

Important Dates;

24 May

WEEK 1

26 May

Year 8 immunisations

28 May

END OF TERM 5

07 June

Inset Day

08 June

START OF TERM 6

WEEK 2

Yr 10 Mock Exams start

12 –13 June

Bronze DofE Expedition

Silver DofE Expedition

14 June

WEEK 1

16 June

Year 12 Mock exams start

17 June

Yr 10 Mock Exams end

Year 8 Parents' Evening

21 June

WEEK 2

22 June

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Day

23 June

Yr 12 Mock Exams end

Primary Schools' Sports Festival

28 June

WEEK 1

01 July

New Intake Day (Yr 6s)

Year 10 Parents' Evening

02 July

Primary Schools' Sports Festival

05 July

WEEK 2

Sports Day

06 July

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction (2)

07 July

OSA Meeting

08 July

New Intake Evening Yr 6 parents

09 July

Year 11 Prom

15 July

Year 12 Parents' Evening

16 July

Year 13 Prom

20 July

Oldfest 2021

21 July

END OF TERM 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a sense, in school, of life slowly but surely returning to something like normality. While many restrictions and safety measures are still in place in school we are now, at last, able to offer more of the extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities that contribute so much to school life and to student and staff well-being.

Your child may have already shared with you that we are planning to run Sports Day in early July. This will take place regardless of the social distancing measures in place nationally, as we are able to run this and keep students in their year group bubbles, if required. We are also planning on running Oldfest on the penultimate day of the year. Hopefully we will be allowed to do this without any distancing restrictions but if not we will find a way to run the event within the current guidelines. Other events that are planned for Term 6 include two primary school sports festivals, this will give our Sports Leaders the opportunity to put their leadership skills into practise and also the Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions for both the Bronze and Silver Awards.

Year 11 and Year 13 are coming to the end of their assessment period having shown amazing resilience and perseverance over the last two months. I am very proud of the way that they have approached the uncertainties of the last year and the disruption to their in-school learning. I am quite sure that, based on my experience of their approach to their assessments, they will achieve the outcomes that they merit. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for their next steps, whether this is university, employment, Oldfield Sixth form or other further education settings. We will have the opportunity to say goodbye in the end of year celebration assemblies and the Year 11 and 13 proms.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have appointed our sixth form student leadership team. The Head Student is Ruby Pearce and her deputies are Paula Ifrim and Oliver Phillips. Congratulations to all three who were appointed after a rigorous double-interview process. They will be supported by Ananda Chio, Olivia Sayers, Salima Rahman, Ella Causey, Thomas Bilotto, Jack Hobbs and Ben Gascoyne, who form the remainder of the leadership team. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience to be involved in the final interviews with Mr Nash. One of the questions they were asked was 'what aspect of school life would you take to another school if you were to move?'. Their responses to this were "quality of teaching" and "the sense of community"; which I was delighted to hear.

You will see that we have an update on our SEND Department in this newsletter from our new SENCO, Suzanne Crosbie. This includes some pictures of the inside and outside of the building. This is a fantastic new facility for us and will make a huge difference for our students and staff. The building will be officially opened in September and is to be named the Hemmings Centre in recognition of the exceptionally long service to the school of Sue Hemmings, who retired last year after 47 years working at the school as a Science Technician.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Steven Mackay, Headteacher

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NOTICE BOARD

Leaving Oldfield?

If you know that your child will be leaving Oldfield School in July to start at another setting in September, e.g Studio School, please can you let us know by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com
FAO: Mrs R Bromiley. Thank you.

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.

Furthermore, parents should not pull into the main school carpark to drop off students, this blocks the area for teachers and staff trying to get to work.

Fill the library with new books! Win £5,000 for your school

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.



Our big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library** – and if your entry is picked, **you'll also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!**

Find out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, below. The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Updating details – general and medical

Please ensure you keep us up to date on where you live and contact numbers and email if they change. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition then we need to be informed of any changes. Please do so by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Warning Allergies

Many of our students suffer serious nut and sesame seed allergies. Therefore, please remember not to include these in your child's packed lunch. We are a nut free school.

