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Important Dates;

26 October

END OF TERM 1

05 Nov

START OF TERM 2

06 Nov

Senior Maths Challenge (Yr 11 –13)

BANES Cross Country, away
Year 8 Parents' Evening

07 Nov

World War 1 Talk, LRC,
1.10pm

Yr 9 Netball Tournament,
home match

GCSE/A Level Drama trip to
Thirsty Theatre, Kingswood
School

08 Nov

Yr 11 Music Performance
Evening, 17.30

13 Nov

Yr 8 Netball Tournament,
home

15 Nov

Shakespeare Schools
Festival, Egg Theatre, Bath
Sixth Form Open Evening,
17.30

21 Nov

Yr 7-9 Netball, home

22–30 Nov

Yr 11 and Yr 13 Mock Exams

28 Nov

Girls Football, away
Yr 11 Netball, away
Yr 7 Netball tournament,
home

09 Dec

Oldfield Christmas Fair

18 Dec

Yr 11 Parents' Evening

20 Dec

Christmas Concert

21 Dec

END OF TERM 2

Dear Parents / Carers

I am quite sure that your children are looking forward to the holiday next week after what has been a very long and busy first term of the year.

This newsletter reflects how busy this term has been with the wide variety of activities, events and experiences that our children have been involved in so far this year. Of particular note has been the very successful start to the year for many of our sports teams. We have become a force to be reckoned with at netball and our U14 girls' football team have made an excellent start to the season with some dominant performances, including winning the BANES tournament this week. In addition, our boys' rugby teams have recorded a number of excellent victories and are building an equally strong reputation. We have a wide range of clubs and activities on offer at the school and your support in encouraging your son or daughter to participate in these would be very much appreciated.

I hope that you were able to attend the tutor –parent evening this week and that it proved a useful experience. We have introduced this meeting to give parents the opportunity to meet with their child's tutor and to get a more holistic view of how they are doing at school. It is also an opportunity for tutors to get to know the parents/carers of their tutees.

Thank you for your continued support and have a very enjoyable holiday.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

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Mary Poppins



Rehearsals are well underway for this year's school production – Mary Poppins. We are getting things in place for the big production in February and we will be performing on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February in the school hall. We had over 80 students audition to take part and now have a cast of 50. Further details to follow soon!

NOTICE BOARD

Could you offer a work experience placement for our students?

Our Year 10 students will be participating in planned Work Experience for five working days from 24th—28th June 2019. We are continually looking to expand our school's work experience database in order to offer as many opportunities to our students as possible. We would love to hear from our parents if you think that you, or your employer, could potentially offer a work experience placement. Please do contact Mrs Williams with details via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com. Many Thanks.

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. 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

Nut allergies

Please be aware that we have students with serious nut allergies.

We would therefore ask that you avoid nuts in packed lunches and snacks, eg chocolate and cereal bars.



History discussion group

The History Department is interested in conducting a review of how we approach sensitive topics such as the slave trade and the Holocaust.

We would like to host a small discussion group one evening next term where people can share ideas.

If you are a parent, a student or an ex-student who would be willing to come along and share some thoughts on how the teaching of these topics has affected you, then please contact the Head of Department, Mr Allen. Alternatively, you can send your thoughts in writing if you prefer.

Student Absence

Please use the student absence line for any student absence - illness, lateness, and all appointments which will mean that your child is missing part, or all, of the school day.

Reminders:

- Don't forget to press # at the end of your message, otherwise it won't save and we won't know your child is off.
- Please remember to call every day your child is sick.
- If you haven't contacted the school by phone, please provide your child with a note explaining the reason for their absence.

Thank you in advance.

Attendance Office



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!!

Dates for your diary

- Next OSA meeting/AGM is Wednesday 14th November, 7pm at the Boathouse.
- Sunday 9th December, Oldfield Christmas Fair, 1-3pm. Second-hand uniform for sale, Nordman Christmas trees, lots of interesting stalls with great ideas for Christmas presents, raffle and refreshments.
- Friday 22nd March, OSA Quiz Night. Our annual night of fun and friendly competition. Further details to follow.

