

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

03 Dec

Yr 11 Maths; Marvellous Matrices

04 Dec

Yr 7 Bathmaticians

Yr 7/8 Girls Football v Somervale

Christmas Carol Service, Weston All Saints Church, 7pm

05 Dec

U13 Somerset Cup vs Holyrood

Yr 11 Somerset Cup v Wells Blue

OSA Hamper wrapping

Community Choir, 7-8pm

06 Dec

Yr 9 County Cup Football v Backwell

07 Dec

Christmas Fair, 12.30—2.30pm

09 Dec

Yr 8 London Gallery Art Trip

10 Dec

Yr 10, 11,12,13 Rambert Dance Workshop

Sixth Form Social Event; Bath on Ice

11 Dec

Yr 7/8 Dodgeball v Writhlington

Sports Hall Athletics Competition,

Wellsway School

12 Dec

Yr 7 Maths Christmas Constructions

Ski Trip Information Evening, 6pm

16 Dec

Yr 7 House Dance Competition

17 Dec

Yr 9 & 12 London Art Gallery Trip

18 Dec

Christmas Concert, 7pm

19 Dec

Enterprise Challenge Green Park

Market

20 Dec

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Dear Parent/Carer

Once again we have a bumper edition newsletter, sharing all the activities, sports and events that our students have been involved in. This term has already been a full one, with lots of sporting fixtures, our Sixth Form Information Evening, and our mock GCSEs taking place last week for our hard-working Year 11s, who have been impressing all at the school with their attitude and approach to these examinations. These mocks will be followed by another set in February, all in preparation for the real thing in May/June. Our Year 13s will be having their mocks in January.

Coming up this term, we have, of course, the Christmas events;

- Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols, Wednesday 4th Dec, 7pm
- Oldfield Christmas Fair, Saturday 7th Dec, 12.30—2.30pm
- Christmas Concert, Wednesday 18th Dec, 7pm

I look forward to seeing you at these and hope you are able to join us in supporting the school and the students. We will also be shortly announcing the winner of our first ever Christmas Card design.

May I also take this opportunity to direct you to the list of events and activities displayed to the left on this newsletter. There are a lot of things going on and we hope you find this useful to remind you of important dates.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we will have a short day on the last day of term, with a whole school assembly and students being dismissed at 1.20pm. Please note this if you are collecting your child.

*Mr Mackay
Headteacher*

Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols, Wednesday 4th December

As the first of our Christmas events taking place this term is rapidly approaching, please find attached our poster for the Christmas Service of Carols and Lessons, taking place next Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in Weston All Saints Church. We warmly invite you and your families to join us there to hear music performed by our senior choir and concert band.

We hope you can join us.



Oldfield School Christmas Fair, Saturday 7th December, 12.30—2.30pm

How to get involved;

- **Stalls.** Oldfield students can run a stall for £2, non-students for £5. We have a limited number of stalls available, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
 - **Hampers.** This year we're again asking each House to produce a hamper. We would like students to bring in different coloured items depending on their House colour. House points will be awarded to the House that comes up with the best hamper.
 - **Prizes for the raffle.** perhaps you have some unwanted gifts you could donate or have an interest or business that may be willing to contribute something e.g. a yoga class, massage, riding lesson etc.
 - **Christmas trees** are available to pre-order so you need not worry about availability on the day of the fair. We have a limited number of the Nordman non-drop Christmas trees available: 5-6ft trees cost £35 and 6-7ft trees cost £40. Again, trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
 - **Food on sale.** Give yourself a day off cooking and enjoy hot dogs and mince pies.
 - **Volunteers** are crucial to the success of the fair and it is also a great way to get to know other parents. If you can spare a half hour or more of your time on the day that would be fantastic, just email us your details and we will contact you before the fair: osa@oldfieldschool.com
- Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday 7th December 2019.



