



# OUTLOOK

Term 2



OLDFIELD  
SCHOOL



This is the longest term and we have noticed that students have been tired for a few weeks now. They have continued to try and work hard in their lessons despite this and the disruptions from the storm. Thank you again to everyone for their understanding as we tried to minimise the effect on any one year group.

All classrooms in Penn House, apart from one, are operational again and the sixth formers have most of their space back. One benefit of them losing their study space was seeing them working hard in the canteen. They are fantastic role models to the rest of the school.

As the term ends and we recharge, we are also looking ahead to 2025. Term 3 starts on Tuesday 7 January for all years. The school will continue to focus on:

- Teaching and Learning, with a specific focus on adapting lessons to support access for all; assessment for learning to check

understanding and our drive on literacy through 'Read like a champion'.

- Behaviour for Learning: driving our values to 'Be kind, Be ambitious, Be resilient'.
- Attendance: this is vital to support progress, and teachers are continuing to build positive relationships with students encouraging them to achieve their potential.

A big thank you to OSA and all the work they do to support the school including the Christmas Fair, which raised money this year for a garden outside Hemmings.

As you will see in the newsletter, a big thank you goes to all the staff who create opportunities for our students, and lastly a thank you to all the parents and carers who support the school. Happy Christmas!

*Andy Greenhough*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 6 January

INSET DAY

### 7 January

Start of Term 3  
WEEK 2

### 13 January

Yr 9 Options Evening

### 13-14 January

A Level Textiles Mock

### 13-15 January

CV Writing Workshops

### 16-17 January

A Level Art &  
Photography Mocks

### 16 January

Yr 11 Parents' Evening

### 17 January

Yr8 HPV Jabs (Session 1)

### 17-19 January

Yr 11 Berlin Trip

### 18-25 January

Ski Trip (Italy)

### 20-31 January

Yr 13 Mocks

### 27-29 January

Food prep & nutrition  
practical exam

### 29 January

OSA Uniform Sale  
UCAS Deadline 6pm

### 29/30 January

Yr7 History Trip to  
Tintern Abbey

### 31 January

Food prep & nutrition  
practical exam

### 3 February

Yr8 HPV Jabs (Session 2)

### 4 February

Bronze DofE In School  
Training Evening

### 6 February

Silver DofE In School  
Training Evening

### 10-14 February

Yr8 I Can & I Am Bus

### 12 February

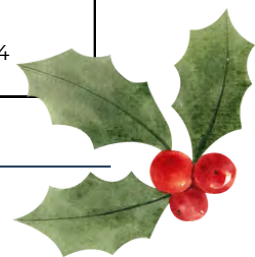
GCSE Drama Exam C2

### 14 February

Yr11 Wellbeing Day  
End of Term 3

### 24 February

Beginning of Term 4



# 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](http://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](mailto: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.







Bath & North East Somerset Council is consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions for the 2026/27 school year. The consultation starts on 02 December 2024 and will end on 13 January 2025. To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to: [admissions\\_transport@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk) Alternatively you can write to The Admissions & Transport Unit, Bath & North East Somerset Council, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

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

For further information please see

[www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools](http://www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools)

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## Year 9 Battlefields Trip

At 1am on a cold Friday morning, 48 Year Nine students departed Oldfield for Ypres, Belgium on the History Department's Battlefields Trip. The students visited Langemark German and Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemeteries, where they were able to compare the approach taken to remembrance by the two sides after the conflict. At Langemark, they were amazed by the mass grave containing the remains of over 24,000 soldiers and were overwhelmed by the rows of over 11,000 crosses at Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world.

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

behalf of the staff and students of Oldfield School.

One of the highpoints of the trip was discovering what life was like for soldiers living in the trenches around Ypres. The students were fascinated by the collections and exhibit at the Hoge Crater Museum and got very muddy exploring the original trenches and restored trench tunnel at Hill 62!

Unfortunately, the poor weather meant a 'choppy' and delayed return to school in the early hours of Sunday; but then another way of looking at this, was that we got to have even longer on a great trip! Thank you to the students who were amazing all trip, including during the delays.

