

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

14 Feb 2020

END OF TERM

24 Feb

START TERM 4; WEEK 2

25 Feb

Yr 7, 8, 9 Football v Norton Hill

26 Feb

Yr 10, 11, 6th form Football v Norton Hill

27 Feb

Yr 9 Parents' Evening

27 Feb—6 Mar

Yr 11 Mocks

02 Mar

BANES Oxbridge Conference Trip

Yr 8 Vaccinations

03 Mar

Yr 10 Mock Interviews (and **04 Mar**)

Yr 7, 8, 9 Football v Chew Valley

04 Mar

Yr 10, 11, 6th form Football v Chew Valley

Yr 10 Netball tournament

05 Mar

World Book Day

Enterprise Challenge; Finals presentation

09 Mar

House Sport Week

11 Mar

Yr 12 Business Studies Trip

Yr 3/4 Primary Schools Festival

Yr 10/11 Netball Match

Yr 7, 8 Football v Somervale

12 Mar

Yr 9 Football v Somervale

17 Mar

Yr 7, 8 Football v Ralph Allen

18 Mar

Yr 10/11 Netball Match

Yr 9, 10, 11 Football v Ralph Allen

19 Mar

Celebration Evening

23 Mar

Yr 11 Information Evening

Ski Trip Meeting, 6pm

27 Mar

OSA Quiz Night

31 Mar

Dance Umbrella Performance

Yr 11 Netball tournament

02 April

Tutor Evening Yr 8-11 and 13

03 April

INSET DAY

END OF TERM 4

Dear Parents/ Carers

I frequently comment in newsletters on how busy life at the school is and this term has been no exception, made more so by the visit to the school by Ofsted in January. One of the (many) strengths of the school identified by the inspection team was the wide variety of extracurricular opportunities for students and their engagement with these; a glance through this edition of the newsletter shows why they reached this conclusion. You will know how much I value this part of the life of the school and how important the wider development of our students is in contributing to their achievement, happiness and sense of belonging to the school community.

Congratulations to all of our teams and individuals involved in sporting and academic competitions over the last term; there have been some excellent performances. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with our finalists in the MoBA photography competition and to listen to their descriptions of their shortlisted photographs: we have some very talented students in this area.

Other highlights of the term for me were Harry Potter Night, which was the busiest yet with over 50 students involved. Another was the school production of 'We Will Rock You', the performances were this week and were the culmination of months of hard work by students and staff. The cast responded brilliantly 'under pressure' of the live performances and I am sure that they will remember their involvement with this as some of 'the days of their lives' (apologies for tenuous link to Queen songs here!).

We have two sixth form trips taking place over the February holiday with a group of students travelling to Salamanca for a Spanish immersion course and A Level history students are visiting Russia, taking in the sights of St Petersburg and Moscow. I am quite sure both trips will be memorable and rewarding experiences for our students and will support them in their studies in these two subject areas.

There have been some staffing changes this term with a number of support staff joining the school during the school term. In our SEND area Miss Clarke and Ms Geraghty have joined us as Teaching Assistants this term. Mrs Perry has joined our team in the School Office and Miss Paillin started earlier in the term as a Behaviour Support Officer. Miss Grinter will be joining our attendance team after the holiday as an Education Welfare Officer. We are saying goodbye to two staff; Ms Hollywood is leaving to take on a permanent post at St Gregory's School as an RS teacher and Mr Collings is leaving our site team in early March.

Wishing you all the best over the holiday.

Yours faithfully

Steven Mackay
Headteacher

NOTICE BOARD

Excellent opportunity for Year 10 students interested in a career in NHS—Careers Event, 3rd March

See below for information on how to register on this extremely popular event. Space is limited and booking is essential. Attendees can register for slot 1 (5-6pm) or slot 2 (6.30-7.30pm). Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and we will not accept bookings after Monday 17th February.

There are a really wide range of RUH careers – lots of clinical roles, but also Administration, Estates, Corporate Services etc. and this is a great way to learn about them.



Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

RUH Evening Careers event

Tuesday 3 March 2020, 5 - 7.30pm

This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 10 or above who live or study in the RUH catchment area (see website for map) to meet staff members and talk about careers in the NHS.

