



## Important Dates;

**02 Jan and 03 Jan**

INSET DAYS

**04 Jan** WEEK 1

START OF TERM 3

**09 Jan**

OSA Meeting, 8pm online

**10 Jan**

Perth School Theatre performance

**11 Jan**

Yr 11 Parents' evening (in person)

**12 Jan—14 Jan**

Yr 11 History Trip to Berlin

**15 Jan** WEEK 1

GCSE Dance Theory Workshop

Yr 12 workshop; financial education

U16 Girls Football v Millfield

**16 Jan**

Yr 10, 11 Netball

**18 Jan**

A level Textiles Mock exam

Yr 10 CV Writing Workshop

U14 Basketball Triangular

**19 Jan**

A level Textiles Mock Exam

Yr 10 CV Writing Workshop

**22 Jan** WEEK 2

Yr 10 Trip to Poetry Live

GCSE Food Prep & Nutrition Practical

Exams (all week)

**24 Jan**

U16 Basketball v St Greg's

**25 Jan**

Yr 10 Boys Somerset Cup v

Bridgewater College

**26 Jan—27 Jan**

Yr 9 Battlefields Trip to Belgium

**29 Jan** WEEK 1

**29 Jan and 30 Jan**

A level Art and Photography mock exam

**31 Jan and 01 Feb**

D&T Product Design Practical exams

**31 Jan**

Yr 7 Football Tournament

Yr 10, 11 Netball

OSA Second-hand uniform sale

**05 Feb** WEEK 2

National Apprenticeship Week

**06 Feb**

Yr 10/11 Netball v Norton Hill

**07 Feb**

Yr 9 Options Evening

Yr 11 BANES Netball Tournament

Yr 8 Boys Football

Dof E Training evening

**08 Feb**

Yr 13 Parents' Evening in person

**09 Feb** END OF TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the longest two terms. I would like to thank you for making me feel welcome as the new Headteacher. It has been hard work, which I have enjoyed, and I am so glad I took the decision to move across the city.

It has been a pleasure to work with the staff and students every day. It is amazing to see their positive attitude and passion towards their work. In addition to the thousands of lessons this term, it is great to see all the additional opportunities that the school offers to our students. On Wednesday evening we had over a hundred students performing in the Christmas concert. This was a wonderful evening with students performing and writing their own songs – incredible! A definite date for your calendar next year. Thank you to Mrs Robinson and all the staff and students who performed.

In 2024 we will continue to strive to improve the experiences for our students, building on the firm foundations of the school. We will continue to focus on the following areas:

### Teaching and learning.

The school will continue to work on adaptive teaching and how we can support all students to access the curriculum. We are also working on literacy and reading in school. On this note, books are always a good present for Christmas. Your child may not agree, but reading for pleasure supports everyone's progress and is a lovely thing to do. I have the 'Foundation series' by Isaac Asimov lined up for the holidays.

### Behaviour for learning

Next term we will be focusing on respect and kindness. We will also be continuing our drive on consistency across the school with the same routines and expectations to support students.

### Attendance

This is a national issue, but we know that it is hard for students who do not attend to progress. We are looking to increase our capacity to support in this area. I am aware that illness and bugs have been prevalent this term.

Finally, a reminder to parents about uniform. This has improved over the two terms, and we will continue our high expectations in this area. If you are struggling to find or purchase any items, please contact the school as we may be able to help.

Thank you again for your support of the school and I would like to wish you a merry Christmas and I am looking forward to working with you in 2024.

Best wishes,

*Andy Greenhough, Headteacher*



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 @OldfieldSchool

 Oldfield\_school

Or visit our website for information on all aspects of the school

[www.oldfieldschool.com](http://www.oldfieldschool.com)

# NOTICE BOARD



## 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

22.j.smith@oldfieldschool.com

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

Install apps ▾

Mr Howard, Digital Leader and ICT Teacher

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Every week we share a new Word of the Week 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!

## Term 2 Words of the Week

renaissance, meticulous, premise, precocious, flummoxed, contemplate, benevolent

### 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)

### 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.

## Caring for children with COUGHS



### COUGH

Coughs can last for 3-4 weeks and make your child feel quite unwell but will still get better by themselves.

'Noisy chests' or 'chesty coughs' are quite common when young children catch a cold and are not necessarily a sign of a 'chest infection'.

Healthy children typically get a cough 7-10 times a year and this is not a sign that there is anything wrong with their immune system.

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### DISTURBED SLEEP

Coughs will often wake your child in the night. When the child lies down, more of the mucus from the nose and throat runs downwards and your child coughs more to clear it.

Coughing is part of the body's defence system which helps keep the lungs clear and fight the illness. Unfortunately this can wake the child in the night but does not mean the illness is more severe.

