

## Important Dates;

**30 Oct**

START OF TERM 2

WEEK 2

Yr 11 A level subject information week

**31 Oct**

Pumpkin Carving Competition Display

Yr 13 Geography Field Trip 1

Yr 11 Study Skills Evening

**01 Nov**

Yr 11 Music Recital

**02 Nov**

Primary Schools Music Festival

Yr 13 Geography Field Trip 2

**06 Nov**

WEEK 1

OSA Meeting, online

**07 Nov**

Sixth Form Information Evening

**08 Nov**

Yr 9 BANES Netball Tournament

**10 Nov**

Yr 13 Geography Field Trip 3

**13 Nov—23 Nov**

Yr 11 and Yr 13 Mock Exams

**14 Nov**

Yr 7, 8, 9 Netball v Chew Valley

**15 Nov**

U16 Badminton Tournament v Chew Valley

**16 Nov**

U14 Boys Football v Nailsea School

**21 Nov**

Yr 7, 8, 9 Netball v Wellsway

**22 Nov**

Drama Showcase

**23 Nov**

Yr 10 Football v Hans Price

**24 Nov**

INSET DAY

**27 Nov**

WEEK 2

**28 Nov**

Yr 8, 9 Netball v Hayesfield

**29 Nov**

Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

**30 Nov**

BANES Yr 7 Netball Tournament

**02 Dec**

OSA Christmas Fair

**05, 06, 07, 08 Dec**

GCSE Art & Photography Mock Exams

**07 Dec**

Yr 8 Parents Evening

**13 Dec**

Christmas Concert

**15 Dec**

END OF TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must say how very happy I am to be here at Oldfield School and to have been appointed Headteacher. It has been a very busy term with lots of hard work but thoroughly enjoyable and it has been great to work with the staff and students.

I had done a lot of preparation in the summer, but I have continued to find out lots about the systems and how the school runs and continue to be impressed by many things so far. In particular the dedication and expertise of staff and how lovely and hard working your children are. I have had the pleasure of attending several events and meeting lots of you.

This term we have welcomed lots of new staff, Information Evenings for Years 7, 10 and 13, Open Evening and Morning, Year 7 BBQ and disco, Parents' Well-being Event, authors from Bath Children's Lit Festival speaking to Year 7 and 8, Royal Navy Ready Steady Cook, Year 7 trip to the Wild Place, Year 9 and 10 "Smashed" assemblies, Year 12 RUH trip, Year 7 informal music concert, theatre trip to Guys and Dolls, Business Studies Conference for Years 11 and 13, and the National Apprenticeship visit for Years 11, 12 and 13 to name a few. I would like to thank the staff for their energy and effort to run these events, creating excellent opportunities for the students.

It is time for a rest now, but I am looking forward to another term in supporting the school to inspire our students.

Have a lovely break.  
Best wishes,

*Andy Greenhough*  
Headteacher

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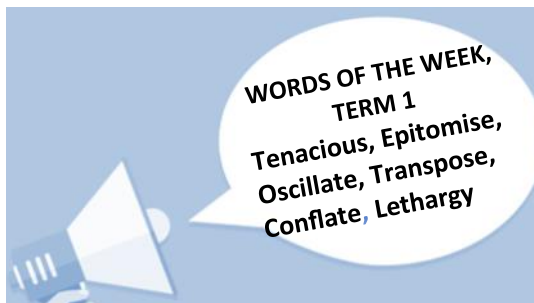
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# NOTICE BOARD



## WORD OF THE WEEK

Every week we will issue a new word from Tier 2 Vocabulary and this will be shared in Tutor time, on the website and on our Instagram account. We would love students to try and use this word as much as possible during that week, in their school work, in their messages, at home, and whenever they can sneak the word in! See above for the words we've had so far this term.

## NHS Cadets Programme

The NHS Cadets programme is an initiative run by the NHS and St John Ambulance and aims to equip young people with practical skills from understanding healthcare, to transferable skills in areas such as compassionate leadership, effective communication and healthy teamwork.

The course is 36 weeks long and each session is 2 hours. A range of subjects will be taught from First aid, Safeguarding, Mental Health, Team Building etc. At the end of the course you receive a certificate which can be used on students' CVs and the NHS look favourably on this certificate when it comes to applying for jobs.

