

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

28 June

Whole school Sponsored Walk
Bude trip returns

29 June

Cordoba Trip returns
PGL Ardeche/Mimosa Trip
returns

Yr 7 Barcelona trip returns

01 July

WEEK 1

02 July

Yr 7 Synagogue/Mosque Trip;
7B 7D, 7G, 7H

Yr 11 Sixth Form Induction Day
& Information Evening

03 July

Sports Day

04 July

New Intake Day
Yr 12 Parents' Evening

06 July—07 July

DofE Bronze Practice Expedition

06 July—08 July

DofE Silver practice Expedition

08 July—12 July

Yr 12 Geography residential trip

08 July

WEEK 2

Creatives' Summer Exhibition

10 July

Sports Awards Evening

11 July

Careers Fair
U14s Girls Soft Ball cricket

Yr 7 Cricket v Wellsway

New Intake Information

Evening

16 July

Yr 7 Synagogue/Mosque Trip;
7L, 7N, 7S, 7T

17 July—18 July

Yr 12 Biology residential trip

18 July

Oldfest

19 July

End of term

Dear Parents / carers

As you will be aware it has been a very busy week at school with activities week and work experience running this week, as well as Year 12 mock examinations, and I thought the best way to give you a flavour of the week was with the following numbers:

Five residential trips abroad.

Six residential trips in total.

Eight different day trips over the week.

Eleven different in-school activities.

Two hundred Year 10 students on work experience.

Three hundred students involved with a residential trip.

Four hundred and forty students on the school walk.

Nine hundred students who went on a day trip.

This is our third year of running activities week and the best yet. Students and staff have shared a range of wonderful experiences and it has been a pleasure to see so many of our students engaging with and enjoying the experience. You can see for yourselves on the school's twitter feed. Further information on all the activities in and out of school, will be covered in our next newsletter.

Of course none of this would be possible without the support of staff in both organising and supervising these trips and we are very fortunate to have staff who are willing to give their time to allow this to happen.

We are back to normal lessons next week, apart from Wednesday which is Sports Day. There are a range of sports activities throughout the morning with track events from 1pm onwards. Parents are very welcome to attend. If you do decide to join us on the day, please could you report to reception on arrival. Students are not required to wear uniform on Sports Day but must wear Oldfield PE kit. The Oldfield School Association will be selling ice lollies during the day, so please ensure your child has 50p to buy them, I'm sure they will be very popular if this warm weather continues.

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NOTICE BOARD

Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in the main hall on 18th July, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Free Book Tokens

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself. Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://nbt.gift/schools>

Looking for parents aged over 18 and fluent in English

Help researchers at the University of Bath to better understand how parents support children in distress.

Take a 20-25 minute online survey
Enter a prize draw for **three £50 Amazon vouchers**
Ethics code: 18-192, Contact:kh590@bath.ac.uk

Follow the link for more information & to get to the questionnaire: https://bathpsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTN9COxwV0VutKZ

Any responses are greatly appreciated!

Medical information

In order for the school to best help your child, parents/carers are reminded that they should inform the school whenever there is a change in their child's medical condition, or a new diagnosis has been made by a medical professional.

Parents should also inform the school when a child has a temporary condition (e.g. broken arm etc.) so we can support your child's daily needs within school.

Parents should send all information/updated information to enquiries@oldfieldschool.com for the attention of Mrs Goddard-Palmer (Student Medical Officer).

Please also be aware that the school cannot give any student medication that has not been prescribed by a doctor. The medication must be in its original package with the prescription label on.

Calling all Sports Ambassadors!

If your child is in Year 7 and would like to be considered as a Sports Ambassador in Year 8 please ask them to fill out an application form which are available from their tutors, Head of Year, PE teachers. The closing date for applications is Friday 12th July.

School Dog Update

Berkeley's first visit to Oldfield School took place on Friday 21st June and he had a very busy day. During the morning he popped into E07 and joined Year 11 for their BBQ, which made him very happy as he loves sausages. He was on duty at the student entrance in the morning and also at break and lunch, made a lot of new friends during the day and he is looking forward to coming back for the school walk. He will also be in school on Thursday 4th July.

