

OUTLOOK



Term 5



Another term has come to an end. Lots to celebrate again as you will see in the newsletter.

A big thank you to all the performers at 'Battle of the Bands' and Mrs Robinson and Mr Naylor for organising. I was informed about how good our students were and was blown away by their talent. It is incredible to see young people stand on a stage and perform. A wonderful two evenings. Book your tickets early for next year.

Buses

Good news that the council will be cutting the trees down to make the bus route safe for next term. A warning that they will be closing the road to do this. The bus drivers have commented on how patient and well-behaved the students have been on the extra journey, and some days in very hot weather.

Term 6

The final term is the time when we review the year and plan for September. There is a lot to celebrate and change where needed. I have been very impressed with the staff this year and their dedication to the students.

Inset day (Thursday 6 June)

A reminder that Thursday 6 June will be a school inset day. Students who have an examination will attend school on this day.

Thank you again for all your support. I am really enjoying working with our students. They are an incredible group of young people.

Enjoy the holidays.

Best wishes,

Andy Greenhough

DATES TO REMEMBER

3 June

Start of Term 6
WEEK 1

4 June

OSA Meeting

12 June

Minor Athletics at Bath University

14 June

Year 12 trip to Bristol University

17 June

Year 10 AP3 Home
Year 12 Mocks begin

19 June

Sports Day

24 June

Year 10 Mocks begin
AP3 opens: Years 7-9 and Year 12

26-27 June

Year 12 Geography Field Trip

27 June

End of GCSEs and A Levels

Year 10 Parents' Evening

28 June

Yr 9 Cyber Security Trip

2 July

Sixth Form Induction Day & Parents' Evening

4 July

New Intake Day

5 July

AP3 Closes: Years 7-9 and Year 12

Year 13 Leavers' Prom

8 July

New Intake Evening

9-10 July

Year 12 Folly Farm Residential

11 July

Year 12 Parents' Evening
Year 10 Clevedon Trip

15-19 July

Activities Week

22 July

Oldfest 2024

23 July

End of Term 6

NOTICES

Allergy Warning

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.

Follow our social media accounts to get updates from school trips and activities:

X @OldfieldSchool
 Instagram Oldfield_school

Or visit our website for information on all aspects of the school www.oldfieldschool.com



Updating Details

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



Parking around school

A further reminder to parents to please be careful when picking up and dropping off at the beginning or end of the school day. Parking should not be on the double yellow lines at the front or side of the school, please drop off in the slip road near Penn. Drivers should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.

MICROSOFT 365

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





Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is extra funding allocated to schools to work with students who have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years. The government believes that Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address current underlying inequalities between students who are eligible for Free School Meals and their peers. It ensures that funding to tackle disadvantage, reaches the students who need it.

In most cases, the Pupil Premium is paid direct to schools and is allocated to them for every student who receives Free School Meals. Schools decide how to use the funding as they are best placed to assess student needs. The funding is directed specifically at the pupils in receipt of this funding, and could be used for items such as one-to-one or small group tuition, non-academic intervention, or help with costs for trips, equipment, uniform etc. It is discreet and pupils in receipt of it are not singled out in any way. We encourage you to get in touch with us if you think your child may be eligible for funding. The money is available for every child whose parents are receiving certain benefits but the school will only receive the funding if parents register.

Please contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Extra funding for children of Service Personnel

There is also extra funding available under Pupil Premium for those children who have a parent currently serving in the armed services, or those whose parents have left the service since April 2011. This provision is made for additional (mainly pastoral) support, so we would be grateful if any Service Personnel could inform the school of their status, so we can record this information on the school system. This information is protected and the data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the fund, but only if your child's name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child, so please let us know.

Contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

For further information please see

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools



BIG LIBRARY EVENT

THE HUNGER GAMES

On Friday 10th May, nearly 50 students volunteered as Tributes and entered the brutal and terrifying world of *The Hunger Games*. The children were reaped (hosted by Effie Trinket – Ms Pearce) then set three challenges hindered by Mutts (Mr Gann, Ms Bloomfield and Ms Soonan). The students attended a magnificent Capitol Banquet in the library before taking part in a quiz. District 11 triumphed in the arena challenges headed by Seeder (Ms Heaven). District 12 headed by Hawthorne (Ms Webber) won the quiz. Also taking part was Cashmere, Head of District 1 (Ms Norris), Head of District 2 – Clove (Ms Macnaughton), President Snow (Mr Tennant) and a Peacekeeper (Mr Andrews-Heywood) ably supported by Ms Fleming.