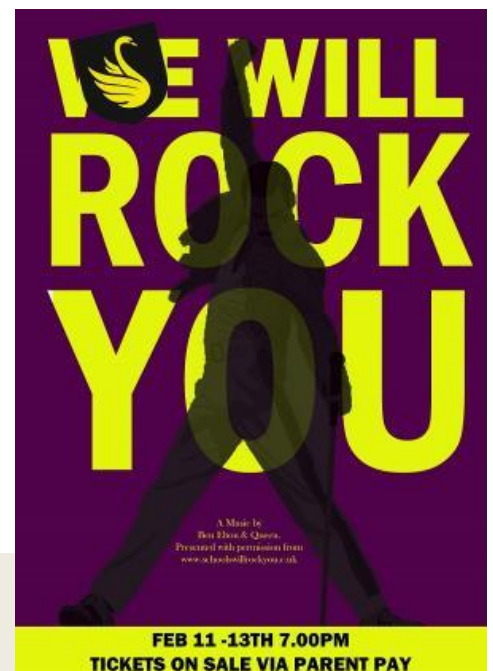
ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS

Harry Potter

Harry Potter Book Night is being held at Oldfield School on Wednesday 5th February 2020 from 5.00pm until 7.30pm. This hugely popular event was oversubscribed last year, and the sign-up sheet will be going out in December. The event is open to all students, Years 7-13, and many staff are also part of the evening. The event involves everyone being dressed up (best authentic and creative costume wins a prize), a Sorting Ceremony, three Wizard Challenges, a Harry Potter Book Quiz and a Hogwarts Wizard Banquet.

We Will Rock You

We are busy rehearsing for our production of 'We Will Rock You' which will be performed at school in the spring. We have a lovely and enthusiastic cast from across the school. The songs are so catchy that lots of us can be heard humming Queen songs as we wonder around school. Do pencil in 11th, 12th and 13th February so that you can come and join us!



*Ms Bloomfield
Head of Drama*

NOTICE BOARD

Please see below, some advice from the local authority that they have asked us to share with you;

Antibiotics Awareness

Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child is eligible.

Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

Keep Antibiotics Working



Deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 20th December 2019.

All speeches from the Information Evening are now available on the website.

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 drivers should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Free School Meals Eligible by Benefit All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB).

Registrations could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,320 per Primary pupil and £935 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —

MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS STUDIES AND ICT

The Learning Area is comprised of Mathematics, Computing, Business Studies and Economics subject areas.

Maths is taught by a team of 11 enthusiastic and dedicated teachers, consisting of Miss Prior, Mrs Stephens, Miss Monaghan, Mrs Eason-Blake, Mr Burford, Mr Spence, Miss Schoppler, Mrs Henly, Mrs Freeman, Miss Vipond and myself, Mr Brooke. The computer science team is led by Mr Eidman and taught by him and Mr Howard. Business studies continues to be a popular choice at GCSE and A Level, and is taught by Mr Abood and Mrs Britton. Economics A Level is a recent addition to the subjects offered by the learning area, which is also taught by Mr Abood and Mr Fox.

Mathematics is taught to all year groups; we have an increasingly large number of students choosing to study maths in the Sixth Form at Oldfield, which is reflective of the strong outcomes of our students at GCSE. We now offer A Level Maths, A Level Further Maths and Core Maths and we are excited about continuing to encourage as many of our students as possible to study maths beyond Year 11.

We also offer a number of extra-curricular opportunities for all year groups; we have weekly clubs (Parallel Club and Codebreakers' Club) on offer, alongside an increasing number of trips designed to enrich our students' understanding and enjoyment of maths beyond the curriculum. This term, Mrs Eason Blake and Mrs Stephens took 45 of our Year 7 students to Techniquet in Cardiff to experience 'Mathemagic', and Mr Spence took a group of Year 11s, 12s and 13s to a Maths Inspiration talk in Bristol. We are also looking forward to developing our partnership with the University of Bath, with the Bathmaticians visiting Oldfield soon, to work with some of our Year 7s.

Each year, approximately sixty students in each year group will be invited to participate in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Maths Challenge; the results from the Senior Maths Challenge have just been announced and we are so pleased that our students have achieved a record number of certificates. Millie Anderson, Callum Lovell, Olivia Roberts, Joey Williams, Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond, Fred Beresford, Sophia Kendall, Effie McGregor and Sam Wilton all received Bronze certificates; Tymoteus Dereszynski, Ben Cook, Jasmine Grant, Jack Bilotto, Ethan Harrup and Dan Weston were rewarded with Silver. We would particularly like to congratulate Will Templeton who achieved Gold and will be progressing through to the next round of the competition.

In Business Studies we are currently working closely with Bath Rotary Club who are visiting the school to work with some of our Year 9 students. Teams of students are working hard to design, manufacture and launch a product or service, including thinking hard about logistics and costings; this is such a fantastic opportunity for developing their understanding of enterprise in the real world.