**Mr Moore and the staff team**





# TWO PLAYS IN TWO DAYS

In November, the year 12 and 13 English Literature students enjoyed two plays in two days to experience the plays we study, and compare, for one of our A level exams. First, we went into Bath's Rondo Theatre, in Larkhall to see *A Streetcar Named Desire*. As we got comfortable, we realised we had all sat on the wrong side of the theatre. After all shuffling across and finding our actual seats, the play began. Overall, I think The Rondo Theatre Company's production was fantastic and very accurate, almost exactly following the script.

From discussion, the only criticism I have is that the casting was different to how some of us pictured Stanley. But he did play him very well and I think we also acknowledge that we have been very influenced by Marlon Brando's 1950's portrayal. I also noticed chemistry in places I hadn't considered or read, such as between characters Blanche and Mitch.

But what stood out to me the most is the stunning stagecraft. For an amateur theatre company, the use of silhouettes integrated with music and lighting to show the state of Blanche's mind was incredible. On top of this, the use of drinks as props almost made alcohol another, increasingly prominent character, reflecting the deteriorating condition of the characters. Whilst aspects of the performance did differ from my reading, the accurate use of the script and gorgeous stage work presented a great performance of Williams' extraordinary play.

The next day, after a slight delay due to a punctured minibus tyre, we set out to London to see our partner play: *The Duchess of Malfi*. Once we arrived in Richmond, we got the overground to Waterloo, before walking to Trafalgar. After a quick lunch break, we headed into the Trafalgar Theatre at around 2.30. Despite being much larger than The Rondo, thanks to the angle of the seating, everyone seemed to have a great view of the stage, creating an atmospheric and intimate mood even before the play began. I think that this interpretation of *The Duchess of Malfi* was fantastic. I was sceptical at first as I knew it was a modern adaptation, but rather than overusing aspects of modernism, it adapted the Jacobean play to make it translate to a modern audience, without losing the beauty of its original language or censoring any aspects of the plot. It didn't change for a contemporary audience to try and make it more digestible, only more understandable. I think it was a really stunning and impressive performance that while having a



very simple set, didn't lose any details or grandeur, and when differing from my reading, only highlighted attributes of characters or relationships I hadn't seen.

Overall, I think that the modernist *Duchess of Malfi* allowed more obvious changes in approaches to certain characters, that clearly strayed from the script but purposely, to highlight traits we may not have read. Whereas in a *Streetcar Named Desire*, as it almost entirely followed the original script, when characters were presented differently it almost seemed in conflict to the audiences reading, as it wasn't overt in changes of presentation. However, for two plays written at very different times, and presented in very different ways, the continuous issues seen through both were presented beautifully and individually stood out strikingly in their styles.

**Olive, Year 12**

## News from the Drama Department by Ms Bloomfield



## Drama Showcase

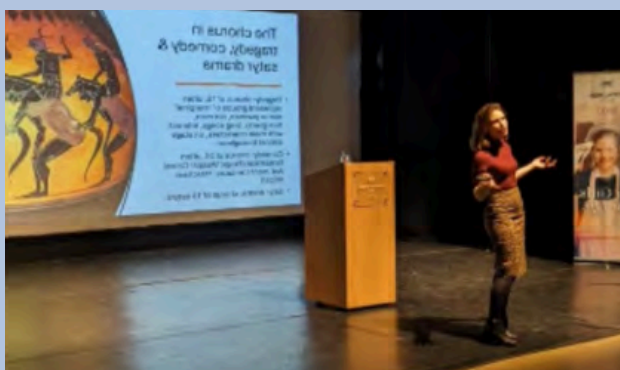
Nearly 50 students from across the school took part in the Drama Showcase on 28th November. A Level students shared some of their examination work, whilst Year 10 students all performed duologues they have been preparing in class. The dramatic scenes varied greatly in style and context and there was everything from Sophocles and Shakespeare to modern set texts. Some of our talented Year 9 students performed an extract from *Lord of the Flies* whilst other students wrote and performed their own piece called *#Robbery!*. Other students from the Spotlight Drama club were directed by Year 13 in a performance of an extract from *Love and Information*. Year 9 students supported with technical lighting and Year 13 and Year 12 were stage managing backstage.

It was wonderful to see so many family and friends come and support the event!

## Flock theatre visit and workshop

On Thursday 7th November, we took our A Level and GCSE students to see a performance of *Flock* at the Egg Theatre. Before the performance, students had the opportunity to meet the director and one of the actors and took part in a workshop at the theatre. In the workshop, our students learnt ways of creating drama using different methods and had the opportunity to create and share some of their own work.