The course is free and will be run in-house. The course is aimed at 14-18 year olds with 14-16 doing a basic course and 16-18 doing an advanced course, primarily aimed at students wishing to work within the NHS however it would also be appropriate for the care industry.

Please email [s.aldworth@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:s.aldworth@oldfieldschool.com) if you are interested in taking part.

## 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.

## YOUNG BATH ARTISTS

### PRIVATE VIEW

You are warmly invited to an exhibition showcasing GCSE and A level work from schools across Bath

**Saturday 11th November 4pm-6pm**

At Burdall's Yard  
[burdallsyard.co.uk](http://burdallsyard.co.uk)  
7A Anglo Terrace, Bath BA1 5NH



## 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)

## SPOOKTACULAR PUMPKIN COMPETITION

- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**
- Carve the most fantastical, creative, Halloween pumpkin!
- It can be a theme of your choice.
- Bring it to the stage in the main hall by 8.20am.
- Remember to collect it by 4pm **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**



## TOP PRIZES!!!



### Dates for your diary

**Monday 6 Nov**, OSA Meeting, online. To sign up to attend please email [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

**Saturday 02 Dec**; Christmas Fair, Christmas Tree sale and pre-loved uniform sale

### Welcome from OSA Team

What a wonderful start to the new academic year it's been for Oldfield School Association. It was lovely to meet many of the new Year 7 parents at the BBQ and disco in September which raised a fantastic £700 for the school, and it's been great to welcome new parent volunteers to the OSA team.

We held our AGM last week where we looked back over the activities and the accounts of the past year and learned more about the impact of our fund-raising. This is our reason for being, to support the wellbeing and education of our students, and it was so lovely to hear some of the stories around the positive difference we are making.

*"A huge thank you for your continued support over this academic year. Without the support of OSA we would not have been able to run Thrive as successfully as we have done. We have been able to work with over fifty students this year!" Hannah Keaveney and Sophie Clark, Thrive team.*

*"The purchasing of trumpets has already had a really positive impact and this is going to continue for years to come. 30 students have been able to continue free trumpet lessons for an extra term because these trumpets were made available to them. We are going to continue with this programme every year – I am delighted about the extra opportunities the students are getting!" – Victoria Robinson, Head of Music.*

*"We are so grateful to OSA for funding the mentoring that took place in the summer term. The mentors made fantastic relationships with severable vulnerable Year 7 and Year 9 students and the students themselves have fed back that it is really helpful to have someone to talk to regularly" – Laura Heaven, Head of Year 7.*

*"Thank you so much for your generous donation of funds to provide the Art department with photography equipment that will facilitate an even higher standard of work and open up a wide range of creative outcomes that were just not possible with the equipment we had before." – Richard Naylor, Leader of Learning: Creatives.*

*"The work that OSA does is really important in enabling us to upgrade our provisions and really meet the needs of students in a warm and welcoming environment." Kristina Mills, English as an Additional Language.*

At the AGM we also said a BIG thankyou to our outgoing Chair – Gaynor Williams – and Treasurer – Debbie Cottle, who are both standing down having served on the OSA committee for many years. They have been instrumental in making OSA what it is today, raising thousands of pounds for the school, and we are so grateful for all the time and energy they have given. We will miss them hugely, but we look forward to continuing to build on all their amazing work. And thanks to Gill Simpson (Chair) and Nick Wharf (Treasurer) for stepping into their shoes. If you'd like to find out more about what we do and ways to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Our next OSA meeting is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November on zoom; for more details, please contact [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com).

As we look ahead to Term 2, one of our main fund-raising events is on the horizon: the **Oldfield Christmas Fair!** This will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 11am – 1pm**. There will be a wide selection of craft and game stalls run by students and local entrepreneurs, musical performances from students, and an amazing raffle supported by businesses in our local community. Our pre-loved uniform will be on sale, along with a second-hand book stall including GCSE and A-Level revision guides. And there will be high quality Nordmann Christmas trees available to purchase and take away on the day. Keep an eye out for more information after half-term, we do hope you'll be able to join us for this festive occasion.

Thank you for all your continued support, it really does make a difference.

The OSA team.

## Sixth Form Information Evening



Come and join us for our Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday 7th November at 5.30-8.30pm.

