



Oldfield School Newsletter

Outlook

Important Dates;

16 Dec
End of Term 2

03 Jan 2023
INSET DAY

04 Jan
START OF TERM 3
WEEK 1
Yr 13 Mocks start

09 Jan
OSA Meeting, 8pm

12 Jan
Yr 11 Parents' Evening

13 Jan
End of Yr 13 Mocks

16 Jan
A level Sociology & Psychology Trip to London

17 Jan
Yr 10 CV Workshops

30 Jan
Royal Navy
Teambuilding Events (all week)

02 Feb
Drama Showcase

03 Feb –05 Feb
Yr 11 History Trip to Berlin

06 Feb
National Apprenticeship Week

08 Feb
Yr 9 Options Evening

09 Feb
Yr 13 Parents' Evening
Yr 12/13 Salamanca Trip
OSA pre-loved uniform sale

10 Feb
End of Term 3

14 Feb
Yr 12/13 Salamanca Trip return

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Dear Parents and Carers

For most of us this will be the first normal, undisrupted Christmas for some years and I am sure that you and your children will be looking forward to spending time together over the festive period.

This has been a very busy term for students and staff now that we are back to a full programme of trips, extra-curricular clubs and enrichment activities. Our sports teams have continued to make an impact in both local and county competitions and a summary of results from fixtures and competitions over this term is included in this newsletter. There have been some outstanding individual sporting achievements by our students over the last few years, none more impressive than that of Ella Smith who now has an U16 England Cap to her name.

Residential trips in the UK and abroad have made a very welcome return to the school calendar with our Year 13 students taking part in the geography field trip and Year 10 having the opportunity to visit the (very chilly) World War One battlefields sites in France and Belgium. There have also been many day trips over the last term for students of all year groups, with many more planned for Terms 3 and 4. These are an important part of school life, and I am very grateful to the staff who have given their time to offer our students these opportunities.

The end of term music events were hugely enjoyable and a pleasure to attend. Our students have performed in the carol service at Weston All Saint's Church, at the OSA Christmas Fair and at the Christmas Concert. Thank you to all of you who joined us at these events, I am sure that you enjoyed these as much as I have.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported OSA this year, we are extremely fortunate to have a very proactive and well organised parents' association, who contribute enormously to the life of the school. I would very much encourage you to get involved, OSA's contact details, are on page three of the newsletter.

There are some staffing changes in place from January. Miss Evans is leaving having been appointed the Head of Food Technology at Bristol Free School. Mr Abood, Head of Year 9, has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at Broadlands School. Mrs Schoppler is going on maternity leave and Mrs Pakeman is also leaving us, having been covering for Terms 1 and 2 for Miss Holly while she has been on maternity leave.

Several new staff joining us in January; Mr Mills is our new Head of Design Technology, Mrs Dyer is joining the English Learning Area, Mr Carter will be teaching Business Studies and Economics and Mr Evans will be covering Mrs Schoppler's maternity leave in the Maths Department.

Could I remind you that Tuesday 3rd January is an inset day, therefore the first day of school for students will be Wednesday 4th January and that this is Week 1 of the timetable cycle.

Wishing you an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy new year.

Best wishes,

Steven Mackay, Headteacher

Max will be retiring along with Mr Mackay at the end of this year. We have appointed an apprentice, Bella who will be learning the ropes from Max over the next few months.

You can follow her antics here on Instagram: [@bella_oldfield](#)



NOTICE BOARD

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.

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

Careers News

Our Careers section on the website has lots of up to date information on events and opportunities. Workshop, training and employer engagement page offers information about activities with EDT and Industrial cadets, NHS cadets, Virtual Healthcare Career Fair, We work for everyone with focus on students with learning difficulties, Lloyds bank, Burges Salmon law firm, BAE Systems, Career days for work experiences (performing art, medicine, dentistry, computer science, law, vet, architect, psychology, midwifery), Dig Data to experience data science.

www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/careers-guidance-work-experience/useful-websites/training-and-workshops-employer-engagement/

Live vacancies/apprenticeships page currently features open apprenticeships from IBM, RUH Bath, Ministry of Defence, BP, Government Economic Service, RPC- law firm, BBC, HSBC, Network Rail.

