

## To inspire, to learn, to succeed

### Important Dates;

**05 April**

END OF TERM 4

**23 April**

START OF TERM 5

WEEK 2

**25 April**

Girls Football Spring Games

Battlefields Trip Information

Evening

**30 April**

Junior Maths Challenge

Yr 7-10 Rounders v St Greg's

**01 May**

Yr 7- 10 Rounders v Wellsway

**03 May**

Yr 10 Exams

**06 May**

BANK HOLIDAY

**07 May**

Bude Trip Information Evening

**08 May**

Yr 11 Rounders Tournament

DofE Bronze Training Evening

**09 May**

Yr 12/13 Rounders Tournament

**13 May**

GCSEs Start

**14 May**

District Athletics, Bath Uni

**15 May**

U14s Girls Football Tournament

Cordoba Trip Information Evening

**16 May**

Yr 7 Parents' Evening

World Challenge Pre-departure

meeting

**21 May**

Yr 10 GCSE Athletics Competition

**22 May**

DofE Silver Training Evening

**23 May**

U15 Boys Tennis Match

**24 May**

END OF TERM 5

Dear Parents/Carers

As this term comes to a close I would like to reflect on three events in particular; our school production of Mary Poppins; the Evening of Dance and Celebration Evening. The first two have celebrated the efforts and achievement of our students in the arts and the last one the academic success and progress of our students.

The production took place earlier in the term with Mary Poppins being performed over three nights (with much critical acclaim). This week over 100 of our students showcased the work from their dance lessons and clubs, this included performances from our signature dance group and the GCSE and A Level examination classes. These productions were thoroughly enjoyable with very high levels of enthusiasm and huge amounts of talent shown by our students. Thank you to all of you who supported your children in their preparations for the event and to all of the staff involved.

Celebration Evening was an opportunity to recognise the achievements of Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13 students. Subject awards for the highest achieving students in each year were given as were achievement, effort and attendance awards. These awards reflect the outstanding efforts and commitment made throughout the previous 2 or 3 years by the students who have received them. There are many more students who have also worked to an exceptionally high standard and we will be recognising this through awards assemblies at the end of the year, where class awards for achievement and effort will be presented.

Our sports teams have had a busy and successful term. In netball and football our teams have put in very competitive performances with some excellent results as you will see from the sports round-up in the newsletter. The stand-out achievements are the success of our Year 10 boys football team, who progressed to the semi-finals of the Somerset Cup and the Year 10 netball team winning the BANES tournament. It is also great to see that we are developing competitive sport at sixth form level with a number of fixtures over the term.

Years 11 and Year 13 are preparing for examinations this summer and a wide range of support is available for students from their teachers. Further information on guidance for parents and students is on the school website. For parents of Year 11 students who were unable to attend the Year 11 exam information evening earlier this week we will be providing a 'pod-cast' of the content along with the presentation that was shared and we will make this available shortly.

We have one member of teaching staff leaving the school at the end of this term. Mr Hamilton is moving to teach at Bristol Free School after the Easter holiday and we wish him well in his new job. Mrs Egan will be joining the science department after Easter to teach Mr Hamilton's Key Stage 3 lessons; his examination classes will be taught by other members of the department.

Thank you for your ongoing support of, and engagement with, the school and I wish you and your families all the best over the holiday.

Steven Mackay  
Headteacher

# NOTICE BOARD

## Girls Cricket

Lansdown Cricket Club would love to see more Oldfield girls attend their sessions.

The club is heavily promoting girls hardball cricket at the moment with 2 teams in the Bath and District League this season in the respective boys Under 11 and Under 13 leagues. This means they can offer coaching and competitive cricket to girls up to and including Year 10.

They also offer softball cricket for girls who do not feel quite ready yet for hard ball competition.

They also have space for boys currently in Year 9 and 10, so please come and see Mrs Bell for more information on any of these opportunities.



## Oldfield School Residential Trips

- Please could all parents with students on the residential trips in June this year, ensure they fill out the google forms with the required information about their child.
- All information evening presentations and trip information can be found on the school website under;

[www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/school-trips/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/school-trips/)

## Parking around school

A further reminder to parents to please be careful when picking up and dropping off at the beginning or end of the school day. Parking should not be on the double yellow lines at the front or side of the school, near Penn, and should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.

## Medicine in school

*We are no longer allowed to administer over the counter medication to your child.*

*If you would like the school to administer prescription medication to your child, the medication must be prescribed by your GP and be labelled with the child's name. It must also be in the original packaging. For those parents/carers who wish the school to administer prescribed medication, please contact the main office for a form.*

*If the school is currently holding any over the counter medication or incorrectly labelled prescription medication for your child, please could you contact me to arrange collection.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

*Mrs Goddard-Palmer, Medical Officer*

## Library "thank you"

Thanks to the generosity of Rose Mays from Clutton, the Library now has a wonderful complete set of paperback Charles Dickens novels.

Much thanks also goes to U Studio shop in Clifton, Bristol, for their generous donation of notebooks, pencils and paper to the Library.

## Attendance email

The Attendance Office now have an attendance email; [Attendance@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:Attendance@oldfieldschool.com) Please use the email to report all absences, appointments etc. that your child may have, or leave a message on the absence line.

Please email or send a letter directly to the school for any leave of absence requests You should hear back from us within a week, if you have not please contact us again.

*Meg Ely & Stacey Collings  
Attendance Office*



## Quiz Night Success!

A big thank you to everyone for coming along to our annual quiz night and making it such a fun evening; parents, staff and neighbours. We are still toting up how much money was raised but it was our busiest quiz night so far and we are sure there will be a good amount of money to put towards items for the school.