**For children over 1 year**, a spoon of honey (perhaps in a warm drink) half an hour before bed may help them to wake less often.

**For children over 2 years**, vapour rubs (containing camphor, menthol and/or eucalyptus) may help children sleep better.



### FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE

**In children, a temperature of over 37.5°C is considered a fever.**

Fever is a normal response to illness and does not harm children. It may even help to fight illness.

Children with a high temperature may be more likely to have a more severe illness, although most do not. Occasionally a child may have a fit. This shouldn't cause harm and treating the fever doesn't prevent it.

It is safe to use child paracetamol and ibuprofen to manage children's fever (and pain) for as long as needed. Follow the dosage on the bottle.



This leaflet contains information about how to look after a child who has a cough (not due to asthma). For more detail see [www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough)

### DRINKING/EATING LESS

Children often eat and drink less when they have normal childhood illnesses. Most children can go a few days without eating much and this will not affect their longer term growth and development.

**All children need to drink regularly to avoid becoming dehydrated, especially if they are vomiting.**

**To help prevent dehydration, encourage your child to have sips of water.**



**Date for your diary**

**9 Jan 2024, 8pm** OSA Meeting online. To sign up to attend please email [osa@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:osa@oldfieldschool.com)

**31 Jan, 3.10-4.30pm** Second-hand uniform sale, Penn House

*If you're having a post-Christmas clear out, please don't forget that OSA welcomes any pre-loved uniform that your child may have grown out of. We are currently low on stock of PE kit and blazers, particularly in larger sizes. Any donations can be dropped off at reception, in a bag marked OSA. Thank you.*

**A big Christmas thank you!**

A huge thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair this year. It was a wonderful festive occasion and we raised a fantastic £3,000 for the school! Thank you to all the staff, students, parents and carers who got involved, either in helping organise the event or on the day itself. All the money raised will go towards enhancing the wellbeing and education of students at Oldfield in the coming year, providing additional resources and activities, and helping more students to access school trips. In the past two terms we have provided resources for the SEND and Literacy teams, contributed towards the cost of the drama trip to see Guys and Dolls in London, supported the Business Studies conference for Year 11 and Year 13 students, and purchased 30 soundbars to help integrate music technology into KS3 teaching. We look forward to supporting some new and exciting school-wide projects in the new year.

An extra special thank you to our wonderful local community who donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle. Raffle ticket sales make up a significant part of the money raised and we are so grateful to the following businesses for their generosity:

**Thermae Spa Bath, Komedia, Odeon Bath, Novel Wines, Boathouse Bath, First Impression Hair & Nails in Hanham, Fonthill Garden Centre, Bath on Ice, Avon Valley Adventure Park, The Architect, Take Charge Bikes, The Old Crown in Weston, Naughty But Nice Hairdressers, Paprika, Rooted Café, Basil's Bakery, and Consciously You.**

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at more OSA events in the new year!



## Sixth Form Information Evening



OLDFIELD  
SCHOOL  
SIXTH FORM

We had a great turn out at our Sixth Form Information Evening, Year 11 students from school and further afield coming to have a look at what Oldfield has to offer.

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.

Visitors were able to hear from our Head of Sixth Form, Head Student and other students and teachers about individual subjects, they could attend a subject fair and then hear in more details at the subject presentations that took place in Penn House.

Our new prospectus is available on the school's website, or if you would like a hard copy, please do not hesitate to request one ([enquiries@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com)).

Please apply to Oldfield Sixth Form via our online application form, which 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. Deadline for applications is 8th January 2024.

*Mr G Nash , Head of Sixth Form*

Oldfield Sixth Form Entry  
Application 2024



### Applying to Oxbridge; Sixth Form Information Workshop

At the end of October we welcomed a Director of Admissions from Cambridge University in to school to talk to some of our Year 11s, 12s and 13s about applying to Oxbridge. For our year 13 applicants, the

session was a chance for them to find out more about the interview process and ask their own questions.

For our year 11 and 12 students, the aim of the session was to inspire students who might not previously have considered it to apply to

Oxbridge and for them to understand the process and what to do when their turn comes around. Mrs Rhodes, who ran the session, said: "it was really encouraging to see the sheer number of interested students. The library was packed for the talks and Professor Tomalin stayed on to answer questions that our students were putting to him long after he was due to leave".

*Ms Rhodes, English Teacher*



### Marvellous Matrices

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, a group of Year 11 students took part in an after-school enrichment session: 'Marvellous Matrices'. This provided an introduction to a topic that is studied at A level in Further Mathematics.

We looked at a brief history of matrices, applications to the world today and then got to grips with the essentials of matrix calculations. Everyone coped really well with the maths involved and I had one comment of 'it was actually alright and not as hard as I thought it would be' – praise indeed! The students were fabulous and engaged brilliantly; I'm already looking forward to next September's cohort of Oldfield Sixth Form mathematicians.