Final reminder for Royal Mail Stamp Competition!

If you haven't already entered, you have until 24th May to get your designs into Mr Pearce. Please use the official entry form, available from your tutor. A great opportunity to be part of history! Good luck.



Duke of Edinburgh Information

Thanks to all those that attended the online DofE meeting. Please find all the information from the evening on our DofE website page;

www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/duke-of-edinburgh/

Could I please ask that students continue to use the EDofE portal to submit evidence of activities that they have completed during lockdown, and, if you have any queries, use the Teams DofE channel.

Mr John, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Sale Now On!

The second-hand uniform sale is now live and you can access the online order form on the school website here; www.oldfieldschool.com/about-us/osa/second-hand-uniform-sale/



Volunteers welcome!

We are very grateful to all our lovely volunteers who help out at various events and activities throughout the year. But we are always on the look-out for more.

If you feel you would like to get to know more about what goes on at school, have more involvement in activities that your child takes part in, or would just like to donate a bit of time to supporting the school, get in touch. It doesn't matter if you can only give occasional time, or if you would like to be involved in the committee, email us and we can keep you informed.

osa@oldfieldschool.com

We are requesting help at Sports Day this year, on 5th July. The OSA sell ice lollies to students and staff on the day and we would be grateful if anyone was able to help out during lunchtime 12.45-1.45 and potentially until 2.45pm until the track events begin.

Donations

Many thanks to all of you that have kindly donated uniform to the OSA. Please continue to send in any donations of Price and Buckland uniform items for our second-hand uniform sale.

Your donations should be sent into main reception in a bag, labelled OSA. Please note from now on we will **only accept Price and Buckland uniform that has the new logo** on it.

The uniform must be washed and ready to sell, i.e. no hems to deal with or buttons to sew on please.

We are unable to accept any footwear, blouses, shirts, coats, socks, hoodies, water bottles, DofE kit, pencil cases, timetables or trainers.

Thank you for all your donations.

Date for your diary; Next OSA Meeting, 7th July at 7pm, location tbc.

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

Athletics Champion

Eleni Francis, Year 11, has been training hard on her athletics over the winter months and has made a fantastic start to the season. She has set new personal bests in the 100m (12.79s) 200m (26.30s) and the long jump (5.39m). These performances currently rank her 2nd (Long Jump), 7th (200m) and 14th (100m) in the UK in the Under 17W age group category.

Well done Eleni and good luck with your efforts to be selected for the English Schools Championships in July.



Fundraising for RUH

We are enormously proud of all our students that raise money for various charities and want to say a big well done to those that have recently been involved in The Forever Friends Appeal, Sofa to Summit, to raise money for the RUH.

Those taking part had to climb the height of Everest (8,848 metres) between April and the end of May, by climbing the distance on their stairs at home, or walking /running or cycling on the surrounding hills, or both.

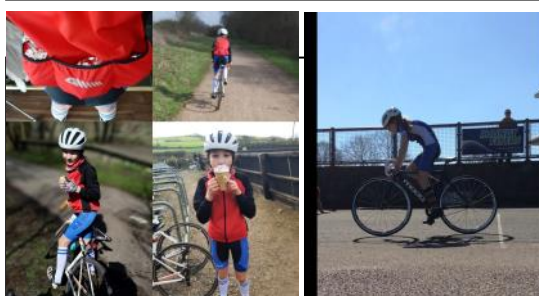
<https://foreverfriendsappeal.enthuse.com/cf/sofa-to-summit>

Well done to everyone that took part in this adventurous exercise.

Raising money for Julian House

We were very proud and pleased to receive the following email about one of our Year 7 students, Will Back, from Julian House, a charity that supports vulnerable and at-risk individuals; "One of your young pupils took part in our Big Bath Sleep-Out in March and raised £2000!! This is Will's third sleep-out, and over the years he's raised over £6000 for Julian House. He did so well!"

An amazing effort, well done Will!