The performance was moving and really engaging, especially after learning how the piece was made and having met some of the performers. An excellent opportunity for our students to engage with theatre professionals and learn more about careers in theatre.



## A Level Greek Theatre Workshop

Year 12 and 13 students were given the opportunity to attend lectures given by Dr Naomi Scott from Bristol University who is a scholar in Ancient Theatre. The lecture allowed students to understand the context of Ancient Greek Theatre and performance conventions and how they have influenced modern theatre. The workshop was hosted by the Royal High School in Bath.





Archie in Year 7 did Oldfield proud with his beautiful solo performance of *Once in Royal David's City*, sung at our annual festival of lessons and carols at Weston All Saints Church. **Mr Naylor**





## Sixth Form Netball vs Wellsway

It was great to see the 6th form netball team back in action as we near the start of the season in January playing a friendly against Wellsway. Due to commitments we were a player short on the night, so thank you to Wellsway who showed sporting spirit by lending us a player every quarter – thank you!

The game was well matched and played competitively but fairly, and there was some great netball on show from both sides.

We had a good start taking the lead and worked hard to hold on, but we just couldn't quite maintain it and the lead began to slip as the Wellsway attack got into their stride.

However, great work from Emily our non shooter playing GS (!) to try to feed Hana as much as possible, which meant we were still in the running all the way in the first half.

Strong mid court work from Nancy and Robyn saw some great interceptions and attack play as we began to build our comeback. Imani and Esme worked very hard in defence to keep the Wellsway attack out of the game but we were unable to hold on in the last quarter and the final score was 33-39, but an amazing game especially considering they have not trained or played together for a year – I am looking forward to a great season! **Mrs Little**

## Year 8 Netball vs Chew Valley

On a very cold afternoon, Oldfield's Year 8 netball team played a thrilling match against Chew Valley. The game was fast-paced and full of excitement, with both teams showcasing excellent skills throughout.

Our shooters, Eartha, Freya, Isla and Lauren, were great under pressure, working together to create scoring opportunities. They showed composure and excellent shooting accuracy, keeping Oldfield in the game right until the final whistle.

The defensive unit of Betsy, Freya, and Polly and Eartha were solid throughout the match, preventing Chew Valley from getting easy shots on goal.

In the centre court, Jess and Mina worked hard and were the link between the attack and defence maintaining possession under pressure. Despite a brilliant team performance, we were pipped in the last minute and the final score was 11-12 to Chew Valley. The team showed great resilience and determination throughout, and it was a closely contested match from start to finish.

While it was disappointing to lose by just one goal, the players should be proud of their commitment and teamwork.

Congratulations to Lauren for being voted player of the match. **Mrs Little**



## Year 9 BANES netball tournament

Congratulations to the Y9 netball squad who went to Ralph Allen to take part in the BANES tournament. Some fabulous shooting from Eva, Shika and Ella under lots of pressure coupled with strong defence in the circle from Iona, Molly and Enna meant we had some real tough but successful clashes in our pool matches and with the help from our centre court players Julia, Harper, Eleanor, Amelie and Isabelle, who never gave up on any ball, we managed to come an impressive third in our pool just missing out by one goal to go through as runners up!

We then faced Norton Hill in the play-offs but we were just not able to keep up our momentum and lost finishing 6th overall. I am so proud of all the girls - they gave their all the entire afternoon and were so supportive of each other on and off the court - a real squad effort! Congratulations to Ella and Julia for getting player of the match votes from the opposition and to Julia for being voted players player by her team.



## Year 7 Girl U12 Somerset Cup Game Vs Court Field

The U12 (Year 7) Girls Football Team set off to Wellington full of energy, ready to kick off their Somerset Cup campaign against Court Field. Spirits were high as the school minibus echoed with karaoke tunes, setting the perfect pre-match atmosphere. After several confidence-boosting friendly matches against local schools, the team felt prepared for the challenge ahead.

Maya, the team captain, ensured the focus was sharp with an inspiring pep talk just before kickoff. The game began with both teams testing the waters, battling to adapt to each other's playing style. Court Field posed a strong challenge early on, but Oldfield's defense held firm.

