

**Important Dates;****Mon 11 Oct****WEEK 2**Yr 7 Wild Place Trip  
(tutors 7B,7D, 7G, 7H)**Tues 12 Oct**Yr 7 Wild Place Trip  
(tutors 7L, 7N, 7S, 7T)Yr 8 Rugby  
Tournament, away**Weds 13 Oct**Yr 8 Racecourse Day  
Trip**Thurs 14 Oct**Yr 10, Yr 13 Child  
Development Trip,  
BristolYr 7, Yr 9 Rugby  
Tournament, away**Fri 15 Oct**Covid and flu  
vaccinations**Mon 18 Oct****WEEK 1****Wed 20 Oct**Yr 10, Yr 12 Design  
and Technology Trip,  
LondonDrama practical exam  
performancesYr 7 Welcome  
Concert, Main Hall**Thurs 21 Oct**Pumpkin competition  
Tutor Evening (Yr 7,  
11, 13)**Fri 22 Oct**

END OF TERM 1

**Mon 01 Nov****WEEK 2**

START TERM 2

Yr 12 Geography Trip,  
Devon**Weds 03 Nov**

Yr 11 Music Recital

**Tues 09 Nov**Sixth Form  
Information Evening,  
5.30-8.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your children are telling you that school feels almost 'normal' this year, that is certainly the feeling that I have and this is very welcome. We have continued with a number of measures to keep the school community as safe as possible but these have, largely, not been intrusive and school is very much as it used to be and should be. Personally, being allowed to move around my classroom and provide one to one support for students in my Year 10 history class has felt almost liberating and I have also been struck by how much I missed having sixth form students in the main school and how nice it is to see them mixing with our younger students once again. Students are back to the usual timetable and enjoying the longer lunch and break times, and staff are back teaching face to face, which is what they have missed.

As you will know one of the strengths of the school has been the variety of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities that are available and it is great to see so many up and running once again. I was able to watch the end of the years 7 to 9 netball tournament yesterday, the first in 18 months for these students, and it was clear that our students and those from Hayesfield and St Gregory's were relishing the opportunity to play competitive sport in school once more. As it happens our teams did really well with a win / loss ratio in their favour. The club list is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on our website here: [www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/extra-curricular-activities/)

We were able to hold our Open Events, with open evening being run under a booking system to ensure a limit on numbers around the school. I am pleased to say this did not deter parents and we also had large numbers visiting the school on the open mornings, taking tours around the school on a normal working day. I would like to thank all of the students involved in these events, in particular the sixth form, Year 11 and Year 8 students who toured parents around the school. They were brilliant ambassadors for the school and did a fantastic job.

Our Year 7s have made a great start to secondary school and are already making their mark, with their teachers giving me very positive feedback on their enthusiasm and attitude to learning in lessons. Their BBQ and disco was a great success (on the only dry evening of that week) and was a good opportunity for parents to meet with their Head of Year and tutors in a more informal way. Thank you to the Oldfield School Association for supporting the event and providing the bar.

We are continuing with parent evenings online, as this was the feedback from parents and staff, and it seems to work well. The information evenings for each year group, apart from Year 7, also took place online and those presentations are available on the website here; [www.oldfieldschool.com/parent-area/school-information/information-evenings-and-parents-evenings/information-evening-presentations/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/parent-area/school-information/information-evenings-and-parents-evenings/information-evening-presentations/)

Events and trips are returning and there will be more of these in the next newsletter. We are starting to plan for activities week and other whole school events with a much higher degree of confidence that these events will be able to take place. Year 9s are beginning their work with the Bath Rotary Club, who come in and run an enterprise day, encouraging students to come up with an idea which they then need to convince the rotary club could be a winning business. Year 7 and 11s will both take part in their music recitals over the next couple of weeks and Mrs

Robinson is extremely excited to be starting choir again. I am hopeful that the usual Christmas concert and other activities are able to take place.