Booking now open

To register, visit Eventbrite:
<https://march2020ruh.eventbrite.co.uk>

Registration is open until Monday 17th February but booking may close earlier if all places are filled before this date.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have any queries please contact:
ruh-tr.careersengage@nhs.net or call 01225 824281 or 01228 821542

Please note that we will be taking photos and filming during this event. If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, you can let us know when you register. Visit our [website](#) for our privacy policy.

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Medical Information and Child's record

We would like to remind parents that they are now able to update their child's medical conditions or GP surgery on the SIMS Parent Lite App. If you would like a reminder on how to access this, please email enquiries@oldfieldschool.com FAO SIMS Parent Lite. You can also update your child's records by emailing me, FAO Student Medical Officer via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com.

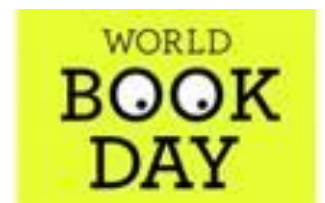
If you feel your child's medical condition requires additional help from the school, please complete an Individual Healthcare Plan, available from the main office, and return to me. Please note that I am also available if you wish to discuss your child's medical needs.

I would also like to remind you that we are a nut free school and nuts should not be sent in as part of your child's packed lunch.

Mrs Goddard-Palmer, Student Medical Officer

ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS

World Book Day is being celebrated at Oldfield School on Thursday 5th March 2020. The money raised on this day goes towards Book Aid International who support literacy projects around the world. All donations are gratefully received. There will be various activities on the day in the Library and staff and students will be dressed up as a book character!



There is a growing body of evidence that illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development. Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment. Oldfield Library continues to provide exciting events linked to literature and Harry Potter Book Night and World Book Day are fantastic events that students will remember for the rest of their lives. Students are encouraged to use the school Library and can take out three books at a time from the 12,000 books we stock. Students are also welcome to join Book Club which is held in the Library on Wednesday lunch times, where we chat about the books we are reading.



Further Leadership Opportunities Year 10

As you may be aware we have a very successful Sports Leadership Programme at Oldfield School in Year 8 to Year 10 run by Mrs Bell.

We now want to move this programme forward with the introduction of Year 10 sports coaches whose role will be to assist PE staff and coaches in extra curricular clubs.

The commitment would not have to be on a weekly basis as we are aware that students have other commitments linked to their studies and so therefore cannot commit every week. All we ask is that they let the relevant staff member know in advance if they are able to attend and help out at the club, that week .

Sports coaches would be there to assist the main coach in delivering the session such as taking a warm up, small group work and working alongside the main coach in terms of coaching and tactical support in game play. Those more confident may also be asked to officiate in practice games. Some of our Year 10 leaders are already helping in clubs after school and we now want to make this a more formal arrangement.

PE clubs change termly so it may be that not all coaches are involved every term as they would only assist in those clubs where they had expertise. For example, a club cricketer will not be involved in coaching until Term 4 onwards whereas a rugby student coach may be involved from Term 1 to Term 4.

Congratulations to Ellie P and Eleni F who are already on the programme.

Criteria to be a sports coach:

- * Playing ability in that sport to club level outside of school
- * Coaching experience desirable but not essential
- * Good subject knowledge in that sport
- * Ability to work with others

If your son/daughter would be interested in this role, please ask him/her to come and see Mrs Little in the Sports Hall office where they will be asked to complete a short application form indicating their sports, experience and availability.

Vacancies at Oldfield;

Lead Exam Invigilator

Required for May / June 2020

£9.36 per hour (£10.49 an hour including holiday plussage)

A professional and responsible individual is required to help lead our team of invigilators. Working hours will be variable depending on examination requirements, but will normally be between 8am and 4.00pm.

Full training will be provided.

The school is keen to appoint individuals who are firmly committed to working with young people. We are looking for individuals who can communicate clearly, be organised and follow instructions as part of a team.

We welcome applications regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnicity or religion. Our school is also committed to the protection and safety of its students. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

Exam Invigilators

Required for May / June 2020

£8.21 per hour (£9.20 inclusive of holiday pay)

Professional and responsible individuals are required to join our successful team. Working hours will be variable depending on examination requirements, but will normally be between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

Full training will be provided. You must be available for a paid training session on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 10am – 12pm.