Don't forget if you would like to get involved with the OSA or even just help out at the occasional event, please do contact us on [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

# SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —



## THE LIBRARY

The Library is a whole school facility which endeavours to serve the needs of all students from Years 7 to 13. The Library is open all day, before and after school as well as during break and lunch time. Students can access a wide range of fiction and non-fiction during these extra opening times but also during their English reading lessons in the library. Students have access to computers and a printer and can complete and print their school work at break and lunch time.

Students can also get involved in Games Club and have access to a variety of games including Chess, Uno and Connect Four during lunch time. Book Club is held every Wednesday lunch time for avid readers, Sci-Fi Club on some Mondays after school, and for the weeks building up to Harry Potter Book Night, we host Harry Potter Craft Sessions every Monday after school.

The Library also hosts a variety of literacy and curriculum connected events from author visits, archaeology handling sessions, First World War history events, World Book Day and the biggest event of the year - Harry Potter Book Night. Various lectures are held here throughout the year as part of the Acceleration Programme for MABLE students. Sixth formers can access the Library and study quietly throughout the day whenever possible.

The Library has over twenty five students who are Library Helpers from Years 7, 8 and 11 who help at break and lunch by tidying, issuing books and helping around the Library wherever they can.



### World Book Day

We raised a magnificent £113 for Book Aid International and had lots of fun dressing up as Book Characters. Thank you to all those students and staff who made an effort to dress up and donate to such a worthy cause. Let's start planning our outfits for next year and aim to raise more money!



Books offer the chance for people to learn, imagine new possibilities and shape their own futures. Every year, Book Aid International make books available to an estimated 29 million people through their extensive network of partners and supporters here in the UK and around the world. Book Aid's vision is a world where everyone has access to books that will enrich, improve and change their lives. Their mission is to provide books, resources and training to support an environment in which reading for pleasure, study and lifelong learning can flourish.



They are committed to: *Equality of opportunity*. Everyone should have the opportunity to read, whatever their circumstances. Book Aid support people from all walks of life in their efforts to access the books they need to achieve their goals. *Quality*. No-one should have to make do with old, out-of-date books which do not meet their needs. The quality of the books Book Aid send is the hallmark of their work. *Investment in the future*. Capacity building creates long-term-impact. Book Aid help increase the ability of local libraries to support their communities by training librarians and teacher librarians in working with children and other key skills. *Collaboration*. Working in partnership ensures that Book Aid's work is effective, responsive and meets communities' real needs. Book Aid work closely with national library services, NGOs, community library networks, local government and individual institutions.



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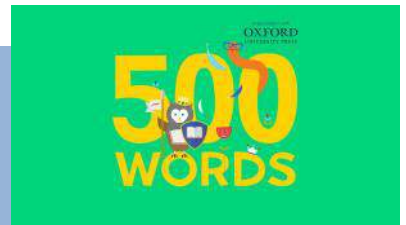
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## 500 Words Competition

Nic Pearce has the privilege of being a Judge on Radio 2's 500 Words Competition.

For those of you who have not heard of "500 Words", it is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. All children can enter, no matter what their ability, experience, or background. In 2018 134,790 children entered the competition, and since it launched in 2011, the competition has received over 800,000 short stories.

Stories are judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling. The competition culminates in a broadcast extravaganza of live music and sensational story-telling every summer, at a special venue. There is an amazing author panel this year: Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Francesca Simon who Nic is dying to meet!



## Harry Potter Night

Once again, the Library was transformed into a magical world of Harry Potter. The rooms were decorated with potions, banners and all sorts of wizardy items. The Heads of House helped oversee the sorting ceremony, Hogwarts challenge and practice spells that were performed throughout the evening. Everyone then sat down to a huge Hogwarts banquet with some very imaginative food items.



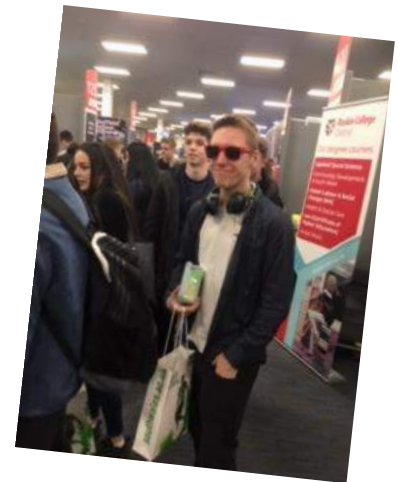
## Preparing Our Year 12s for Their Next Steps

It has been a busy and exciting term for our Year 12 students as they begin the process (sometimes exciting and sometimes terrifying) of thinking about what their next steps might be after sixth form. Five of our students were fortunate to attend the BANES Oxbridge conference and learn about how the application process to Oxford or Cambridge works, what life is like in those illustrious institutions and attend a sample lecture.

All Year 12 students also had the opportunity to attend the UCAS Conference in Bristol where all the universities in the country have a stall to visit and sit alongside advice from apprenticeship providers and niche pathways such as conservatoires offering interesting courses for the budding musician, actor or director.

We were also very fortunate this week to have two guest speakers from Deloitte, probably the most prestigious auditing firm in the world, come to talk about their Bright Start apprenticeship scheme.

Finally, we took most of Year 12 on a trip to Cardiff University Open Day so they could find out what a Russell Group university has to offer, take a peek at student accommodation and sample the food on offer in a typical uni refectory.



A big well done to Year 12 student, Hannah Tyson who has raised £600 so far towards St John's Ambulance South Africa. Hannah ran a very successful cake sale in school and has also carried out weekend car boot and jumble sales.

The money raised is going towards her £1600 target for her South Africa trip where she will help St John's Ambulance and raise awareness of HIV. Keep up the good work!

*Mr Nash, Head of Sixth Form*

## Year 12 Business Studies Tour of Bath

"The business tour trip to the Barclays' offices in Bath was extremely beneficial and has presented opportunities of post-graduate schemes and work experience. It not only expanded and developed our knowledge of business studies but it also provided a real world example of the theoretical knowledge we are gaining. For example, our visit to John Anthony gave us a real world example of stock control, the effects of Brexit on businesses and the importance and cost of where to locate a business.