The response from students and staff to having a dog in school was overwhelmingly positive and we will continue with a programme of visits as we investigate having a school dog of our own in the future.



Second hand uniform

The Oldfield School Association is a small group of volunteer parents and staff who raise money for the school. In the last eighteen months we were delighted to give almost £4000 to support students' learning in PE, Technology, RS and Child Development. For those of you with children in Year 11 who are leaving school, we wanted to say thank you to the many of you who have come along to our events and bought refreshments, raffle tickets and Christmas trees! Please know that all the money we raise goes directly back to support the school.

£600 of the money raised has come through the sale of second hand uniform. The OSA would be very grateful if you could consider donating your child's school uniform for us to sell in future second hand uniform sales. It can be dropped off at the Sixth Form Induction/Parents Evening on Tuesday 2nd July at 6pm. Donations can include school blazers, trousers, skirts, ties, shirts and PE kit that has the school logo on - this can be the old or the new logo.

Many thanks once again for your support.

Susan Holway (OSA Chair) and Gaynor Williams (OSA Secretary)

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —

THE CREATIVES

Although the whole year is obviously very busy in the Creatives Learning Area, this time of year is particularly packed with lots of practical creativity and exams. Our KS3 students, Year 10 and 12 have all been busy creating pieces of work that prepare them for their future exams, whilst our GCSE and A level students have taken real pride in completing their courses by showing their best skills and creativity.



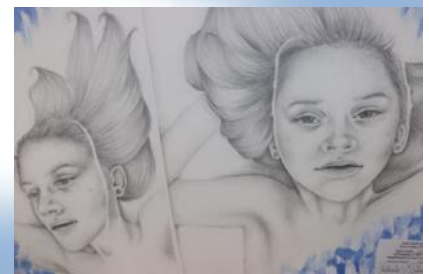
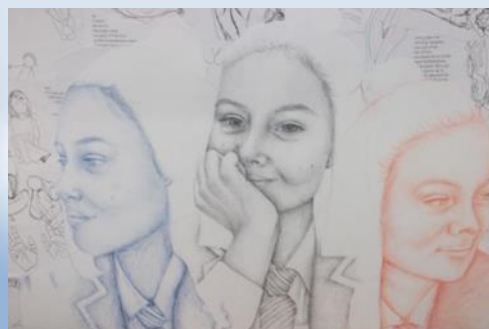
Drama students in Year 11 have selected, rehearsed and performed two pieces from the same play to show how characters change; the performances were to an examiner and a live audience. Our Year 13 students have completed their A level with carefully rehearsed performances of extracts from 3 texts based on different theatre practitioners, to KS3 audiences and a visiting examiner.

In Music our GCSE students worked tirelessly to perfect their compositions and individual performances that have been recorded and sent to the examination board so that marks that have been allocated by Miss Lobbett can be verified.

Art, Product, Textiles and Photography students have all spent considerable time in the specialist rooms creating the final outcomes to months of planning, testing and preparation. The final pieces have been created during ten hours of examination time for GCSE and fifteen hours for our A level students. There have been visits from the examination boards to look at the work and check that students have been awarded marks in line with those nationally.

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our students' achievements in Art and Technology with the annual Summer Exhibition that takes place on 8th July. Students, friends and parents have been invited to join us to look at a range of work from GCSE and A level students in art, textiles, photography and product design. On the same evening some of our young musicians will be performing a range of musical pieces at the Summer Concert, and we are especially excited that many of our Year 7 students will join us for their first experience of this kind, sharing work they have been doing in lessons during the last term.

All of the teachers in the Creatives Learning Area would like to say what an absolute pleasure it is working with such creative and dedicated students in all year groups at this school. We enjoy listening, watching and looking at the amazing work that is produced each year.