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On our Open Days tab, you can find dates for open days at local colleges and universities, and outreach programs.

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Mrs Rawlings, Careers Advisor

Attendance Matters

We are having a whole school drive on attendance as there is a direct correlation on student attendance and how likely they are to achieve. We want all our students to achieve the best they possibly can and that starts with them being in school as much as possible. We understand there are occasions when this isn't possible due to illness or medical appointments.

Any queries you may have regarding attendance or to report an absence, please contact the attendance team at attendance@oldfieldschool.com



Message from B&NES re support with cost of living Within our Cost of Living Support pages you will find information about B&NES' Warm Spaces Scheme, providing individuals with safe spaces to visit and access warmth, safety and comfort during the winter months. You will also find information about benefits, reducing energy costs, food support, debt advice, information about pension credit, help towards childcare costs, support if you are experiencing illness or disability, advice for carers, help with prescription charges, managing money and your mental health.



Microsoft Office 365

A reminder that all students at Oldfield School are able to install the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher for free on their computers at home!

1. Go to the O365 website: <https://portal.office.com>
2. Sign in using your school email address and password

Sign in

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3. On the Launchpad page, click on the 'Install apps' button

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Mr Howard, ICT Teacher



WELL DONE TO MO KENNEDY, YEAR 9, FOR HER WINNING DESIGN FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD.



Dates for your diary

09 January 2023, 8pm, OSA Meeting, online

09 February 2023, 3.10pm, Uniform Sale, Penn House



It was lovely to meet so many of you at our recent Christmas Fair on 3rd December. Parents and staff commented on the lovely welcome, the great atmosphere and the busy stalls. In total the fair raised just over £2700. This is an incredible amount - many, many thanks to all of you who bought Christmas trees, raffle tickets, uniform and books. The OSA is very grateful to the generous sponsorship of our raffle from local businesses - **Bath on Ice, Komedia, the Theatre Royal, Fonthill Garden Centre, Mr B's Emporium of Books, The Bath Boathouse, Naughty but Nice, Consciously You, First Impressions Hair and Nails, The Beauty Retreat, Weston Coffee Shop, Beyond the Stone and Pestle, Interior Fascination, The Crown at Weston, Basil's Bakery, Glow Golf, Victoria park, Newton St Lowe Farm Shop and Café and Topping's Book Company.**



This year at the fair 25 students from Years 7 and 8 ran their own stalls raising money for charity. What a great job they did. They turned up on the day full of enthusiasm and energy. The lucky dip, chocolate tombola and numerous games and activities helped to raise over £200. This will be divided between their chosen charities; Off the Record, Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation. The OSA was also particularly grateful to Victoria Robinson for organising live music throughout the morning; the sixth form band were excellent.



The money that the OSA raises from events and uniform sales goes straight back to students to support learning, well-being and building community. I am delighted that so far this year we have been able to give £990 to purchase ten brass trumpets, £250 to provide sixth formers with a work space for A Level Art, £235 to the Special Educational Needs team in The Hemmings Centre and £50 to help launch the sixth form Cosy Craft Club.

The OSA trustees are immensely grateful to our wonderful team of parent volunteers. To find out more about who we are and what we do please check out the OSA page www.oldfieldschool.com/about-us/osa/

Don't forget it is easy to support us financially by signing up for amazon smile. Details on how to do this are found at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

1. Click on 'Get started'
2. Log in using your usual amazon email address and password
3. On the amazon smile homepage search for **Oldfield School Association (Bath)** and choose us as the charity to support.

Always shop through smile.amazon.co.uk. If you are using Amazon on your phone, search for smile.amazon.co.uk in the app. You will be directed to change your settings to turn on amazon smile in the app.

Thank you so much for all the amazing support that you have given to the OSA this term!
Best wishes and Happy Christmas
Gaynor Williams, On behalf of the OSA team





Drama News

It has been another really busy term in Drama, here are some of the things which have been happening in addition to all the usual clubs and activities:



New Views Playwriting Project with the National Theatre

We have 13 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 who are taking part in the National Theatre 'New Views' program. This project encourages students to engage creatively with theatre and to explore, develop and eventually write their own play. To launch the project, on 16th November, we had a visit from professional playwright and our school mentor Christopher William Hill, who ran a workshop exploring ideas and techniques.