Prezola's presentation also demonstrated the importance of marketing and the methods that they use. I would recommend the trip to anyone considering Business Studies for A Level."

*Sam Yeo, Year 12*

"The trip to Barclays was very interesting, it allowed me to apply the things we have learnt in lessons to the real world. We went to Gradwell communications, John Anthony, Bath Building Society, and Prezola, these are very different businesses to each other which all rely heavily on different things. John Anthony told us about stock management and how they order in stock, they also explained how they can still retain customers while charging a high price. Bath Building Society explained the differences between a bank and a building society."

*Fred Beresford, Year 12*

"The business tour trip was extremely interesting and will enable me to apply the company's knowledge to my exam answers. Furthermore, it gave me the opportunity to develop an understanding of different businesses in the wider world and helped me with ideas for a potential career I would enjoy in the future. The company, Prezola, gave me an engaging insight to online retail and how the business competes online. Gradwell Communications helped me develop a better understanding of organisational structures, which will benefit my learning before my exam."

*Georgia Boulton, Year 12*



## Girls Football

We entered two teams for the U14s BANES football tournament; a Year 7 and a Year 9 team. There were two pools with a total of 11 teams that had entered into the competition. The top three teams will go through into the Spring Games after the school holiday. The Year 7 team had a tough pool facing many teams who had mixed teams of Years 7, 8 and 9. They put up a good battle and managed to draw against 3 teams. We had a few new appearances for the Year 7 team; Charlie Davies and Amy and Megan Tarling. Overall, a great team effort from the Year 7s, who came 8<sup>th</sup> in the tournament.

The Year 9 team had a pool of 5 teams, they were up against Hayesfield, Broadlands, Ralph Allen, and Somervale. Every game in



their pool was won with a combined total of 11 goals scored and only 1 conceded. These fantastic results got us into the semi-finals to play against St Greg's. After eight minutes played, the score was still 0-0, it went to a further 2 minutes extra time. The score remained 0-0, with both teams battling extremely well. The draw led to a 3 penalty shoot-out; both keepers from St Greg's and Oldfield (Maddie Haag) were fantastic and saved the first 3 penalties each. This led to a sudden death where unfortunately we lost. We faced Broadlands, needing to win to qualify for the spring games. During the short game, we created opportunities but Broadlands' defence was strong, in the last minute of the game Mia Sparks managed to score the goal to secure the game. The Year 9 team will now qualify for the spring games next term. Well done both teams!

## Year 11 football v Writhlington 12.03.19

The Year 11 football league was up and running and Oldfield travelled away to face Writhlington. Oldfield were quick out the blocks as the ball was worked through the whole team to push for the first corner of the game. Sam Baker's pinpoint corner was met by the towering Ross Edwards to head home the first goal in thundering fashion. This sparked Writhlington into life using the tactic of breaking fast from the Oldfield pressure to slot home the equaliser. A consistent performer, Ferdi Symons then latched onto a through ball only to be taken down inside the box by a desperate defender. Up steps captain reliable, JC Horrocks to slot the penalty and restore the lead 2-1, Oldfield. Just before half time it was Ferdi Symons again terrorising the home defence



to execute a low shot past the keeper. The second half began as it finished with constant pressure coming from Oldfield and fast counter attacks from Writhlington. With the score now 3-1, manager Mr John could change things up and experiment with formation pushing Luca Zapparoli into midfield to utilise his versatility. It was Zapparoli who created the next goal and one of the best of the match, as his threaded ball was met by the galloping Rhys Ogden to then play across the box to James Walker to drive the shot home. Another goal was then scored by Ferdi Symons who completed his brace and Oldfield went home happy 5-1 winners.

*Mr John, PE Teacher*



## Year 11 Football v Ralph Allen

On Tuesday 19th March the Year 11 football team played Ralph Allen. We travelled with a reduced number of players due to some absence and injuries within the team. This undoubtedly impacted on the result that was 3-1 to Ralph Allen. Oldfield did take the lead initially from a powerful run from James Horrocks and an excellent finish. From there, the lack of a first team goalkeeper showed as we had to field normal outfield players in goal resulting in a few goals that would likely have been prevented making their way in. None the less the team battled until the end to try and claw the game back but unfortunately couldn't do enough this time. With the full strength team available I think this would have been a very different result.

### Senior Netball

At the end of February, the senior netball squads travelled to Wellsyway for their next league matches. Once again the Year 11s fought well on the court, they did particularly well considering that they were down on their usual numbers due to revision commitments. The opposition proved a challenge but the team never gave up despite being several goals behind in the first quarter. Strong leadership from their captain, Ruby Lovegrove, and an excellent performance in defence from their vice captain, Taylor Hacker, kept them in the game despite the increasing score line.

Well done to all the team for their effort and application in the game and congratulations to Ruby Lovegrove voted player of the match by Wellsyway.

Congratulations also to the Year 10 squad for an awesome performance against Wellsyway. Teams were well matched with Wellsyway getting off to a stronger start but once we settled into the game we began to show the quality of our team. Strong performances from Charlotte Emmerson and Hannah Edwards in the shooting circle meant we were able to quickly pull back the goals lost in the first quarter and several superb interceptions in defence from captain Lisa Kurdziel and Lauren Buxton put us in a prime position to convert these to goals. Centre court was run very successfully by Poppy Wallis and Nelly Lord; quickly spotting opportunities to exploit their defence and send the ball into our attack.

Congratulations to the whole squad, the final score of 23-16 reflecting their hard work. Special mention to Hannah Edwards who was voted player of the match by the opposition.