Our Sixth Form will be opening its doors for the Information Evening on 9th November and I would urge you to attend, if you have a child in Year 11. There is more information on this and other activities in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Best wishes, *Steven Mackay, Headteacher*

# NOTICE BOARD

## 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](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com)

**Reminder;** Year 7 trip next week to Wild Place in Bristol.

Tutors 7B, 7D, 7G, 7H are going on **Monday 11th October.**

Tutors 7L, 7N, 7S, 7T are going on **Tuesday 12th October.**

## 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.

## Information Evening presentations are on the website;

[www.oldfieldschool.com/parent-area/school-information/information-evenings-and-parents-evenings/information-evening-presentations/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/parent-area/school-information/information-evenings-and-parents-evenings/information-evening-presentations/)



## Macmillan cake sale

On Friday 1st October staff and students baked and bought cake and cookies to as part of Macmillan cancer care's Big Coffee Morning fund raising initiative. We raised £140 for the charity. Thank you to all who

baked and bought. A special thank you to the Year 13 Health and Social care students - Ilham, Hannah, Abi, Daisy and Lily - who baked and ran the stall during their break time.

*Mrs A. Clark, Teacher of Child Development and Health and Social Care*



Hi, we wanted to introduce ourselves to those of you that may not have come across us yet. We are the parent staff association of Oldfield School; a group of parents and school staff who raise funds for the school. All parents, carers, staff and friends of the school are welcome to join. We get together once a term to discuss funding requests, plan upcoming events and generally share ideas. Our aim is not only to raise funds, but to create closer links between parents and the school. The OSA raise money by organising events for parents, staff and students during which everyone can get to know each other in a relaxed and informal environment while, hopefully, having some fun.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to get involved, please do email us at [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com).



## Walk for Mentoring Plus

The Oldfield walking team, representing the OSA, took part in a 9 mile walk to raise money for Mentoring Plus. The sun shone, the sky was blue and between us we only gained four blisters! We all appreciated having

time to enjoy parts of Bath that we had never visited before - the views were glorious.

Chatting to colleagues whilst walking was an added bonus. Despite the walking taking an hour longer than we anticipated, due to multiple stops for coffee and chocolate brownies, we all agreed that we should do this again. So many thanks to everyone who donated on our Just

Giving page and bought cakes. We have raised an amazing sum of £780! Jenny Perez from Mentoring Plus was hugely impressed with Oldfield; "We just wanted to say thank you so much for striding out 9 miles on Saturday and raising a terrific amount for Mentoring Plus. We were so glad you enjoyed it and the sun made for glorious views.

We raised a huge amount, exceeding our expectations of around £4,000 – as I write this email we have raised £6700 (and still rising) – a huge boost to enable us to continue to support local young people with volunteer mentoring and group activities. We hope you feel as proud as we do that together we raised this incredible amount. What a great school you are!"





# OLDFIELD SCHOOL

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## SIXTH FORM



### Sixth Form Information Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Information Evening, on **Tuesday 9th November 2021** at 5.30-8.30pm. You will be able to visit our subject fair and gather information about the individual A level subjects on offer. There will be a presentation in the main hall at 6pm by Head of Sixth Form, Mr Nash, and this will be followed by subject presentations in Penn House, where you will also have the opportunity to tour our Sixth Form facilities and meet Sixth Form students.

The new Sixth Form prospectus will be available shortly on the website. If you want to get your application in now, you can apply online through our website;

[www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/how-to-apply/sixth-form-application-form/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/how-to-apply/sixth-form-application-form/)

Deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 17th December 2021, the last school day of Term 2.

We will be sending a prospectus home to all Year 11 students after half term but a pdf will be available on the website in the meantime.

We are excited to be able to welcome you back in to the school for the evening.



### Year 13 (2020-2021) prom

We were so pleased that last year's Year 13s were finally able to have their prom, after delays and cancellations, at the beginning of September.

The prom took place in the Guildhall in a beautiful room, almost the entire year group attended, pleased to see fellow students before heading off to their new ventures.