This wonderful event was organised by **Ms Pearce** our librarian and was centred on the award-winning trilogy *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, a superb tale of physical adventure, danger, thrills, political suspense, and romance. We believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most important skills that a child can learn. Reading for pleasure helps to develop language, imagination, and creativity. It also helps children to understand more about the world around them and develop vital social-emotional skills.







Student Voices: Harmony Rising

Nine year 7 students were rewarded for their commitment and effort in music extra-curricular activities by being selected for the School Voices choir. They worked with students from other secondary schools across Bath to write their own song which they then performed in a concert in Bath Abbey, as part of Party in the City, and in a concert in Bath Forum, as part of The Concert for the People of Bath. When they performed in The Forum they were accompanied by the full Bath Philharmonia orchestra as well as players from the Royal Marines School Of Music.

It has been a fantastic experience for all students involved and the performances at both of these concerts were really moving and enjoyable! I am incredibly proud of our students, not only because of these musical performances but also for their consideration of each other and those around them, their hard work and their unwavering positivity.

Mrs Robinson

YEAR 10/12 DRAMA

On 15th May, students performed for their component 1 examinations. Year 12 students chose to re-interpret *Antigone*, originally by Sophocles. Students explored the main character, Antigone and her relationship with her sister Ismene. They gave a focused and compelling performance with clear evidence of their chosen practitioner, Frantic Assembly, throughout the piece.

Our wonderful Year 10 students performed their own creations in the style of a practitioner of their choice. We had a range of performances, with one about a factory worker put on trial in a dystopian world (in the style of Berkoff), a piece exploring the impact of mobile phones (in the style of Theatre de Complicite), and a lively Theatre-in-Education piece about the life of Queen Elizabeth I. We are so proud of all our students, the performers and the lighting and costume designers! It was a wonderful evening of theatre showcasing our students' imagination, talent and creativity.

Ms Bloomfield



Romeo and Juliet at The Egg

A group of Year 9 Drama students were lucky enough to get free tickets to see Box Clever's interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Egg Theatre in Bath. The performance was an energetic and engaging show with lots of audience participation. It was great to see Charlie and Lizzie from Year 9 get up on stage as Tybalt and Lady Macbeth in front of a packed audience. We really enjoyed this comic and lively version of Shakespeare's classic play and we are grateful to the Egg Theatre and the Wonderfund for providing the tickets. **Ms Bloomfield**





BATTLE OF THE BANDS

We had so many bands sign up to take part in the 2024 Battle of the Bands that we had to hold two separate competitions! Six lower school and five upper school bands battled it out in a fiercely fought competition of music and prowess. The audiences on both evenings seemed to have a brilliant time and our students were just amazing – I could not be prouder of them. I'd like to thank the judges, Maddie Christy, Gavin Osborn, Mary Hodson, Adam Saunders and Danny White, and a special thank you to Mr Greenhough stepping in with five minutes notice. I'm so grateful that these experienced and busy musicians (and a headteacher) willingly gave up their evening to support and encourage musical talent at Oldfield School.

Our Lower School winners are Evergreen (Lola G, Immy H, Susie H, Eve Mand Eva S) and Upper School winner are Box Room (Bertie M-C and Mo K). Both bands will be able to claim their prize of recording in a studio soon. However, everyone who took part played superbly – we have such talent and courage at Oldfield.

Mrs Robinson

Under 13 ESSA Athletics Cup

In the latest edition of the Oldfield School newsletter, we're thrilled to recap the outstanding performances of our Year 7 and Year 8 boys in the Under 13 ESSA Athletics Cup Competition held on Tuesday, May 7th.

Headline Performances:

Alex Strikes Gold: Setting the track ablaze, Alex soared to victory in the 800m event, clinching the gold medal with a remarkable time of 2:38. His determination and skill shone brightly, earning him a well-deserved spot on the winner's podium.

Alfie's Double Triumph: Alfie showcased his versatility and prowess on the field, securing not one but two medals. His stellar performance earned him the gold in the 75m Hurdles and a bronze in the 300m race. Alfie's dedication and athleticism were truly commendable.

Xavier Grabs Silver: Xavier exhibited exceptional agility and speed, claiming the silver medal in the fiercely competitive 75m Hurdles event. His impressive display of talent and determination secured him a well-earned place among the top performers.

Ben's Bronze Brilliance: Ben showcased his speed and endurance, clinching the bronze medal in the challenging 300m race as well as a strong performance in the 800m heats. His resilience and commitment were on full display, marking him as a force to be reckoned with on the track.

