Oldfield School Newsletter

Outlook

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

02 Sept

START OF TERM 1—

INSET DAY

03 Sept

Yr 7, 10, 12 start

Yr 7, 10, 12 school

photos

04 Sept

All years in school

10 Sept

Yr 11 Parent

Information Evening

11 Sept

Yr 9 Parent

Information Evening

OSA Meeting

12 Sept

Yr 7 Parent

Information Evening

17 Sept

Yr 10 Parent

Information Evening &

Work Experience

Launch

18 Sept

Yrs 8, 9, 11, 13 school

photos

Yr 7 BBQ and Disco

19 Sept

Yr 8 Information

Evening

25 Sept

Open Evening

26 Sept

INSET DAY

27 Sept

Open Morning 1

30 Sept

Open Morning 2

07 Oct

Yr 7 Wild Place Trip

(each day this week)

10 Oct

Yr 10 Parents' Evening

24 Oct

Tutor Evening (Yrs 7 &

12)

25 Oct

END TERM 1

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of another school year and, as usual, this has been a very busy Term 6. This is a term of contrasting experiences for our students and staff. In the first half of the term GCSE and A Level examinations were still underway and we were preparing for end of year exams for other year groups. In the second half we have been very busy with activities week, work experience, welcoming our new intake in Year 7 and Year 12, sports day and Oldfest. I cannot recall a term that has been so busy, in particular with regards to extra-curricular activities. This is an aspect of school life that is now a very significant strength of the school and adds immensely to the wellbeing of both students and staff.

Earlier this term we celebrated the achievement of our sports teams and also individual sporting successes. We were fortunate to have Tom Dunn, from Bath and England Rugby, presenting awards in what was a rewarding and memorable event. The Sports Performer of the Year was Eleni Francis, this reflects her commitment, and successes in a number of sports, not least of which athletics where she represented Avon in the English Schools Championship last week.

The final event of the term, and school year, is the whole school assembly and, along with the end of year celebration assemblies, we have recognised the achievement of students in their subject areas and also in sports, work experience and in student leadership. The whole school end of term assembly also provides the opportunity to announce the winner of the House Shield. This is awarded to the House with the highest score taking account of attendance, House Points, extra-curricular participation, the fewest behaviour points and sports day results.

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed our prefects (who have done a fantastic job on their probationary week) and also selected our student leadership team. Our Year 11 leadership team are Damani Jones (Head Boy) and Ilham Darr (Head Girl), their deputies are Ruby Barron and Stanley Jenkinson. It was a very strong field and we will also be giving other prefects leadership roles in the prefect team. The Year 13 leadership team are Tom Eden-Bull (Head Student) with Jed Quinn and Karen Ojeiwa as deputy head students, supported by the student leadership team; Charlie Woodrow, Louise Jeffery, Mary Rider, Sam Bezzant and Sophie Buck.

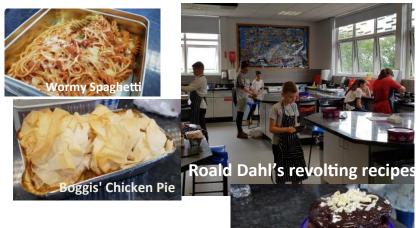
There are a number of staff leaving the school at the end of this year and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well in the future. Three members of staff are retiring this year, Rosie Capetti, Sally Shepherd and Steve Pittard; all of whom have made a significant contribution to the school and we wish them all the best in their retirement. In addition to these; Emma Prior will be joining Castle School as Assistant Headteacher, Laura Hobbs is joining Bedminster Down School as Head of Science, Catherine Merriman is leaving us to set up her own business, Matthew Williams, Karen Madrell and Harry Thompson have been covering short term vacancies in music, technology and MFL and are moving on to teaching posts elsewhere in September, Stephen McHugh is moving to Monkton Combe School to teach mathematics and Jenny Brewer is relocating to London to continue her teaching career. Members of our support staff leaving this year include Rosie Pindar, who is returning to university to study, and Michael Eaton who will be training to join the Clergy.