As the game progressed, the Oldfield girls found their rhythm, creating several exciting attacking opportunities. Freya, leading the charge as striker, capitalised on a key moment of pressure against the Court Field goalkeeper. Her persistence paid off, breaking through the opposition's backline and securing the first goal for Oldfield, sending the team into celebrations.

The second half was tense, with both teams fiercely contesting possession. Oldfield's defense worked tirelessly to deny Court Field's speedy forwards any chances. Hems, the goalkeeper, played a crucial role in keeping the team organised, loudly instructing her teammates on who to mark and maintaining the team's defensive discipline.

As the final whistle blew, Oldfield emerged victorious with a hard-fought 1-0 win. The girls left the pitch buzzing with excitement, eagerly looking forward to the next round of the Somerset Cup. **Ms Kernan**



## Year 8 & 9 mixed Girls Football tournament in Norton Hill

The Year 8 & 9 Mixed Girls Football Team traveled to Norton Hill to compete in a thrilling tournament featuring eight local schools from across Somerset. As the team sized up their competition, they noticed some familiar faces from club football, which sparked a mix of nerves and over analysis. However, the girls quickly focused on the task at hand and prepared to give their best.

The tournament began with a strong opening win, giving the team a confidence boost. That momentum carried them forward as they triumphed in the next two games, securing back-to-back victories. With three wins under their belt, the team found themselves on the verge of winning their pool and advancing to the final.

Their final group stage match came against St. Greg's, a team renowned for their tenacity. As expected, it was a fiercely contested battle, but Josie, playing as striker, and Bella, stepping up brilliantly, secured the win with two crucial goals. The hard-fought victory propelled Oldfield into the final, and excitement was at an all-time high.

With no designated goalkeeper, the team faced a challenge in the final match. Bella, a Year 9 student, volunteered to step into goal, showcasing her leadership and adaptability. The match was an intense affair, with both teams putting on a defensive masterclass. When the final whistle blew, the score remained level, forcing the game into a penalty shootout. Bella performed exceptionally in goal during the shootout, making several impressive saves. However, despite their best efforts, Oldfield couldn't find the back of the net, as Norton Hill's goalkeeper proved to be a formidable opponent. Ultimately, Oldfield's Year 8 & 9 girls finished second out of eight schools, an incredible achievement in a challenging tournament. The team gained invaluable experience and represented Oldfield with pride, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. **Ms Kernan**



## Oldfield Students Shine at BANES Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday, 12th December, Wellsway School hosted the much-anticipated BANES Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Oldfield School proudly entered boys' and girls' teams from Years 7 and 8, competing both as teams and as individuals. The event was packed with energy and excitement as our students showcased their athletic skills and determination.

There were many standout performances from Oldfield students, and some were even selected for trials to represent the overall BANES team. We eagerly await updates on their progress and wish them the best of luck!

Our boys' teams in both Year 7 and Year 8 delivered exceptional results, finishing second in their categories and earning a spot in the County round, which will take place at UWE on Monday, 3rd February. Meanwhile, the girls' teams also demonstrated impressive teamwork and ability, with the Year 7 girls finishing 3rd overall and the Year 8 girls achieving a respectable 4th place out of six competing teams. Well done also to Tara Jones and Julia Mboya for being fabulous sports leaders and helping out at the event!! Here are the final scores from the event:

### Year 7 Boys

1st: Wellsway - 137  
2nd: Oldfield - 124  
3rd: St Gregory's - 123  
4th: Ralph Allen - 108  
5th: Norton Hill - 100

### Year 8 Boys

1st: Ralph Allen - 141  
2nd: Oldfield - 122  
3rd: Wellsway - 114  
4th: St Gregory's - 113  
5th: Norton Hill - 104

### Year 7 Girls

1st: Hayesfield - 166  
2nd: Wellsway - 156  
3rd: Oldfield - 137  
4th: Ralph Allen - 137  
5th: Norton Hill - 131  
6th: St Gregory's - 122

### Year 8 Girls

1st: Wellsway - 168  
2nd: Hayesfield - 146  
3rd: Ralph Allen - 138  
4th: Oldfield - 137  
5th: Norton Hill - 135  
6th: St Gregory's - 120