*Miss Monaghan, Maths Teacher*

# Christmas in the Music Department

## Christmas Service

The service this year took place in Emmanuel Church and was beautiful as ever. The service was led by Oldfield Voices, Cantata and Concert band and featured a solo from Bertie Macey-Cross and Mo Kennedy as well as readings from Immy and Susie Haines, Rhiannon Williams and Hannah Waters. The church was packed and everyone was able to get into the Christmas spirit in time for the start of advent.



## OSA Christmas Fair

The students who took part in the musical performances at the OSA Christmas Fair were superb! They bravely took to the stage and entertained the shoppers. A hugely enjoyable event!



## Community Carols (or Carols in the Carpark as it has been affectionally renamed)

This is a new event for us this year and one that we will definitely repeat next year! It was wonderful to gather together as a community to sing carols and Christmas songs. The band showed such stamina, playing for almost an hour in the cold and the singing was rousing and cheering. An absolute highlight of my year so far!



## Christmas Concert

What a wonderful concert. The party atmosphere continued from start to finish! Heightening in the second half. Students performed with joy and energy and I am already looking forward to this same event next year.

I'd like to thank the members of staff who have supported to make these events happen as well as all of the students and their families for coming along and ensuring they were all so enjoyable. Have a lovely Christmas!

*Mrs Robinson, Head of Music*



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## Christmas Baking with Primary Schools

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we welcomed the Year 5 students from Abbot Alpege for a morning of festive baking! The biscuits looked delicious. We wonder how many of the biscuits will be given as Christmas gifts and how many were eaten on the minibus back to Abbot Alpege?



Mr Mills and Mrs Eason-Blake



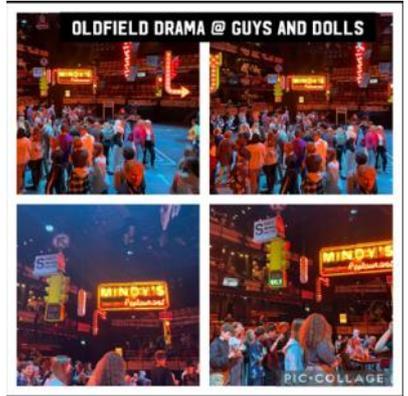
## Halloween Pumpkin Competition

Big congratulations to our winners: Hattie Morris, Georgie Price, Polly Wynne, as judged by Mr Greenough!



# Guys and Dolls

Drama GCSE and A Level groups went on a trip to the Bridge Theatre in London to see the critically acclaimed 'Guys and Dolls'. We were lucky enough to get the highly sought after immersive tickets allowing Oldfield students to become part of the action, interacting with actors and performers and right up close next to the moving stages.



It is a requirement of both GCSE and A Level Drama that students experience live theatre and we try to get to as many performances as we can. This was a fantastic opportunity. We really want to thank Miss West for organising and to Mrs Lewis, Mrs MacNaughton and Mr Singh for coming with us. Also a really big thanks to the OSA for helping us fund the trip and getting so many students to this fantastic piece of theatre!

*Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama*



## Drama Showcase

We are so incredibly proud of over 50 of our students who took part in or supported the Drama Showcase.



Year 7 and 8 Drama club performed Alan Ayckbourn's 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations'. A whopping cast of nearly 30 students were on stage throughout creating all sorts of situations from a boring doctor's waiting room to a fairground and heavy-weight boxing championship! In just 8 weeks, these students have put a whole performance together and it was great to see so many Year 7s taking to the stage for the first time as well as our more experienced Year 8 performers.



GCSE and A Level students were tasked with taking extracts from a wide range of different plays and productions and re-interpreting them on stage. Some exceptional performances were given, showing the talent we have here at Oldfield. It was also great to see some students trying their hand at technical skills and operating the lighting and sound equipment for the show.



As well as performing two separate scenes from their set texts, Hedda Gabler and Curious Incident, Emily Phillips and Amelie Groves in Year 12 demonstrated a real flair for stage management, organising backstage so that the evening ran smoothly.

Thanks to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Lewis, Mrs MacNaughton, Mr Singh and Mr Naylor for helping us and supporting the event. It was also lovely to see Miss West who is already officially on maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her time away with her little one.