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

Oldfield Sixth Form's Successful Term 1

It has been a very busy time here in Oldfield Sixth Form with a number of exciting events and opportunities. Firstly, we were very pleased that 104 students joined in Year 12 following some excellent GCSE results this summer.

Early in the term we had five of our students, Adam Skuse, Mary Rider, Jed Quinn, Ethan Harrup, Jack Gibert, take part in the Trinity College Cambridge residential trip to raise awareness of the option for an Oxbridge course for very high achievers. The trip was an immense success and the five students returned suitably enthused.

After last year when two of our students were sponsored by Bath Avon Rotary Club to take part in the Rotary Club Young Leaders award, we were extremely proud that the Club returned to us this year to offer four places in total. Jane Rider, Karen Ojeiwa, Isaac Amos and Sophie Kendall all survived the rigorous interview procedures and have been selected to go on the course to deepest, darkest Dartmoor in the February half term. We are also delighted that three of our students, Jed Quinn, Casey Dwyer and Tom Eden-Bull have all been accepted on Bristol University's Pathway To Law course.

As always, the role of Sports Captain is awarded to a Year 12 student and this year we have two. The wonderful Charlotte Garton and the deeply impressive Omar Othman have seized the mantle from Tom Templeton, who ably led this area last year. Rumour has it that we have a pretty decent netball and football team in the offing.

Students have already had a choice of trips on offer to them. Our physicists have jetted off to Switzerland to visit the world famous CERN laboratory and are currently sending photos and updates, which you can follow on twitter. Our A Level photographers also recently attended a lecture at Hardenhuish school and you can read more about this below.

As anyone connected with our Sixth Form knows, we encourage all students to take part in school service, helping out within the school or wider community. Over thirty Sixth Formers have been working with Year 8 students on literacy support and the aim is to launch a numeracy initiative next term. We also have a number of Year 12 students who have volunteered to help out at local primary schools.

Mr Nash

Head of Sixth Form



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Oldfield Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 15th November 5.30 - 8pm

We would like to welcome you to our Sixth Form open evening. We pride ourselves on our small class sizes, on average 9 students per class, ensuring we focus on your needs.

We have excellent results delivered through our high-quality teaching, providing individual guidance and support.

Come along and hear about life in Oldfield Sixth Form and the opportunities available. There will be a speech at 6.15pm by our Head of Sixth Form.

Download a prospectus: www.oldfieldschool.com or contact us at enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

A Level Photography Lecture

We were delighted earlier this term to take part in the Golden Anniversary celebrations of the Arts Society of Kington Langley at Hardenhuish School. They invited our A Level Photography students to one of their advance Golden Lectures delivered by Brian Stater, a senior member of the teaching staff University College London. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about the formal elements of photography and how they can improve their own practice. The lecture was directly tailored for students studying A Level Photography and will have a dramatic impact on their written and practical studies. The in-depth talk demonstrated to the audience that photography could be classed as a fine art; it stretched and challenged the perception of the class, whilst maintaining a clear message that students could use within their own work.

As a direct impact of this opportunity; our students have begun to explore a range of darkroom techniques and already started to use Adobe Photoshop to manipulate their images with advanced editing techniques. Our students are now looking further in-depth to the meaning of their compositions and exploring how they take the viewers mind on a journey. I am delighted to be able to push our students to new levels with opportunities such as this; thank you to all the students that attended, the parents that supported the event and all those behind the scenes that made the event possible.

Mr Pearce
Photography Teacher

Good Start to the New Netball Season for Year 7s

The new Year 7 netball players took on their first match against Chew Valley after only one training session!

I was very impressed with our new talent especially after such a short time together. There were some excellent performances both in attack and defence and some very red faces at the end. Although we did not win I am very excited about the potential of our Year 7 netball squad given their performance after one practice.

Congratulations to Silvia Kurdziel who was voted player of the match by the opposition.

Year 7 netball practice is on a Wednesday 3pm-4pm and new members are always very welcome.