We strongly believe that our Sixth Form is the ideal destination for Oldfield students wishing to study A level courses. We have a strong academic record, an excellent pastoral care and support programme and a policy of ensuring class sizes at Sixth Form are set as no larger than 15.

From 5.30pm, you will be able to visit our subject fair in the Sports Hall, where you will be able to gather information about individual A level subjects on offer. This will be followed by a presentation from myself in the Main Hall to discuss the opportunities Oldfield Sixth Form offers your child. Due to increased demand, there will be two presentations. Please click on the appropriate link to book your slot:

Presentation 1; 5.45– 6.15pm <https://forms.office.com/e/r8WP9ee0dY>

Presentation 2: 6.15-6.45pm <https://forms.office.com/e/9HmcSLZB8V>

Please be aware that we will close a presentation slot when it becomes full. You will be emailed confirmation of your booking slot closer to the event.

The presentations will be followed by subject presentations in Penn House for each A level course on offer. You do not need to book for these. You will also have the opportunity to tour our Sixth Form facilities and meet Sixth Form students. There will be a café operating in the Sixth Form common room offering refreshments.

Our new prospectus will be available on the Sixth Form Information Evening and an online version will be available on the school's website after half term.

We are asking students to apply to Oldfield Sixth Form via our online application form. This is now open for applications and can be found here on our website: [www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/how-to-apply/](http://www.oldfieldschool.com/sixth-form/how-to-apply/). Students can also apply by scanning the QR code.

*Mr G Nash , Head of Sixth Form*



*Sixth Form Information Evening  
Tuesday 7th November 2023  
5.30 – 8.30pm.*

*Come and hear the Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form and students talk about why Oldfield School is a great choice; from small class sizes, supportive staff to amazing results, it ticks the boxes for a dedicated Sixth Form experience.*



### House Team Building Competition - Year 12

At the start of the term we hosted an inter-house competition with Year 12 for their Sixth Form induction. Students were required to compete within a variety of individual, paired and whole team events. The competition rounds focused on teamwork, communication, hand-eye co-ordination as well as strength. Thank you to all staff and tutors for supporting the event. It was great to see all pupils enjoying the fun activities that were held. Please see the results below:

**Maia and Minerva** - Joint 1<sup>st</sup> (20 points)

**Neptune** - 3<sup>rd</sup> (18 points)

**Apollo** - 4<sup>th</sup> (16 points)

*Heads of House*

# Oldfield School Library

## Opening Hours

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays -8.15am – 3.15pm, including break and lunch time.
- Wednesdays - 8.30am – 3.15pm, including break.
- Homework Club, Mondays to Thursdays -3.15am - 4.30pm.
- Book Club, Wednesday lunch times.

## Book Club

- Book Club is open to all students regardless of age or ability.
- The only criteria for membership is that students like reading.
- We discuss everything related to books and reading.
- Students get a House Point for excellent contributions to our conversations.

## Library Helpers

Any student can become a Library Helper. Students help keep the library tidy and ensure the smooth running of the library. Students are asked to help for a minimum of twenty minutes in a week. They gain a House Point every time they help. New to 2023 we have the Library Helper of the year – this year it has been awarded to Kai West in Year 8 who has consistently been a fantastic Library Helper.