*Mrs Bloomfield, Head of Drama*



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## Enhancing Performance: Business Studies Student Revision Conference

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we hosted Wellsway and Broadlands School for a revision conference. This conference focused on providing knowledge on top tips for effective revision, key concepts, and exam technique to help improve exam performance. Two external speakers, Helen Coupland-Smith and Carlo Mencattelli, an experienced principal and senior examiner provided our students with a wealth of experience and real insight into how to achieve top grades. Some of the student's feedback from the day are:

"I found going through the layout of what is the perfect example of a 6/8/10 marker question helpful. I found it helpful because it allowed me to understand marking a test from an examiner's point of view and how to get full marks." (Year 11 student)

"Going into the conference there were still some doubts and weaknesses about structure and other aspects of business, however, after leaving, all my questions were answered. I found the conference very helpful in building my confidence in answering an exam question while teaching us different techniques to build on our current answers. Overall, I found this conference very helpful in building on my current knowledge and providing answers to my questions and doubts." (Year 11 student)

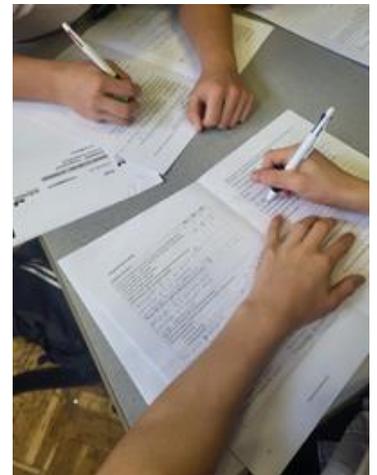
"I think that the guidance on structure and learning the different number of marks based on each assessment objective was very helpful. Learning techniques to use all our time to the max was beneficial to me." (Year 11 student)

"Very informative, focused on the areas that people can struggle with such as time management which I found very useful as I struggle with it a lot." (Year 13 Student)

"Descriptive and gave a clear explanation to how to answer a question that's A\* worthy.

Showed us how an answer doesn't have to be so long, how to condense the marks into quality paragraphs." (Year 13 Student)

*Mrs Britton, Head of Business Studies*



## Christmas Constructions

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, some of our 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*



## Parkour club

Parkour club has been running every Friday lunchtime this term for Year 7 and 8. The club has been very popular and we are very much at maximum capacity. All levels are welcome and previous gymnastics experience is not required. This club will be continuing after half term for a few weeks but then we will need to stop, as we will be holding sports hall athletics trials during this time.

I would like to thank Miles Howell, 10S, for supporting me with this club. He is excellent at parkour and the students have enjoyed watching him demonstrate many moves and skills. He has turned up every week and I have been very grateful to have such a good leader with me.

*Mrs Bell, PE Teacher*





## Year 8 Flying Start Engineering Challenge!

Atkins Engineers came into school on 6<sup>th</sup> December to work with a group of our Year 8 students. In teams of four, they successfully made gliders to compete in a national engineering competition. The engineers were so impressed with the knowledge these students knew already about aviation, forces and parts of planes. Well done to the two teams who have made it through to the Regional Finals held next year - they will compete to fly their glider the furthest.



Well done to all the students involved - great teamwork!

*Miss Fielding, Teacher of Product Design*



## Oldfield School Act of Remembrance

Remembrance does not glorify war

and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
 We will remember them.



## Children In Need Cycling Challenge

It was a perfect day for a cycle on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November; conditions were crisp but sunny and there was a cool breeze in the air! Our three bikes however were in the canteen and staff, students and Sixth Form were watched throughout the day as they fought hard to peddle the furthest. Whilst some signed up to cycle there was a rush of volunteers at lunch time as students queued up for their lunches.

There was such a great atmosphere and very healthy competition between those on the bikes! We'd like to thank everyone for helping us raise £565.56 for Children In Need and to everyone who got on the bike during the course of the day. The other all important news is obviously who cycled the furthest! The Sixth Form had a strong start in the morning but tailed off in the afternoon and retreated back to the comfort of Penn. Our fabulous students were strong from start to finish and so many were keen to do their bit to help raise money. Miss Norris spent most of the day on the bike and alongside Mrs Green, Mr Fox and the other staff kept the peddles moving all day!



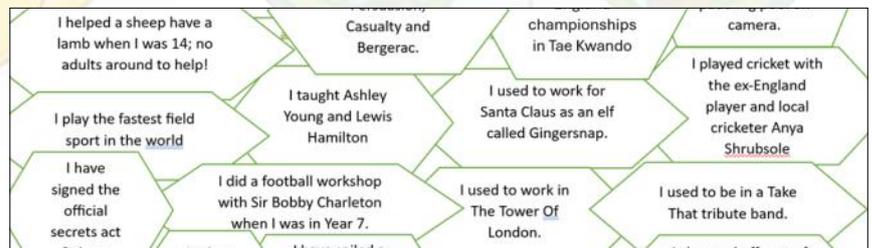
In 3<sup>rd</sup> place were the Sixth Form who cycled 97,590m

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place were the students who cycled 118,506m

In 1<sup>st</sup> place were the staff who cycled 182, 828m



Our tutor quiz this term has been one of our school favourites and aptly named 'Knowing Me, Knowing Yule'. Students have to match the facts to staff at the school. Would you know which teacher in the school to match the fact with? The students love trying to work these out! Which tutor group will get the most correct? Thank you to all the staff who have given us their amazing facts!