It was great to have a final goodbye and hear speeches by Mr Nash and the head students and we wish them all the best in whatever direction their next steps take them.



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## Languages Bake Off!

The languages department held their inaugural bake-off competition to coincide with European Day of Languages (which is on 26<sup>th</sup> September each year). Students were invited to bake and decorate a cake with a European or Languages theme, or to find a traditional recipe from a foreign country and bake that. We had entries from all year groups and thoroughly enjoyed sampling the different bakes. Our 'Showstopper' prize was awarded to Thea and Louisa in Year 12, with prizes also going to Chloe Thomas (8T) and Holly Regan (9L). Prizes and certificates will be given out in assembly – well done to everyone who entered.

*Mrs Green, MFL*

## Pianoman masterclass

Alfie, Sam, Joe and Jason took part in a masterclass with concert pianist Richard Meyrick. He put the students through their paces, shot out some challenging questions and got them really thinking about the music that they were playing. All four students were able to gain useful insights into ways that they could present their music to future audiences. It was quite unnerving to play to a professional, especially after so long of not being able to perform to an audience at all and all four students did themselves proud – I was really impressed with them, as was Richard.

*Mrs Robinson, Head of Music*

## Library News

### Grand Library Opening

We celebrated the Grand Library Reopening with the fabulous Carnegie Award Nominated and Award Winning Author, Chris Vicks. Chris wielded a pair of giant scissors to cut the ribbon for the official opening. He spoke about the importance of books and libraries in young people's lives and the simplicity of stories and writing and really inspired the students;

"The emphasis put on reading was very inspiring. Sometimes you go through times of not reading and it is good to know you can come back to it at any point." Year 9 student

"I found his comments about books being an escape from the world but also an exploration into other worlds, very interesting". Year 7 student

"He said "librarians are the gatekeepers to another world" and I hadn't really thought of it like that." Year 8 student

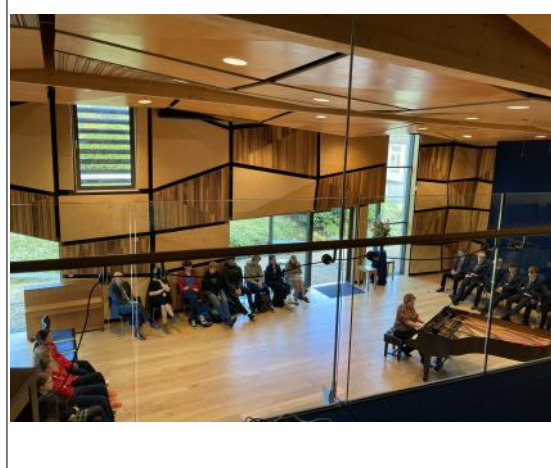
Chris said, "As an author I believe in the power and importance of stories but it has been such a pleasure to get out and meet students that have that belief too, and to hear, see and feel the enthusiasm for books".





### Open Evening 2021

We were excited to once again welcome Year 5 and Year 6 parents and students to come and view Oldfield. Open Evening was busy with people attending the Headteacher's talk and then going on a tour of the school. It was great to see so many activities taking place across the different learning areas and students helping out, despite the restrictions in numbers. The student speeches are available on the website.



### 48@Monkton

The A level music students were able to take part in a performance and talk by esteemed pianist, Libby Burgess, of select preludes and fugues from Bach's Well Tempered Clavier Book 1. As Libby put it herself, the music in both Book 1 and Book 2 is pretty 'gnarly' stuff but the students took it in their stride and didn't seem daunted at all. Libby demonstrated some of the fugal subjects so we were able to pick them out when listening and we were able to appreciate the difference in styles of some of the many preludes and fugues that Bach wrote for all of the different, newly tempered, key signatures. A really enjoyable experience and I am sure the students gained a lot from taking part.