Next term we will be visiting the National Theatre in London to watch a production and students will be submitting their initial ideas for their own plays.



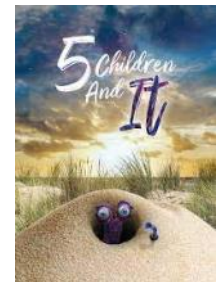
Innocentville – a workshop and interactive theatre project with the Egg Theatre Bath

On 5th December, Paddy and Sam from the Egg Theatre came to run an exciting workshop for Year 7 and 8 students in the Drama Studio. This interactive project saw students working collaboratively and creatively in response to clues to create characters and background information for the piece. They were all given a box of clues and objects to take away and use to explore the city of Bath to continue to find the hidden clues.



5 Children and IT – Theatre Visit

We were lucky enough to be given 40 tickets to see the press night performance of '5 Children and It' at the Egg Theatre in Bath on Tuesday 13th December. This is the Egg's Christmas show and promises to be a magical and engaging end of term treat for some of our Year 7 students!



Drama Showcase

Students in all year groups are busy rehearsing for the Drama Showcase in February. Clear the date for Thursday 2nd February, where students from all year groups will be taking part in a range of different performances as part of the evening. More details to follow in the New Year.

Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama

Linguistics Lecture for Language Enthusiasts!

On Thursday 1st December a small group of Year 11, 12 and 13 English language students were fortunate enough to attend a sociolinguistics lecture in school presented by Professor Jane Setter from University of Reading. From learning about the controversy surrounding how you pronounce 'scone' to understanding how the media use language to comment on Harry and Meghan; our students took part in surveys and really enjoyed their experience. We are hoping Professor Setter's brilliant lecture will inspire Oldfield students to become the next generation of famous linguists!

Mrs Morris, English Teacher



Christmas Constructions

On Thursday 7th December, 30 year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an evening of "Christmas Constructions". We created some intricate snowflakes using our mathematical skills!

Mrs Eason-Blake, Maths Teacher



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Year 10 Battlefields Trip 2022

In the early hours last Friday, 48 Year 10 students departed Oldfield for Ypres, Belgium and the Somme region of France on the History Department's Battlefields Trip.

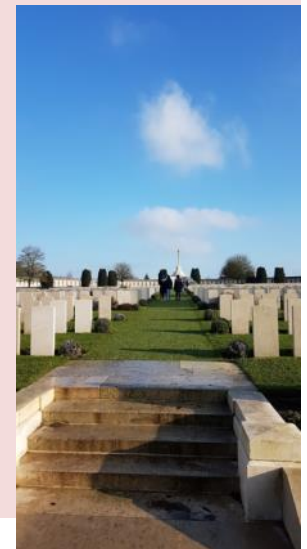
Following a calm ferry crossing, our first visits were to Langemark German and Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemeteries, where students were able to compare the approach taken to remembrance by the two sides after the conflict. At Langemark students were humbled by the mass graves

containing the remains of over 24,000 soldiers and were overwhelmed by the rows of over 11,000 crosses at Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world.

In the evening, the group took part in the Menin Gate Ceremony, a remembrance event that has been held every evening since 1928. It takes place in the shadow of the Menin Gate, a memorial that lists the names of more than 54,000 soldiers who died in the fighting around the Ypres region but have no known grave. During the ceremony students placed a personalised wreath on behalf of the staff, students and community of Oldfield School.

One of the highpoints of the trip was discovering what life was like for soldiers living in the trenches around Ypres and the Somme. The students were fascinated by the collections and exhibit at the Somme 1916 Museum and were able to explore tunnels and trenches at Hill 62!

Mr Moore, Head of History



Festival of Economics

Sixth Form Business and Economics students



Economics students were taken down to Bristol's Watershed to attend the Festival of Economics. This was our first trip out of school since the COVID pandemic. The festival brought together economist, policy makers, academics and the public to debate some of the key economic questions. Our students attended two talks 1. Big Tech Under Control – Regulating the Tech Giants and 2. Wage Controversies.