## Bath On Ice – Reward Trip

The much-anticipated reward trip to Bath On Ice took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December made up of students with the highest amount of house points accumulated since the start of the school year. It was a gloriously crisp sunny day as we enjoyed a walk into Bath city centre for some fun on the ice.

With the ice rink pretty much to ourselves the students donned their skates and glided around the rink for an hour of laughs and giggles with friends. There were some smooth moves from some and a lot of side clinging but most importantly of all no-one broke anything!

Once off the ice we soaked up some extra rays whilst eating our lunch overlooking Bath On Ice. Some students opted to sample the culinary delights of the café enjoying luxury hot chocolates topped with cream and Maltesers and delicious hotdogs and fully loaded fries.

Finally, we were on our way back to school in time for the end of the school day. A fun day was had by all – roll on the next reward trip which will be at the of Term 3 – to get in on the action make sure you are doing all you can to ramp up your house points!

A massive well done to all those who worked hard and earned their place on this special winter reward trip.

Head of House Team

Some of you might have noticed a bright and cheerful display appearing in the main corridor (the big display is just to the right of the glass cups cabinet). It's the new HOUSE display!

You can see all the wonderful things we do and lots of useful information about the HOUSES and events you can be involved in. Go and take a look!



# PSHEdition

## December 2023

In this edition we are going to celebrate the successes of our partnership with Tender and our RE:SET project.

We started the process of evaluating our Relationships, Sex and Health Education Programme for students in January 2023. Working closely with Daisy Douglas from the charity Tender we focused on what students needed and wanted within the curriculum. We looked at what we had in place and, throughout the year, have built in more experiences for groups of students as well as whole year groups. From focus groups to mentoring, displays and wellbeing events as well as our Tender workshops and staff training.

Our Parents Wellbeing Event on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November concentrated on our children's emotions and gave us a different way of thinking about how we develop our relationships with our children as they move through their teens. It was fantastic to see so many parents there and feedback from this event has been very positive. This is something that we will continue to do throughout the year; asking parents what we can do to support their relationships with their children.



One of our Year 10 focus groups got together again this term with Daisy to discuss the topic of 'What We Deserve In a Friendship/Relationship'. All too often our children look to TV, film and media for their relationship ideals but in reality we need to make sure they are equipped to be confident about making the right decisions. Our students have created a display for other students to read and engage with in the canteen area. Their advice and knowledge is really student friendly and very empowering. Look out for it next time you're in school.

Thank you to Daisy Douglas and the RE:SET Team for such an engaging and thought provoking year. It has been an absolute pleasure being part of this experience. As a school we are really looking forward to keeping the momentum going that the project has started, whilst engaging projects with both students, staff and parents.



### Oldfield Curriculum

Our main aim in PSHE is always to engage students whilst preparing them for life outside Oldfield School. In term 3 students we will be continuing with "characteristics" in Year 7. Year 8 will focus on how cyberbullying can effect mental health, whilst Year 9 study equality and diversity. Year 10 will be tackling the subject of vaping as part of their healthy lifestyles curriculum.

And finally, in the new year we will be launching our new PSHE webpage where you can find out all about the curriculum and the projects your children are taking part in to help them develop their understanding of the wider world, adopting healthy lifestyles and making sure they know how to build positive and healthy relationships.

See you in 2024!

*Mrs Macnaughton, Head of PSHE*

### U13 Girls Somerset Football Cup - Match Report

Oldfield's U13 girls' football team triumphed in their first Somerset Cup game against Millfield School on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Despite a challenging first half, where Millfield secured a 2-0 lead, the team, a blend of Year 7 and Year 8 players, regrouped at half time. Miss Kernan's strategic guidance at half time paid off as Josie, the striker in Year 8, scored two impressive goals within the first 10 minutes of the second half, levelling the score at 2-2. In the closing moments, Year 7 player Chloe secured the winning goal, resulting in a thrilling 3-2 victory for Oldfield and progression to the next round. The team's cohesion and resilience were met with jubilation from both players and supporters.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*



### U13 ESFA Girls Football Cup

On November 15th, the U13 girls football team returned to Lansdown pitch for the 3rd round of the U13 girls ESFA Cup, facing the formidable Courtsfield School. Despite Courtsfield's strong lineup with two impressive strikers, Oldfield's striker Josie secured an impressive 2-0 lead within the first 10 minutes, setting the tone for a thrilling match. At halftime, Coach Miss Kernan provided encouragement and strategic insights to the team. The second half saw Oldfield maintaining their strength, but Courtsfield managed to score a great goal. With only 15 minutes remaining, Oldfield fought fiercely to preserve their lead. As the final whistle blew, Oldfield emerged victorious, securing a place in the 4th round. Congratulations to the