Well done to the Year 10 and Year 11 netball squads who played against St Greg's at the beginning of March in very wet and windy conditions. Year 10 put up a good performance against a very good St Greg's team but were unable to come away with a win this time. The defence worked very hard against a tall shooter to try and limit the damage in the circle and our shooters tried their best to convert goals in the wind and rain! Congratulations to Lisa Kurdziel who was voted player of the match for her work in defence.

The Year 11 squad were very impressive in keeping the game tight against another strong opposition, denying them goal scoring opportunities and making some great interceptions to reduce the goal difference. Keziah, Taylor and Chloe worked very hard in the circle to keep the attack minimal. We were unable to come away with a win but it was a great squad performance. Congratulations to Nadia Sibunruang who was voted player of the match.

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

### BANES Y10 netball champions

Massive congratulations to the awesome Year 10 netball squad who won the Year 10 BANES netball tournament last week.

Their performance was gutsy, determined and generally amazing throughout the evening. Not only did they not lose a game, they only conceded one goal in the three pool games and conceded only 7 goals in the whole tournament.

Every player in the squad turned out a top performance but special mention to our shooters, Charlotte and Hannah, whose accuracy was perfect all tournament and to our circle defence Lisa and Lauren who were simply fabulous in denying the opposing shooters any options in the circle. Thank you to Trinity for stepping in when Charlotte was injured and producing a great performance at a very important time of the tournament. An amazing finish to a great season and very well deserved to all!

#### Results

##### Pool games

Beat Writhlington 11-0

Beat Norton Hill 13-1

Beat St Marks 8-0

##### Semi final

Beat Hayesfield 5-3

##### Final

Beat Wellsyway 7-3

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*



#### Team

Lisa Kurdziel (capt)

Nelly Lord (vice)

Hannah Edwards

Charlotte Emmerson

Trinity Love

Poppy Wallis

Ruby Frampton

Esther Billington

Ella Causey

Lauren Buxton

## Sixth Form Football

On Thursday 14th February Oldfield Sixth Form football team travelled to Ralph Allen school for their first fixture of this year's campaign. The game started quite slowly as both teams found their own rhythm. Fortunately, after 9 minutes following a monstrous kick from Korey Hurlle in goal, Emmanuel Omoniyi gambled to get in behind the Ralph Allen defence and was able to nudge the ball past the helpless goalkeeper to open the scoring. Ralph Allen responded well and came back with determination to quickly score a goal of their own to make it 1-1. For the next 10 minutes of the game both teams were going blow for blow in an evenly contested battle. Ralph Allen struck next with an excellent strike which found the top corner, a strike that would have left any keeper helpless. At 2-1 down Oldfield kept working hard and made it to half time with the score unchanged.



Sixth Form Football Team

With renewed focus, Oldfield went out after half time pressurising the Ralph Allen players forcing a lot more errors from them. The increased pressure led to Oldfield being able to win the ball in the opposition's half to release Jay Ditung to level the score with a calm finish. Oldfield continued to pressurise the opposition and 10 minutes from the end of the game Emmanuel Omoniyi went through on goal and beat the goalkeeper with a powerful strike and Oldfield took the lead for the second time. This goal proved to be the deciding strike in the fixture as the final score was 3-2. A really good start to our football season.

The following match was against Writhlington school on a cold and blustery afternoon. Oldfield started very well in the difficult conditions and looked dangerous on the

break with the pace of Emmanuel Omoniyi, Max Barker and Jay Ditung. Oldfield continued to build the pressure on Writhlington and eventually took the lead through Jay Ditung breaking from midfield after 25 minutes.

At half time Oldfield were 1-0 up but knew that they had the support of the wind in the first half. Again, Oldfield started the half well and looked threatening but Writhlington were adjusting to the supporting wind and began to put pressure on the Oldfield defence. Finn Hill-Dear made some excellent tackles and interceptions to prevent the Writhlington strikers getting in on goal and Corey Hurlle made several brilliant stops to prevent Oldfield conceding. Eventually the pressure was too much and Writhlington were able to level the scores with 8 minutes remaining. Oldfield were defending desperately into the wind which had increased in intensity in the second half but unfortunately a good quality strike from 20 yards in the last 2 minutes of the game won the game for Writhlington 2-1.

Great effort shown by the team and disappointment at the end result but still a good quality team performance.

*Mr Driver  
Head of PE*

## Year 9 football v Writhlington 13.03.19

The second visit of the week to Writhlington, but this time it was the new and ever improving Year 9 squad captained by Callum Osmond. The weather conditions did not stop Oldfield's positive attitude and Osmond's men started well and made headway into the Writhlington box. Once gain the constant attacking pressure of Oldfield was counteracted by a fast break and long ball game from Writhlington and their fast paced winger. It was the winger, who clearly knew his pace could punish defenders, that was given the opportunity countless times. Only the heroics of Mohab Murshan in the Oldfield goal snaffled his chances of a first half hatrick. The teams went into half time knowing more was needed and it was a rare mistake from goalkeeper Murshan whose low goal kick was rifled straight back at goal and into the corner. This meant changes needed to be made as Oldfield were being bombarded by attack after attack as Writhlington now had the backing of the windy conditions. Mr John emptied the bench and a new spark was clear to see. With Tye Tilling adding grunt and skill into the midfield, another tactical change saw Zaid Malkawi switch from winger to centre back with Oliver Coleman. This change was orchestrated by the leadership group on the pitch and backed by manager Mr John. This change meant Oldfield could clear their lines and adopt the old fashioned long ball game to the large centre forward, Coleman. It was Coleman who held off three defenders to drive into the box and strike the ball past the diving keeper to tie the score 1:1. At the death, Oldfield nearly won this tense battle but the shot was driven over the bar for the game to finish in a suitable and respectable 1:1 draw.