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Please see our website for full job descriptions and details.



Dates for your diary

18th March 2020

OSA Meeting

27th March 2020

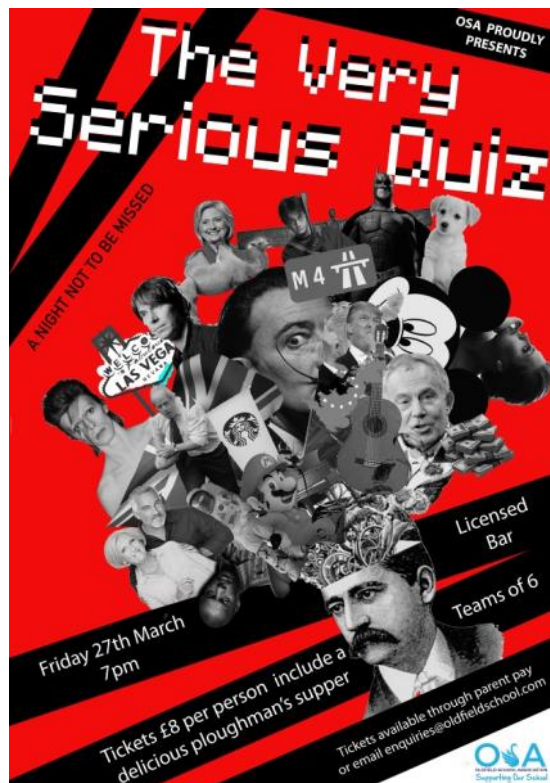
Quiz Night, dining room, school

OSA Quiz Night is back!

We are very excited to announce our next quiz night will be taking place on Friday 27th March at school.

Come along for a fun and friendly evening. Tickets are only £8 and include a delicious ploughman's supper. There will be the usual licensed bar and snacks available. You can form teams of 6 people or come along and we'll put you in a team. You can purchase tickets through ParentPay, send in money/cheques in a clearly labelled envelope to reception, or pay on the door.

Any questions, email osa@oldfieldschool.com



Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

We are always pleased to hear about the achievements of our students outside their school life. Here are some of this term's incredible stories;

Year 7, Hester Wiltshire's mum has been in touch to tell us that Hester has been offered a place in the National Children's Orchestra on the violin. In addition, she auditioned for a solo with the Nicola Benedetti Foundation and was picked to play with Nicola Benedetti at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at the South Bank. It was a very exciting day for her! (For information; the Benedetti Foundation is planning to run more of these sessions so it really is worth strings players auditioning (they take violins, violas, cellos and double basses). AND the whole weekend only cost £10 for two full days of top notch tutoring. <https://www.benedettifoundation.org>)

Year 9, Finlay Cozens appeared in the Bristol Post with his kickboxing team mates, following a trip to Italy for WAKO Golden Glove competition. Sixteen countries competed, with multiple clubs from each country. After an incredibly close fight he just lost out and came away with a silver, and a bronze in the other group. Well done Finlay! We look forward to hearing about his continuing journey and up and coming competitions, including his try-out for the WAKO British Team later in the year.



Stu Brown from Year 7 won this hamper at the school Christmas raffle and off his own back asked if he could donate it to Marie Curie in Bath as they are currently looking after his nan, to help raise some money for the charity. A very generous gesture, Stu.



The weather couldn't stop the annual welly wanging competition in Term 3. Students

took to the Sports Hall to hurl wellies across the floor in a bid to become Champion Wanger! The single-handed longest welly wang winner was Kane in Year 11. The overall winners were Apollo who threw the greatest distance as a combined house. Congratulations to all who took part on the day.



Minerva were on a winning streak at Christmas. The 'Tug Of Tinsel' competition was a roaring success. Students from all year groups and across all the houses were keen to show their strength and teamwork skills. Minerva demonstrated their determination and grit amongst tough competition but won the overall accolade with Apollo coming a close second.

House News

On Friday 14th February, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Staff and students are baking cakes to be sold as lunchtime and roses are being sold. If you receive one, you will have a message from a secret admirer! We will update you with the amount raised in our next newsletter.