These standout performances are a testament to the dedication and hard work of all the athletes who represented Oldfield School in the ESSA Athletics Cup Competition. Their commitment to excellence and sportsmanship has brought great pride to our school community.

As we celebrate these remarkable achievements, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Alex, Alfie, Xavier, Ben and all the participants for their outstanding contributions. Furthermore, a big well done to William and Daniel for being our only Year 7 performers at this Year 8 competition. They both had really strong performances! We look forward to continued success and excellence in athletics at Oldfield School.

Mr Gann



Year 7/8 Cricket Reports: Oldfield School vs Writhlington



Oldfield School's Year 8 cricket team faced a challenging match against Writhlington School, ultimately losing by 54 runs. Despite the defeat, there were notable performances from Noah H and Xavier G, who top-scored for Oldfield. On the bowling side, Kevin, Isaac, and Aevi each took wickets, but it wasn't enough to prevent Writhlington from securing victory.

The Year 7 cricket team secured a 32-run victory over Writhlington in an exciting match. The top scorers for Oldfield were Daniel K and Seb B, who both played crucial innings to set a competitive total. In the bowling department, Daniel K, Seb B, Ryan S, and Henry J each took key wickets, effectively curtailing Writhlington's chase. Their combined efforts ensured a solid win for Oldfield School. **Mr Driver**

Celebrating the U13 Girls Athletics Team: Outstanding Performances at Yate ESSA Track and Field cup competition

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our U13 girls athletics team, who competed with exceptional spirit and skill at the Yate Athletics Track on Thursday, 9th May. Their dedication and hard work paid off with some truly impressive performances across various events.

Isla delivered a brilliant performance in the 1500m race, clocking in at 5 minutes and 47 seconds, showcasing her endurance and speed. Immy ran the same distance in 6 minutes and 19 seconds, demonstrating her remarkable determination and stamina.

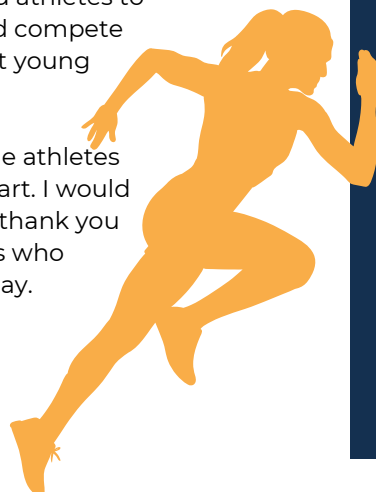
In the sprint events, Amelia shone brightly in the 100m, completing it in a swift 15.1 seconds, a testament to her explosive power and agility. Ellie displayed her prowess in middle-distance running, finishing the 800m race in just 2 minutes and 58 seconds, reflecting her consistent pace and strength.

The high jump event saw Lucy reach new heights by clearing 1.19 meters. Her performance was a perfect blend of technique and athleticism, making her one to watch in future competitions.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that our next competition will be at Bath University for the BANES Minor Athletics Championships. This event will provide another platform for our talented athletes to showcase their skills and compete against some of the best young athletes in the region.

Congratulations to all the athletes listed below who took part. I would also like to say a special thank you to the sixth form helpers who were so helpful on the day.

Mrs Bell



Year 9/10 Rounders

Well done to the year 9 and the year 10 rounders teams who were in action against Wellsway this week and managed to dodge the showers to play their games!

The year 10s took a little time to get going in their first innings and we were chasing a few rounders but they soon warmed up and displayed some great fielding, quick thinking and fast hands on bases took out a few players and some great catches in deep stopped some big hitters from scoring. We were unable to catch up the rounders for the first innings but it was great to see the team cohesion and group performance as the match progressed. Congratulations to Phoebe who was voted player of the match.

The year 9s had a challenging game and performed brilliantly under pressure showing resilience and a strong level of maturity. Many players scored half rounders to build up the score as well as the full rounders. We unfortunately did not come away with a win but well done to all the team for representing the school in such a fantastic way and we are very much looking forward to the Y9 tournament in June. Congratulations to Hattie who was voted player of the match.

Mrs Little



Sports Leadership Events in Term 5

Term 5 has been an exciting and productive period for sports leadership at our school, with a range of events and coaching sessions showcasing the dedication and skill of our student leaders.

Athletics Coaching Sessions

Our Year 10 sports coaches and Year 12 sports leaders took the lead in athletics coaching sessions at Salttord Primary School and WASPS. Their enthusiasm and expertise shone through as they managed various stations and guided the young athletes through skill development exercises. The primary school students had a fantastic time, and their athletics skills noticeably improved thanks to the thoughtful and structured coaching provided by our students.