U13 girls for maintaining their winning streak, and a special thank you to Mr. Driver for his invaluable assistance as the referee. The team's resilience and strategic play contributed to this well-deserved triumph.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

### Year 8 Netball BANES Tournament

Well done to all the girls that took part in the Year 8 netball tournament held at Wellsway school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We came 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament. The girls played really well. The results were as follows;

1. Wellsway
2. Hayesfield
3. Ralph Allen
4. Oldfield
5. St. Greg's
6. Norton Hill
7. Writhlington
8. St. Mark's

Team; Esther, Mei, Maisey, Julia, Ava, Molly, Ella, Enna, Alana

*Mrs Bell, PE Teacher*



### Year 7 netball match against Hayesfield School

A team lost 21-3.

Player of the match Ray Beckett.

B team lost 11-1.

Player of the match Baye Anstey.

Well done to both teams for showing good effort and skill during the game.

*Mrs Bell, PE Teacher*

### **Yr 7, 8 and 9 Netball Games Away to Chew Valley**

**The Year 7 Mixers** netball team showcased exceptional teamwork and skills in their debut game at Chew Valley. Despite being a newly formed team, their communication, off-the-ball movement, and accurate passing impressed throughout the match. Although facing a formidable goal shoot from Chew Valley, the team managed to secure several goals, highlighting their promising performance. This friendly not only displayed their talent but also provided valuable experience, especially for those playing in their first netball game. Overall, the Year 7 Mix team demonstrated commendable teamwork and individual efforts, making the friendly a memorable success.

**The Year 8 squad** had an amazing result winning their game 47-0. Fantastic performance from every squad player both in defence and attack. The defence taking interceptions and turn overs all the way down the court, the attack relentless in their centre court domination and the shooters with an amazing score rate. Well done girls!

Congratulations to **the Year 9** netballers who were still standing to play against Chew Valley on a day where we unfortunately kept losing players to illness and injury as the day went on. We arrived at Chew Valley with just four fit players. We were never going to concede the game and the lovely Chew Valley team let us 'borrow' players each quarter so we had a full squad.

Rosa, Lily, Emilia and Maya were outstanding in their efforts, determination and resilience on the court having to play with 3 new players every quarter and none of whom they had played with before. We were chasing the game and down one or two goals when we managed to turn it around in the third quarter and had a two goal lead!

The final quarter was thrilling as the lead kept moving and in the end the game finished 14-14 which I feel was the best outcome for all involved.

An amazing game played in great spirits.

*Mrs Little, Miss Kernan, PE*

### **Year 9 BANES Netball Tournament**

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball squad who took part in the netball tournament held at Oldfield last week.

A huge effort from all involved on a very damp day and difficult conditions under foot. Nevertheless this did not deter our girls from giving it their all in every game.

There were some very tight games resulting in a draw with Ralph Allen, a win against Chew Valley and Writhlington, and then a loss against Somervale which meant we had to beat St Greg's to go through. But despite our best efforts we lost by just one goal which meant we finished third in our pool and not enough to move through to the semi finals.

However, a great afternoon of netball with some lovely shooting from Rosa, Maya and Skyla, great defensive efforts from Daisy and Jorja supported by Leila, Sophie and Hattie in centre court. Well done to Hattie who was a great role model captaining the side.

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

### **Year 9 Netball v Wellsway**

The Year 9 netball team had a tough task playing against a very strong Year 9 squad at Wellsway on 21st November. The defence needed all their efforts to combat against a solid shooting duo and our attack had to work hard to get the ball into our zone, however, they did not give up and every player gave it their all on court.

After a tough first half we started to see the rewards of our hard work as we managed to slow down the Wellsway attack and cause them some problems in centre court.

Congratulations to all the squad for showing resilience in a very hard match and, with the light fading, playing conditions were not great towards the end.

Although we did not come away with a win we did our very best which is all you can ask and the team should not be disheartened!

Well done to Hattie for nominated player of the match for Wellsway.

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*

### Year 10 Boys Football

The Year 10 boys football team played their second competitive fixture in the Somerset Cup vs Hans Price. From the start of the game Oldfield took control with midfield trio of Dimi, James and Noah breaking up play quickly and playing good quality pass and move football. The back four led by Tom performed well and prevented any likely attacking opportunities for our opponents. Oldfield were the worthy winners 5-0 on the night with goals from Noah E, Billy P, Charlie M, Tom E and Todd B.