Even though a short term, it has been a busy time for the houses. On Monday 9th December all Year 7 students took part in a House dance competition. Our Year 10 GCSE dance students choreographed a dance based on the stimulus of a snow globe. They then taught the Year 7s their dances. Every tutor group performed at the end of the day to a panel of judges. The head judge was Mr Mackay. It was a tough competition and there was even a dance off between Apollo's 7G and Minerva's 7B. The ultimate winners were Minerva! An excellent achievement from all those involved and Mrs Macnaughton was very pleased to be able to lift the trophy alongside the tutor group.



In tutor groups students have been taking part in the Maybe Baby competition. This year as well as staff pictures we added a few celebrities. Here are Miss Vickery and Mrs Macnaughton alongside some celebrities; can you guess who is who?



Year 7 Netball Team

The Year 7 team travelled to Wellsway School for the BANES netball tournament. A total of 8 schools entered the competition and we completed a round robin tournament. We played 7 games and impressively won 6 of these. We lost a very close match to Hayesfield who went on to win the tournament. We had some great scores in the games we played, with a total of 33 goals scored in 7 games. Many fantastic goals were scored by our shooters, Hana, Martha, Emily and Tia. We only conceded 6 goals due to our excellent defence from Aya, Robyn, Sophie, Evie, Izzy and Abbie. Scarlett and Poppy further contributed to our attacking opportunities when playing WA and creating further chances. The girls played outstandingly well throughout the competition and finished second place. This means the girls will progress into the next round at the county finals.



Miss Hooper & Miss Bell

U14'S Girls Football Team

The U14s girls' football team took part in the BANES Somerset qualifying tournament. A total of 7 teams entered the competition so we completed a round robin. We won an



impressive 5 games and drew 1 game against Hayesfield. We scored 11 goals in the 6 games and only conceded 1 against Hayesfield. We had some quality performances from the team as a whole, with Ella S being nominated player of the match from the team. We finished level with Hayesfield on points, which resulted in comparing goals scored. Unfortunately, Hayesfield scored 2 more goals than us and therefore came 1st in the competition. We finished in second place, but both teams qualified to the next round at the school spring games in April. Well done!

Miss Hooper, PE Teacher

U15 Cricket Cup Match

On Wednesday 22nd January Oldfield played Somervale and Hayesfield in a triangular tournament at Oldfield school. This was a great experience for the girls and was their first ever indoor competition.

We had a slow start and lost our first match to Somervale but then settled down and managed to draw against the strongest team on the night, which was Hayesfield. The final results were as follows;

Somervale v Oldfield – 56/48 – Somervale Won

Somervale v Hayesfield – 36/83 – Hayesfield Won

Oldfield v Hayesfield – Drew 29/29

Well done to all the students that took part.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Year 9 Football Somerset cup

We entered the second round with energy and aggression. This was shown on the pitch as we quickly went 1-0 up in the first 10 minutes. The muddy conditions that the pitch displayed was a strong asset to the opposition team as the score levelled out once again. We ended the first half with the highest aggression shown yet as the score was a solid 3-2 to the Oldfield boys. In the second half our level of energy had dropped and it was seen as they scored once again. With less than 10 minutes left to play, and after we conceded yet another corner, the ball fell to an opposing player outside of the box and from a tough angle, he finished it straight into the top corner. There was little time left and after they brought on 3 new subs, changed to a very defensive formation and it was very hard to get another goal back and extend the game to extra time. This did mean that we have been knocked out of the cup but our team can definitely do as well, if not better than we did last season in the league.

George Sweet, Year 9

Sports Hall Athletics County Final - 27th Jan, UWE

Both our boys and girls Year 7 teams made it through to the county round of the Sports Hall Athletics Competition held at UWE sports Centre.



We were excited to be part of this competition and although some nerves were shown, everyone tried their best and enjoyed the afternoon. We had some excellent performances during the afternoon and some individual athletes won their events.

Overall the girls team came 6th and the boys team 7th.

Well done to all those that took part.



Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Year 2 Winter Festival

Our second festival of the academic year took place on Wednesday 22nd January on the outdoor courts at Oldfield School. Our Year 9 sports leaders did an amazing job at leading a variety of sporting stations to the enthusiastic Year 2 children from St Andrew's and St Mary's.