Year 7 team

Match report: Year 7,8,9 against Ralph Allen

The Year 7 netball team did very well at their first away fixture at Ralph Allen. There were some strong performances from Sienna Bristow in defence and Silvia Kurdziel in attack. Welcome to new squad members Brooke Bazley and Ruby Paradise who played well in both attack and defence. Congratulations to Silvia Kurdziel who was voted player of the match.

Miss Little



Year 8 team

The Year 8 netball team did extremely well in their first match of the season. We took a squad of 11 girls and ensured all players were given the opportunity to play in different positions. We began the first quarter well and were 1-0 up. However, the battle between both teams was strong throughout and unfortunately we lost 9-2. Ralph Allen had an excellent shooter who we could not stop. An excellent team performance and player of the match was awarded to Imogen Yap.

Miss Hooper

The Year 9 netball team did very well. Going into the 2nd quarter it was a close score of 14-12. It was a constant battle from both teams but unfortunately we lost 31-19. We are pleased with our first team performance of the term. Player of the match was awarded to Maddie Haag.

Thalia and Eleni

Year 8 & 9 Somerset Cup

Year 8 and 9 girls travelled to Priory Community School in Weston Super Mare for the first round in the Somerset cup. The weather was awful with torrential rain and heavy winds, however, this did not affect the girls at any point in the game. We had a rusty start and went 1-0 down. At half time, we had a team talk and we equalised very early on with a goal from Quinta Coombes. Priory battled hard against us and it was not an easy game. We had to push for a win as full time was approaching. A super strike from Mia Sparks, lobbing the goalkeeper gave us a 2-1 lead. Unfortunately, Priory equalised very shortly after, making it 2-2. The final whistle went and extra time was required. We started well in the first part of extra time and with excellent passing and movement we managed to take the lead with a goal from Izzy Seymour; 3-2. With a quick change over after the first extra time I encouraged the girls to go for another goal and not to settle as Priory would be coming back strong. The girls worked extremely hard and we scored another goal with

Kiera Foster giving us a 4-2 win. The final whistle went and I am proud to say we are now through to the second round against Worle Community School. Player of the match was awarded to Kiera Foster and Thalia Perkins.

Miss Hooper



Rugby Overview

It has been a rugby season that each year group have learnt many lessons and developed hugely as individuals and as a team. On the field, all year groups have played with increasing confidence and ability.

Every week a group of dedicated students attended training and fixtures, with particular praise to Year 8 players Dylan Roberts, Samuel Ojeiwa and Aidan Matthews who were stand out performers; Samuel Ojeiwa scored a record 5 tries in one game. In Year 9 Bath development player William Payne and Keynsham RFC players Lennon Stuckey and Callum Osmond have been outstanding; showing brilliant resilience in every match.

There have been some promising players attending training from Year 7. We have been fortunate enough to have on board Bath Rugby coaching who have provided Year 10 and 11 players with specialist coaching on Tuesdays – this has been hugely beneficial to boost player confidence and skills.

Boys Rugby Fixtures

Wellsway (Away)

Y10/11 – Lost 35-10
Y8/9 – Lost 25-15

Ralph Allen (Away)

Y8 – Lost 60-50
Y9 – Lost 7-24
Y10/11 – Lost 50-10

Chew Valley

Y7/8 – Lost 25-20

Norton Hill (Away)

Year 7/8 – Won 31-22
Year 9 – Lost 7-25

Somervale (Away)

Year 7/8 – Won 81-0

Match report: Year 7,8,9 against St. Greg's

Well done to the Year 7 netball team for another good performance against St Greg's. Once again all the players worked very hard on the court and produced some strong performances. Some great defence work from Sienna Bristow and Jasmine McKenzie made it hard for the opposition to score early in the game. At the other end some great shots from Bea Sacdalan put us back in the game along with support from Nicole Whitehead and Silvia Kurdziel. Congratulations to Lyra Podger for her first match for the school and Jess Austin played very well in two positions over the game. Unfortunately, we lost by 6 but an amazing result considering we were down to six players at the end. Well done to all.