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication. Their achievements are a testament to their commitment and the excellent coaching they receive. We are excited to see how the boys' teams perform in the County round and will continue to cheer on all our athletes as they strive for success! **Mrs Bell**







## Year 11 go Behind Bars!

Year 11 Sociology students had a cold and gloomy and yet really fun day out at Shepton Mallet Prison! The weather added to the bleakness and students got a real insight into what it must have been like to spend time there as a prisoner. The guide was fantastic and told lots of gruesome tales about the prison's past. Students got the joy of being locked in a freezing cell, which of course they loved! Can't wait to do it again in the new year with year 13! **Mrs Ahmed**

## Sixth Formers discover Whodunnit

Year 12 and 13 took part in a 'Crime Scene Day' run by a former detective sergeant, to enhance their learning of crime in Psychology and Sociology. Students heard about the details of a real grisly murder and had to gather evidence from police interviews and a staged crime scene, to piece together a case for the prosecution or a case for the defence. Through the day, the detective explained the procedures of crime investigation, referring to his wealth of real crime stories to bring it all to life.

In the afternoon, some students took the roles of barristers, judge and witnesses and the rest played the role of the jury. We had a mock trial finishing with the jury's decision as to whether the defendant was guilty or innocent. At the end of the day, the detective revealed the verdict of the real jury in the offender's trial. Student feedback was very positive, and we witnessed some great acting and excellent skills of questioning, deduction and problem solving.

**Mrs Bedson**







## No chickening out in the food tech kitchen!

This term, our Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have been honing their culinary skills with a focus on chicken. Each student started by learning how to portion a whole chicken, before using these cuts to create three amazing dishes. The creativity and effort put into each dish has been brilliant, with students showcasing a variety of techniques and flavours. From curry to mouth-watering stir-fries as well as burgers, their dishes have been nothing short of impressive. Well done to all the students for their hard work and delicious results! We can't wait to see what they'll cook up next term! **Mr Griffiths-Mills**

## Children in Need Events

We started our Children In Need day with a tutor quiz. Students loved guessing who was wearing the Pudsey Ears from the obscure pictures! It was 8AP1, Mr Eidman's tutor group, who correctly identified the most staff and won a tutor group prize. Well done to them!

Our fundraising challenge began at 8:30am as the Heads Of House got the bikes off to a flying start in the canteen. All staff were really impressed with the enthusiasm, energy and ambition of our students to keep the bicycle wheels turning throughout the day! Staff and students all took on the challenge; some even doubling up to keep the bike wheels turning until the end of the school day. It was a wonderful event and encouragement from those not on bikes was fantastic!

Raffle prizes were handed out to students, who have now enjoyed spending their vouchers, using the equipment or have managed to get to the Snack Shack to buy a yummy treat!

We have raised an amazing amount of money for charity and want to thank everyone for their donations. The total amount raised was £1,386.

**Mrs Macnaughton**







## Bath on Ice Rewards Trip

Our latest reward trip is always an eagerly anticipated event in the calendar. The Heads of House took 60 students to Bath On Ice on Thursday 12th December. The walk to the ice rink was brisk and excitement levels were high! The weather was cold but the rain held off luckily so conditions for skating were perfect! Students and staff had a fabulous time and some even had time to sample the delicious hot chocolate! **Mrs Macnaughton**

## News from the Sixth Form

A massive thanks to our great year 12 fundraisers. They have given up their time to organise events that have fostered a sense of community at school and at the same time raised £370 for the British Heart Foundation.

The team ran a stall at the OSA Christmas Fair, did a cake sale in the main hall at lunchtime and also ran a movie night. We are proud of the way they have worked together as a team, taking the initiative to do something positive that helps others.

Also this term, a group of year 12 and 13 students have met weekly for a lunchtime Christmas Craft Club. We have done crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch and macrame. Some of us were experts and some of us were novices learning how to cast on for the first time. The club has provided a good place to just sit and chat and take a bit of time out from academic work. Many thanks to Mrs Eatock (Science) and Ms Schmidtke (MFL) for their enthusiasm, expertise and encouragement. The weekly cake provided by staff has been the highlight.

**Mrs Williams**

## Year 8 Flying Start Engineering Challenge

Atkins Engineers came into school on 21st November 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 all the teams, hopefully we make it through to the Regional Finals held next year. Well done to all the students involved - great teamwork!