The expert panel consisted of Rory Cellan-Jones, former technology correspondent for the BBC, joined by journalist, cybersecurity and metaverse expert Kate Bevan, scientist and entrepreneur Harry Destecroix, journalist Kimberley Long and economist Tommaso Valletti. The second lecture was delivered by Bristol University professor Stephen Machin. He delved into the controversies around wages. How does high inflation influence wages? How have technological advances impacted our wage structures – and what are the challenges around this? What is the impact of a minimum wage policy and can unions affect wages and their structures? And ultimately, as we head into a cost-of-living crisis, how can workers' living standards be boosted with real wage growth?

The level of conversation at the event was immense, but this didn't faze our students from asking question and getting involved in debates. The students were great ambassadors for Oldfield School and I am proud of how they conducted themselves in this highly academic environment. The lectures gave our students the ability to apply theory learnt in the classroom to real life issues. We are already making plans to attend this event again next year...

Mr Abood, Business Studies and Economics Teacher



The Scholars Programme

The Brilliant Club – Scholars Programme

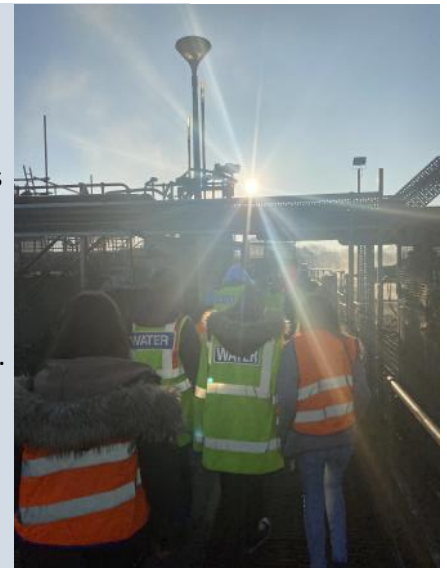
On Wednesday 3rd November 24 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 were excited to visit Southampton University for the launch of the Scholars Programme. The Scholars Programme is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club, an organisation which aims to widen access for outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to the UK's most selective universities. University researchers (PhD Tutors) are placed in schools, teaching university-style tutorials to groups of four to six pupils. This is proving to be a unique opportunity for our students to experience university-style teaching whilst working with a world-leading expert. Those engaged in the programme are currently attending PhD tutorials once a week and preparing a 2,000-word dissertation.

Mr Beddow, Assistant Headteacher



Wessex Water Trip Year 8

As part of the career development programme, Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit a Wessex Water site to see the real-life workings behind the company and an insight into the various career paths within Wessex Water. They were reminded about the water cycle and learned about the water “footprint” of our daily activities. In an interesting and interactive activity we learned about what water waste consists of. After that, we explored the Water Recycling Centre and their facilities, learned step by step, the cleaning process for water waste. We also discussed a variety of job opportunities that exist at Wessex water and different routes into employment with Wessex Water (apprenticeships and graduate jobs).



Photography in London

It was an early start for our Year 10 and Year 12 photography students as they boarded the coach to London. We managed to cover a lot of ground, starting at The Barbican, walking down to Soho with lots of opportunities to take photos along the way. We ended up at The Photographer's Gallery at Oxford Circus. Some of the older students were able to go off and search out other sites independently, and they captured some really interesting images, which will all go towards their final A level portfolio.

Students were well behaved and showed themselves to be good ambassadors of the school.

Miss Wells, Acting Head of Art



SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING



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Thank you to everyone that joined us a few weeks ago, at the Sixth Form Information Evening—it was great to see so many of you here and interested in the different subjects on offer.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hayward or Mr Nash if you have any further questions or would like to discuss the options further.

You can access the Sixth Form prospectus, on the school website here;

www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/prospectus/

And you can apply via the application form here; www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/how-to-apply/

If you have any questions, please contact us at enquiries@oldfieldschool.com.