Evelyn Tedaldi in Year 7, has been busy practicing velodrome. Good effort Evelyn, keep going!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Arts Awards Winners

We are very proud of the young people who achieved Bronze Arts Awards and are extending a huge round of applause to them all!

An Arts Award is a qualification that young people can work towards whilst taking part in arts activities. We are so pleased to announce that 28 of our students completed all four parts of their Arts Award Home Learning Challenge during their online lessons and have earned themselves this national qualification. Congratulations to these young people who took on the challenge and created fantastic portfolios showcasing their skills' development and the work they put into their activities.

Arts Awards inspire young people to grow their arts and leadership talents. It has been a real pleasure to read through student work and find out more about their interests and talents. The project started last summer when we opened up the award as a home learning task in drama, dance, music and art lessons and teachers from all departments have been working on the project. Our assessor was impressed too: 'Through the remote school project students had enjoyed sharing their experiences and interests...The Adviser has done a wonderful job encouraging the students' creativity through a summer remote learning projectcongratulations'.



Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama

Sports Leadership

Well done to all the Sports Leaders that did the course last year. I am delighted to say that all Leaders passed and students will receive their certificates soon.

This year we have 40 Sports Leaders following the course—a great number of enthusiastic students. Sessions were run via Teams during lockdown but students are now meeting during tutor time every other Wednesday to complete the rest of the course.



This term they are leading a session during their PE lesson to their peers and helping run the Year 9 inter tutor sports competition.

During Term 6 we are running two summer festivals for the local primary schools and the Leaders will run the activities for this during the afternoon. I have been really impressed with the commitment and organisation of the Leaders this year and how they have managed during these uncertain times.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Outdoor French lesson



This week 7B took advantage of a break in the weather to put their French into practice by giving and following directions. We set up a 'road' using cones, and students held up different places in town. They took it in turns to direct someone around the map to reach the chosen destination.

Mrs Green, MFL Teacher





Get Ready for Oldfest 2021

Two years ago we held our first ever school festival, Oldfest. Unfortunately it was cancelled last year, but we are excited to let you know that this year's is planned to take place on Tuesday 20th July, on Penn field. It is a chance to celebrate all our hard work, have fun and to raise money for charity. Each year group will have a theme for their stalls and each tutor group will be in charge of a stall;
Year 7 – Food & Drink, Year 8 – Games & Competitions, Year 9 – Games & Competitions, Year 10 – Festival Fun, 6th Form – BBQ.

It is great fun so get your thinking caps on for different stall ideas. Tutor groups will use tutor time to plan their stall and collect everything that they need. Students will run their stall using a rota so it is manned at all times but they also get chance to enjoy the festival.





Tuesday 20th July



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MINERVA



NEPTUNE





SEND Department News

The SEND department have now settled into the new building which is called the Hemmings Centre. The pupils have transitioned well into the bright and spacious classrooms and intervention spaces, with many of them commenting on how nice it is to have a separate new building to work in.

As a department we are working with a number of outside agencies to support pupils and their families. These agencies often offer support groups, training and sessions, which we want to share with you. Please see the list below for the latest support being advertised.

If you meet the eligibility check list on the Rainbow Resources website you can apply for a card that allows families with children with SEND to receive reduced admissions and free entry to selected places.

The Rainbow Resources website also produces a newsletter for families. www.rainbowresource.org.uk

Along with the parent and carer training courses, SASS (Specialist Autism Support Service) also operate a phone line every Wednesday to offer support and advice. The number is 01761 412198.

Mrs Crosbie, SENCO



Specialist Autism Support Service
Fosse Way School
Longfellow Road Radstock Bath BA3 3AL
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01761 412198 Ext 2
Email: sass@fossewayschool.com