Year 3 Summer Festivals at Oldfield

This term also saw the successful execution of two Year 3 summer festivals at Oldfield. These events were a testament to the hard work and creativity of our Year 9 sports leaders, who meticulously planned and delivered a range of engaging activities for the children. The sports leaders demonstrated excellent organizational skills and a knack for making sports both fun and educational.

In addition to the Year 9 leaders, our Year 8 ambassadors played a crucial role in ensuring the success of the festivals. They were responsible for looking after the Year 3 participants, explaining the activities, and ensuring that everyone was happy and

engaged. Their friendly and supportive presence was instrumental in creating a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all involved.

Overall, the sports leadership events in Term 5 have been a resounding success. Our student leaders have displayed impressive leadership qualities, from planning and organization to coaching and mentoring. These experiences not only benefited the young participants but also provided valuable learning and development opportunities for our own students. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to more successful events in the future.

Mrs Bell





OLDFIELD
SCHOOL
Presents

LITTLE SHOP
OF

HORRORS

7pm 3rd & 4th July 2024
Oldfield School, Main Hall

£5 / £4 concessions

Tickets available through ParentPay.
A limited number will be available on the door.



Green-fingered fun at Gardening Club

A brand new extra-curricular club, Gardening club, has been started by Mrs Webber. It runs on a Tuesday after school and so far we have enjoyed a range of exciting activities. These include cleaning out and looking after the tadpoles, planting primroses by E08, weeding various flowerbeds around the school, spreading bark chippings along the alleyway to keep it drier, planting a lovely shrub in the Swan by reception, and planting some seeds and baby trees which we are looking after and watching grow. The gardening club crew particularly enjoy clearing the school pond of weed and here is a photo of some of them getting mucky in the process! Thank you to everyone who has attended, and to Miss Mills and Miss Blair for their invaluable help.

Mrs Webber



CELEBRATION IN TRANSLATION

Over 3,600 entries were judged as part of this year's Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators (run by Oxford University) and we are absolutely delighted that Diego in Year 12 was an Area Winner for his French translation! This is a fantastic achievement given the number and standard of entries this year. Well done to all of our students who submitted a translation and congratulations to Diego. **Mrs Green**



Think Essay Competition

We're thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our students in the 2024 'Think Essay' competition, hosted by the Royal Institute of Philosophy. On behalf of the Religion, Philosophy, and Ethics Department, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to:

Ruby W; Aryan G; Eva E; Ivor E; Mabel D-P; Olive H; Tom E; Isaac D. Their essays each exemplified profound philosophical inquiry and critical thinking. We're especially proud of Ivor, who received accolades from renowned philosopher Stephen Law for writing with the skill of a "professional philosopher."

Mrs Lewis



Entrants to the Think Essay competition with their certificates



Lessons in language

Year 12 English Language students had a very special visitor in May! Bella, age 3, joined our lucky linguists for a lesson to help them to experience first-hand how young children acquire language. The students watched and listened carefully whilst Bella chatted away for an hour, giving them lots of examples they can use in their exam case studies. Practical lessons are rare in English, but this one was enjoyed by all!

Mrs Morris

You're Hired!

During our Business Studies classes, each student selected an *Apprentice* candidate and each week have been crossing off the fired contestants, following their journey through the BBC series. Congratulations to the following winners across our classes:

Year 10: Freddie B, Jake B, Max T, Poppy AC

Year 11: Harry A, Harry M, Lucy D

KS5: Jamie S

We encourage students to watch Business Studies documentaries across all Key Stages, and have listed a few suggestions:

The Founder (Netflix)

Steve Jobs – Billion Dollar Hippy (Netflix)

Pepsi vs Coke (Netflix)

Starbucks Unfiltered (Netflix)

Learn From The Experts - Jeff Bezos, Amazon

Founder (BBC iplayer)

The Nine to Five with Stacey Dooley (iplayer)

Inside Lehman Brothers: The Whistle Blowers
iPlayer

Amazon: What They Know About Us (iPlayer)

Inside Iceland: Britain's Budget Supermarket
(Channel 5)

Mrs Britton



A bit of Chill Time for Year 13

Final-year Sixth Formers were surprised with a little pick-me-up after their last ever assembly – a visit from Mr Whippy! Head of Sixth Form, Mr Nash, organised for each Year 13 student to receive a free ice cream in order to reward them for their hard work and commitment over the past two years. We wish them the very best of luck in their final exams. **Ms Francis**





Many thanks to everyone who supported our events in Term 4. We raised over £3,500, which will fund some new outdoor picnic benches that we hope students can make good use of during the summer term.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sales

Following feedback from parents, we are trialling a new way of selling pre-loved uniform as we know not everyone can attend the in-person sales after school.