Partnering with Primary Schools

On Tuesday 13th December, the Year 5 students from Abbot Alphege joined us for some festive baking! The biscuits looked great and tasted even better.



Slapton Ley 2022- Geography Residential

At the start of this term a group of Year 13 Geographers braved the cold spells and put their geography to the test outside the classroom. We spent time doing what geographers do best; collecting soil samples, measuring rocks on the beach, listening to me and Jon talk about the history of Plymouth and run for cover when the rain began! Congratulations to Zaid who won our jog from the beach competition. Overall it was a fantastic trip, and here is one of the few points where we had blue skies!
Mr Santarpino, Geography Teacher



Design and Technology Year 10 and 12 London Trip

On Monday 14th November Year 10 and 12 Design and Technology Students visited London.

The first stop was the Design Museum where students looked at the exhibitions and attended a sustainability workshop. The workshop gave an insight into newly developed sustainable materials and the students worked in teams analysing different products and their packaging.

After lunch and a brisk walk through London the next stop was the V&A museum. The students went on a treasure hunt and explored the museum; sketching and photographing products to help with their subject coursework.

It was a fantastic learning experience and the students loved the day trip to the capital.

Miss Sackett, Miss Fielding and Miss Hasnat, Design & Technology Teachers





Remembrance Ceremony

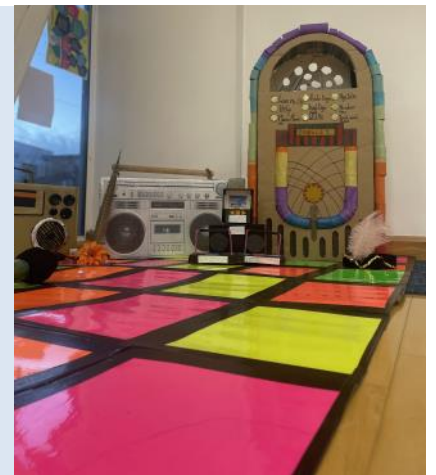
Staff and students commemorated Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November with a reading of the Epitaph from our Head Student, the reading of The Exhortation by Andy Clarke, one of our facilities team who served in the Armed Forces (Infantry) for 9 years, and there was then a 2 minute silence observed by students and staff across the school. Several of our students who are cadets then laid the wreath under the cherry tree in Malloy. And later the wreath was laid at the war memorial in Weston by Year 13 students.



Props Galore!

If you were to pay the dance studio a visit this term you would think that you had been transported back in time. Our Year 8 students have been very busy making props inspired by all the different styles of dance that they have learnt since September. From Disco to Jive and Charleston to Breakin' the students have travelled through time and discovered that Fortnite dances aren't original after all. We've got Jukeboxes, Top Hats, Disco Floors, Walkmans, Record Players, Charleston Headbands and Boombboxes to name a few. All our students efforts will be recognised. As an historian, Mr Mackay will be in to cast his eye over the work and pick out those which are most impressive. We are always so impressed with the quality and effort that goes in to these props and this year has certainly not been a disappointment.

Mrs Macnaughton and Mrs Smith, Dance Teachers

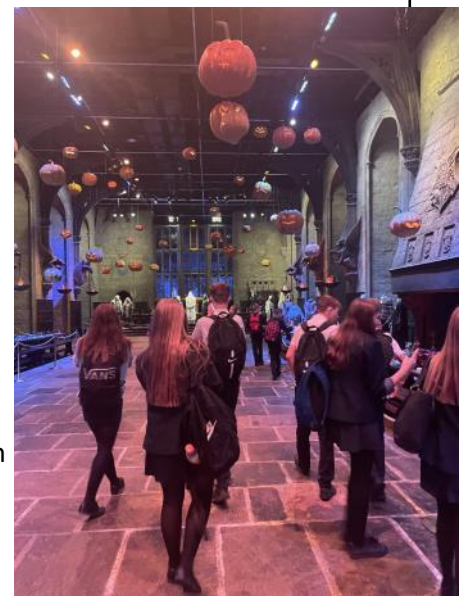


Harry Potter Trip

This term Year 9 DT students went to the Harry Potter studios to explore how the films were made. They took part in a costume distressing workshop which allowed them to find out more about the spellbinding secrets of the costume department that created over 25,000 unique items of clothing for the Wizarding World. During the workshop students had the opportunity to examine real costumes before and after a battle scene and analyse how the costume design team creates wear and tear.