We start back at school on Monday 2nd September, which is an inset day for staff only. The first school day for Year 7, 10 and 12 is Tuesday 3rd September; for Years 10 and 12 this will be a GCSE / Sixth Form Induction Day. Years 8, 9, 11 and 13 will start on Wednesday 4th September.

Lastly I am pleased to inform you that we will be improving sixth form facilities over the holiday period with a major upgrade taking place. This will increase the study and social spaces available for our growing sixth form.

I hope that you and your families have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer. Steven Mackay, Headteacher





ACTIVITIES WEEK 2019

Outdoor immersion day





Cabbolina Call

Mrs Trunchbull's Truffle Bruce's Chocolate cake

Year 7 Caving Trip





























ACTIVITIES WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRIPS











Year 7 Barcelona Trip



Year 8/9 Bude Trip





ACTIVITIES WEEK RESIDENTIAL TRIPS



Spanish Immersion Trip to Cordoba





Year 7 Paris Trip









Year 8/9 PGL Ardeche/Mimosa Trip







Creatives Summer Exhibition



Our annual Summer Exhibition took place last week, to celebrate the success of our students' creative learning. There was work exhibited from GCSE and A level art, photography, product design and textiles. Family, friends and students attended the evening. Delicious canapes were prepared and served by Mrs Dowding's Cooking Club.









The PE Faculty enjoyed another fantastic evening celebrating the successes of all our performers who give up their time throughout year to attend training and represent the school in events, fixtures and matches at our annual Sports Presentation Evening.

It was great to see all the successes we have had as a school as well as our individual stars and their achievements throughout the year.



We were very excited to welcome Tom Dunn, Bath and England Rugby, as our VIP guest and he was very pleased to share his wisdom with our performers in terms of being a success in your chosen sport.

Congratulations to all our performers and a huge thank you from the PE Learning Area to the parents and carers who support them and allow them to be a part of Oldfield extra-curricular sport.

We now look forward to another successful year of sport when we return in September.













Netball

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Sienna Bristow

Carys Howell Lily Swift

Maddie Haag

Lisa Kurdziel

Ruby Lovegrove

Nelly Lord

Performer of the Year;

Silvia Kurdziel

Jess Causey

Eleni Francis

Lauren Buxton

Nadia Sibunruang

Ella Hamnett

Overall Cup Winner;

Lauren Buxton

Athletics

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Dan Pledge

Fletcher Lucas-Smith

Nico Long

Lily Wyber

Imogen Yap

Eloise Parker

Ruby Frampton

Performer of the Year;

Mary Akinboroye

, Maddy Davies

Chloe Marrett

Eleni Francis

Lauren McKenzie

Alfie Barron

Mackenzie Davies

Overall Cup Winner;

Chloe Marrett

Tennis

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Ben Fairweather

Tate Hopkins

Claudia Pea<u>rce</u>

Sophie Wills

Performer of the Year;

Caeden Morgan

Rory Perr

Freddie Noble

Volleyball

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Declan Tugwell

Performer of the Year;

Ben Gascoyne



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

Rising Star Award;

Silvia Kurdziel

Kalvin Brain

Jess Causey

Mackenzie Davies

Maddy Davies

Joe Eden Bull

Katie Williams

Oliver Snook

Eleni Francis

Winner;

Kacey Pratley

Team of the Year

Year 10 Netball Team

Overall sports person of the

year;

Nominees

Eleni Francis

Jess Causey

James Horrocks

George Sweet

Chloe Marrett

Mackenzie Davies

Maddie Haag

Winner;

Eleni Francis

Basketball

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Finnley Wilson

Hugo Villaran

Performer of the Year;

Fletcher Lucas-Smith

Kane Rogers-Dixon

Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond

Overall Cup Winner;

Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond

Rugby

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Barnaby Dyer

Sam Ojeiwa

Aiden Pamplin

Zindin Louarradi

Performer of the Year;

Kalvin Brain

Ollie Lawler

William Payne

Mackenzie Davies

Overall Cup Winner;

William Payne

Rounders

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Annabelle Morris

Sinead Archer

Amelia Mattock

Hollie Ferris

Performer of the Year;

Mya Dillon

Freya Keyford

Claudia Pearce

Daisy Baker

Ruby Frampton

Overall Cup Winner;