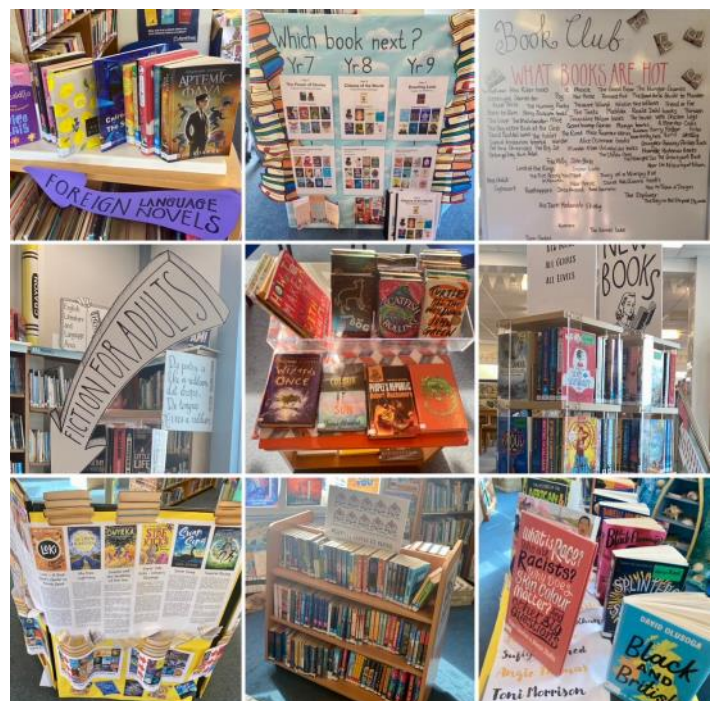
## Book Borrowing

- Students can borrow three books for two weeks at a time.
- Books must be borrowed, renewed, and returned via the issuing desk.
- Book Club members and Library Helpers can take out ten books.
- Some books are restricted (Adult, Young Adult and Teen) and permission to borrow these must be given by parents or carers (email [enquiries@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com)).
- Sixth Form students can take out up to ten books (these can be borrowed for extended periods depending on need).
- Students gain three House Points per every book read from start to finish (students fill out a Reading Award book mark – there are five levels, Bronze to Diamond. Students also receive a certificate and some lovely prizes).

## Break and Lunch Time

The library is open at break and lunch time for all students. Students can borrow, renew, or return their books, read quietly, study, use the computers, print out their homework or sit quietly. We also have a selection of board games available. Sixth form students can access the library throughout the day depending on the activities of the classes using the library.

## Mrs Pearce, Librarian, Head of House (Neptune)



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## Ready, Steady, Cook with the Royal Navy!

Stephen and Bunama from the Royal Navy came into school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to work with a group of our Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students. They successfully made sticky toffee pudding and Cornish pasties within 80 mins, in teams of three. They



were so impressed with the teamwork, standard and respect of our students, the culture of wanting to do well and overall achievement, they invited themselves back for another session! The finished dishes all tasted so good! Well done to all the students involved. *Mr Mills, Head of Technology and Teacher of Food Preparation and Nutrition*



## Rewards Trip Term 2 - Bath On Ice

We are really excited to announce that next Term we will be taking 20 pupils from each year group (5 from each house) to Bath On Ice on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The pupils selected will be those who have collected the most House Points for Term 1 and Term 2. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that this year we will also select 20 pupils from the Sixth Form to celebrate their house achievements. Letters of invitation will be sent to pupils next term. Keep earning your House Points!



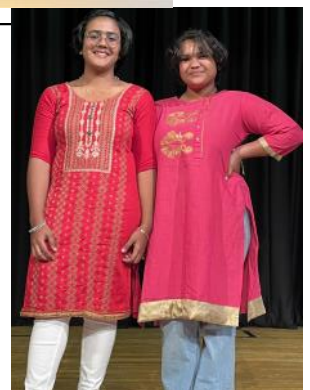
## Dance Showcase, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The evening was a wonderful showcase of choreography and dance pieces created by students. Students from all year groups came together to perform a programme of dance that truly showed their enthusiasm and love of dance.

We were treated to a terrific tap solo, a beautiful reworking of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, some incredibly moving lyrical and contemporary duets and the most energetic Bollywood/Indian dance routine the school has ever seen.

Well done to all involved for your hard work and commitment.

*Mrs Smith Head of Dance*



### Dear Fellow Apollons!

Following on from our close defeat by Minerva House for the House Shield last year, it's time to build up our house points. There are lots of House competitions coming up next Term including Netball, Rugby and Pumpkin Carving Competition so come along and get involved.

Some of you may know me.....some of you may not and I would really like to get to know my amazing Apollo team, so please come and find me over the next few weeks to gain some extra house points. I live in the HOY office next to 004 but can also be seen walking/running/sometimes dancing around the school – come say hello!

I look forward to seeing you all in our first House Assembly of the year next term where our Apollo challenge will be revealed....

*Mrs Norris, Head of Apollo House*

### Maia House

We have had a fantastic start to the year. After the first week in Term 1, we were positioned 4<sup>th</sup> in the total House Point leader board. Since then each week we have been earning many more House Points. By week 4 we managed to gain second place! Well done all Maians. I have a good feeling that this year might be our year.