*Mrs Robinson, Head of Music*



### Black History Month (1st–31st October)

Oldfield are proud to be supporting Black History Month, with a variety of activities in different Learning Areas. We are celebrating and championing black authors and black history from around the world in the library with a selection of novels as well as non-fiction books.

There is a PSHE competition to celebrate Black History Month. This is a tutor group challenge and students will work together to solve clues which have been put up around the school. The competition celebrates past black icons, then moves on to present black icons and in the final week we will focus on future icons. Year groups will be in

competition with each other to win an overall prize. The prize will be chosen by students who attend The United Differences group on Friday lunchtime.

Our new Head of History, Mr Moore, is delivering assemblies to year groups over the rest of the term on the theme of black history and watch out for other events during the month!



### YEAR 9 NETBALL MATCH V WELLSWAY

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who took to the court again after an 18 month break! It was great to see all players back and having the opportunity to play matches again.

It was tight in the first half with neither side giving away anything and play went with the centres, goal for goal. There were some great performances in defence to keep the pressure on, from Evie, Rhiannon, Aya and Olivia. Centre court was directed by Robyn, Scarlet and Myeisha with some great feeds in from Hana to the circle. Well done to Alex, Lydia, Isabelle and Tia in the shooting circle who worked hard as an attacking unit to keep the goals coming!

In the second half the game slipped away from us a bit and we lost 24-17 but it was an amazing first performance after so long. My personal thanks to the whole squad for their effort and mature approach to a squad rotation system – every player gave their all for the team when they were on court.

We now look forward to the next one!

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

### Year 8 Netball

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September Year 8 Oldfield students played their first netball match since joining secondary school, due to the pandemic, against Wellsway. Oldfield played well during the 4 quarters with the first quarter being the strongest. As this was the first time that the team had played together the players changed position throughout the match. Due to reduced numbers we did not have any subs and therefore we all had to work really hard.

Oldfield played well throughout the game, however Wellsway were more experienced and had the upper hand. Leading to the final score being 14-5 to Wellsway. Oldfield team stayed positive and kept their heads up for the whole match and gained valuable experience for their next match against Ralph Allen and St Greg's in October.

*Miss Hooper, PE Teacher*

### Up and Coming Fixtures

|          |                                   |      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 07.10.21 | Year 10 Rugby Tournament          | Home |
| 12.10.21 | BANES Cross Country               | Away |
| 12.10.21 | Year 8 Rugby Tournament           | Away |
| 13.10.21 | Year 8 and 9 Girls Football Match | Away |
| 14.10.21 | Year 9 Rugby Tournament           | Away |

### Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

#### Rugby success

Olivia Bromiley, Year 9, has been selected to take part in Gloucestershire RFU's Girls Rugby Development Programme for the U15s, which is the start of the England Rugby Women's Player Pathway. Olivia was chosen following trials at Hartpury College where around 50 girls from throughout Gloucestershire took part in a carousel of skills sessions and a rugby match. Olivia will also continue to play rugby for her club, North Bristol RFC. Congratulations!



# FROM OUR COMMUNITY



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Bath & NE Somerset



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**Meet us on Zoom**  
(no account required, just contact us to request a place, copy the link we'll send you into a web browser to join, please join at the beginning to get the most out of the session)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 10-11am  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 10-11am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 10-11am  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 10-11am  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 10-11am

Contact SEND Partnership Service:  
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- Supporting children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs (Rainbow Resource: our SEND Local Offer)


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[livewell.bathnes.gov.uk](http://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk)

If you have a child with a Special Educational Needs and/or Disability, you can apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card on Live Well B&NES, offering discounted entry to various attractions across the area.

**Free online workshop to help parents and carers understand teenagers!**

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*Are you the parent or carer of a teenager? Have you ever wondered why teenagers behave the way they do and how to help them through these years? If the answer is yes, then sign up for an informative online workshop organised by B&NES Council and led by national experts.*

*When: 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 8pm*

*Where: On Zoom*

*For more information & how to register [click here](#).*

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