Bridgwater College in the next round. Looking forward to it.

*Mr Driver Head of PE and Dance*



### Yr 11 Rugby Cup Semi Final

FT Oldfield 15-10 St Greg's  
Tries: Haag(1), Cartwright(1)  
Conversions: Tanner(1)  
Pens: Tanner(1)

Firstly, a huge shout out to the boys for the determination and grit to not give up in a crucial, hard fought semi-final. There were countless occasions where we could have given in but we dug deep to scrap out a win. Whilst the performance was not near where we'd like it to be, there were many positives. Including, excellent, efficient line outs throughout the 1st half, countless brave last ditch tackles and some excellent individual performances from less experienced players including our 2nd rows, Oli and Jenson. As well as countless jackal turnovers from our hooker, Jacob. And huge shout out to Kai, who came on as an impact replacement into the 2nd half, and on his first touch of the season beat many defenders to make 50+ meters!

However, as mentioned before, the performance was poor in many places. Far from what we know we are capable of. I think today, this is credit to St Greg's who displayed a much improved performance from last game. So we definitely need to train ruck clear outs, our red/black playing system and handling.

To finish, I am exponentially proud to captain this side heading into the final, as I think the resilience shown and fight in our weakest performance so far in the season, is a real sign of a champion team. And all the boys displayed this excellently today! The unity and friendship in the squad is a key selling point for us and I believe will serve us well, whatever we may face in the final.

We all look forward to fine tuning in training and are buzzing at the prospect of the final.

*Will Tanner, Captain*



### Year 8 Football

Year 8 boys played their first football match of the year vs Wellsway School in the Somerset Cup. To our opponents credit they started very well and dominated possession. We stood firm against the resistance and worked hard to not concede. Isaac Verinder made countless high quality saves in the game that kept us in it. The deadlock was finally broken through a penalty to Wellsway that they scored. We also got a penalty at the other end shortly after but failed to dispatch it. The pressure from Wellsway proved too much and eventually they scored a few more leaving the score at half time 4-0. At half time we picked ourselves up and played some nice passing football and got a goal back early through Oliver Mantri showing his pace to round the keeper and finish. During the second half the game was very even, Wellsway scored one more goal from a corner but the second half performance showed much promise for the Oldfield team in the future. The result was a 5-1 loss. Excellent performances from Isaac Verinder in goal and also Ben Ferdinando who only recently joined Oldfield but already has shown that he will have an impact on this team.

*Mr Driver, Head of PE and Dance*

### Badminton Tournament v Chew Valley

On 15<sup>th</sup> November, 5 Year 10 pupils travelled to Chew Valley School and participated in a team Badminton tournament. All players had a brilliant experience playing in a variety of singles and doubles games.

Player of the tournament award went to Miles Howell who had a brilliant match against the current Somerset County champion at Ralph Allen. At one stage in the match Miles was behind on points with a score of 6-11, but demonstrating incredible resilience Miles was able to bounce back and win the game 15 - 13.

This was a great opportunity to give our GCSE PE players a fully competitive context to practice their core skills ahead of our GCSE practical moderation next year. All players had a fantastic time. Well done players!

The results are as follows:

Oldfield v Beechen Cliff	3 - 2 (Win)
Oldfield v Wellsway	5 - 0 (Win)
Oldfield v Ralph Allen A	2- 3 (Lost)
Oldfield v Ralph Allen B	3 - 2 (Win)
Oldfield v Chew Valley	2 - 3 (Lost)

*Mr Gann, PE Teacher*



### U13 ESFA Girls Football Cup - SBL

The U13 girls faced SBL School in the 4th round of the ESFA cup on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, in an away game. Despite their enthusiasm, our girls were unable to score goals against the strong SBL team. SBL secured two goals, but not without facing a challenge from our team. The mix Year 7 and Year 8 team from Oldfield displayed remarkable effort, and Miss Kernan, their coach, expressed pride in their performance, from an incredible defence line to the speed and quick pace.

Despite the outcome, it was a commendable effort from the team, and we will just have to try again next year!

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

### Year 8 Netball v Wellsway

Well done to the Year 8 netball team who played against Wellsway this week. It was a well fought match and touch and go for the majority of the game, with Wellsway going ahead, then we would level up, and then we went up by a goal.

There was some lovely centre court play bringing the ball down court and some fabulous interceptions across open play to prevent Wellsway getting any advantage. Well done to our shooters who kept going despite the light fading and darkness almost setting in!

Unfortunately we just couldn't hold on and the final score was 11-6 to Wellsway. Well done to Julia for nominated player of the match.