*Mr John, PE Teacher*



## Year 7 Football

### Match Report v Beechen Cliff

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February the Year 7 football team welcomed Beechen Cliff for a 9 a-side football fixture. The result went in the favour of the visiting team but the Year 7s worked tirelessly against an opposition that had some strong performers within it. We played this game with two separate teams for each half to ensure that all players had a good opportunity to show and develop their footballing skills. The first half team started really well with chances for both teams with Beechen coming out on top 3-1, Lincoln Tooker scored our goal, calmly finishing when he went one on one with the goal keeper. For the second half team, the result also went in Beechen's favour, the result was 2-0 (5-1 in total). Thanks to Tom Sayers in goal who made countless saves that were of excellent quality to stop the attacking threat of Beechen. Well done to all involved, an excellent turn out of players and great teamwork showed by all.

*Mr John, PE Teacher*

### Year 7 Football v Somervale 07.03.19

This game was played in the spirit of football with both teams having high numbers and well over the allocated starting 9 positions. The agreement was made to play the game in 4 quarters to give everyone a game and show, as a squad, the depth of talent at both schools. Oldfield made a great start showing good dribbling and passing skills to maintain possession into a heavy wind. The conditions had a huge impact on the match, with both teams having to adapt to a simple game to stop the ball from travelling out of play. The breakthrough came for Oldfield in the second quarter with Tom Pawsey gliding past two defenders and sliding the ball past the Somervale keeper. The match continued to be a tussle for possession but strong defending from Noah and Amin meant the score finished 1-0.

## Year 10 Football

### Match Report v Writhlington

On Thursday 14th March the Year 10 football team hosted Writhlington school on Penn Field. It was a wet and boggy game following a long period of rain but we managed to keep the game on. The conditions certainly impacted on the quality of football with the ball not rolling freely and the players sliding around, but none the less both teams were still trying to play good football as much as possible. Oldfield started well and took the lead through a calmly finished goal from Ryan Dunn when he went through against the keeper. Unfortunately, the Writhlington team started to play the conditions better and eventually levelled the scores. Oldfield's chances were few and far between in the second half and Writhlington continued to put pressure on the Oldfield defence. Writhlington eventually scored a second goal to win the game 2-1.



Year 10 Football Team

### Match Report Semi Final of Somerset Cup

On Thursday 28th March, Oldfield Year 10 played Wellsway in the semi-final for the Somerset County Cup and narrowly lost 0-2. Despite the result, this was an amazing achievement for the team as this is the furthest they have ever got in the county cup. The competition involves more than 40 schools across Somerset and the team managed to get into the top 4.

Following on from recent matches, Oldfield started the game with a modified formation with new attack strategies put in place. This started the match with high tempo and some very close chances from Oldfield. For the first 30 minutes, Oldfield had the majority of possession and looked like the stronger side with more shots on target than Wellsway. Unfortunately just before half time, Wellsway managed to sneak a goal in during a quick counter attack. After a positive and constructive half time team talk from Miss Hooper and Mr Gann, the team started the second half with the accuracy and focus they had started with in the first half. Despite Wellsway scoring a late second goal, there are many positives the Year 10 team can take away. Considering the last time they played Wellsway in the league they lost by over 5 goals, our Year 10 team showed great determination and good progress this season. A big well done to all the boys involved.

*Mr Gann, PE Teacher*

## Year 8 Football Winners!

The Year 8 football team have been unbeaten in the league all season. Last week they beat Beechen Cliff 7-0; the strongest win yet! The team moral is incredibly high and all players have positively contributed to the team success. George Sweet has been a fantastic role model to his peers and captained the team during difficult game situations, ensuring that players have kept their cool. This has allowed all players to achieve their full potential on the field, performing to their best ability. Finn Williams has evolved into a wonderful leader in the defensive back 4, positively supporting Alfie Barron, Evan McLain, Sam Ojeiwa and Jake Davies. The defensive shape has improved immensely this season - as demonstrated with the clean sheet last week, also a true reflection of Afanwi Neba's fantastic development in goal. Our highly-skilled midfield/forwards George Sweet, Cassius Kerr, Jed Meerholz, Harry Hamilton and Ethan Hall have all consistently shown attacking strength, determination, high energy gameplay and accurate passing skills. Everyone should be very proud of their success this season. All team players will be required to train and prepare for the league final after Easter. I am very proud of the progress with this team, and have high hopes for the season finale.

*Mr Gann, PE Teacher*

### Match report - Beechen A team , 27.02.19

In the first of our matches this term, we started off the game with speed, urgency and aggression. Jason started off the goal lead with extremely quick reactions. It took a while but eventually Beechen came back with a close but confirmed goal. This didn't stop us as Jason got his second, amazingly scoring a lovely over-head kick into the back of the net. Shortly after, Beechen came back to score a second with a nice long shot from outside the box just over Afanwi's head. After a nice ball through and with Jed's pace, he passed the ball in to the back of the net past the keeper; 3-2. Beechen were tiring and Cassius took advantage and tapped it past the goal keeper making it 4-2 to Oldfield. Harry finished Beechen off by following up on a good save from the goal keeper, reacting quickly to make it 5-2 to Oldfield. Overall Oldfield played very well.

*George Sweet, Year 8 student*

### Match report - Somervale 07.03.19

We started the game with lots of energy from the Oldfield boys. Finn broke the goal break with a very far shot and with a mistake from the keeper, it dribbled in. A pass across the box from Cassius enabled Harry to smash it into the back of the net making it 2-0 to Oldfield. This amazing play of football continued as Fred scored a lovely goal from outside the box and, with the help of the wind, it floated into the top corner. At half time it was 3-0 to Oldfield with Somervale only being able to get into their attacking half once. We started the second half at the same pace. Eventually Jed got his first with another mistake from the keeper as he finessed it into, once again, the top corner. Fred, using a nice dummy, finished it with the last kick of the game into the back of the net. This meant that Oldfield went home with a victory of 5-0.