It is a hugely positive time for the Learning Area as a whole, as we continue to expand our Sixth Form provision and increase the extra-curricular opportunities available to all of our students across all of the subjects we offer.

*Mr Brooke
Leader of Learning*



Year 7 Mathamagic Trip

On Wednesday 20th November, 45 Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to Techniquet in Cardiff for their "Mathamagic" event. The students explored the hands-on exhibits and listened to some inspirational talks. The day finished with a "Mathamagic" show, which explored probability, topology, binary code and more!

Mrs Eason-Blake, Maths Teacher





HOUSE NEWS



The start of the new academic year was a busy one for the houses with competitions and a quiz. The first was conkers, which always draws in a large number of participants and is

a favourite of Mr Mackay who always turns out to take on the students.

It was close for first place between Apollo and Neptune but Apollo just won it with the most number of students taking part and most matches won. Maybe Maia and Minerva will conquer the other houses in this term's competition taking place on Friday 13th December; Tug of Tinsel.

The second house competition was cross country with Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part. The course was two laps around Westgate field and Cleve Hill campsite. A big well done to everyone who took part. One house nearly had a clean sweep of results...Apollo came first in the Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls and boys and Year 9 girls and boys races. Neptune were the ones to take the win for the Year 7 girls.

This term, we fundraised for Children in Need. Mr Gann kicked off the fundraising activities by having his head shaved; losing his long golden locks. We then held a non-uniform day, cake sale and movie night after school. Money is still being collected and counted but we've definitely raised in excess of £1,500, so a huge thank to all students and parents who donated to make it such a successful event.



The OSA needs help from the houses to create some luxury hampers to raffle at the OSA fair on Saturday 7th December. We're asking students to bring in items in their house colour. Items can be food, drink or gifts. We look forward to seeing you there to be in with a chance of winning.



The Heads of House



Junior netball

Right at the end of last term, the junior netball squads were in action against Writhlington school. Once again the whole team gave it their all in the games and represented the school with professionalism and determination.

The Year 9 squad were out in force in preparation for their upcoming BANES tournament and focussed on trialling different units. The diversity of the squad was amazing as all players moved around positions and played very well. A close game, and we had to work hard to maintain the lead, but we finished 11-8 winners. Well done to Becky Weldon for nominated Player of the Match.

The Year 8 squad had a difficult task and worked very hard in their game to maintain possession and gain advantages. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, and fantastic determination from all of them, we were unable to get the win this time as the opposition proved too difficult to crack! Well done to all players and special mention to Tessa Liechti voted Player of the Match.

Mrs Little, Second in PE



Year 9 BANES netball tournament

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball squad for their efforts at the Year 9 BANES netball tournament held at Oldfield. They produced good squad performances in all four pool matches, switching roles and positions seamlessly and without any fuss to try and outwit the various opponents we faced.

Squad

Jess Causey (capt)
 Freya Keyford (vice)
 Sophie Iles
 Becky Weldon
 Jess Woodham
 Jess Backholer
 Maisy Gillett
 Maddy Davies
 Imogen Yap
 Lola Milne-Clark
 Lily Swift

Despite our very best efforts we narrowly missed out on going through to the semi finals finishing in 3rd place in our pool, but this was certainly not due to lack of effort from the squad who all gave 100% every time they took the court and for some players in a variety of positions.

Unfortunately a draw and then losing by one goal in another match meant we just did not have enough points to go through. I am very proud of their performance on the court and their support for each other off the court.

Congratulations to Jess Causey who was voted Player of the Tournament by her fellow players.

Results

Ralph Allen 3-3 Player of the Match: Jess Causey
 St Greg's lost 7-1 Player of the Match: Lola Milne-Clark
 Writhlington lost 3-2 Player of Match: Maddy Davies
 Somervale won 6-3 Player of Match: Becky Weldon

Year 8 Netball Tournament

Congratulations to the fantastic Year 8 netball squad who represented the school this year at the BANES Year 8 netball tournament at Wellsway School. A brilliant display of netball throughout the afternoon, they did not lose a game in the first round matches and played with grit and determination on a very cold and windy day. It was truly a squad performance, with positions changing every game and all players slotted in with no fuss and everyone gave their all for the team in every game.

We made it to the semi final and again played hard but sadly we were beaten by 2 goals which put us in the play offs against Ralph Allen. We regrouped and took the court with more determination to win and did! Overall, we finished a fantastic third out of 11 teams. Congratulations to all the squad players, this was a brilliant performance and one to be very proud of. Special mention to Silvia Kurdziel for her 4 player nominations from the opposition.