The Year 2 children had lots of fun learning new skills and making new friends whilst being physically active. They were looked after incredibly well by the Year 8 ambassadors who also did a fantastic job of warming up the children when they arrived, taking them to all the stations and rewarding them for performing well and trying their best.

The feedback from the primary schools' teachers was also very positive and a great afternoon was had by all.

I would like to thank the following sports leaders and ambassadors that all did an excellent job.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher



Sports Leaders
Jess C
Lily S
Becky W
Evie H
Ellie B
Freya K
George S
Dylan R
Rory P
Matilda C
Emma G
Emily R
Rose P
Sophie I
Ella Mae C
Cory F
Ethan H
Evan M
Hannah W
Ellis C

Year 8 Sports Ambassadors
Sabir A
Neela C
Oscar B
Esme H
Charlie B
Lewis H
Kiera C
Brooke D
Maurice D

Senior netball

Congratulations to the Year 11 netball squad who opened their account this season with a 30-14 win over Ralph Allen in a series of short 7 minute games.

It was great to see the squad in action again and to be able to work on our unit performances in preparation for the season ahead.

Some fantastic performances in defence from Lauren B, Lisa K and Ruby F which were matched at the other end from our attack unit with our shooters, Hannah E and Charlotte E, on top form! Special mention to Poppy W who bravely had a spell in the shooting circle in preparation for a plan in future matches!

We look forward to defending our BANES champions title this season!

Senior Volleyball Match

Congratulations to our senior volleyball team who won their first match this month against Somervale by two sets to one (25-21, 25-20, 25-20).

There were some fantastic moments of play from all the squad including big spikes from Ben G, Declan T and Jack H followed by some great pick ups from our back court players Akeylah J, Finnley W and Nico L. Lisa K and Kane R-D managed to produce solid performances in the setter role under pressure and steady serving from Beth E and Joel M-T gave us a head start on points.

Congratulations to Ben G who was voted player of the match. Well done to all – looking forward to the next one!

Mrs Little, Second in PE

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Theatre Performance – Where in the World is Frank Sparrow?

GCSE and A Level Drama students along with two Year 9 Drama classes had the opportunity to watch a performance of 'Where in the World is



Frank Sparrow?' in the school hall on Monday 13th January. The piece was

performed by a group of Drama students from Christchurch School in Perth, Australia. Oldfield School have had links with Christchurch School for the past two years and this is the second time they have been to visit. It is great for our students to see live theatre at school as well as having the opportunity to talk to drama students from another country.

Ms Bloomfield, Head of Drama



MoBA Photography Competition

You may recall a few weeks ago I promoted the Museum of Bath Architecture's 2019/20 Young Photography competition. I was delighted to hear that four of our students were shortlisted in the finalist category. A huge congratulations to Ava, Joel, Harry and Emma for their entries. It was very clear that the judges were extremely impressed by the work that our students entered in the competition and all of them will be invited to the exhibition.

We are lucky as a department to have so many students with a passion for expressing themselves through a variety of media.

These four students are extremely talented and we have no doubt they will go far with their passion for photography. We would love to see all the students that entered this

competition thinking about studying photography further up the school. If you would like to see some of our students work, alongside other entries and professional photographers, please visit the Museum of Bath Architecture this holiday. Thank you to everyone that supported this competition.

Mr Pearce, Art Teacher



Public Speaking Competition

Nafisa E, Will T and Joey W (Year 12 students) competed in the second round of the English Speaking Union Debate competition this month at Stonar School. They opposed the motion 'This house supports compulsory vaccination' in a hard-fought debate in which they argued that society has to strike a pragmatic balance between individual freedoms and the safety of the community when passing new legislation.

The team will not be moving forward to the next round, but were highly commended for the quality of their arguments and exceptional public speaking skills.

Ms L Holly, English Teacher



Cyber First Competition for girls

Recently some Year 8 girls signed up for the Cyber First Competition run by the National Centre for Cyber Security. The competition ran for two weeks and the girls had to complete as many tasks as possible in a ten-day window. The tasks covered four main areas:

- Logic and coding
- Cyber Security
- Networking
- Cryptography

One team in particular did very well; they were Year 8s, Elana P, Tessa L and Ella K, however they were up against stiff competition and unfortunately did not progress to the regional semi-finals this time.

