

newsletter

April 2024



From the Headteacher

Start of Term Service

It was great to so many of our students leading different aspects of the Start of Term service on 16 April. My thanks go to Chaplain Josh, Mrs Duzniak and Mr Davies for their leadership and to all the staff who contributed.

Exams

We wish all our students and their families the very best for the exam season. There is a robust programme of support in place for students throughout this period. The details will be shared with parents and carers this week. Please also visit the [Exams](#) page on our website for useful dates and information.

Summer Uniform

We will be moving to summer uniform on **Wednesday 8 May** so students may choose not to wear their jumper or blazer. All other elements of the uniform, including the **tie** are compulsory. If there are financial difficulties with regard to the purchase of School uniform, please do speak to your child(ren)'s Head of Year and we will do whatever we can to support you. We have regular second-hand uniform sales, which you can find details of on the school calendar on our [website](#).

Community News

Ms Amos (Deputy Head of Year 7) will be starting her maternity leave after the next holiday, and Mr Halpin (Science) will be Acting Deputy Head of Year 7 in her place. He will move with Mr Freeman and the students as they transition to Year 8 in September. We wish both Ms Amos and Mr Halpin well.

We have welcomed several new members of staff this term. We have two new LSAs, Mr Woodfield and Ms Wong, in addition to Miss Deazley, Ms Sawczenko, and Miss Morgan who joined us last term. We have said goodbye to Miss Exon-Bartlett (LSA), and to Miss Bradbury (Art), as they are both leaving us for roles outside of education.

Ms Joyce (Second in DT) and Mr Mattson (Head of Year) are both settling in well. Mr Morgan, our new Deputy Headteacher, is with us one day each week this term, and will be full time from the start of next term.

Bank Holiday and INSET Day

Please note that we have a Bank Holiday on Monday 6 May and an INSET Day on Tuesday 7 May. School will be open as normal for students on Wednesday 8 May.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend when it arrives.

Del Planter, Headteacher

Raising awareness of testicular torsion

Testicular torsion is a time-critical emergency where a testicle twists, cutting off the blood supply and causing sudden scrotal pain. The testicle can die within six hours without emergency surgery.

With torsion occurring in 1 in 1,000 boys aged 10-20 NHS England, the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme is working to raise awareness and improve education among young people, parents/carers and teachers to ensure boys experiencing severe testicular pain and other symptoms of torsion can recognise the signs and understand to act quickly. As a school we will be working to raise awareness amongst staff and students. Please do reinforce this with your children as relevant.

Katherine Meredith, Mental Health Lead

Dates for the diary

[Click here](#) to visit our website calendar for up to the minute dates.

May 2024	
Wed 1 May	Y10 Mocks start
	Y13 Photography Exam
	Muller House Eucharist 08:30am – 10:00am
	Y12 Devised Drama Performance Exam 09:00 - 12:30am
	GCSE Greek 2pm - 4pm
Thu 2 May	GCSE French Speaking Exams
Fri 3 May	Spanish and French Speaking Exam
Tue 7 May	Inset Day
Wed 8 May	Y13 Fine Art Exam
	Y11 Leavers Day
	Y11 Young Carers Lunch
Thu 9 May	GCSE Exams start
Fri 10 May	GCSE Polish
Mon 13 May	Y8 Assessments
	A level Exams start
Tue 14 May	GCSE German Speaking Exam
Wed 15 May	A Level Spanish and French Speaking Exams
Thu 16 May	Poetry Competition
Fri 17 May	Y12 Study Leave Starts
	Y13 Last Day
Mon 20 May	Y12 Mocks
Wed 22 May	GB Rowing Opportunity
Fi 24 May	Y13 Leavers' Service 12:30 pm- 2:30pm
	Last day of the Term

The full school calendar will be available [Click here](#) on the school website (School Life, Calendar). While correct at the time of publication there are occasional changes to the dates above, so for the latest information please refer to Options Form In the calendar on the website. If you don't have computer access and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, please contact Mrs Chaibi chaibih@smrt.bristol.sch.uk

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