the Annual Evening of Dance at The Forum in Bath. There were 97 students involved in 18 dance pieces that included Year 10 and 11 GCSE performances right through to Year 7 performances, including student and staff choreographed work. The event provided an excellent stage to showcase the hard work of students and staff. A really fantastic evening to watch or perform in, so look out for this next year; it is scheduled for March.

Secondly, The Sports Awards Evening was a wonderful evening to celebrate the successes of the sporting year and recognise the dedication and high level performance of the students across all years and sports we offer. We were joined by Matthew Perry (Ex Bath and England International Rugby Player) who spoke wonderfully about his journey into sport and his experiences as well as taking questions from the students and parents. It was a pleasure to see so many students that participate in extra-curricular PE and dance on a weekly basis collecting awards with their peers, parents and staff in attendance to congratulate them.

Sports day was the final large scale event in Term 6. We were blessed with wonderful weather and another great platform to see some of the highest level performers showing their talents in athletics track or field events but more importantly performers of all abilities enjoying participating in events across all age groups. There was a really nice atmosphere during the afternoon track events when the whole school watched the main track events and cheered on their House. The winning House will be announced in the end of year final assembly.

Extra-Curricular PE and Dance has continued to develop with cricket, rounders and athletics being the main fixtures happening in the summer terms as well as lots of dance clubs preparing for the Evening of Dance and also the Colombian Dance performance, which was a great success. There have been some really successful performances across all age groups and some fantastic dedication shown by students who participate every week. Come rain or shine they are ready to give it their all. We are always looking to encourage more students to attend afterschool and lunchtime clubs so please keep an eye on the website and the newsletter for updates on which clubs are being offered in September.

*Russell Driver
Leader of Learning for PE & Dance*



BANES Minor Athletics

On Thursday 14th June 54 Oldfield students across four teams within Year 7 and 8 participated in the minor athletics competition held at Bath University. These fantastic facilities allowed 12 schools from within the BANES area to compete within the games, with a minimum of 10 schools competing within each age category. Both track and field events were on offer allowing students to challenge themselves across a wide variety of events. Overall, Oldfield School was extremely successful; the final results saw an overall win for Year 7 Boys and Year 8 girls, a close second for the Year 8 boys and an admirable 5th for the Year 7 girls team. There was great participation from all students as well as incredible effort and performance, all the athletes should be extremely proud of themselves. There were outstanding performances from the Year 7 boys team, Sam who came 1st in both the 100m and shot-put, Daniel who came 1st in the 800m and 2nd in the long-jump and Jed who came 1st in the 75m hurdles. From the Year 7 girls, Imogen came 1st in long-jump and Maddie came 2nd in both the 100m and javelin, as well as the relay team who came 2nd overall. From the Year 8 boys team Callum came 1st in the 75m hurdles, Zaid came 2nd in the triple jump and Herbie came 1st in the 800m and high-jump. From the Year 8 girls team Chloe came 1st in both the 100m and high-jump, Eleni came 1st in the long-jump and 2nd in the 100m, Ella came 1st in discus and the relay team came 1st. Also a massive thank you to all the Year 9 sports leaders that attended the event, your organisation and professionalism contributed towards the day's success. Overall the event was a massive success for the athletics community at Oldfield School. Don't forget if you want to get involved in any athletics event, athletics club runs for all years on a Wednesday after school.

Written by Ellie Cross, PGCE student



Year 9 BANES ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Year 9 rounders team for an amazing performance at the BANES tournament held at Broadlands School. They produced fantastic performances in all matches, playing brilliantly as a team making good tactical decisions when under pressure. Well done to Nelly, Maddie and Ruby for their personal rounders tally. Having won all our matches in the pool games we went onto the final to face Hayesfield but unfortunately just couldn't beat their fielding to break through to score enough rounders and we lost by 3 rounders. However, we are very proud of them for representing their school in such a fantastic manner – both in performance and fair play and we are thrilled with coming runners up out of 10 teams in BANES. Well done!