Year 7 Cricket

On Wednesday 22nd May Oldfield travelled to Writhlington for the first Year 7 cricket fixture of the season. Captain Robert Paget won the toss and elected to field first allowing our strong bowlers to put us in a good position. Johnny Cokely opened the bowling and took a wicket with his 5th ball. He was then backed up with Lincoln Tooker and Robert Paget both taking wickets in their overs. With some tight bowling we were able to keep Writhlington to 57 runs for their innings.



When batting, there were some excellent team contributions from Louis Coccia and Robert Paget but the star of the batting for us was Johnny Cokely. He played a very mature innings and ended up scoring 4 runs off the final ball of the game to win with Oldfield only needing 1 run to take the victory. Brilliant work from Oldfield especially as for many of the students it is their first ever game.

Mr Driver, Head of PE

Y10 Rounders tournament

The Year 10 Rounders tournament was held at St Greg's School where a total of 8 schools in the BANES area took part. In our pool we were up against Hayesfield, Norton Hill and Somervale. Our first game was against Norton Hill. The girls started extremely well; both our batting and their fielding was outstanding and we won 6 ½ - 4 with player of the match awarded to Nelly Lord. In the next two games against Hayesfield and Somervale, our fielding was excellent. Unfortunately, our batting wasn't our best and left us with only a few rounders' scored, and we lost both games. Nelly Lord was again awarded Player of the Match from both teams.



Our last game of the tournament was against Wellsway in the 5th and 6th play-off position. Wellsway had some fantastic hitters and unfortunately rounders that we could not stop from happening. The girls played well throughout the tournament and worked hard. The team placed 6th overall with Esther Billington awarded player of the match against Wellsway. A special mention to all the girls that took part; Esther Billington, Izzy Allen, Daisy Baker, Ruby Frampton, Nelly Lord, Hollie Ferris and Trinity Love. Well done.

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

Minor Athletics – Tuesday 11th June 2019

This competition is for boys and girls in Year 7 and 8 and takes place every year at Bath University. It was the first experience for some students to compete on the track and compete against other schools and they battled on, despite the bad weather. We are pleased to say there were a number of good performances during the day;

Year 7 Girls – Leila Distefano 3rd place 100m final 14.17s, Sylvie Llewellyn 6th place 200m final 32.94s, Lily Wyber 5th place 800m 3.02, Ella King 2nd place long jump 3.49m, Ella Hamnett 6th place 1.05m, Mary Akinboroye 1st place shot 6.63m, Neela Clements 3rd place discus 14.10m.

Year 8 Girls – Maddy Davies 1st place 100m final 13.61s and 1st place javelin 17.25m, Imogen Yap 5th place long jump 3.72m, Jess Causey 3rd place shot 7.22m and 2nd place discus 19.7m.

Year 7 Boys - Amin Othman 1st place discus 18.40m, Johnny Cokely 1st place javelin 20.59m and 2nd place triple jump 7.58m, Emmanuel Athanasiou 6th place 300m 52.92s, Noah Parry 2nd place high jump 1.20m, Jonny Distefano 6th place discus 15.20m.

Year 8 Boys – Sam Ojeiwa 3rd place shot 8.14m, Alfie Barron 5th 1500m 28.71s, Fred Kershaw 7th place 300m 50.65s, Ollie Smart 7th place 800m 3min 03s, Evan McLain 8th place 1500m 5m40s.

Well done to all the athletes that took part.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



Primary Tennis Coaching sessions

This year we have introduced Primary Tennis coaching with some of our feeder primary schools. Our tennis specialist Miss Vickery and I went to St Mary's and Newbridge Primary and delivered tennis sessions to all year 3 classes. We took tennis leaders from Oldfield school along to Newbridge and they supported the children with developing their skills. Thanks go to Miss Vickery and all the tennis coaches that helped deliver these sessions.



Next year we would like to introduce cricket coaching into the programme so if your child is interested in leadership opportunities and has an interest in cricket please let me know so I can add them to the register.