Students could then explore the main studios where they could see how lots of DT skills were used to make the films. The studios are still producing films and do offer apprenticeships for many jobs across the film industry if anyone was thinking of this as a career route.

Miss Evans, Head of Technology





Christmas Music Events

Our students have, once again, wowed us with amazing performances over the Christmas period. The start of our Christmas celebrations was in Weston Church with our annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols. A beautiful setting with some stunning performances by the students, soloists, cantata, choir and concert band. We then accompanied the festivities at the Christmas Fair, with lots of individuals getting up and performing as people browsed and shopped. Rocking it out with a few well-known classics!

Our final event was the Christmas Concert, which was extremely well attended and kept everyone entertained with some beautiful renditions of some lesser known carols, various Christmas songs and some really fun tunes. My absolute highlight was being able to get the audience involved and singing once again!

Well done to all the students involved and a huge thank you to our staff who go above and beyond to make these events possible.

Mrs Robinson, Head of Music



Share your story with the BBC!

We were very excited to welcome the BBC into school and be part of their 100th birthday celebration events, the "Share Your Story" Tour. The tour aimed to visit about 400 schools across the UK, with a BBC Ambassador sharing their story and journey with students. Our students from Years 8 and 9 were able to hear the motivating and inspiring story of Eboni Usoro-Brown, a former professional netballer (she played for England), Sky Sports presenter and lawyer. She told them about her early life living with her mum, a single parent, and how she focussed on her goal to play for England and her studies to become a lawyer. She spoke about the set backs and her determination to succeed. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions, one of the main ones being "how much do you earn"? It was an inspiring talk and several students stayed behind to ask further questions. Thanks to the BBC for visiting us as part of their tour.



HOUSE NEWS



This term is always busy for everyone. The four houses have been gearing up to the festive break with a variety of activities including our annual reward trip to Bath On Ice on Thursday 15th December. Students love to show off their skills on the ice alongside Mr Gann and Miss Hooper whilst Mrs Macnaughton and Mrs Gotts encourage from the sidelines! Remember to keep earning those all important house points in order to be in with a chance of being invited on the next trip in Term 3.

As well as ice skating students have been taking part in 'Knowing Me, Knowing Yule'; a competition where members of staff share fun facts about themselves and students have to attempt to link the fact to the teacher. From dining with royalty to dancing alongside Hollywood stars, flying planes to working on melon farms; the Oldfield staff have given the students some fantastic facts to attempt to match! Every tutor group will earn points for their house which will go toward that all important tally for the overall winner of the House Cup at the end of the academic year.

Sticking with the theme of winning, congratulations to 8D who won the whole school competition based on the 2022 World Cup. Whilst the trophy hasn't been won yet the Minervan tutor group earned the most points across the school for predicting goals scored. Well done to Miss Hasnat and her tutor group. We hope you enjoyed your cake!

Friday 18th November was our annual fundraiser for **Children in Need**. This is always one of our most highly supported fundraising events and this year was no different. Students were allowed to wear non-uniform in exchange for a donation and house points awarded to those who fully embraced the Pudsey theme and wore spotty outfits.



Tutor groups took part in a general knowledge quiz. The winning tutor groups were 10L (Neptune) for main school and 13C (Apollo) for Sixth Form. Well done to those tutor groups and prizes are on their way to you.

A huge thank you to Niccolo and Cailey who agreed to be our goalies for the Pudsey Penalty Shoot Out. Students came along at lunchtime to take on Niccolo and Cailey and see if they could slot a goal past them. There were some fabulous goals and some equally brilliant saves.

The main event of the day saw suspense building around the MUGA where Mr Spence kindly agreed to have his hair shaved off. Mr Spence had been growing his locks in preparation for this event and Mr Driver was only too keen to step up and rid him of his curls. Some students also had a go for extra donations. Mr Spence raised almost £500 alone which is a phenomenal amount. Thank you Mr Spence for being such a good sport.