SASS Training Courses for Parents 2020-21

Date and time	Course	Leader	Description
March 5th 9.30am - 12.30pm	CYGNET Relationships	Hannah Hobbs	Supporting parents to understand how to develop relationships for autistic children
April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 12.30 - 2.30pm	CYGNET Core	Paul Ford	CYGNET Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children aged 4 - 18
April 29th 9.30am - 12.30pm	CYGNET Siblings	Laura Chard	Supporting parents to understand autism and siblings to build confidence for a positive family life
May 6th, 13th, 20th & 10th June 1.00pm - 3.30pm	SPACE	Hannah Hobbs	SPACE Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children in the Early Years
May 20th 9.15-12.15pm	Understanding Sensory Behaviour and the causes	Jo Thorn	Looking at the basics of sensory processing, learning about the different sensory systems alongside sensory behaviours and various strategies and resources to support in the
June 10th 6.00pm - 8.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for younger children	Hannah Hobbs and Hayley Brimble	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support younger children in their home environment
June 25th 9.00am - noon	Understanding Girls	Sarah Keelty	Supporting parents to understand how to support girls on the autism spectrum
June 30th 9.30am - 11.30am	Social Scripts	Paul Ford	Exploring how social scripts can be used to reduce anxiety surrounding new situations and experiences
July 1st 3.30pm - 5.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for Teenagers	Conrad Hein Hartmann and Carol Jones	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support teenagers in their home environment



Training course for parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum who live in B&NES

'Understanding Sensory Behaviour and the Causes'

Supporting parents to understand the basics of sensory processing and strategies and resources to support in the home.

A free virtual course with our Specialist OT who is here to offer advice and support

20th May 2021
9.15am - 12.15pm



Training course for parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum who live in B&NES

'Autism Strategies in the Home' for Younger Children

Supporting parents to understand how autism strategies can be implemented to support younger children in their home environment.

A free virtual course with one of our team members who is here to offer advice and support

10th June 2021
6pm - 8.30pm

For more information or to book please contact:
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Training course for parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum who live in B&NES

'Understanding Girls'

Supporting parents to understand how to support girls on the Autism Spectrum

A free virtual course with one of our team members who is here to offer advice and support

25th June 2021
9am - 12noon



Training course for parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum who live in B&NES

'Social Scripts'

Supporting parents to understand how to write and use social scripts to reduce anxiety surrounding new situations and experiences.

A free virtual course with one of our team members who is here to offer advice and support


30th June 2021
9.30am - 11.30am

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Training course for parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum who live in B&NES


'Autism Strategies in the Home' for Teenagers

Supporting parents to understand how autism strategies can be implemented to support teenagers in their home environment.

A free virtual course with one of our team members who is here to offer advice and support

1st July 2021
3.30pm - 5.30pm

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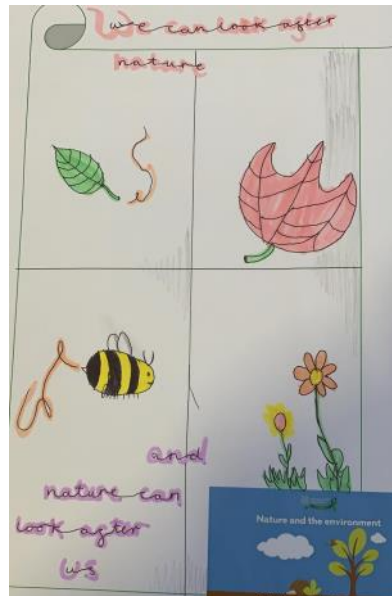
To further information or to book onto any of these courses, please contact: sass@fossewayschool.com





PSHE

Last week we were celebrating 'Connect With Nature' as part of the Mental Health Awareness campaign. Having spent so much time inside during lockdown the association wanted us to recognise what a positive impact nature can have on our emotional and physical health. Year 7s were focussing on ideas in their PSHE curriculum lessons whilst the rest of the school were reminded about the positives in their tutorials. There were some brilliant posters by individual students and these have been displayed on the PSHE board in the main corridor.




The Year 7s are also growing their own sunflowers in their tutor bases. Currently just starting their journey of growth, tutees are keeping their plants watered and in light conditions. 7S have even named their plant 'Squidwood'.

We are now looking ahead to School Diversity Week which runs from 21st - 25th June and is an annual event run by Just Like Us to celebrate LGBT+ and Inclusion in school. The school are currently planning for Oldfest 2021 and will be looking forward to our newly branded Equalities Team, 'Celebrating Differences', creating a stall where we can all celebrate our diverse school community.