*George Sweet, Year 8 student*

### Match report—Writhlington, 13.03.19

We started the game with a new formation which gave more space in midfield. After trying to break through their massive defence, Jason shot from outside the box and with a lovely touch/turn from Cassius the ball rolled into the net. From an amazingly timed ball from Fred, Jason was able to get on to the end of it and make it 2-0. Shortly after the second half began and with a formation shift putting Finn upfront he scored a lovely header from a great cross from Fred. All of this was making Writhlington more agitated and they eventually gave a foul outside the box for Jason to finish well into the top corner making it 4-0. A great run from Finn to strike it from outside as it rolled past the keeper hitting the post and slowly rolling in. With a 1-2 with Fred, Finn was again able to drive forwards and finish Writhlington off making it 6-0.

*George Sweet, Year 8 student*

### Match report - Ralph Allen, 20.03.19

This week we were at home on the muddy, bobbly Penn field that gave us the upper hand to Ralph Allen who were unaware of the inconvenience. It started quite scrappily with many of the opposition trying to contest us as we tried to get through. Cassius and Jed lead the attack throughout the game and with many chances we ended the first half only conceding one and scoring 4. The defence stayed extremely solid no matter what and for the most part didn't let Ralph Allen into our own half. After some amazing balls through from people such as Jason, Harry, Fred and Ethan our goal lead continued. An overall amazing game from our team as we ended the game winning 7-2 with Cassius getting 4 and Jed getting 3.

*George Sweet, Year 8 student*

### Match report - Beechen B team

Today we were away once again to Beechen Cliff but this time it was their B team. We started the game with the same amount of energy that we have all season and once again we scored within the first few seconds of the game. The attack stayed very positive and after a great free kick from Finn that was amazingly saved but then finished from Fred, many more goals were coming through. Throughout the game, the defence didn't let anything through and we ended the game with a clean sheet. The game ended in Oldfield once again beating Beechen Cliff but this time by 7 goals to 0. A great game all round with honourable mentions to people such as Fred, Evan, Alfie and a great debut from Ellis. Fred ended the game with a hatrick, George got two goals and Jason and Harry both had one. That was another great performance from Oldfield and we're now into the finals!

*George Sweet, Year 8 student*



# Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

## Winning Gymnast, Kacey

Kacey took part in the English Championships last week and came 9th out of 98 for all of her pieces and she got herself a silver medal for floor. What a superstar she is an excellent achievement at such a young age! Well done Kacey.



## Nelly Lord

Nelly was selected to play for Somerset U15 Girls rugby. It involves training sessions and participating in rugby festivals with neighbouring counties. Nelly played on Sunday for the U15 squad.

Well done Nelly.



## Avon Athletes

We were delighted to have had such a high representation from Oldfield School at the recent Sportshall Athletics Regional Finals in Torbay on Saturday 9th March. Over a third of the U13 county team were made up of Oldfield athletes! Well done to Eleni Francis, Sam Ojeiwa, Jess Causey, Imogen Yap and Maddie Davies who all took part in the event.

Avon were competing against teams from Devon, Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Dorset.

### Team Results:

- Avon U15G - 2nd
- Avon U15B - 2nd
- Avon U13G - 2nd
- Avon U13B - 1st

Mrs Bell

## Staff V student's volleyball match

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 10 boys played the staff in a 3 set volleyball match. The boys played really well and won the first set. Staff were then on a rebound to win the next set to remain in the game. Unfortunately, the staff dropped their game and the Year 10 boys managed to keep their game play and beat us 3 sets – 1. A rematch is on the cards.



# HOUSE NEWS

Term 4 has been a short but jam-packed one for Apollo. We are currently leading the way with house points and I have challenged the students to reach 20,000 by the end of term. Can we do it? Of course we can!

This term we introduced a new competition – pancake flipping! There were lots of varying techniques but they obviously worked well as we had pancakes flipping everywhere. We were just beaten by a few extra flips from Minerva house. It was great to see lots of students taking part—with many new to the concept.

This term also saw another house competition – football. This was great as the teams were mixed year groups so it was lovely to see students working together from different tutor groups and years. Apollo did very well in this event – 1<sup>st</sup> in Year 7 and 8 girls, joint 1<sup>st</sup> in Year 7 and 8 boys and 1<sup>st</sup> in Year 9 and 10 boys. A big well done to everyone who took part, they all played brilliantly.

I am looking forward to next term, although it is going to be another busy one as it is only 5 weeks long. We are already planning our house paper aeroplanes competition and working on the next quiz. Every tutor group in Apollo always takes part in the house quiz, which is great to see such House support. Here's to Term 5 – I am sure Apollo will lead the way again with achievement points. Keep up your hard work!

*Miss Vickery, Head of Apollo House*

We have hit the end of Term 4; it has been a busy one and Minerva have been as busy as ever. We took part in the Inter House football competition as well as the pancake flipping. Thank you to all the students who teamed up and played their socks off. The competition was tough but there were some fab performances. Next term watch out for Teachers Pet, House Paper Aeroplanes and a Swan-A-Thon. For those into their individual 'sports'; 7G really put their all into the pancake flipping contest and well done Ella for winning the whole event. Congratulations on an amazing 32 flips in 20 seconds!

We end the term with lots of performing; the Dance Umbrella and The Evening of Dance. Both events have been represented brilliantly by Minerva. Taking part in school events is so important in order to gain more and more achievement points. Highest achievement point winners from Term 3 will be heading to Flip Out trampoline park. One of our fab Minerva students got 121 points in Term 3 alone; an amazing feat!

Remember we are all a team; staff and students, all 343 of us. (Congratulations to Herbie in Year 9 for guessing the exact number.) Enjoy your Easter holidays and be ready for the challenges ahead in Term 5.