Miss Little

The Year 8 netball team had a squad of 13 girls for the home fixture against St. Greg's. We had lots of rotation from the squad and began the first two quarters with a 4-1 lead. In the third quarter, St. Greg's managed to get the score back to 4-4. Going into the 4th quarter we had to up our game and both teams scored a few more goals. The girls worked extremely hard and both our shooters Becky Weldon and Ellie Babbage were on form. The game ended 8-6 to Oldfield and Becky Weldon was voted player of the match. Well done all.

Miss Hooper

The Year 9 netball team played with two teams. This allowed lots of opportunity for the Year 9 girls to take part competitively. The A team's game was a very fast, competitive game where the ball was back and forward to both ends. Oldfield didn't have the best start to the first quarter but picked up their performance in the second quarter, however, they were behind on goals. Nevertheless, in the third and fourth quarter the girls played excellently and managed to win the last two quarters. Unfortunately, the overall score of the game saw Oldfield defeated with a 32-24. Player of the match was awarded to Maddie Haag.



Year 9 A & B team



The Year 9 B team played the first two quarters really well as a team. They had a squad mixed of Year 9s and some Year 8s. This was a game where lots of students were able to play in a variety of positions with strong performances from Mia Sparks and Amelia Mattock. Unfortunately, the game finished with Oldfield 3- St Greg's 18. Player of the match was awarded to Amelia Mattock.

Miss Hooper/ Mrs Little

Match report: Year 7,8,9 against Somervale



Congratulations to the Year 7 netball team who played Somervale school this week. An awesome display of skill and effort saw us record our biggest ever win of 34-2. A fantastic shooting performance from Silvia Kurdziel ensured we had a very healthy lead after half time. This, coupled with a very strong defence display from the partnership of Sienna Bristow and Leila Distefano meant the opposition were struggling to keep up. Our centre court players lead by a very confident Brooke Bazley took control from the start and produced a faultless attack. Congratulations to Sienna Bristow who was voted player of the match by the opposition.

Miss Little

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball team for a second win against Somervale. There were a few new faces in the team with Prachi Prasad, Maisy Gillett, Lily swift and Matilda Coles playing in this week's fixture. Excellent performances from all the girls and in particular Prachi who was awarded player of the match from Somervale. The final score of the game was 20-3 with fantastic shooting from Becky Weldon, Maisy Gillet, Daisy Alvis and Ellie Babbage. Our defence had outstanding performances from Jess Causey and Lily Swift which helped keep the Somervale score down. Well done to the team on another successful win.

Miss Hooper

The Year 9 team won their game against Somervale at home on Wednesday 16th October with the end score of 35-20. Player of match being awarded to Eleni Francis who performed exceptionally well with outstanding shooting. The Year 9 team showed determination and strength during each quarter of the game. This friendly game gave an opportunity for the students to play in a variety of positions and show their skills and versatility. We were ahead at every stage of the game showing a rapid increase of goals during the second quarter and holding the opposition off for the remainder of the game. The students worked really well as a team and were supported well by the captains Maddie Haag and Eleni Francis who continue to do a good job in this role. Well done to all the students who took part.

Mrs Bell

Year 9, 10 & 11 girls football

The girls travelled to Somervale for the U16's girls football tournament. Six teams entered the tournament and we played a round robin. The first game was against Chew Valley and we were straight into the game, ready to play. We went 1-0 up with a goal from Ruby Lovegrove. We soon doubled the score with Kiera Foster successfully beating the keeper. The second game against Hayesfield was our toughest challenge of the tournament. Both teams battled well and it was a really good game. Unfortunately, Hayesfield won the game 1-0. Our next match was against Somervale. The girls swapped positions in this game and we won the game 2-0 with excellent goals from Mia Sparks and Ruby Lovegrove. We were now down to the final two games against Chew Valley and St Greg's. First up was Chew Valley. The girls were not at their best as this was a game we should have won, however, Chew Valley were deserving winners and beat us 2-0. In the last game against St Greg's we wanted to end on a high. The girls were focused and lots of good passing and shots were being created. The final score was 4-1 to us and fantastic goals from Brogan McKenzie, Mia Sparks, and Kiera Foster (x2). I would like to give player of the tournament to Kiera Foster and Ruby Lovegrove. Overall the girls were placed 3rd. Well done to all that took part.