Results

Beat St Greg's 3-1 Player of Match : Mary Akinboroye
 Beat Writhlington 1-0 Player of Match : Silvia Kurdziel
 Drew Ralph Allen 3-3 Player of Match : Silvia Kurdziel
 Beat Somervale 5-2 Player of Match : Silvia Kurdziel

Semi final

Lost 2-0 to Hayesfield Player of Match: Silvia Kurdziel

Play offs

Beat Ralph Allen 3-0 Player of Match : Brooke Bazley

Squad

Kiera Collingbourne
 Silvia Kurdziel
 Ella Hamnett
 Brooke Bazley
 Ruby Paradise
 Sienna Bristow
 Carys Howell
 Mary Akinboroye
 Leila Distefano
 Jasmine McKenzie
 Nicole Whitehead
 Brooklyn Daw

Girls football U16's team

The U16's girls football team travelled to Somervale school to play in an eleven-a-side friendly match. We only had 11 players, so there were no substitutions and it also meant the girls had to work extremely hard for the duration of the game. We were 3-0 up at half time with great goals from Mia Sparks (2) and Quinta Coombes. We had areas of good play and we were preparing well for our upcoming cup game. The second half began well but the girls did lose concentration a little bit. Somervale were the better team and managed to score. The girls then managed to pick the game back up with Mia scoring another two goals. The final score was 5-1 to us and player of the match was awarded to Mia Sparks from the opposition. I would like to nominate Maddie Haag, for great goalkeeping and Gaby Edwards for her defending, as my players of the matches. Well done all.



Ms Hooper, PE Teacher



Girls U16s football – Somerset Cup

The U16s girls football team travelled to St Katherine's School to take part in the Somerset Cup second round. The girls were granted a bye in the first round of the cup. The girls have not played together for a little while so did not start well. We managed to settle and get a goal from Mia Sparks. At half time the score was 4-0 with Kiera, Quinta and Mia scoring the other goals. The second half began and St Katherine's were the better team at this point, and managed to get in behind our defence and score a goal. Overall the 2nd half was a bit scrappy but we managed to score a few more goals with Quinta getting

her 2nd and Izzy.S scoring an outstanding goal. The final score finished 7-1 to Oldfield and we now go through to the next round (3) against Priory School.

Ms Hooper, PE Teacher

Oldfield School Senior Teams' New Kit

We would like to show you the new Oldfield Senior team kits for Rugby, Football and Netball that are excellently modelled by Jess Causey (netball kit), Matilda Coles (football kit), Finn Williams (football kit), Josh Kazombo (football Goalkeeper kit), Rory Perry (football kit) and Finlay Cozens (rugby kit). These kits will be largely used by senior team fixtures but we will get as many teams using them as possible. Please still encourage students to attend fixtures with their PE kits in case it is not available for their game. We look forward to getting the full teams competing in the new kits and look out for match reports and squad photos in the near future.

Mr Driver, Leader of Learning PE and Dance



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BANES Cross Country

Oldfield school took part in the BANES cross country on Monday 11th November at Kingswood Upper playing fields. It was a good afternoon with representations in all age groups including sixth formers.

The students who took part did not disappoint with many students finishing in the top half of the field. Only the top ten in each age group qualify for the next round and we were delighted that three of our students managed to do this.

Well done to all students that took part and a special congratulations to the following students from Oldfield who got in the top ten and have now qualified for the next round, **Avon Schools Cross Country Championships at Kingswood School, Bath on Saturday 18th January 2020;**

Ella Smith, Year 7 8th Oldfield Minor Girls
Esme McKenzie, Year 7 10th Oldfield Minor Girls
Eloise Parker, Year 10 10th Inter girls

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Year 4 Primary Schools Festival

On Wednesday 13th November, Oldfield hosted the first Primary Schools Festival, a Year 4 Sports Hall athletics festival. Twenty Sports Leaders (Year 9) and twenty Sports Ambassadors (Year 8) were invited to help run the event. The Sports Leaders ran the different events whilst the Ambassadors looked after the children and lead them around the stations handing out stickers and supporting them.



Everyone did an amazing job and we received lots of positive feedback from the primary school teachers.

Our next festival will be a Year 2 multi sport winter festival on 22nd January.