Mrs Bell



Year 8 Rounders

The Year 8 rounders team dodged the showers to attend the BANES rounders tournament at Writhlington this month. We had a fabulous start in the rounds with great fielding from the post players and our deep field who took some excellent catches, some of which were a surprise as the ball came speeding towards them! We are proud to say we did not lose a game and went through to the semi finals against Hayesfield. Unfortunately we were not able to keep up our winning form and losing players on the first three balls meant we were chasing the win. Sadly we were beaten; but we finished a very impressive 3rd overall and congratulations to the entire squad for their effort and enthusiasm throughout the tournament in very damp conditions. Special mention to Freya Keyford who was voted player's player. Results ; Drew St Greg's 2-2 , Beat Somervale 2 1/2 - 1 (player Freya Keyford), Drew Chew Valley 4-4 (player Jess Causey) Semi final ; Lost Hayesfield 5 1/2 -1 Final position 3rd

Mrs Little, Second in PE

Girls' Cricket

Girls' cricket is growing at Oldfield school. We have good links with Lansdown Cricket Club and a number of students are now playing outside of school. I have been working with Somerset Cricket Board and a free after school club is now running for girls on a Friday after school from 3-4pm lead by a Somerset cricket coach. The club will be running until 12th July and girls can just come to the sports hall after school to register on the night. If your child is interested in cricket or wants to see if they enjoy it please encourage them to make use of this opportunity.

Lansdown Cricket Club offered us their pitches and on Tuesday 21st May we played in our first girls' cricket tournament against other BANES schools. Hayesfield, Writhlington and Somervale also entered teams and came over to play. Our students enjoyed playing at Lansdown and although we didn't win our matches we had some good batting and fielding in the team. I would like to thank Mr Godfrey who kindly scored and set up the pitches for us. Well done to all the girls who played in the tournament.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



HOUSE NEWS



OLDFEST—Thursday 18th July

Students and staff are gearing up for our new exciting event, 'Oldfest 2019' which will take place on Thursday 18th July 2019. Students have pitched their stall ideas and some are already making banners and writing letters to local businesses to support the event. The idea behind Oldfest is to celebrate our students and staff who all work extremely hard throughout the year as well as raise much needed money for our individual house charities.

As well as students having their own stalls including things like face painting, a photo booth, human table football, there will be lots of sweet treats and drinks, candy floss and popcorn stands and a BBQ manned by the Sixth Formers. Some tutor groups will be running a variety of games and competitions and we have also arranged a silent disco, sumo wrestling, inflatables and not forgetting the Pennrymid stage with live music!

We are all very much looking forward to hosting what will undoubtedly be an afternoon to remember.

Crazy Golf

On a sunny afternoon in June, the Heads of Houses took students out for a round of golf at Victoria Park. The glorious sunshine added to the excitement as students putted their way around the course. Most students were able to keep their golf balls on the green although we did have to retrieve a few strays from the water!.

Mikey achieved an amazing hole in one on the sixth hole, much to the annoyance of his team who took a little longer to putt their balls.

It was another fantastic reward trip and well done to all the students who worked hard in Term 5 to achieve those all-important house points.



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

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Racecourse Day – Friday 24th May

24 of our year 8 students visited Bath Racecourse for an exciting day of maths, organised by the charity “Racing to School”. We had our own tour of the grandstand and saw where race-goers cheer on their favourite horses past the winning post. We visited the weighing room, where the jockeys prepare themselves before each race, and we discovered that the jockeys use a sauna to lose a couple of pounds when they need to! We were taught about the handicapping system, walked the length of a furlong, learnt how to read a racecard and we even got to watch a race! A wide range of mathematical skills were used throughout the day and it was a lovely end to Term 5.

Mrs Eason-Blake, Maths Teacher



Yeo Valley Trip

Our Year 10 food technology students had a great day out at Yeo Valley Headquarters, set in the beautiful countryside of Blagdon. They learnt about organic farming, how yogurt is made and got to taste some samples, including the new kefir range.

We were taken on a tour of the farm and the gardens that belong to the original family who set up Yeo Valley. At the end, the students had a bonus experience ; getting to pet the new calves!



Junior Maths Challenge Success

Following the success of Year 9, 10 and 11 students in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, I am very pleased to report on our excellent achievements in the Junior Maths Challenge. This national challenge is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and took place on Tuesday 30th April.

Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are awarded to the top 40% of entries. Many congratulations to the 42 Year 7 and Year 8 students who achieved certificates. Both year groups sat the same paper with 23 certificates awarded in Year 8 and 19 in Year 7.

Special congratulations go to:

- Conal (Year 8) – Gold certificate, Best in Year 8, Best in School (score of 84).
- Mikey (Year 8) – Gold certificate, (score of 74).
- Angel (Year 8) – Gold certificate, (score of 72).
- Joel (Year 8) – Gold certificate, (score of 71)
- Mae (Year 7) – Gold certificate, Best in Year 7, (score of 78)
- Sophie (Year 7) – Gold certificate, (score of 77)

Of the 272 000 entries nationally, only the top 8000 scoring students are invited to sit the follow-on round: the 'Junior Kangaroo'. Well done and good luck, to Conal Little and Mae Van Raalte who have qualified for this next round.

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

Miss Monaghan

Second in Mathematics



Conal, Year 8—gold in junior maths challenge and best score in school

Zambia trip for Oldfield staff

During half term I accompanied staff and students from Bath Spa University as they travelled to Zambia as part of their established exchange link with Mufulira teacher training college. As part of the programme, UK undergraduate students are given the chance to spend 3 weeks exploring the Zambian education system as the country moves towards its goal of quality education and gender equality.

Whilst in Zambia, I visited a number of primary and secondary schools to observe lessons and to discuss the challenges which schools currently face.

I learnt that Zambia has 74 regional languages. This presents an immediate challenge as teachers, once qualified, can be sent (without objection) to any part of the country to work. Schools also spoke of the pressure to introduce Chinese to their curriculum. Exams are written in English.

Teachers also spoke of financial challenges. This was clearly evident in the lack of resources in the classroom but limited funding also affected the level of pastoral care which the schools could provide. Many of the students I met were singly or doubly orphaned whilst some were refugees from neighbouring countries.



I witnessed the early stages of inclusion and differentiation within the classroom and some very good examples of Maths teaching. I also spent time at the college in meetings discussing further ways in which Bath Spa and Mufulira could collaborate on educational research.

Zambia is a fascinating country and it was wonderful to meet up with so many tutors and students who have visited us here at Oldfield over the last couple of years. My lasting memories will be of the enormous kindness and generosity shown to us by the Zambian people and the dedication and passion of the teaching staff we met. I very much look forward to returning.

Mrs Sheppard, Senior SEND Teaching Assistant

Jaguar and Land Rover Trip

“During this trip we got an insight into the mechanism of how they produce the customised Jaguar cars, and the different technology they use to do so. In the second half we went into teams and mass produced 12 Lego cars accurately to the given model. We did this to experience how it was done in the factory and learn production methods ready for our operations unit.”

Salima, Yr 10



“The recent Jaguar Land Rover trip was really good and a great opportunity to experience how factories work and function. The trip was also very educational and relevant to our current business studies topic, allowing us to understand and take in the information more easily. Overall I felt the trip was a success and hope the school gets round to arranging more!”

Lauren Yr 10



Student Choreography Showcase

A huge well done to all the students who performed in the Showcase on Thursday 13th June. The evening was really well supported by the dancers families and friends. It was fantastic seeing all the hard work the students had put into their dances in order to perform on the night. Students chose their own outfits, music and dance styles on the night to entertain the audience. Well done to all those who took part not only for their hard work and dedication leading up to the event but

for performing with such energy and enthusiasm on the night.

Mrs Macnaughton, Dance Teacher



Dance Workshop

We were pleased to be able to host a workshop with James Cousins Dance Company, where 25 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 took part and were taught repertoire from the piece "Within Her Eyes", a set piece for GCSE Dance. The workshop allowed students to be taught, and try out, a variety of different lifts, balances and holds, demonstrated amazingly by Georgina and Tia from James Cousins Dance Company.

We hope all the students enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing some new and exciting lifts and contact work in their choreography!

Mrs H Smith, Head of Dance