Spotlight on Year 7 and 8 Rugby

We have been incredibly proud of the progress and development shown by the Under 13s rugby team. We have focused on developing our attacking skills, maintaining possession, continuity in play and defensive techniques. The team have demonstrated professional



Under 13s win against Somervale

attitude and high quality team work to learn from mistakes, listen to feedback and improve as a collective unit. Dylan Roberts has been a huge role model for the team, showing dedication and great leadership skills within practice and matches. Despite our first loss against Ralph Allen, the team efficiently addressed areas of improvement in defence and quickly ironed out issues through practicing basic skills at training. As a result of the hard work shown in training, the team had a close battle with Chew Valley, winning 31-22, from a 19-22 deficit at half time and showing their collective morale, attitude and drive to succeed. This success was followed by the application of advanced set plays, outstanding support lines and aggressive upfront defence that led to a 81-0 win against a fairly strong Somervale team. Alongside Dylan Roberts, Sam Ojeiwa, Ollie Lawler, Corey Frampton, Jake Davies, Lincoln Tooker and Evan McLain all deserve a pat on the back for their continued dedication to the team this season. Well done team!

Student match report - Oldfield 31-22 Norton Hill

“Great day playing Norton Hill, really good performance from the lads and great to have Mr Gann on the sidelines supporting us. We had a few injuries and a few tries put past us but the boys’ heads did not drop. At one point in the game it was 19-22 to Norton Hill but the boys put that behind them and with great positivity we won the game 31-22. Well done lads, looking forward to next week which will hopefully be another good performance if we bring that positive energy along with us” *Dylan Roberts, Year 8 captain, 12/10/18 after Norton Hill*



Nailsea Somerset Cup Football

Y9 – Lost 4-3

Y10 – Won 2-1

Year 10 Match Report

The game was the first match of the season for Oldfield and the opening round of the Somerset FA Cup. The team were outstanding, showing teamwork and guile to dominate the first half of play but unfortunately this didn't show on the score board as both teams went into half time drawing 0-0. Some notable performances were the strong midfield of Joseph Peabody, Juan Kennaugh-Colegate, Dan Illes and the standout defensive player Sam Sparks who tackled like a machine and also cleared a shot off his own goal line to keep the Nailsea team at bay. It was also a great performance by our two Goalkeepers (half a game each) who constantly stopped the Nailsea shots on goal. The break came after Oldfield county player Paradise latched onto a through ball and thundered his shot past the Nailsea goal sending the Oldfield boys into dreamland with 15 minutes to play. This triggered Nailsea's prominent attackers into life and constant threats were thwarted by the Oldfield defence. The second goal was defence turned into attack as Archie played the ball long to Damani Jones to use his speed and strength to drill the ball into the Nailsea goal, 2-0 and more celebration. Next was a tense 10 minutes left to play as Nailsea threw everything into attack and were rewarded with three minutes to go with a brilliant goal. Captain Paradise rallied the troops and parked the bus to seal a very hard fought and well deserved win. The team will now move onto the next round of the competition and face local rivals Beechen Cliff.





Staff v. Students

The first game of the staff v students took place in early October in the shape of a very well fought netball match against the senior squad. The staff were very well represented with a huge squad and took to the court as reigning champs from last year's series!

The match began with fierce rivalry from both sides, neither giving an inch and contesting every ball. Mrs James' shooting enabled us to get a healthy lead, supported by Miss Prior at GA. Keziah Marrett produced some outstanding performances in defence to keep the senior squad in contention and Ruby Lovegrove, Nadia

Sibrunruang and Gaby Norman kept the attack together. Despite an early injury Mr Brooke came back on to wow the crowd with his aerial interceptions.

The final quarter saw the staff team pull away with several turnovers out of defence.

Final score was 19-6 to the staff.

Congratulations to Ruby Lovegrove and Mr Brooke who were voted players of the match. We are looking forward to the next battle!