Did you know that we have our very own PSHE Instagram page. Sometimes it's a reminder of what we can do to help each other but it also serves as a reminder for local, national and global events happening around the world. Don't forget to start following and let Mrs Macnaughton know what you'd like to see on the school page.

 #psheoldfield

Norland course completed during lockdown

During school closure in January, Year 10 Child Development students and Year 12 Health and Social Care students were given the opportunity to complete an online babysitting course offered by the prestigious Norland College who are based here in Bath. Three students successfully completed the course independently and alongside their online learning during lockdown. Well done to Emma Goldsworthy (10S), Alice Woolley (10G) and Hannah Edwards (12A).



"Over the past few weeks, I have been taking part in a Norland College Course where I learned the basics of babysitting. There were three modules which talked about different aspects of babysitting; Module 1, was information on preparing yourself for babysitting, which included hygiene and the laws around leaving your children at home. Module 2 information was about routines, sleeping, behaviours and awareness. Lastly, Module 3 was about communication with the parents and also identifying hazards. Throughout these modules I would be asked questions on what I have learnt and there was an assignment to do which was graded by Norland. I passed this course and achieved my certificate." Emma Goldsworthy 10S



Mrs Clark, Child Development Teacher

Room 627 - created by Oldfield School Wellbeing Ambassadors

Bath Mind, The Dept. of Kindness and Oldfield School Year 7 Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to share [Room 627](#) with you; room627.com

This new website space launched on World Mental Health Week on 10th May. Year 7 Wellbeing Ambassadors from Oldfield School, have co-designed the website and the entire project and have been working on the project since February.

Room 627 project offers creative support, top tips and advice for young people transitioning from primary school to secondary school. The website is full of tools and activities for young people and families alike to promote kindness and compassion. So, everyone can take part in the guided mindfulness, for example in the 'Get Quiet' drawer, <https://room627.com/cabinet-of-compassion/get-quiet/>



Creativity makes a difference. Being involved in art and creativity can spark new ways of thinking about things, help us find solutions to our problems, ignite intuition, overcome challenges and uncertainty, find out more about ourselves, create bonds and nurture friendships, support community and global action.

With the 627 Project, we aim to:

- Give young people moving up, a helping hand to make transition smoother and less stressful.
- Create confident young people, taking pride in the work they have designed and made happen.
- Boost resilience, self-confidence and self-compassion.
- Produce young coaches and ambassadors to cascade the work.
- Support the making of new friends.
- Share the excitement of ideas, creativity and exploration.

The project is funded by [The #iwill](#) Fund - a £50 million joint investment from the National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities.

The work has been inspired by Bath Mind's Cabinet of Compassion work across the past 3 years.

The next stages of the project are to continue to populate the website with animations, more stories and resources; cascade the work across the rest of Year 7 and find ways to support new Year 6s coming to join the school in September. We also hope to visit some other Year 6s in different schools and share our work.

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Ailsa Eaglestone, Special Projects Manager, Bath Mind and Ms Davies, Head of Year 7

Advanced problem solving competition for A level students

Ten of our Year 12 students entered the British Biology Olympiad, a competition to challenge and stimulate students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates and medals. Six of our students received a Highly Commended award and one student, Ella Causey, received a silver award! 8,476 students competed nationally, so we are very proud of our students, they have done exceptionally well, achieving above the national average. Well done Year 12s!



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SIXTH FORM

Mrs Cornelius, Head of Science

FROM OUR COMMUNITY

National Citizens Service (NCS)

The NCS recently came in to present to our Year 11 students about the summer programme they run. Further information is available here; <https://wearencs.com/summer>



Routes—An interactive thriller

One of our students in Year 12, Remy Benson, is acting in an upcoming interactive online thriller with her theatre school. You can view the trailer here; <https://vimeo.com/545105991>



This is the link to find out more and book tickets; <https://www.theatreroyal.org.uk/whats-on/>

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