Results

Beat Wellsway; 4-3 player of the match : Maddie
 Beat Somervale; 5 – 5 player of the match : Nelly
 Beat Ralph Allen; 5 ½ - 3 player of the match : Nelly
 Beat Chew Valley; 4 ½ - 3 ½ player of the match : Ruby

Final

Lost to Hayesfield; 6-3 player of the match : Maddie

Team

Nelly (captain), Daisy, Indy, Maddie, Lucy, Trinity, Ruby, Hollie, Erin, Esther

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Year 8 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

On 20th June a group of Year 8 students competed in a rounders tournament against 9 neighbouring schools at Writhlington school. The girls got off to a great start winning their first match against Somervale School with a final score of 4 1/2 rounders to Somervale's 2 1/2 rounders. Player of the match went to Mia for her excellent ball placement when batting. The second match was against the hosts Writhlington, it was a tight game but the girls sealed the win! The final score was 3 1/2 rounders to Oldfield and 2 rounders to Writhlington, player of the match went to Livvy for her flawless catching which stopped the Writhlington girls scoring potential winning points. The final pool match was against St Gregs, it was a really tough match and unfortunately Oldfield were just pipped to the post losing 5 1/2 rounders to 4 rounders. Player of the match went to Maddie for her ruthless bowling and batting. After all the matches were finished the results were collected and counted to determine who was making the final, unfortunately due to points difference Oldfield didn't make the top two teams however were set to play Norton Hill to decide 3rd and 4th place. The girls really dug deep and stormed the match winning 7 rounders to 2 1/2 rounders putting them into 3rd place! Player of the match went to Gabby for her effortless rounders! Big well done to all the players of the match and the rest of the team; Eleni, Georgia, Hafsa, Amelia and Ebony for showing such skill and effort on the rounders pitch, we will come back fighting next year!

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

CRICKET NEWS

Year 8 Cricket vs Chew Valley - 13th June

An excellent overall performance from the team but we take away some areas to focus on in training. Chew Valley batted first and posted an incredible 160 runs from 16 overs. This proved a winning score with the Oldfield reply of 86 runs from their overs. There were some fantastic individual performances on the night, in particular Sachin who scored over 30 runs not out so was asked to retire during the innings and Karl who bowled very consistently from start to finish and did all he could to keep the runs down. This team was mainly made up of Year 7 students so we hope to see the team grow as they move into Year 8.



Year 10 Cricket vs Chew Valley

Well done to everyone who played in the cricket match against Chew Valley. Unfortunately we lost but fanstastic effort was shown by everyone, especially to Joe who scored 21 and Hamdi who took three wickets. There is plenty of room for improvement but hopefully we can get a win in our next match.

Year 7/8 cricket vs Norton Hill

Excellent commitment from the students who played in the fixture against Norton Hill School. The team was made up solely of Year 7 students for this game and all students tried exceptionally hard against a strong Year 8 Norton Hill team. Norton Hill batted first and scored 117 runs, a daunting total in school cricket. Oldfield students were not worried and set about trying to get enough runs in reply. They started strong with some quick 4s but lost a couple of wickets shortly afterwards. An excellent batting performance from Dylan-37 not out— helped Oldfield to reach 76 in total. The bowling of Year 8 students from Norton Hill was accurate and kept the Oldfield total down. Congratulations to Norton Hill and well done to the Oldfield Year 7s for competing well and showing great determination.

Year 10 vs Norton Hill

Year 10 cricketers travelled to Norton for an away fixture with a slightly weakened team due to some absences. Oldfield started out with keeping the runs down by bowling tightly and fielding well. Norton Hill managed to get 47 runs which left Oldfied confident that they could reach the total to win. Oldfield came out on top with highlight performances from Will who took 3 stumpings off Joe's bowling and Will also got the winning runs and scored a total of 14 runs.



Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



A massive congratulations to Katie in Year 10 for making the Great Britain (GB) team for Kick Boxing. Here she is featured in the Bristol Evening Post last week. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish Katie all the best for her competition in September. Well done Katie!

Eleni and Chloe came second as part of the Avon relay team in the South West Championships.



Our congratulations also go to Ellis in Year 8 who did really well at the Tumbling competition on 16th/17th June at Birmingham arena. He won Gold at the regional Team Finals for the South West Mens 13+ Team out of 5 boys. He also won Gold at the NDP finals at the motorpoint arena , Nottingham on the 7th July 2018. Here is a picture of his British Gymnastics medals and certificates. Well done Ellis!

HOUSE NEWS

We are at the end of a very busy year in the Oldfield Houses. Earlier this year our new House names were decided and students designed the fabulous shields to accompany those names. Students from each House have taken part in quizzes, competitions, reading challenges, World Cup predictions and most recently sports day. The Heads of House have also taken a number of students from each year on reward trips to say well done for their continued hard work and excellent behaviour each term. We are currently busy planning the exciting house events for next year.