Extra Curricular Clubs

It has been a very successful start to extra-curricular PE at Oldfield School this year. There have been exceptional numbers of students wanting to participate at lunchtimes and afterschool clubs. Particularly noteworthy has been the badminton club at lunchtimes with sometimes over 40 students wanting to come and play recreational badminton against their peers. Dodgeball has also proved to be incredibly popular as well as Year 7 indoor football. We have also been running GCSE trampolining club which has been well attended by Year 11 students. After school netball, rugby and girls football clubs have all been successful across the range of year groups. As always we are keen to get as many students involved in training sessions and matches as we can so please come along! Netball will continue into term 2 and there will also be basketball fixtures starting.

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school



Kacey Pratley silver national medal

Congratulations go to Kacey who competed in the Women's Artistic Adrian Stan Team Championships. It was the best teams in Britain and her team came second in the junior category, winning a silver national medal. Congratulations Kacey!



Katie Williams kickboxing world championships

Amazing news yet again from Katie Williams as she has achieved a bronze medal in the Kickboxing World Championships! This is an unbelievable achievement to be third in the world especially as she has only been competing for a couple of years. Well done Katie!



HOUSE NEWS



It's been a busy term for the Oldfield houses.

The top 5 house point achievers in each year group of each house from term 6 last year, united for a pizza party to celebrate their success. All the students enjoyed being able to watch a film whilst snacking on pizza,

popcorn and drinks. These events are a great way to celebrate the hard work of students and we are very much looking forward to next term's.....will it be you joining us?



On Wednesday 17th October, the Heads of House spent their break time drilling conkers in preparation for the 2nd Oldfield school house conker competition. Over 50 students took part, taking on both staff and students from other houses. Apollo 'con-kered' the other houses by having the most students taking part and winning the most matches. One student in particular helped Apollo gain the win. Mani won a total of 8 matches, well done!

This week all Year 7 and 8 students took to Westgate field to compete in house cross country. Everyone should be very proud of themselves, especially those students who do not enjoy running, as completing the course is a big achievement in itself. Apollo did very well winning both the boys and girls, Year 7 and 8 races. Huge congratulations to Megan 7S, Calvin 7S, Jess 8S and Evan 8N! The top ten students for each race will represent Oldfield at the BANES cross country. The Heads of House wish them all the best for their next race.

To welcome the new Minerva Sixth Form students Mrs Macnaughton hosted a coffee morning for 6a. It was a welcome start to the day with pastries and croissants being devoured by Mr Pearce's hungry tutor group. Some of the staff even managed to grab themselves a treat too! Some students from Minerva house helped to 'call' our Minerva Owl home. The trail, that has been on throughout the summer in Bath, has come to an end and Cygnus has come home to Oldfield.



The last house event of the term is being run by the Creatives learning area – Pumpkin Carving. Over 100 students took part last year so we're hoping to see some more great entries this year. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Next term, we have our first fundraising event to look forward to – Children in Need. There will be a variety of events for students to get involved in on Friday 16th November

and hopefully raise as much money as possible for such a great cause. A letter will be going out at the start of next term detailing the day's events.

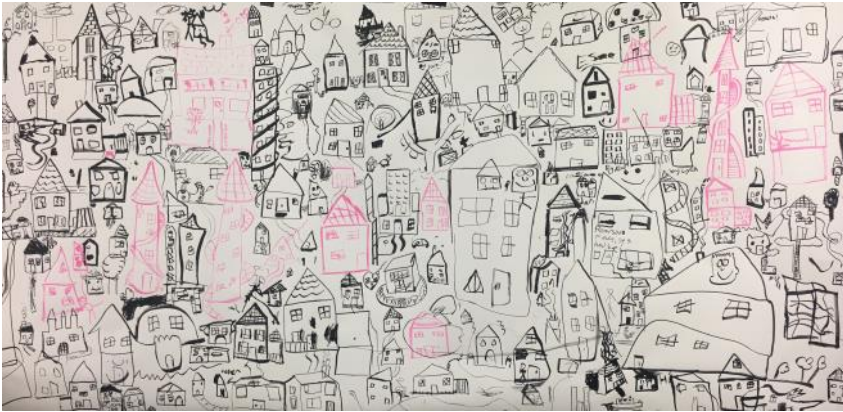
Miss Vickery Head of Apollo House
Mr Gann Head of Maia House
Mrs Macnaughton Head of Minerva House
Mr Fox Head of Neptune House



Minerva house Sixth Form Coffee Morning



TRIPS AND EVENTS



Here's what we created in the art department during open evening. It is a big collaborative mural that asked potential students to draw their home or dream home.