**Miss Fielding**







### Oldfield Christmas Fair

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who supported the Oldfield Christmas Fair this year. It was lovely to see the school community coming together for some festive fun, and we raised well over £2,500 for the school which is fantastic. Special thanks to the students who ran their own games and craft stalls, to all the OSA volunteers and staff who once again did an amazing job pulling everything together, and to all of you who were able to join us on the day.

Congratulations to all the raffle prize winners: we had a record-breaking 40 donated prizes this year thanks to the generosity of local businesses. A big shout out to: 8e Café, UNA artist shop, Naughty But Nice hairdressers, Basil's Bakery, Paprika gift shop, Rooted Café, Millionhairs Grooming Parlour, WPC Software, Avon Valley Adventure Park, The Old Crown in Weston, Café 25, Il Mercato Deli, Little Clay Studio, Right At Your Feet carpet shop, Tesco Weston, Neals Yard, Chelsea Clipper, Mr. B's Emporium of Books, Toppings booksellers, The Old Crown in Kelston, Theatre Royal Bath, Cadence bike shop, Electric Bear, the Locksbrook Inn, Gaia Food and Flower shop, First Impressions Hair and Nails, Bath Thermae Spa, Fonthill Garden Centre, Minerva Massage Works, Komedia, and Take Charge Bikes. Sorry if we've forgotten anyone, you are all amazing!

### Dates for your diary

Next term we'll be looking forward to our next pre-loved uniform sale on Wednesday 29th January 2025, from 3.15pm in Penn. We'll also be trialling a Saturday sale on Saturday 22nd March (time and room to be confirmed) as we know not every family can make our after-school sales. As always, please consider donating any good quality uniform items that your child may have grown out of. Items can be dropped off any time at reception, in a bag marked OSA. .

Then it's time for the infamous annual OSA quiz night, which will be taking place on Friday 7th March 2025, from 7pm - pop the date in your diaries! More details to follow in the new year.

And many thanks to the runners who have signed up to run the Bath Half marathon on behalf of OSA on Sunday 16th March. We hope the training is going well, we'll be out cheering you along on the day!

### Why it matters

Thanks to your support and generosity OSA has been able to donate over £5,000 back to the school already this academic year. We have funded Pupil Premium places for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, bought some new laptops for Product Design and teaching tablets for the EAL department, funded additional lessons for trumpet club, and we will be part-funding several school trips in the coming months. Our aim continues to be to enhance the education and wellbeing of all students at Oldfield, and we couldn't do it with you.

Thank you for your continued support; we hope you all enjoy a wonderful festive break, and we look forward to seeing you at more OSA events in 2025

**The OSA team.**

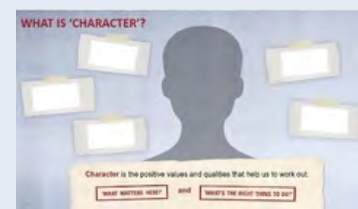




# Understanding risks and making healthy choices

Our focus at the start of the year was on the three main strands of PSHE in a set of lessons for all year groups called Everybody's Talking About; The Wider World, Healthy Lifestyles and Relationships. Students in all classes discuss a variety of issues from what is happening around us, considering our own health and thinking about our relationships with family and friends. Students are given the opportunity to get to know their new PSHE groups and this year we all spoke about our values and how they align with the new school values; **Be Kind. Be Ambitious. Be Resilient.**

In our curriculum lessons this term, Year 7 have been problem solving. Each lesson they watch an episode of a story about a fictional cyberattack. In their groups they have to work out the best plan of action to help wider communities, family and friends considering **Characteristics** such as compassion, respect and integrity.

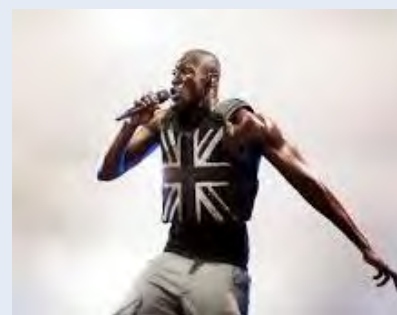
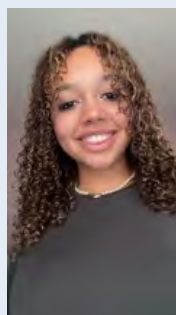


In Year 8 we have been considering **Healthy Relationships** both within partnerships but also with our friends. Students should now be able to spot when things are not ok and have the confidence to ask for help or speak up. They have also focused on appropriate and inappropriate images and keeping ourselves safe when using our phones.