During the year we hope to give all Sports Ambassadors an opportunity to support a festival and experience what the Sports Leaders do. If your child is interested in becoming a Sports Ambassador but is not currently on the register please ask them to come and see me.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



Staff v student sport

It was time for another 'friendly' on the netball court between the staff and the senior team this week. It turned out it wasn't so friendly! A very close match with lots of fantastic moments of play and a few not so good ones. One or two over keen staff passes and contacts along the way but a close game with not much in it for the first half. However, with slight changes in the shooting circle the staff began to pull away and despite massive efforts from Lauren and Lisa in the circle defence they were unable to keep the goals out.

A final score of 22-14 means the staff remain unbeaten so far in the series! Congratulations to Hannah Edwards and Miss Sancto for being voted Players of the Match from each team. We await the next battle.....

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

Well done to all our students who achieve great things outside their school activities, here are a few that we have heard about recently;

Charlotte Garton, Year 13, who has been asked to train with the U18 England Rugby team.

Congratulations to Jasmine McKenzie in Year 8 who has been selected for the U14B Bath Buccaneers Hockey Club. Good luck to her in her Avon Plate match coming up soon and she has also been asked to referee for the U10s in their tournament in December.

Lucas Briffett, Year 8, competed on behalf of Oldfield School in the South West Regional Trampoline Competition, Taunton. He did extremely well, and came 3rd in his category and age. He will be going onto the South competition, next stage at Kent in January. If he is successful there, it will be the nationals next.



TRIPS AND EVENTS

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event

At the end of Term 1 our very successful annual pumpkin carving event took place. We are used to seeing a lot of creative entries and this year was no exception. This year's theme was 'The Witch & Famous', students and staff were free to interpret this in any way they chose. Our judges were very impressed by the level of creativity and skill that had clearly gone into each pumpkin. Judging took place over the



course of the day, feedback from staff, students and parents was encouraged, and eventually two winners emerged. The judges did have suspicious minds but eventually awarded Ollie Childs (Year 11) the overall winner award for his Elvis inspired pumpkin and Mrs Pearce (Librarian) won the staff category for her Harry Potter inspired carving. Thank you to everyone that supported this annual event and making Halloween at Oldfield spooktacular.

Mr Pearce, Art Teacher



MoBA Photography Competition

The Art Department was very pleased to team up with the Museum of Bath Architecture to support their Under 19s photography competition. Our students were asked to explore Bath and find some kind of building, structure or space that has a personal connection. We were flooded with entries for this competition, all images were sent off to the judging panel and we will update you shortly on the outcome. Some of the work has been displayed throughout the school to show to our wider school community how talented our students are. Below is a collection of entries that we feel highlights the quality of entries we had this year. Thank you to everyone for supporting this competition and highlighting how creative our school is!



Louise Jeffery Year 13

'This building has a very unique contrast between the old and the new, as well as being an art gallery which I enjoy visiting.

As I have chosen architecture as my theme for my A Level Photography, this building sets an abstract mood for any composition.'



Joel Billington, Year 9

'This was taken on one of the most important days of the year, (the climate strike), and it was also taken on one of only two bridges in the world with buildings on it; Pulteney Bridge. I used to go that way to school when I was younger, and I used to sit there with my dad and watch the water.'

Holbourne House by Ava Trewen, Year 8

'I liked this building because of the symmetry of the trees beside it and the detail on the front of it. I also thought it would look really good in infrared because the sun sets behind it and with the white fluffy clouds in my picture really contrasts against the black sky and white trees and grass.'



TRIPS AND EVENTS

Year 9 Photography Day

Twenty of our Year 9 students took part in a photography day this term. The day was supported by well-known photographer Lee Spencer-Fleet who specialises in our local area. Students had the opportunity to learn how to use the DSLR cameras and how to compose an image. The first part of the day was spent learning about the formal elements of photography and how we can use the camera's advance settings to improve the images we take. Our students looked at long shutter speeds and how we can capture very fine detail within our surroundings. Students then had the opportunity to explore the school site in small groups and capture a range of compositions and apply their new found technical knowledge. Once this was done, the students uploaded their images and spent the rest of the afternoon learning how to manipulate their photographs on Photoshop. Each student left the workshop with a range of quality images and knowledge that they will be able to apply to enhance their future work in a variety of subjects. Thank you to everyone that supported the event!



Mr Pearce, Art Teacher



Debating Club Success!