The competition will run again next year, so girls currently in Year 7 should start thinking about signing up. Other competitions will become available during the year for other age groups.

Mr Eidman, ICT Teacher

TRIPS AND EVENTS CONT.



Harry Potter Night

Harry Potter Book Night is a chance for students to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful books. Oldfield School celebrated the novels with a fun-packed evening on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Students dressed-up, were sorted into their Hogwarts houses, competed for the Tri-Wizard Cup and participated in three Wizard Challenges, the Harry Potter Book Quiz and attended the Hogwarts Wizard Banquet.

The 6th February 2020 marks the sixth annual **Harry Potter Book Night**, when fans of all ages are invited to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful novels – and pass the magic on to young readers who are yet to discover these unforgettable books. The theme for Harry Potter Book Night 2020 was the Tri-Wizard Tournament.

In *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, Harry and three other champions must face challenges that will test them in different ways – their magical prowess, their daring and their powers of deduction. Are you brave enough to put your name into the Goblet of Fire?

Wizards, witches and muggles from around the world are invited to take part in a tournament of their own, competing in enchanting games, making magical crafts and testing their skills with an array of activities.

Wands at the ready ... let the magic begin!

Oldfield Library continues to provide exciting events linked to literature and Harry Potter Book Night is a fantastic event that students will remember for the rest of their lives!

Nic Pearce, Librarian

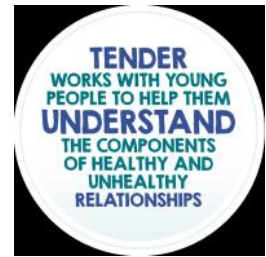


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Personal, Social, Health, Education (PSHE) at Oldfield

Tender Workshop

This term a group of our Year 9 students were given the opportunity to work with Tender, an arts charity who work with young people to promote healthy relationships based on equality and respect. Alice and Daisy who led the 2 day workshop used games, drama activities and discussion to empower our students to spot the signs of unhealthy relationships. The drama activities allowed students to experience what it feels like to be in 'someone else's shoes' which increased their empathy and understanding allowing our students to engage both emotionally and intellectually.



At the end of the 2 days the group shared their experience and knowledge with their year group in an assembly. They took on this final challenge with maturity and focus; many had to conquer their fears of talking in front of their entire year to deliver the information they learned to promote healthy relationships.

Everybody's Talking About (ETA)

This academic year, we have introduced the idea of an 'ETA' each term. The ETA is a topic which focuses on our students' personal health and well being. In our PSHE lessons so far this year we have focused on Hydration, Sleep and Personal Hygiene.

Term 1; Hydration

Drink regularly throughout the day.

Keeping hydrated can help with our concentration.

Can stop you feeling fatigued.

Can stop bad breath.



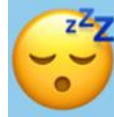
Term 2; Sleep

We all need more sleep.

What helps us get a restful evening sleep?

Limit screen time before heading to bed.

Maintains good physical and mental health.



Term 3; Personal Hygiene

Good personal hygiene can improve confidence.

Brush your teeth at least twice a day.

Wash your hands regularly.

Take a shower or bath regularly.



Photography Walk of London

Towards the end of the month our KS4/5 photography students embarked on an adventure across London. Our walk, from Bethnal Green to Hyde Park Corner, started in the V&A Museum of Childhood. Students were given the opportunity to explore the grounds to photograph some of the collection. We then walked to Bethnal Green Road and onto Brick Lane. We walked at a leisurely pace giving students the opportunity to stop and take photographs on route. We then navigated through some of the older streets to capture a range of derelict buildings; we stopped for 10 minutes to allow students to explore this area and capture a range of images that may fit their theme. As we found ourselves close to Spitalfields Market, we took the opportunity to have lunch. We continued on to the Barbican Centre and the Tate Modern. A lot of our students took photographs from the suspended walkways and the pedestrianised areas of the busy city, which supported the documentary photography section of their coursework. The students also wanted to capture the sky scape around St Paul's, and managed to produce some very successful results.

As our walk continued on to the famous graffiti area, Leak Street, most of our students took this opportunity to capture the London skyline and the riverside community that they were walking past. We then walked to Hyde Park Corner, stopping at St James' Park and outside Buckingham Palace to take in the sights and give students a further opportunity to take images.