One of the parents said; 'that's an accurate piece of art that describes this school, many schools are just exam factories whereas this school feels like home'.



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

Welcome to Oldfield School Open Day

Open Evening
Wednesday 26 September 2018
6pm - 8pm
Headteacher's talks and activities taking place around the school.

Open Morning 1
Friday 28 September 2018
9am - 10.30am (guided tours from 9am)

Open Morning 2
Monday 01 October 2018
9am - 10.30am (guided tours from 9am)

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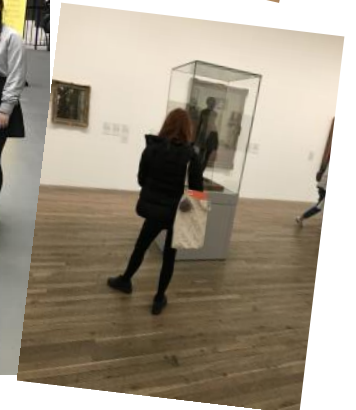


GCSE and A level Art trip to London

Our GCSE Art and A level Photography students visited Tate Modern and the Victoria and Albert Museum this term. They all had the opportunity to look at a range of pieces of modern Art and respond to them by making drawings and writing down their thoughts. The pieces that they saw ranged from cutting edge video installations to sculptures made from human hair to more traditional but thought provoking paintings. Inside the entrance to Tate modern they had the chance to take part in the art work by leaving a colour image on the heat sensitive flooring.

After a sight seeing coach trip through central London the students had time to explore the V&A, the world's leading museum of Art and Design. They spent time looking through the galleries of Asia, Materials, Techniques, Europe and Modern Art. Amongst their favourite sections were the history of fashion and, of course, the gallery shop. The students will use their experience in both galleries to accumulate more marks for their practical coursework projects that they are currently working on.

*Mrs Capetti
Leader of Learning, Creatives*



Year 11 Business Studies Trip to Marshfield Ice Cream

“In September we went to Marshfield Farm in Bath. Whilst we were there we learnt about how the farm runs and how the business side of the farm and ice cream parlour works. We learned about the history of the farm and how that has made the business thrive from making ice cream. It was interesting to see how such a large family business, has been able to keep independent and not been taken over by any competitors who own a large share of the market. After we had a tour of the factory, we were able to try the ice cream that had been made that day. We were also able to try a flavour of our choice from a large selection. We were told about the development of new products and how they add them to the products on sale. For example, dog ice cream, which was originally assumed not to be a good seller, has now worked out completely differently. Callum Lovell and James Walker even tried the dog ice cream and thought it was very nice.” Jordan, Yr 11 student

“In September, we went to Marshfield Farm and learnt all about the business and how



much income they get. It was interesting finding out about the problems they faced and how they have expanded. Of course the best bit was eating the ice cream!” Chiara, Yr 11 student

“It was interesting seeing the process of ice cream being made and how they help the companies who buy their ice cream such as Lulworth Cove and even Buckingham Palace.” Tom, Yr 11 student



Shakespeare Schools Festival

This year, our Year 10 GCSE Drama students will be performing A Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Egg Theatre in Bath as a part of the 2018 Shakespeare Schools Festival. On Tuesday 9th October, we went to the Egg to meet our stage manager and the technical staff in the theatre. We also took part in a workshop with a professional director and workshopped some of our own scenes. We also worked with GCSE and A Level students from St Gregory’s Catholic School collaboratively and gave each other feedback to work on before the big night. We will be performing to the public at the Egg Theatre on Thursday 15th November and tickets are available from the box office there.