Our debating team made an impressive debut at the first round of the national debating competition run by the English Speaking Union. Nafisa El-Turke, Joey Williams and Will Templeton made an impassioned plea to abolish trial by jury in a hard-fought debate. The team were commended by the judges for the quality of their arguments, which really reflected the hard work and commitment all three put in to prepare for this debate. The team were enthusiastically supported by other members of the Oldfield Debate Club, which really helped make it a positive evening for everyone. Fingers crossed for round two in the new year!

Mrs Holly, English Teacher

Remembrance Day Artwork

Our KS3 Art Club has used our first term to create three large scale pieces of artwork that mark Armistice Day. The designs were planned out by our students, who gave up two weeks of lunchtimes to work on the pieces. Much like the war efforts, the works are a collaboration of teamwork and efforts by students from Year 7 and Year 8. The artwork contains mixed media, designed to highlight the dark rough conditions that the battlefield brought. Students used a range of mark making techniques to create shapes that are subjective and give the viewer an opportunity to think about what each individual piece means. Two soldiers can be seen each side of the trio, one looking back and one looking forward. The students felt that their positions were symbolic of remembering the past and protection of our future. The work was revealed on the morning of 11th November in the main student entrance, we selected an area of the school that gets the most light throughout the day, then as the sun slowly sets, the artwork and the area that surrounds it becomes totally dark. Each day we hope that students will pause and think of the sacrifice that the fallen have made for our future.



This work was created in collaboration with (Year7) Morgan Andrew, Olive Hosker, Rhiannon Williams, Max Dillon, Jack Cartwright, Poppy Edwards, Olivia Webb, (Year 8) Cameron Nott, Callum Escott, Amy Tarling, Niven Teague, Ella Hamnett, Ibrahim Hashmi, Lucy Gleave, Tessa Liehti and with the kind donation of materials from Kellaway Building Supplies, Bath.

Mr Pearce, Art Teacher

Year 11 and 13 Drama Devised performances

At the end of last term, GCSE and A level drama groups performed their own original devised pieces to a public audience. The students created and performed six short pieces reflecting a range of different topics and styles. Their performances count towards their GCSE and A Level examinations and we would like to congratulate them for all their hard work.



Ms Bloomfield, Head of Drama

Theatre Alibi Workshop

Our A Level students have been lucky enough to get the opportunity to work directly with one of their prescribed practitioners for A Level. Theatre Alibi are a company who work in the South West and tour and perform all over the world. In the summer we went to see their production of 'Falling' and last term, Stevie, an actor who regularly works with the company led a bespoke workshop for our Year 13s to explore puppetry and storytelling techniques. Students then used ideas from the workshop to help develop their examination piece and Working Notebook.



National Theatre



This year, our school has been selected among some other schools in the UK to learn about playwriting from some of the finest writers in the industry and write their own 30 minute plays. Matt Hartley is a writer who has numerous theatre, film and television credits. He visited school two weeks ago to run a creative writing workshop, News Views, for students in Year 12 and Year 10. Over the next few months, students will work from special resources and in-school workshops to create and develop their own original plays. Matt will come back to support us in the spring before students submit their play to the competition. One play from the competition will then be selected to be produced at the National Theatre with a professional cast and crew alongside rehearsed readings of the shortlisted plays. As a participating school we will have the benefit of in-school workshops with professional writers, free tickets to a National Theatre production and entry into the playwriting competition.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Miss Grimes and her Year 10 class have spent this term rehearsing and preparing for their performance of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Year 10s created an ensemble version of the play, which they performed at the Egg Theatre in Bath as a part of the festival on Monday 25th November. Students had the opportunity to work with professional lighting and sound designers and technicians as well as learn about the role of directors and stage managers and got to experience how a professional theatre works. At the end of the play, the company director complimented Oldfield School's production for its use of ensemble and characterisation as well as commending the students on their energy and focus on stage.



Students then reprised their production at school on Tuesday 26th November to all of Year 9 who are studying Romeo and Juliet as a part of their English lessons.



Congratulations to Miss Grimes and her wonderful Year 10 class for all their hard work.

Ms Bloomfield, Head of Drama

FROM OUR COMMUNITY



The Clothes Line is a free resource for parents, carers or professionals in the Bath area who need help ensuring a child, aged 5-14, is adequately clothed.

No referral is required, simply pop in to our Bath Warehouse any Monday from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, where our friendly staff will be happy to assist you. Other times are available by appointment.



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