We will be emailing out a list of the available pre-loved stock in the last week of Term 5 and parents can email osa@oldfieldschool.com with the items they would like. Items will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Requests for uniform can be made up until the end of the school day on Monday 3rd June. Parents will be billed on Parent Pay for the uniform that they can have, and the items can either be collected by your child during lunchtime on Friday 7th June, or will be distributed via tutors the following week. Please note, no refunds will be available. Whilst we try and quality check all items, if you are not comfortable buying an item without seeing it first then it may be best to wait until the next in-person sale.

A big thank you to our OSA volunteers who coordinate the uniform sales and who have been busy going through all the stock and compiling the list of available items. It's a bit of a learning curve for us as we trial this new way of running the sale, but we hope this will allow more parents to access our pre-loved uniform. Please let us know your feedback!

And as always, we can't run these sales without your generous donations, so please keep donating any items of clean, good quality uniform that you no longer need. Donations can be dropped off at any time to the school reception in a bag labelled OSA. Our final uniform sale of the year will be Monday 8th July (in time for the new Year 7 parents evening) so please drop off your donations by Friday 5th July latest.

Easyfundraising Reminder

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for easyfundraising on behalf of Oldfield School Association. We have received over £100 in the past month alone, so it's a great way to generate donations for the school. For those who are unfamiliar with it, easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online stores and raise a donation for their chosen charity once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores who have signed up, and it's super easy to register and set up a donation reminder so that you don't miss an opportunity to claim the donation. You can sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=330508&invite=c34w86&referral-campaign=c2s>

Next OSA Meeting

The final OSA meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 4th June, 8pm, at the Boathouse pub by Newbridge Park & Ride. New members are always welcome; if you'd like to come along and join us for a drink, please email osa@oldfieldschool.com. And we look forward to seeing you at our final event of the year, the school production of *Little Shop of Horrors* in July, where we'll be running the bar.

Thanks, as always, for your support.

Gill Simpson

Uniting Differences, tackling cyberbullying, keeping safe near water... it's all in a term's work for PSHE!

We have had such an eventful year within the subject of PSHE so far. As our students change and their worlds both in and outside evolve, it is important to keep the PSHE curriculum relevant to them. This term Mrs Macnaughton and Mrs Fleming met with the School Council to discuss what our students want to discuss in lessons.

Our Year 12 students are getting very inspired and want to leave the legacy of creating new badges every year for the United Differences group. They believe that this should be an annual change to show how our school changes and continues to reflect our changing community. We will be launching the competition to design the new badge after Half Term but feel free to get sketching some ideas down between now and then! We can't wait to see all your fabulous designs. There will be a prize for the winning badge which will be voted for by the whole school. Our current badge reflects a variety of differences; what will yours show?

Its curriculum update time and we're outlining some of the topics covered in lessons so you can see how diverse the PSHE curriculum is at Oldfield. Starting with Year 7, students have looked at different aspects of Safety; they've

been spotting dangers near waterways and talked about how to keep themselves safe in the sea. Most recently there has been a focus on careers and basic finance.

Year 8 have been learning basic First Aid skills; performing CPR on our dummies has been the highlight for many! They have also tackled Cyberbullying and are currently considering Healthy Lifestyles, remembering that physical and mental health are equally important. Year 9 have become Cyber Investigators and tackled issues surrounding security when using our different devices and learning how to avoid scams. They've also considered Equality and Diversity and are moving on to consider their own health.

In their last year of PSHE curriculum lessons, Year 10 have covered an assortment of topics aimed at tackling the Relationships, Sex and Health Education strand of the curriculum. We have had discussions on body modifications and consent when considering content we are watching on our screens. We've been learning about fertility and the different ways in which families are started. We are also tackling the subject of vaping and how it is affecting our young people's health. We want all our students to be well equipped for dealing with the world.



HOUSE NEWS

This event won't need an introduction for many, but for our Year 7 students and staff who joined Oldfield this year, it will be a new experience! We are very excited to launch Oldfest 2024 with everyone and cannot wait for everyone to get plans in for our end of year school festival to celebrate another amazing year! **Mrs Macnaughton**



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