Furthermore, a huge congratulations to 7S and 7T who won the Year 7 Inter-House Dodgeball Super-League for Maia House! Amazing effort everyone!

*Mr Gann, Head of Maia House*

### House Sport - Dodgeball Year 7

This term we have started our House Sport Dodgeball Super-League with Year 7. This has taken place every Monday lunchtime in the gym. We have had over 80 pupils attend across all Houses - which has been truly remarkable. It is always fantastic to see huge representation from all Houses despite the end results. The current results, as it stands:

Maia - 1<sup>st</sup> (25 points), Neptune - 2<sup>nd</sup> (17 points), Minerva - 3<sup>rd</sup> (15 points), Apollo - 4<sup>th</sup> (12 points)

Next term we will host Year 8 for their Inter-House Dodgeball Super-League. More House Sports to come!

### Minerva House

After an amazing 2022/23 as House Shield winners Minerva students are gearing up for the challenge of retaining the title.

The new Year 7 cohort are being lead by Miss Mellor and Mr Taylor and are already showing their grit and determination to do their very best by showing up for the Dodgeball House Competitions. They have fought hard against some very good teams and are climbing up the ranks.

I have launched a student challenge to create a house song (staff are already flying ahead in this with a very strong entry from Ms Bloomfield).

Everyone from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13 are busy earning their points and I'll be talking about how those points are rewarded in our first Minerva assembly of the year after Half Term. I'm really looking forward to getting the house altogether for the first time this year. See you all very soon!

*Mrs Macnaughton, Head of Minerva House*

### Neptune House

Hello everyone! I am the school librarian but this year I am also temporary Head of House for Neptune whilst Mrs Gotts is on maternity leave. Hopefully we can improve on our brilliant second place in the House Shield 2022/23 and be the House Winners this year!

There are lots of exciting House competitions coming up starting with the legendary Pumpkin Carving Competition, so I'm expecting lots of Neptunites to brush up on their pumpkin decorating skills and enter their own pumpkin.

We will certainly need to get our creative juices flowing next term as leading up to Christmas there will be a few other creative competitions. Watch this space.

I will also be launching a Neptune challenge in the new term and we will be having a House assembly too. Keep getting those House Points!

See you soon.

*Mrs Pearce, Head of Neptune House*

# PSHEdition October 2023

From the moment we started the new academic year we have been working hard within our Personal, Social and Health Education lessons. From parent talks and outside speakers to launching United Differences and themed tutorials. We have had a superb start.

In curriculum lessons we start every year on the theme of 'Everyone Is Talking About' (ETA's) so that we can introduce the three strands of the PSHE curriculum; Healthy Lifestyles, Relationships and The Wider World to all our students.

Year 7 have begun brilliantly focusing on Acts of Kindness, a full body scan where the main focus for discussion was on personal hygiene, as we get older, and their final lessons this term concentrates on things that are happening locally and around the world that might affect us. Our Year 8s have been talking about getting back into positive routines; sleep, hydration and having a positive relationship with their bodies. They have also considered what it is to be a Global Citizen and who their current role models are. Year 9 have learnt about the need for positive relationships as well as the positive effects of 'being bored' rather than always opting for social media. They will also be discussing issues both home and away for their Wider World lesson. Year 10 have focused on the bystander effect, taken part in tasks that look at the new school/life balance since starting GCSEs as well as reviewing the themes in the Smashed Assembly.

**Smashed Assemblies;** Our first guest speaker came in to assemblies to talk to Year 9 and Year 10 about alcohol. The organisation is called "Smashed" and students learn about the effects of alcohol through a story of three friends. You can follow this link to see what our students experienced [www.smashedproject.org/smashedonline/](http://www.smashedproject.org/smashedonline/)



**Black History Month** is celebrated across the UK in October. In our tutorial sessions we have been reminding ourselves of the reasons that this month is important. Students are completing quizzes, watching short films and discussing the importance of celebrating Black History. This year's official theme is about 'Supporting Our Sisters'. Each Friday students in all tutor groups will take part in activities based on Black History.