Claudia Pearce

Cricket

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Liam Davy

Evan McLain

Jack Hobbs

Neela Clements

Eleah Nye

Performer of the Year;

Johnny Cokely

George Sweet

Fletcher Lucas-Smith

Will Paget

Mika Lucas-Smith

Gaby Edwards

Overall Cup Winner;

Fletcher Lucas-Smith

Football

Spirit of Oldfield Award;

Mika Lucas-Smith

Ellie Parker

Maddie Haag

Lincoln Tooker

Finn Williams

Lewis Faulkner

Mohab Murshan

Ieuan Chakrabarti-Adams Gregor McFarlane

Billy Taylor

Performer of the Year

Silvia Kurdziel

Sylvie Llewellyn

Mia Sparks Noah Parry

George Sweet

Callum Osmond

Joe Paradise

James Horrocks
Jay Ditum

Overall Cup Winner

George Sweet



NOTICE BOAR

Library Book Recall

ALL students with overdue Library books must return them as soon as possible. Please would students have a good look at home, and bring them in to the Library.

Nic Pearce, Librarian

Coming Soon!



is a new resource available to all

students!

What is it?

A selection of short stories (1, 3 or 5 minute reads) covering a range of genres . A way to encourage reading.

Who's it for?

Everyone.

Where will it be located?

Main store on the wall in the canteen initially. Mini-store in Penn at a later date.

How does the system work?

Students choose a story, read it and return it to Mrs Pearce in the Library in exchange for a House Point and a sweet. Students will be asked to complete a quick-fire review that will be pinned to a noticeboard alongside the Story Store (take the review to Mrs Pearce in the Library).

What use should tutors make of it?

Students who have not brought a reading book to the week's tutor group literacy session will be sent to the store to collect a story.

Nic Pearce, Librarian

Change of school

If your child is not returning to school in September please let us know, and their new destination, so that we can amend our records. This information does not automatically get shared between schools.

UNIFORM

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

Mr Mackay

New School Starters – Free School Meals Information

If your child/ren are transferring to Oldfield from a local authority other than Bath and North East Somerset Council (BaNES), an application for Free School Meals must be made via BaNES Free School Meal Team. The Local Authority will then check eligibility using the DWP Eligibility Checking Service or by contacting your previous local authority for any Transitional Protection they may hold. PLEASE NOTE, as Local Authorities do not share personal data with each other, this means that unless the parent/guardian applies direct to Free School Meal Team in BaNES they CANNOT confirm their entitlement to Free School Meals.

BaNES have had several parents/guardians asking whether their children's Free School Meals will continue when they go to their new school in September? As long as your child has a current claim to Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefit) with BaNES, your claim will continue automatically, there is no need for you to reapply.

If you have any queries please contact the Free School Meals team on 01225 394317 or by email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk



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Change to ABus service

From September, A Bus (routes 441 and 443) will no longer provide a service to Oldfield, this will be replaced by Eurotaxis (Eurocoaches). Further details, pricing and timetables can be found on their website; www.eurotaxis.co.uk

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Avon Athletics Championships

A number of our athletes took part in the Avon Athletics Championships on Saturday 8th June at the Kip Keino Stadium, Filton. We had some fantastic performances during the day from Oldfield athletes and our best results were as follows;

Chloe Marrett, Junior girls 100m 12.8s (1st place)

Eleni Francis, Junior girls long jump 4.93m (2nd place)

Mary Akinboroye, Minor girls shot 7.54m (2nd place)

Lauren Mckenzie, Inter girls 100m 13.3s (3rd place)

Callum Osmond, Junior Boys Discus 10.5m ((4th place)

Mackenzie Davies, Inter boys 200m 25.2s (7th place) and long jump 5.57m (5th place)

Chloe and Eleni qualified and took part in the English Schools championships. This is an amazing achievement and we wish both girls the best of luck. Mrs Bell





STAFF WIMBLEDON

July means only one thing for staff at Oldfield—time for another staff Wimbledon!! As always, friendships were put aside as staff strived to win every point. There were some amazing performances and a few not so good but it was a fun packed evening and the sun coming out did help! Congratulations to Mr Gann and Mr Spence who are now the new staff Wimbledon champions 2019.