In total, we raised over £1100 which is a brilliant amount of money going towards such a worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the cause. Can we beat this amount next year?

Apollo, Maia, Minerva and Neptune

House Sport

Unfortunately, due to the extreme weather forecast from the Met Office, we had to cancel House Sport on 14th December. In order to maintain our enriched house competitions, pupils had the opportunity to participate in inter-house activities within their core PE lessons during the last week of Term 2. We look forward to our next whole-school House Sport event which will take place on Wednesday 8th February - pupils will have the opportunity to compete for their House in either Handball or Football.

Girls Football

U14's girls football cup match against St Katherine's school. We won 7-1 with impressive goals from Neve Comley and Ines Lefebvre. Player of the match went to Erin Clark.
Miss Hooper, PE Teacher



U14s girls cup match

Lost 2-1 in the second round of the cup, the girls fought really well, but unfortunately it was not our day.



U12s girl's football team beat Wellsway 3-2 in the 2nd round of the Somerset cup. Goals by Poppy Gardner and Cara Hemsley, player of the match Josie Barry.

Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team played Norton Hill School in October. The score was 25-0 to Norton Hill. The boys battled hard and some good tackling from Hussein Khalif and Elliot Long helped prevent the score from being a heavier defeat. Good effort boys!
Mr Driver, Head of PE



Year 9 Netball Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who put in an excellent performance at the BANES tournament on a very wet and windy afternoon. Pool match results;

Oldfield 0	Ralph Allen 3
Oldfield 0	Writhlington 1
Oldfield 4	St Greg's 1
Oldfield 7	Somervale 2

That got us through to the semi finals but unfortunately despite all our effort in the match we lost to Hayesfield. We finished 4th out of 11 BANES teams – congratulations to all!
Mrs Little, Second in PE



Boys Football

On 24th November Oldfield defeated Frome College in the Year 9 Somerset Cup Football competition. The weather was very poor

with heavy rain and strong winds but Oldfield managed to dominate the game. Oldfield were 4-0 up in the game with goals from Alex E, Owen D-M, Billy P and Tom C. The end result was 4-2 due to many team changes made and some experimenting with our line up. We are looking forward to round 2 of the cup before the end of January.



Year 7 BANES Netball Tournament



On Wednesday 30th November we travelled to Chew Valley School for the annual Year 7 BANES Netball tournament.

A squad of 10 girls were chosen to represent the school and every student played at least two games. The students worked really hard in every match, and I was proud of all their efforts and performances in the games.

We started off well, beating both Writhlington and Hayesfield. We then drew against Wellsway and then won against St Greg's. We lost against Ralph Allen and Chew Valley.

Our overall position was **third** which is an amazing achievement. Well done to all the girls that took part. Players of the match were awarded to Julia Mboya, Ella Swinbank and Maisey Hutchins for their outstanding performance. Well done also to Maisy who was captain of the team and did a very good job.

Mrs Bell, PE Teacher

Staff Netball v Sixth Form

It is that time of year again when staff are challenged to a game of netball to try and topple our 100% record of victories over students!

This time it was the turn of the 6th form to take us on. Tense is not the word to cover it! From the first whistle it was very clear that this was not a little bit of fun on a Friday after school - far from it! Both sides gave 100% effort throughout with some excellent athletic performances on show from all players gaining and regaining possession. At some points I was amazed that some players were still in one piece after certain staff players got a little over excited trying to defend the circle.

It truly was a fantastic game played in a competitive spirit but with lots of fun moments. The 6th form had us working hard to retain the lead but in the end we managed to hold on for a 16-9 win!

We are all very much looking forward to the next one.

Celebrating our students achievements in their individual activities outside school

Huge congratulations to Ella Smith, Year 10, who made her international debut in November at St George's Park playing for the U16s Lionesses against Wales. She scored the winning penalty of the game! She is now waiting to hear whether she will be selected for the next England camp. This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to hearing about what happens next.



Well done to Yahav Horosov in Year 8, who got another gold medal for the group rope routine in the 2022 West Midlands Open Championship last month.