Here are some of the more recent highlights of our activities;

World Cup Competition

Term 6 has been lit-up by the excitement of the Football World Cup in Russia. We ran a competition inviting every tutor group to predict the results of the group-stage games. Points were awarded: 3 for predicting the score perfectly; 1 for predicting the result. Running totals were reported back to the tutor groups on a weekly basis, until the last game – Panama vs Tunisia – on the 28th June. The tutor that amassed the most points (41) was Apollo's 7S, who will be awarded an edible prize to enjoy during the last week of term. Well done 7S! The House with the highest average points score between its tutor groups was Neptune, with Apollo second and Minerva third. Maia just missed out on the medals this time round.

Rewards Trip

The four houses joined forces for our final rewards trip this term. 40 students attended the trip to Vue Cinema in Longwell Green to watch Jurassic World. Students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to chill out in the air-conditioned cinema and most of us managed to hold on to our popcorn even when the dinosaurs suddenly appeared on screen. The next reward trip will be held in September; keep working towards those house points to be in with a chance of being invited to the next event.

Sports Day

Sports Day was an incredible day where we saw all four houses go head to head in a plethora of athletics events, tennis and volleyball. We are all immensely proud of the hundreds of pupils that took part; demonstrating support and commitment to their houses. Organised by PE staff and Year 10 prefects, volleyball, tennis and field events took part in the morning while track events took part in the afternoon. Fortunately, the weather was beautiful and all events ran smoothly. This was the result of all great teamwork and management among all houses. Keep an eye out for the final result, to be announced in our whole school assembly on the last day of term.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the result of the House Shield winner which will be announced in the whole school assembly on the last day of term. It is the first year we have had the shield and all the Heads of Houses desperately want their House to be the first name engraved on it.

We are looking forward to the next year as the competition between the houses continues. Enjoy your summer and make sure you are ready to support your house again from September.

Miss Vickery
Head of Apollo House
Mr Gann
Head of Maia House

Mr Fox
Head of Neptune House
Mrs Macnaughton
Head of Minerva House



HOUSE SPORTS DAY



New Sixth Form Induction

On the 3rd July we held our sixth form induction for all the Year 11 students intending to join Oldfield Sixth Form in September. The day comprised a session on independent study skills and revision, essential qualities for all students intending to continue their studies on at A level and a team building session run by the Elite Commando Survival Unit. The Commandos certainly put our students through their paces and I am sure the session fostered a strong sense of group unity. The day concluded with a barbecue. We very much look forward to seeing our Year 11 students on 23rd August for GCSE results day and we wish them all a sunny and restful summer holiday.

Mr Nash Head of Sixth Form



Year 13 Leavers' Meal

On Friday 29th July, we held our Year 13 leavers' meal at the Slug and Lettuce in Bath. It was an occasion that elicited a mix of emotions: sadness that such a wonderful, hardworking and dedicated group of students are leaving the school and excitement about the future that lies ahead for this group of talented individuals. We look forward to seeing all our Year 13 students on A level results day (16th August) and celebrating with them what we hope will be excellent results.

Mr Nash Head of Sixth Form

Year 11 Prom Night

It was a beautiful evening at the end of June that Year 11 made their way up to the Bath Racecourse for their end of year/exams Prom night. There were some amazing outfits and cars on display. Thanks to the design and technology department for dressing the room so well. Congratulations to Emmanuel and Kareen for getting the most votes for the titles of Prom King and Queen.



Thanks to Mark Kelly for taking the photographs
www.makphotographybristol.co.uk



TRIPS AND EVENTS



School Production

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July, our students took part in this year's school production. The performance was a double-bill of KS3 drama performance called 'The Roald Dahlings' and 'The Wardrobe'. We would like to congratulate all the students for all their hard work and commitment and for their excellent performances! Here are a few pictures from the performances.

The Wardrobe

The play's action was set in different time periods across several centuries, all within the same large wardrobe. In each scene, a group of children climb into the wardrobe, seeking sanctuary of one sort or another. There are twelve scenes in all, ranging from the bedchamber of Elizabeth of York on 27 October 1485, to 'a museum, somewhere in Britain, 2014'.

Across five centuries of British history, small groups of children seek sanctuary in the same solid, old wardrobe. It's the safest place they know – but is it safe enough?



The Roald Dahlings

The Roald Dahlings, a devised performance by KS3 Drama Club, included a revolting rhyme, a Roald Dahl classic and a modern Roald Dahl musical number. The KS3 drama really enjoyed presenting 'The Dentist and the Crocodile', 'The Twits' and 'When I Grow Up'.