## Parent Wellbeing Event

Our wellbeing event for parents took place with Daisy from Tender and Andri from the Avon and Somerset Police TOPAZ team coming in to speak about projects they are involved with in the school as well keeping children safe with social media. The evening went very well and there were requests for more events of this nature. It was really lovely to see so many of you attending and we thank you for all the feedback on the event. We look forward to hosting more events in the future and seeing you there!

*"Overall a very interesting and informative session. Very impressed with both presenters and content, also availability to talk to presenters and staff afterwards. Lots of resources and information leaflets to take away."* **Parent of a Year 7 student**  
*"Very informative evening would have liked it to be longer."*

**Parent of a Year 9 student.**



Parents learned during the evening that the **RE:SET project** is continuing at Oldfield School until December and we will continue to be supported by the organisation after this date. The emphasis for the project has been to review our provision of Relationships, Sex and Health Education. We have learnt the importance of talking to both students and parents to find out what they and you need to know as they grow older. Daisy from the RE:SET project will be joining us again in November for another Parents Event. Details of this will follow next term.

Last but by no means least **United Differences**, our school diversity and equality team, have begun their year by discussing what they want to celebrate and see around the school this year. They have begun by suggesting activities to celebrate Black History Month but are also keen to make sure we are planning ahead for future events; celebrating and embracing our multi faith students as well as the LGBTQIA+ community. The most important thing at the moment however is making badges to show their support for the group! If you'd like to come along we currently meet on **Friday lunchtimes in 008.**



Mrs Macnaughton, Head of PSHE



### Junior Netball Match Report

The junior netball teams began their season this week with a match against Somervale school. The Year 8 had a fantastic start with a win reflecting a very strong team performance. The centre court did well to control the game and ensure any loose balls were scooped up and heading back towards our Oldfield shooters who were quick to respond and put the ball in the net. The defence worked hard to keep the Somervale shooters out of the circle area and made it difficult for them to score.

The Year 9 team had a tough game against a strong Somervale team with key players to have to defend. Nonetheless, they did not give up and worked extremely hard to keep up the fight! Some great tips from the centre court allowed us to gain possession, although we were not always able to convert we persevered and kept up the momentum. The shooters had to work very hard to get the ball in the attack area against some strong Somervale defence so well done keeping those energy levels up!

We are looking forward to many more games from now until December.

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

#### Netball results

Year 7

Oldfield 21 Somervale 1

Player of the match: Ray Beckett

Year 8

Oldfield 33 Somervale 4

Player of the match : Julia Mboya

Year 9

Oldfield 2 Somervale 25

Player of the match : Jorja Harrison



### Year 7 Girls Netball team Vs Somervale School (26<sup>th</sup> September)

The Oldfield Year 7 netball team's debut match against Somervale on Tuesday was nothing short of spectacular! Their exceptional movement off the ball, effective communication, and ability to capitalize on opportunities set a high standard for the season ahead. The 21-1 victory was a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and promising potential. Oldfield can be proud of their remarkable Year 7 netball team, who have made a strong and unforgettable start to their journey in competitive netball. As the season progresses, the team is sure to be a force to be reckoned with in the world of school netball.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

### Junior netball

The junior netball squads were in action again this week against Ralph Allen and St Greg's. Despite a slightly soggy start with the weather, the players took the court with their usual determination and motivation.

The Year 9 had a great start against Ralph Allen with some great work in centre court getting early conversions in the shooting circle. Against St Greg's we were tested with a very strong attack and despite the best of our defence we were unable to pull back after a two goal deficit. Congratulations to Maya and Lola voted player of the match by the opposition.

The Year 8 team came up against a very tall shooting attack from Ralph Allen and put up a very good fight but were just unable to break their stride despite a huge effort. We showed great resilience in the St Greg's match and proved too strong for them in the centre court linking in with our shooting unit. Along with top interceptions from the defence we finished with a healthy win. Congratulations to Julia and Ella for being voted player of the match by the opposition.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

### Results

Year 9

Oldfield 6 Ralph Allen 2

Oldfield 4 St Greg's 7

Year 8

Oldfield 0 Ralph Allen 14

Oldfield 8 St Greg's 1

### Year 11 Rugby - Unbeaten Start to the Season

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 11 Rugby team hosted St Greg's for their first game within the local BANES league. Captained by Will who led the warm-up and pre-match talks, all players were highly motivated and this truly showed in their performance. The squad had a brilliant win with a final score of 43-19. Stand out performances came from Archie, Ben and George.