Girls Cricket Tournament

The girls cricket tournament at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club on 11th July was a great day. We won all our games beating Somervale, St Gregs, and Chew Valley. Well done Ellie Jones for being nominated player of the day and Gaby Edwards and Maddie Haag for being nominated player of the matches. We smashed it!!!

Mrs Bell

PE Teacher



TRIPS AND EVENTS



Library News

Tam and Ewan from Year 10 spent the week helping in the



Library. The students were very willing, polite and capable - and were a pleasure to work with! They helped with various aspects

of the Library from book research, to labelling and organisation. Their organisation and display skills were really great. They created a beautifully revamped Manga and Graphic novel section as well as the superbly transformed Quick Reads shelves - which look fantastic!



Kangaroo Results

Congratulations to Conal Little (Year 8) and Mae Van Raalte (Year 7) for qualifying to enter the Junior Kangaroo UK Mathematics Competition. This was an excellent achievement as only 8,400 students achieved this out of 272 000 across the UK. The average score for the Junior Kangaroo was 75 out of a maximum of 135. High praise is due to Conal for his score of 91 which placed him within the top 25% of all Kangaroo entrants. Conal receives a Certificate of Merit.

Well done again to our mathematicians across all year groups for successes throughout the year in the UKMT Senior, Intermediate and Junior Challenges as well as the Kangaroos. These are prestigious competitions and students should be very proud of any certificates they have earned.

Miss Monaghan, Second in Mathematics

School Physicist of the Year Award

Lauren Turley (Year 10) and Sophie Doig (Year 7) were each nominated for 'Physicist of the Year' for their respective year groups. They attended an event in Cardiff where they received a voucher as a prize for their nomination.

Dr Patterson, Science





If you've visited reception lately, you will have noticed the addition of our lovely new stone swan, which was kindly donated by Fonthill Garden Centre in Bitton. It has been planted with white dahlia and and purple campanulas to tie in with the school colours (purple is as close to blue as possible!).

From September, I am starting a gardening club for students (and staff - some have shown a keen interest already). The aim is to

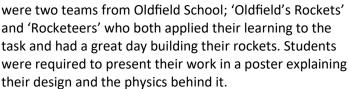
create pockets of colour around the school with both pots and flower beds and introduce students to the basics of horticulture. I would also love to create an allotment plot to show students how fruit and vegetables are grown, with eventually having growing competitions. Maybe we can even grow our pumpkins for the pumpkin carving competition in October?

Hopefully, I'll have some green fingered students to help as two of our Year 10s completed their work experience at Fonthill Garden Centre. Thanks again to Fonthill for their kind donation.

Miss Vickery

Rocketry Competition

Eight Year 9 students took part in a Rocketry Competition organised by the Ogden Trust and hosted by Beechen Cliff School. In the morning the students had presentations on successful rocket design before embarking on the task of designing and building their own rockets. There



In the afternoon the students' presentations were judged and the rockets launched. Some rockets went so high that they couldn't be seen! 'Oldfield's Rockets' came first place

in the presentation part of the judging and came third overall. 'Rocketeers' also presented well and built a great rocket.

Dr Patterson, Science Teacher



Volunteering opportunities for 11—18 year olds

Are you **11-18 years old** and **interested in animals and gardening**? Come to Bath City Farm volunteer afternoons: spend time with the animals, learn new skills and meet new people.

Saturdays from 8th June, 1.30--3.30pm.

Contact Robyn for more information and to sign up:

robyn@bathcityfarm.org.uk or 07428423040.





Work experience opportunity

Have you got a teenager at home with a flair for organising people, teaching, chatting, crafting? Swainswick Explorers is a play project, running holiday experiences for 4-14 year olds, based in Upper Swainswick village on the north east side of Bath. We absolutely love having young people on ALL our events and offer work experience for those aged 14+.

If your son or daughter like the outdoors or being with children or learning new crafts and teaching them, this could be an enjoyable work placement or volunteering opportunity for them. We tend to recruit our young staff from this pool of volunteers, so it can lead onto paid work for those aged 16+

Application form on www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk/what_we_do or contact Rachel 07758 515092 to discuss.