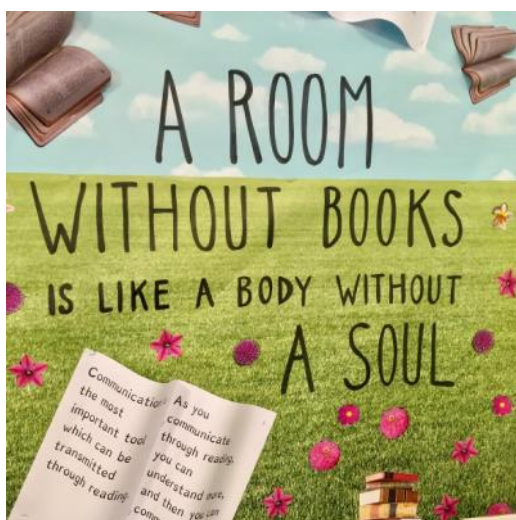
Year 10 Work Experience 25th – 29th June

On Monday 25th June Year 10 students ventured out for the week to the world of work. Students were at placements ranging from Rolls Royce, GKN Aerospace, Aardman Animations, Primary Schools and Pre- Schools. Feedback from students and employers has been overwhelmingly positive. It was a delight to ring and visit work places and to hear how proactive, mature and hard working our students had been. A number of students have gained part time jobs through this experience or have been offered the potential of an apprenticeship in the future.

Hearty congratulations to all Year 10 students for making the most of this opportunity and we look forward to supporting many of these students in year 12 to continue to develop their experience of the world of work.

Read all about one of our student's experiences here in a blog she wrote while working at this design studio.

www.boggun.com/work-experience-boggun-june-2018/



Library displays created by our students that were on work experience in with our librarian.



Stanley, Year 10, at GWR Swindon



Billy, Year 10 at Bristol Street Motors

Oldfield School Careers Fair

On 10th July we welcomed 23 employers and training providers to Oldfield School to exhibit in our 2018 Careers Fair. The event proved to be a great success with Years 7 – 10 and 12 attending in turn, and visiting stands representing a diverse spectrum of industry sector and training choices. Feedback from the students suggested that the event allowed them to “open up to new career ideas that I didn’t know existed” and “get good advice, and think more about what I want to do in the future”. Students also commented that the exhibitors were “friendly, informative and easy to talk to”. In turn our exhibitors were full of praise for our students, commenting that they were “clued up and lovely students” (STA Travel) who “asked intelligent questions and were genuinely interested in what we had to say” (RUH Bath). Well done to our students for making the most of this opportunity, and thank you again to all our exhibitors!

*Mrs Williams
Careers Advisor / Work Experience Co-ordinator*





The Sports Awards Evening 2018 on 4th July this year was a magnificent celebration of all the sporting achievements of 2017-18. The PE & Dance staff had the challenging job of deciding the cup winners in each sport across all years as well as a “Spirit of Oldfield” and “Performer of the Year” within each year group for all the extracurricular sports we offer. Matthew Perry (Ex-Professional rugby player Bath and England) joined us for the evening to congratulate the students and hand out the awards as well as answering questions and talking about his journey into professional sport. Well done to all the students who were involved in the evening and particularly the overall cup winners.



Name	Year	Award
Kamran Ashraf	11	Overall Cup Winner - Basketball
Joe Eden-Bull	8	Overall Cup Winner - Cricket
Keziah Marrett	10	Overall Cup Winner - Rounders
Maddie Haag	8	Overall Cup Winner - Hockey
James Horrocks	10	Overall Cup Winner - Athletics
Katie Williams	10	Overall Cup Winner Girls - Football
Marley Carpenter	10	Overall Cup Winner Boys - Football
Ruby Lovegrove	10	Overall Cup Winner - Netball
Alex Arkell	11	Overall Cup Winner - Boys Rugby
Megan Barwick	11	Overall Cup Winner - Girls Rugby
Ellie Lester	9	Overall Cup Winner - Dance
Josh Kazombo	7	Overall Cup Winner - Boys Tennis
Kieran Saunders	10	Overall Cup Winner - Sports Leadership
Damani Jones	9	Overall Cup Winner of Rising Star Award - Athletics
Minor Athletics - Boys	7 & 8	Overall Cup Winner - Team of the Year
Marley Carpenter	10	Highly Commended Sports Person
Mackenzie Davies	9	Highly Commended Sports Person
Katie Williams	10	Highly Commended Sports Person
Isobel Moon	11	Overall Sports Person of the Year



Many thanks to Laura from Corporate Events in Swindon for providing the lighting and sound for our event.