Since the St Greg's game, all players have showed great attendance at training. Utilising video analysis, rugby theory in the sports hall and practical application within coaching practices, the squad have improved week after week. This demonstrates the true strength of character among not just individuals but across the entire team.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Ralph Allen travelled to Oldfield for the second game of the season. Following the game Will shared his insight: "Oldfield School 38-5 Ralph Allen. Excellent game from the boys today. Many improvements from our last game vs St Greg's. Most importantly, the communication and aggression in defence was much improved, resulting in lots of dominant hits, pushing the opposition back constantly. Also improved, was our kicking game. I thought we kicked smarter than last game, for territory mostly making it very hard for Ralph Allen to get opportunities. Also we chose more relevant times to execute kicks. I thought our attack functioned quite well, we found space out wide on many occasions and forwards carried the ball very well. Going forward I think the definite areas for improvement is our work at the breakdown, we can improve our forward pod formations as well as our width in defence. But overall I, as well as the boys, am very pleased with our performance as this performance stands us in good shape looking forward to next week in the cup."

Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for supporting the team.

We really do have a bright future ahead for this group of players. We have one more game left in the BANES league and then we enter the Cup.

*Mr Gann, PE Teacher*



### Year 8 Rugby

Year 8 played rugby against Ralph Allen on Tuesday 10th October at Oldfield. The game started out as a well fought contest with Ralph Allen and Oldfield having the share of opportunities. Unfortunately Ralph Allen were able to break the deadlock and scored twice in quick succession. Oldfield hit back with a brilliant individual try scorer by Oliver.

As the game continued the more experienced Ralph Allen side showed their ability to find space more frequently but Oldfield were resilient, tackled well and worked hard as a team. Ralph Allen ended up scoring 7 tries in total and Oldfield scored 4. Two tries from Oliver and two from Alfie who both showed great pace on many occasions in the game to stretch the opposition defence.

Well done to all involved, some work to do in team organisation that will come with experience, keep playing boys!

*Mr Driver, Head of PE*

### **Somervale School Tournament 11<sup>th</sup> of October**

The school's minibus embarked on a journey to Somervale School, transporting the Year 8 girls' football team to a thrilling tournament. This event brought together numerous schools from across Somerset, setting the stage for an exciting day of competition.

The girls showcased their skills and determination by participating in approximately seven games during the tournament. These matches were 7-a-side, with rolling substitutions, making for fast-paced gameplay. Each game lasted just 10 minutes, resulting in quick turnovers and demanding the girls' agility and teamwork.

The team's performance was commendable, securing four draws, two wins, and only one loss throughout the tournament. This achievement demonstrated their commitment and talent on the field. What made the day even more memorable was the enthusiasm and enjoyment the girls derived from the games. They relished the competitive spirit, the thrill of the matches, and the opportunity to play against friends from other schools. It was an experience that fostered camaraderie and a sense of community through sports.

The culmination of the tournament brought exciting news for Oldfield. Out of the eight participating teams, we were proudly announced as the 3rd place finishers. This recognition underscored the dedication and effort put forth by our Year 8 girls. Special kudos must be extended to Somervale for hosting and organising a remarkable tournament. The positive experience has left a lasting impression, and our team looks forward to returning to participate in future tournaments.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*



### **U12 Girls' Football Somerset Cup against Backwell – Match Report**

On Thursday, October 12th, our Year 7 girls' football team embarked on an exciting journey to Lansdown, where they participated in their first-ever football match representing Oldfield. This was not just any match; it was a crucial cup match, where a loss would mean elimination from the tournament.

The girls commenced the game with tremendous vigor and determination. Despite it being their first time playing together on the pitch, it was evident that they possessed the skills and teamwork necessary to outsmart their opponents. However, they were met with a formidable adversary in Backwell, who demonstrated their strength and were unafraid to take shots on goal. Within a few minutes, Backwell managed to secure three goals through effective communication and nimble footwork.

Oldfield remained resolute and progressively strengthened their defense with each passing minute. Freya, our goalkeeper, exhibited her exceptional skills, leaping to make impressive saves to thwart any threats. Following a remarkable save, Freya booted the ball up field to our forward line, where they seized an opportunity to score a goal just before halftime.