Year 9 have considered the law in relation to **drugs**. We have completed tasks and had class discussions on the effects of different drugs and the risks associated with experimenting with drugs. **Risk taking** has been a central theme as we've looked at other activities that involve risk, from riding a horse to gambling or jumping off a boat to starting new relationships. We have discussed the effects on our mental and physical health as we start making more choices on our own.

Year 10 focus groups last year asked for more information on finances so we have been recapping our understanding on a variety of **Money Matters**; banks, statements and inflation. Students have travelled back to 2015 and compared prices from then and now on weekly shops to recognise the impact of inflation on us all.

PSHE is also featuring in the **Skills Centre** with Mrs Macnaughton working alongside a small group of students who wanted to create their own display board on who inspires them as part of our **Black History Month work**. The culmination of their discussions, research and artwork is going up on display in the canteen for everyone to see in this final week. They are very proud of the work and excited about getting their icons being recognized by others around the school.





# Children's Occupational Therapy

## Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?

They find  
handwriting  
really difficult.

They find it difficult  
to pick up small  
objects and play with  
small toys.

They put  
everything in  
their mouth.

She can't tie  
her shoelaces

**01225 82 6659**

**The first and second Tuesday  
of each month.**

**2pm – 4pm**

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers,  
Schools, Nursery and Healthcare  
professionals of children who have a  
**BANES GP**

If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.



# Knife crime awareness events



Bath & North East Somerset

**Violence  
Reduction  
Partnership**

Join us at

## **Bath College, City Centre campus**

Thursday 5th December, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

## **Newbridge Primary School**

Wednesday 22nd January, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

## **Chew Valley School**

Monday 10th February, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and carers in B&NES are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers at a series of events.

You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](#), search for **B&NES VRP** to find your nearest event.

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

**Any questions about the event can be emailed to**

[VRP\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Or book** your ticket now on [Eventbrite](#)

**For more information visit** [Bath & North Somerset VRP](#)



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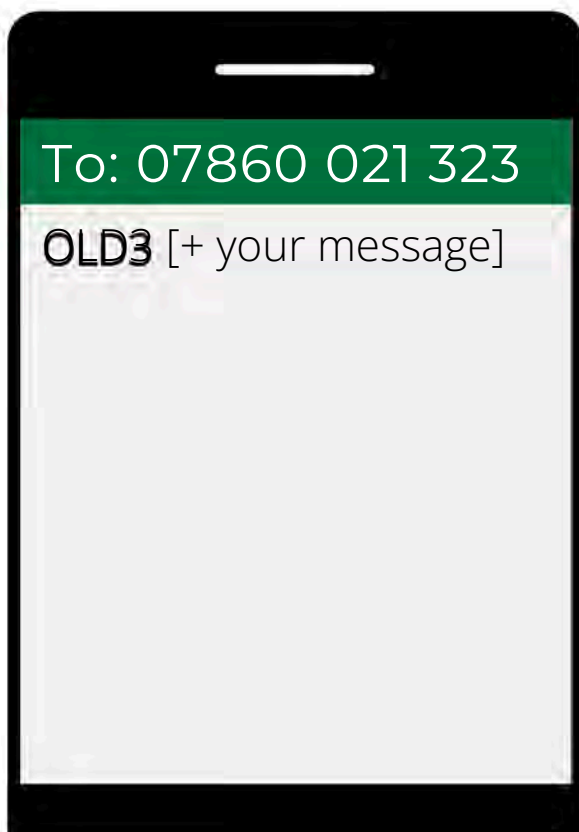


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# Problem? Whisper it!

If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff anonymously.



## When To Report...

You or a friend are being bullied

You are concerned for  
a student's welfare

A student, member of staff, or parent  
has behaved inappropriately

You need to talk to someone  
about a problem

Suggestion for changes or  
improvements in school

Report via SMS or visit:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/old3/>







# **We wish you a very merry Christmas**

**ON BEHALF OF ALL THE  
STAFF AT OLDFIELD SCHOOL**