*Mrs Macnaughton, Head of Minerva House*

Us Maians have been very busy this term. Many pupils have contributed hugely to the house point leader board as well as attending many house events. At the start of term, we hosted inter-house football and it was a huge success with many players from all houses competing and earning lots of points for Maia House. A special congratulations goes to the Maia Year 7 and 8 boys football team who won the competition and earned maximum house points for Maia House. Furthermore, amazing results from the Year 7 and 8 girls, Year 9 and 10 girls and Year 9 and 10 boys who all came second in their categories and earned lots of house points. Not only have Maia house consistently showed strong performances with inter-house sporting events but also came 2nd in the welly wanging competition in Term 3 and 3rd in the pancake flipping competition in Term 4. As a result of all this recent success, Maia House are indeed closing the gap between the other houses who are ahead in the house point leaderboard.

A special well done to all the house representatives who contributed and supported Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. Many cakes were baked and donated by Maians and helped raise a large amount for Comic Relief. As a house, we have a focus on maintaining our progress and continue to aim to be the winning and best house by the end of the year. Keep it up Maians! Maia house is green the greatest ever team!!!!

*Mr Gann, Head of Maia House*

Happy Easter Neptune! Mr. Fox served out the chocolate eggs at the annual Easter assembly (even if it was March... it's never too early for chocolate!) to celebrate another fantastic term of achievements for the mighty blue house. Three wins in the inter-house football contest, followed up with a clean (broomstick) stop at the Harry Potter night were memorable highlights, along with some monstrous efforts in the Spring Welly Wanging competition.

Neptune is quietly doing what it does in the house points stakes, sitting just behind the other houses in what seems like last place... But remember that Neptune has one less Year 8 tutor group than the rest; double those Year 8 house points and you might be in for a surprise!!! Mr. Fox would like to congratulate Neptune students on their continued good behaviour (top of the charts on that front), their participation in extra curricular events and smashing attitudes. Looking forward to the summer terms...

*Mr Fox, Head of Neptune House*

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Intermediate Maths Challenge Success

On 7<sup>th</sup> February, 184 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This competition is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and takes place on the same day in thousands of schools across the UK.

We are very proud to congratulate 44 of our students who achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. Special congratulations go to the following 'Best in Year' students:

- Benjamin Cook – Best in Year 11
- Nathan Motean – Best in Year 10
- Tate Hopkins – Best in Year 9 and Best in School

The top scoring students are invited to sit the follow-on round: this is the 'Pink Kangaroo' for Year 10 and Year 11 students and the 'Grey Kangaroo' for Year 9 students. The Kangaroos are organised by the independent association Kangaroo sans Frontieres (KSF). The name sounds strange, but is in recognition that the organisation was inspired by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Students from more than 50 countries will take part in this competition.

The following six students all achieved qualification for the Kangaroo round which took place in school on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Well done on this fantastic achievement:

- Benjamin Cook – Y11
- Nathan Motean – Y10
- Tate Hopkins - Y9
- Nathan Finch – Y9
- Henry Court – Y9
- Joe Eden-Bull – Y9

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

*Miss Monaghan, Second in Mathematics*

## Maths Inspiration Trip

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 11s and 12s were taken to Bath Forum for an afternoon of inspirational maths talks; this was hosted by Jennifer Rogers (TV statistician, who was once responsible for testing claims made by Ryanair). They enjoyed talks from a variety of eminent mathematicians, including Alex Bellos (author of the Guardian's puzzle column) who shared a variety of interesting puzzles, and Hugh Hunt (famous for Channel 4 documentaries and climate engineering), who discussed how ice skaters make use of the conservation of momentum and how satellites are able to turn in space. This culminated in a boomerang being thrown over the crowd! To close the show, Ben Sparks ran an interactive session on the Birthday Paradox and probability in relation to poker hands (gambling is not advised!), which ended with Ben's very own rendition of Sting's 'Shape of my Heart'. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all, which allowed our students to think about maths beyond the curriculum. I hope that we can make this a yearly trip to inspire the mathematicians of the future.

*Mr Spence, Maths Teacher*

## Year 10 Mock Interviews

As all Year 10 parents will know, students have had a busy time honing their workplace skills. Following on from their CV writing workshops, students were offered the opportunity to attend a mock interview led by outside guests from a range of sectors. The students who took advantage of this opportunity were a real credit to the school: smart, engaging and professional. A huge thanks to the Rotary Club and the Royal United Hospital, in particular, for supporting this event.

Just a quick reminder: If you are a Year 10 student but still haven't secured a work experience placement, it's time to get looking; time is running short!

*Mr Nash*





## Mary Poppins

At the end of last term we very proud to present our 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' production of Mary Poppins.

Students auditioned in September and worked hard to create their own interpretation in rehearsals twice a week. We had two casts who took it in turns to perform over three nights and a matinee performance for WASPS, Newbridge and Black Horse Primary Schools.

Student comments: 'I really enjoyed being part of the production because it was a great experience and it gave me the opportunity to meet new friends in different year groups'. Ella Kidby, Year 9  
 'I enjoyed it because we got to meet new friends and the experience of performing in a different musical. I had to play someone younger than me and that was fun. I also gained more experience of performing in front of an audience which I love'. Toby Sewell, Year 9

'Being in Mary Poppins was great because I got to meet new friends it was a great experience because if I want to be a performer when I am older, I have learnt important skills and learnt how important it is to really commit to the performance and the role. It was really fun and I got to make lots of new friends too.' Anna Lovell, Year 9



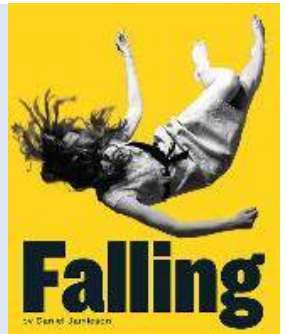
Here are some photos of the production which we like to think was 'Practically Perfect in Every Way'.

*Ms Bloomfield, Head of Drama*



## Theatre Visit; Falling

GCSE and A Level students had the opportunity to see Theatre Alibi's production of 'Falling' on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The play explores what happens when terra firma isn't firm at all...