A Colombian Musical Adventure

We had the great privilege of performing alongside Toto la Momposina and AMJ Collective on Thursday 5th July at St Georges Theatre in Bristol. The performance was a culmination of music and dance inspired by Colombia and brought together students and teachers from 4 schools. The performance was a feast of colour, energy, rhythm and smiles as we danced and sang altogether. The atmosphere and expectation at the theatre was amazing and all the students who took part in the event loved their time on stage. They performed new Colombian dances as well as dances inspired by their own classwork. It was an absolutely amazing project and we look forward to more collaborative projects in the future!

*Mrs Macnaughton
Dance Teacher*



Thank you to Andy Morgan for providing the photographs www.andymorganwrites.com



Wimbledon Trip

On Saturday 7th July, we took nine year 7 students on their first trip to Wimbledon Tennis Championships. We had tickets for court No.2 and got to see two singles matches and a doubles match. All of the students have been coming to Tennis Club throughout terms 5 and 6 so this was a great opportunity for them to experience professional matches and to understand the scoring system. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and I hope it has fuelled their passion for tennis further.

Miss Vickery



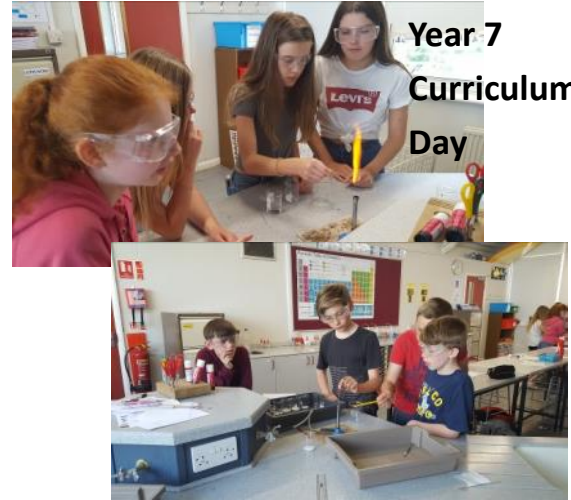
ACTIVITIES WEEK



Year 9 Trip to Lulworth Cove



Year 7 Curriculum Day



Horse Trekking in Brecon Beacons



Sports Activity Day

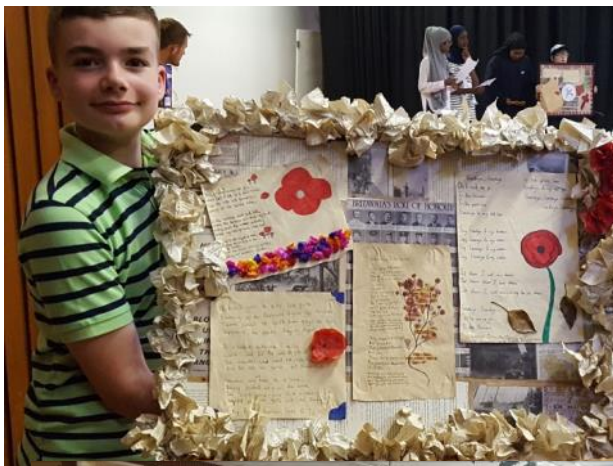




Forest School



Henna Workshop



Year 9 Curriculum Day



OLDFIELD SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK

On 29th June 2018, on the final day of Activities Week, we held our whole school sponsored walk. It was hot. Very hot. Yet despite this, our intrepid walkers set out in high spirits to the giddy heights of Kelston Roundhill and then continued our ascent to the top of Lansdown Hill. The views were staggering and we were easily able to make out not just the Bristol Suspension Bridge but the two Severn bridges glittering in the distance.

The money raised through the walk will be divided equally between a charitable donation to Head's Together Charity and funds to improve facilities for students in the Music Department. If students have yet to bring their sponsorship money in, please could they do so as soon as possible. All sponsorship money should be taken straight to the school's Finance Department in the Drama Studio block.

My thanks to all those who generously sponsored our students and congratulations to all the students who took part.

Mr Nash, Assistant Headteacher

ACTIVITIES WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Year 7: Barcelona and the Costa Brava Tour

The 2018 Activities Week saw 78 Year 7 students set off on a European adventure. We ventured through France, saw Paris at night and had breakfast overlooking the Millau Viaduct before we arrived at our destination in Barcelona.