*Mrs Little, Second in PE*



### Year 7 BANES Netball Tournament



The Year 7 girls' netball team from Oldfield participated in the BANES netball tournament hosted by Chew Valley, featuring a total of 10 schools. The girls' performance was extremely impressive, starting with a draw against Chew Valley A team, followed by victories against Norton Hill and St Greg's. They then faced a formidable opponent Ralph Allen during the fourth round, the team fought valiantly but unfortunately lost. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, showcasing strong passing and communication skills. Competing for a 3rd/4th position, they secured 4th place after a challenging final game against a Wellsway who had a formidable goal attack. Oldfield has every reason to be proud of their netball team's achievements throughout term 1 and term 2, encouraging them to continue representing the school with pride.

*Miss Kernan, PE Teacher*

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

#### Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Award

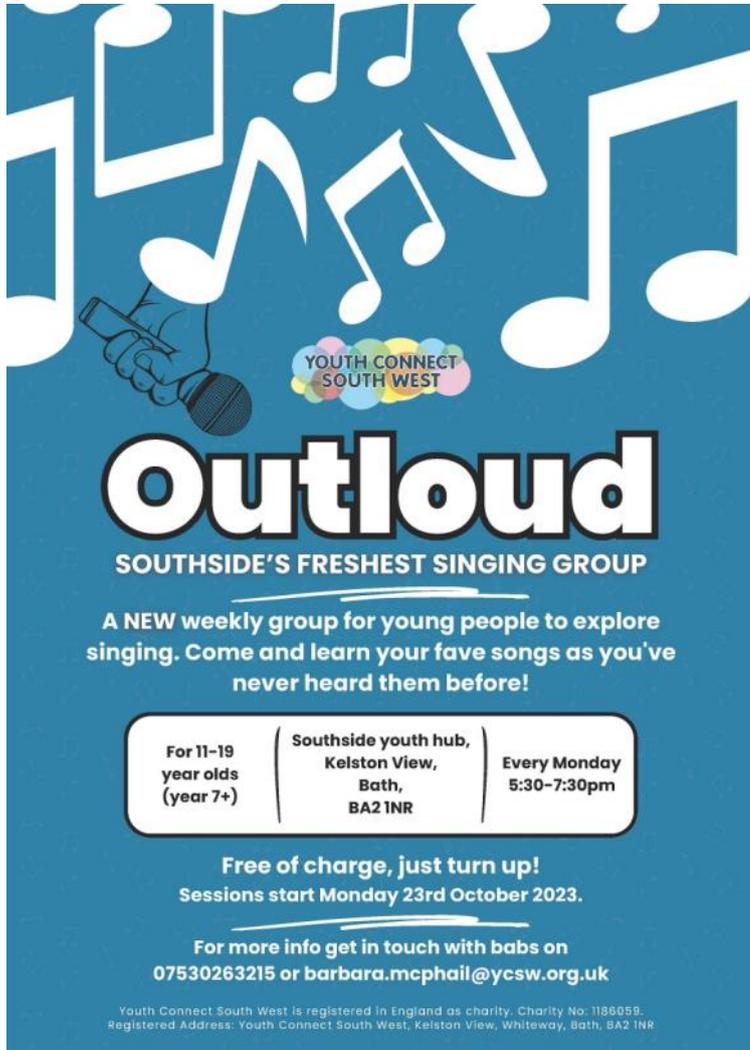
**Congratulations** to Rhiannon, Rosie, Lydia, Evie and Romilly who took part in the National Indoors U17s women's Ultimate frisbee tournament on Saturday 18th November.

They played lots of matches with energy, skill and excellent teamwork. It was amazing to see their confidence and ability improve during the course of the day.

They are now ranked 6th in the UK! They also won the Spirit Award for the U17s - a fantastic achievement. This is voted on by all the opposition players and refers to their positive attitude, kindness, following the rules, treating everyone with respect and demonstrating a willingness to learn.



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For more info get in touch with babs on 07530263215 or [barbara.mcphail@ycsw.org.uk](mailto:barbara.mcphail@ycsw.org.uk)

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Combe Down RFC - BA2 5DE

**COMBE DOWN R.F.C.**  
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**Tuesday 19th December, 1pm**

Ashton Court Mansion Car Park, Kennel Lodge Road, Bristol, BS3 2JT  
(meeting outside the courtyard café)

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Week Commencing 18th December on The Wellbeing Hub

**December's Theme: Friendships**

Podcast: Self-esteem and building positive friendships with Kate Megase, Psychotherapist and Author of 'Dump the Boggage'.

Blog: Neurodiversity and social skills: kids who need a little help to make friends by Dr Maite Ferrin, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

Week Commencing 1st January on The Wellbeing Hub

**January's Theme: Technology and The Developing Brain**

Blog: Don't demonise the screen by Dr Amanda Gummer, Child Development Expert and Founder of The Good Play Guide.

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