It's five o'clock on a normal weekday evening. Claire and her teenage daughter Alice are making tea. Alice pops out to fetch some apples from the shed. But in the blink of an eye she's disappeared down a hole that's suddenly yawned open on the lawn... What happens when life swallows you whole and terror is only a heartbeat away?

Theatre Alibi combine powerful performance, projection, puppetry and a thrilling live soundscape to tell a raw and intimate story. And our students had the opportunity to meet the actors and technicians at the end of the play and talked to them about how the play was conceived and developed and the production process which is especially useful for A Level Drama students as the company is one of the theatre practitioners on the A Level specification.

## Primary School Links

### Black Horse Primary School

We were very pleased to welcome Black Horse Primary School in Bristol to our matinee performance of Mary Poppins as one of their teachers had been in touch to say they would also be performing the show in April. We were also able to help out by lending some of the props for their show.



### Drama Workshops for Newbridge School

Year 10 students have designed and will lead drama workshops for Year 3 classes from Newbridge School. Our students have designed a workshop based on Drama games and improvisation techniques as a part of Newbridge School's Arts Festival. They will visit us twice at the end of term.

## Enterprise Challenge Final

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Richard Bush and the Bath Rotary Club for making the Enterprise Challenge possible. I have really enjoyed the project this year – and have valued getting to know most of the Rotarians on a professional and personal level. I am really grateful for the time and effort they have all put in since September – they really have made a difference.

I am so pleased with the way the students have engaged with the project. It was nice to hear their appreciation of the tasks echoed throughout their presentations on the final night. Well done to Chisel Me Timbers, made up by Nathan Finch, Ollie Snook, Josh Williams and Justin Woodham, for their winning presentation.

I hope the Rotarian's enjoy some rest now and look forward to running another successful project in September.

Parents Comments;

"We wanted to drop you an email to say a big thank you to you and the rest of the Rotarians who organised and supported this wonderful programme. We were so impressed by the dedication and commitment of the members towards our children.

It was wonderful to see our son, Nathan, standing in front of so many people and confidently presenting and answering questions - we felt very proud. It was clear to us how much Nathan enjoyed the Enterprise Challenge and the confidence it has given him, as well as a fantastic insight into business.

Thank you again for all you amazing work."

*"Many thanks for inviting us to tonight's presentation.*

*It was a lovely evening. I really enjoyed watching the young people's presentations and I was touched by the commitment of yourself and your fellow Rotarians.*

*It is always a blessing to see people doing things for others and to see the older generations reaching out and connecting so well with the youth sections in our community.*

*The news seems full of negative headlines regarding teenagers and your work goes a long way to redressing that message in my eyes.*

*Thanks again for a lovely evening and all the best for your work going forwards."*

"It has been a real pleasure to be part of the development of these Year 9 pupils and to see the impressive level of confidence shown by the team members." Richard Bush – Rotarian

Mr Abood, Head of Year 9



### Child Development Students get hands on at RUH

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March ten Year 10 and 11 Child Development students went to a Healthcare Scientist workshop at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. The afternoon was a great opportunity to meet professionals working in science-related fields in a healthcare environment and certainly increased the students' understanding of careers available to them and the route required to take them there. There were lots of opportunities for hands on experiences of the roles represented including using an infra-red camera to chart heat loss in their hands and using an ultra sound machine to look at a volunteer's heart. All of the professionals were able to describe their jobs on a day to day basis to give students information which will enable them to make their own career choices. At the end of the session several health care scientists spoke of their own academic route into their role which was interesting and informative. All students left with a lot of information about the career options available to them as well as the A level choices required. I look forward to seeing many of them opting for the Health and Social Care L3 course at Oldfield Sixth Form in years to come.

*Mrs Clark, Child Development Teacher*

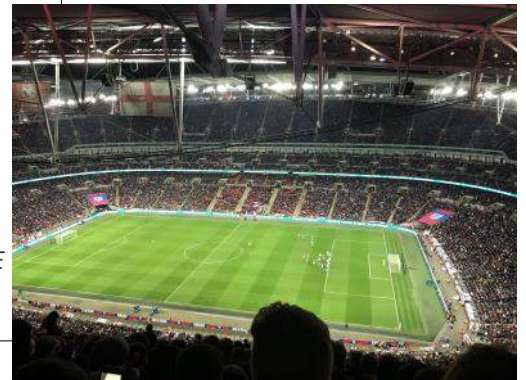


### Wembley England v Czech Republic

On Friday 22nd March students from Year 7 and Year 8 visited Wembley stadium to watch England vs Czech Republic International Euro 2020 qualifier football match. We were treated to an excellent team performance seeing England win 5-0. The students were fully engaged in the experience with many having never watched live football or having visited Wembley stadium. The atmosphere was brilliant with a crowd of over 80,000 and all students were delighted when a Mexican wave was started around the stadium; incredible to see with that number of fans. The Oldfield students were impeccably behaved in the stadium and it was a pleasure to provide the experience for them.

Thanks to parents for collecting students late at night and supporting the trip. Additional thanks to Mr Santarpino, Mr McHugh, and Mr Martos for helping with the running of the trip.

*Mr Driver, Head of PE*



### Big Bang Fair, Birmingham

Twenty of our Year 9 and 10 girls travelled to the NEC in Birmingham for the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair. The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. At the fair, the students had the opportunity to witness award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals.

The girls had an exciting and rewarding time experiencing science in different fields and their experience can be captured by the following reactions;

“an engaging and interactive experience with many fun activities to take part in.”

“ I enjoyed the National Geographic stage.”

“I enjoyed the immersion experience which gave me an idea of the space station. It was interesting and wasn't what I expected.”

“this event has given me inspiration on GCHQ and I never realised how many jobs involved STEM”.

*Mrs Langsi, Science Teacher*