We maximised our itinerary to see all aspects of the city and ensure the students were immersed in the art and culture of this amazing city. They were able to apply their knowledge from what they had learned in the classroom to real life scenarios, practising their Spanish and French when the opportunity arose.

I have heard lots of positive feedback from students and parents about the tour this year and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that supported us. Your contribution ensured that we enjoyed a successful, safe and positive learning experience for everyone involved.

Mr Pearce

On behalf of all tour staff

Year 7 Barcelona trip 2018, by Becky in Year 7

The trip to Barcelona is a must-do experience for any year 7, wanting to explore another country and use the Spanish and French they have been learning.

The trip started off with a bus ride through France; even though it is a long trip, everyone did enjoy it and we all had a chance to talk to the people we'd be spending the next 6 days with. During the journey, we watched multiple films, did quizzes and games and learnt more about each other and made new friends. Seeing France and Spain on the bus was exciting as the sights were beautiful. We made several stops to get food and drinks and saw stunning scenery that we would never have seen otherwise.

After that, we arrived in Calella where we got into our rooms at H-Top Olympic Hotel. The rooms were comfortable and we all liked them. Soon, we were exploring the streets and shops of Calella and we headed to the beach. The dinners were delicious and the entertainment was a nightly disco: it was awesome!

The next day, after breakfast, we headed to an art museum in Barcelona and saw these fabulous masterpieces, trying to recreate the statues. After that, we had our lunch that the hotel had provided us with. Then, we went to the next art museum, with Joan Miro's work. It was very inspiring and colourful. When we arrived home, we went straight into the pool for about an hour until we had to get ready for dinner and the disco.

On Wednesday, we headed to Camp Nou and it was great for any football fan. Soon after, we went to Park Guell and saw lots of Gaudi's work. We also went on a hike to the top of a hill and admired the views. We then went to Sagrada Familia and it was phenomenal.

On Thursday, we went to Port Aventura and went on huge rides and smaller rides, like the log flume. We had the chance to explore the park and take in some of the world famous attractions. Even the teachers got on some of the rides – the photos were hilarious!

On Friday we spent the day at the beach and explored the town of Calella. It was amazing to wander around an old Spanish town and venture into the shops. We all joined the Oldfield Beach Olympics and played all afternoon. We loved this trip – it's a must do for any Year 7 wishing to expand their horizons.

Thank you to all the teachers who came along and hello to all the new friends I made!



ACTIVITIES WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRIPS



PGL Two Centre Adventure; Ardeche and Mimosa

During activities week, 97 students and staff set off on a trip of a lifetime to France. The two centre adventure saw us take on the rapids of the Ardeche and watersports activities on Mediterranean Sea. We paddled, wombled, jumped off rocks, sailed on catamarans, went on sea kayaks and who could forget the banana boat.

As well as taking on the water we took in a bit of culture visiting local towns and sampled the local ice-creams and head wear; bandanas were all the rage and both coaches returned with colourful reminders of the trip. We are already looking to the year ahead and hope that many of you will want to join us in 2019 to take on the challenges yourselves. This is an excellent adventure and highly recommended by all the students and staff who attended.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Dance teacher*



Battlefields 2018

During Activities Week, students in Year 9 visited the First World War battlefields and cemeteries of Flanders and the Somme. The beautiful summer weather made it difficult to imagine the horrors of Passchendaele, but the students were moved by the way the people of Belgium and France ensure that the cemeteries are kept in such good condition. We participated in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, where Holly and Will represented the school by presenting a wreath on our behalf. The people on the trip really felt their understanding of this tragic and momentous period of history was deepened by visiting the places where it happened. A new addition to the trip this year was a visit to the city of Bruges for a spot of shopping. Anyone who is interested in history should make sure they look out for this fascinating trip next year.

*Mr Allen
Head of History*

Cygnus the Oldfield Owl



We're going on an owl hunt!

Make sure you don't miss out on the Minerva owl trail this Summer. And of course don't forget to look out for our lovely Cygnus— you may get a clue to his whereabouts from these photos of our students, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Macnaughton who all worked on producing the beautiful Oldfield owl.



FROM OUR COMMUNITY

BroadTree Ltd are running Forest School sessions for ages 9+ this summer holiday, in a woodland next to Bath Racecourse, Lansdown. Sessions run 9-12 or 1-4, and cost £15 per head. For more information and to book on, visit www.broadtree.co.uk/summersessions, or facebook BroadTree Forest School.

We look forward to seeing you there!