All in all, our 15 hour day, 9 mile walk, was an exhausting but enjoyable experience and I believe, a beneficial and worthwhile trip. Thank you to parents and students for supporting this trip. We plan to visit another city next year to ensure that our students are exposed to the very best opportunities that will have a direct impact on their final grades.



Mr Pearce, Acting Head of Art

TRIPS AND EVENTS CONT.

Art Trip to London

This January our GCSE and Sixth Form art students travelled to London to gather inspiration for their current projects. All of our KS4 and 5 students are currently working on their examination project, this was a perfect opportunity to see artwork first hand, learn about how the artist creates their work and what works inspired them, and will directly impact their project work and allow students to further develop their work.

All students started their day at the Tate Modern art gallery, exploring 8 floors of modern contemporary art work and the onsite book shop. Students could see a range of work from traditional drawings to digital interactive installations. We then went on a walking tour of the South Bank to take in the culture of the city of London. We stopped in Leicester Square for a spot of lunch and spent the afternoon at the National Portrait Gallery. Students could use the afternoon to see a range of artists that create portraits in many forms. There was a contrast between the two galleries we visited on this trip and students noticed how they could incorporate the many different styles they saw within their projects. Our 14 hour day was extremely worthwhile and beneficial to all those that attended. Once again, thank you to the students, parents and staff that supported this trip. *Mr Pearce, Head of Art*



Nathan Wyburn Celebrity Artist Workshop

The Art Department was delighted to host Nathan Wyburn's visit this month. Nathan, a practicing artist who is often seen on This Morning and various national and international advertising campaigns, worked with our GCSE and A Level students. You may recall Nathan from his appearance on Britain's Got Talent, he creates work using alternative media and demonstrates that anyone can be an artist! Nathan showed our students some of his work, talked through his thought process and how he tries to put meaning behind his artwork. Nathan worked with our students and created portraits out of tomato ketchup. The results were spectacular. Even though our students were reluctant at first, they became fully engaged with the task when they saw how creative the end results could be.

All of our students will benefit from this experience as they can use the skills they learned and add them into their project studies. The Nathan Wyburn Workshop is the first of many artists we have planned to visit the school to enhance learning experiences for our students. Thank you to everyone that supported and attended the workshop.

*Mr Pearce,
Head of Art*



Charity Gig at the Bell Inn

The Mamils are playing at the Bell Inn in aid of Mentoring Plus on Friday 20th March - 8 till late. Mentoring Plus is a local charity supporting young people who are struggling with school, family health and wellbeing. The Mamils are a local rock band playing covers – Killers/Stereophonics genre and generously support local causes. Tickets are selling fast. Please come along and tell your friends and family. The Bell Inn events room is small with a great atmosphere..

Tickets are £5 <https://buytickets.at/mentoringplus1/341545>



Air Cadets Adult Volunteer Opportunity

We have developed links with the local air cadets; 93 Squadron, they visited Year 9 assembly earlier this year and a number of our students are involved. They are looking for adult volunteers to support their work in either a uniformed or non-uniformed role. In the latter this could be involvement with their civilian committee as this is the organisation that is involved with fundraising for the cadets.

If you want to find our more then please contact Bernard Whishaw chair.93@aircadets.org

Teen Brain Matters: a workshop for parents and carers

Date: 18 March 2020

Time: 6pm - 8.15pm

Venue: Bath College: Performing Arts Space,
Macaulay Building, James Street West, Bath BA1 1UP

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Are you the parent or carer of a teenager? Have you ever wondered why teenagers behave the way they do? If the answer is yes, then this free two-hour workshop is for you.

The workshop will be interactive, with lots of opportunity for discussion. It will cover:

- The main changes in the brain during the teenage years and how these affect the way teenagers, think, feel and behave
- Hormones, risky behaviour, the social brain and sleep
- The role of parents and other adults

The workshop will be presented by Dr John Coleman, who is a psychologist with an international reputation for his work on the teenage years. He has presented this workshop for local authorities and for charities across the country. His most recent book is entitled: *Why won't my teenager talk to me?* (Routledge, 2018). This is also available as an audio-book.

This workshop is free to parents and carers of teenagers living in B&NES. To book a place via Eventbrite please [click here](#).



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