GCSE and A Level Devised Performance Examination Performance

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have spent this term creating their own original drama pieces as a part of their GCSE and A Level exams. The pieces were all performed on Tuesday 23rd October in the Drama Studio in front of an invited audience. The pieces were in a variety of styles and covered a range of topics and genres. We would like to congratulate all the students for all their hard work, perseverance, creativity and often inspirational performances.

Year 10 & 11 Visit to Bath Recreation Ground

On Friday 19th October a group of students had the opportunity to play some touch rugby against other schools while visiting Bath Rugby’s ground. The team played four games in total and came away from the tournament undefeated. The main focus of the competition was increasing participation in rugby and enjoyment of the game but it is always nice to win! Congratulations to Jamarnye Scott who was named player of the team for Oldfield. Students were also able to watch some professionals training and had a question and answer session with professional Max Green to finish the day. All students had an enjoyable day and were excellent representatives of the school.



Muddy Choir Performance

On Monday 8th October, we brought in a professional production of the play Muddy Choir. The play marks the hundred year anniversary of the end of World War 1 and explores the experiences of three young men conscripted into the trenches. The play was watched by all Year 9 students who have also been evaluating the performance in their drama lessons. After the play, students had the opportunity to talk to the performers and ask them questions about the play and the issues it raises.

Later the play was performed again for GCSE and A Level Drama students who then had a discussion with the actors and stage manager about how the play was constructed and brought from page to professional stage. Our students then took part in an acting workshop led by the actors from the play.

*Mrs Bloomfield
Head of Drama*



Duke of Edinburgh

In the beautiful late September sunshine the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students embarked on their final expedition with external provider Ocean Rock Adventure. The expedition saw the students travel east to the great Cotswold Way Uffington and the brilliantly named 'Valley of the Race Horse'. The weather was in our favour as they orientated and navigated across vast fields and bridal paths to their campsite at Brunswick Farm.

After the 10 mile trek students settled down to a well earned rest before setting up camp and cooking under a magical blanket of stars. With temperatures dipping the mercury below 5 degrees, woolly jumpers and hats were needed to keep the teams warm as they slept. Morning rose with 'Derek the donkey' howling his cry at full blast (Keith the cockerel was on holiday) and another gruelling challenge awaited our happy campers. Breakfast served, tents packed and sleeping bags rolled the teams set off back to the pickup point at the other end of the valley. With nosebleeds from packet foods, giggles from Brendan's trousers and memories that will last a lifetime the Oldfield students arrived back to school achieving something worth more than a badge and certificate, they achieved a sense of pride and independence that shows them that anything is possible if they believe in themselves and each other. Well done to all students taking part in this award. It was a pleasure to share your company and you are all great role models and ambassadors to your family and our brilliant school.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Oldfield School will be continuing the Duke of Edinburgh award in 2018/2019 and will be offered at:



- Bronze Level Years 9
- Silver Level Year 10
- Gold Level Sixth Form

If your son/daughter has shown interest in enrolling on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at any level then please watch this space for confirmation of our 2018-2019 enrolment evenings happening throughout November. For students whose evidence has been approved (Year 10-11 Bronze) there will be a reward assembly to distribute certificates in the December Christmas assemblies.



Mr D John

EVERY JOURNEY STARTS WITH ONE SMALL STEP

Year 9 students have been hard at work competing in the Rotary Enterprise challenge. The Enterprise challenge is a community based initiative in which Rotarian's work with our young students to help them develop their own enterprise. The challenge concentrates on giving students an insight into various aspects of business and sets challenges which will help develop students confidence and business knowledge. The challenge is designed to give students the skills to have a successful career in business. On completing a gruelling interview and selection process, students are now benefiting from a regular mentor session to help them get their enterprise up and running.



Students are tasked to make all the decisions about their enterprise, from deciding the company name to the product they will sell to the public. Each student will have to take on a unique job role and work as part of a team to be responsible for an area of the business such as finance, sales or marketing. Students have the opportunity to manage money, interact with business volunteers and present to an audience. Mr Abood said: 'This is a real unique opportunity for our students – we are really lucky to have Richard and his team on-board, it's great to see them making the most of this opportunity... some of the ideas are very professional, I would be very pleased to see some of the products make it into my Christmas stocking this year'.

Mr Abood