Entering the second half, the girls displayed unwavering focus and readiness. Their defensive line was a formidable force, executing crucial tackles and effectively advancing the ball up the pitch. Ellie, our captain, was a standout player, using her incredible speed and ball-handling prowess to break through Backwell's defense, ultimately scoring our second goal.

As the game wore on, fatigue set in, compounded by the rain and the increased heaviness of the ball. This ultimately resulted in a 6-2 victory for Backwell. While the outcome may not have been in our favor, our girls should take immense pride in their performance. They represented Oldfield with the utmost dedication and sportsmanship, showcasing their talent and teamwork. This group of students demonstrated their remarkable capabilities and unity on the field.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

### **Staff v Student Netball**

The staff versus student netball series got under way again this term with the 6<sup>th</sup> form netball squad taking on the staff team.

Once again it was not for the feint hearted and as always it starts under the pretence of a 'bit of fun' but we all know the truth!!

The staff started strong finishing the first quarter a few goals in the lead with Mrs Cornelius and Mr Spence taking control in the shooting circle along with some fine defence from Mr Axe. The second quarter saw a comeback for the 6<sup>th</sup> form with Sylvia popping the goals in and a very strong defence from Jess and Imogen saw them steal a few interceptions in mid court.

However, despite some high level coaching by the 6<sup>th</sup> form coach, Mr Nash, the staff managed to keep their heads when times were tough, and very tense from the 6<sup>th</sup> form bench, and we pulled away to finish the match 25-17 to the staff team.

We are very much looking forward to the next 'friendly just for fun' match. 😊

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

### **U14 Somerset Cup Game against Churchill –10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Match Report**

The mixed Year 8 and 9 girls' football team kicked off the game with remarkable strength, securing two goals within the first half. Their performance showcased their skill and determination, setting a positive tone for the match. However, our opponents from Churchill School demonstrated their strength just before the halftime whistle, scoring a goal. As a result, our team entered the second half with a one-goal advantage. Cara, our team's captain, deserves praise for her outstanding leadership. She motivated and guided her teammates in defending against any attempts by Churchill to approach our goal. Despite the amount of effort that the girls were putting into the game, fatigue set in allowing Churchill to seize the opportunity by utilizing rolling substitutions. Churchill managed to score two more goals in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Ana, our skilled goalkeeper, gave her all to thwart Churchill's final kick, but it ended up in the back of the net, resulting in a 4-2 score in favor of Churchill with only 2 minutes remaining in the game. However, Oldfield's defenders rallied and held strong until the final whistle. While the outcome may have been a challenging loss for our team, the girls should take pride in their exceptional teamwork, communication and ability to create scoring opportunities. They also demonstrated the importance of enjoying the game, even in the face of defeat. This match was a testament to their hard work and dedication on home soil.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

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

#### **Netball success!**

Congratulations to Sophie Drake in Year 11 for her current netball achievements.

Sophie has been successful in getting through both stages of National Performance League/Player Development Programme Trials and has been selected as part of the PDP squad. She is part of the ADC squad and played first team in the most recent tournament in Exeter.

She has a very full training schedule as well as club commitments at the weekends as expected at this level!

We look forward to watching her in the Netball Superleague very soon as she continues to achieve.

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- For families with children aged 5-17

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Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:

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Bath Medical Museum is re-opening. Come and see the new premises at The Hetling Room, 1 Hetling Court, close to Thermae Bath Spa entrance. Bath BA1 1SH. There will be a **free family mini festival** during the school half term holiday every day, **October 21st to 28th. 12pm to 4pm** which includes:

**A city centre family shop window trail** showcasing interesting items recording 2,000 years of medicine in Bath. The trail is also available via QR codes.

**FREE family activities - quizzes, hands on fun 'medical' activities and a mystery trail. (no unaccompanied children)** between 12pm and 4pm.

*There is more information available on the Bath Medical Museum Website.*

## LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight\*



Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub or your child's school nurse

Healthy eating, physical activity, impact of screen time and goal setting

\*Referral criteria applies

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We are also looking to expand our current team of **Parent Champion Volunteers**, who attend events such as support group coffee mornings and school open days to speak to families about what we do and what other services are available locally.

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