

newsletter

February 2024



From the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our February end of month Newsletter.

Lent

Lent started on Wednesday 14 February. For Lent this year, we are reflecting on God's astounding love and never-failing grace for us.

What is Lent? Lent is the name given to 6-weeks leading up to Easter, where Christians take time to reflect on their relationship with God and prepare their hearts and minds for the Easter celebrations.

This year, as we prepare for Easter, we want to explore an incredible story that Jesus told some locals who had gathered around him. A story which demonstrates God's heart for us all and helps us to capture the heart of Easter. This story is the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).

Please follow the link [here](#) to view our weekly Lent reflections.

Attendance

Once again, thank you to all parents, carers, and students for all you do to ensure our students attend school regularly. Our attendance continues to exceed national and local rates. We are mindful of the numerous factors that can affect attendance and we are pleased with the numerous case studies we have of working together to support attendance. Please follow the link [here](#) for guidance on our attendance processes. We do have school counsellors, a broad pastoral team, and strong links with external agencies, so please do reach out if additional support is required.

Bromcom

Thank you for your patience as we address teething issues linked to our migration to a new management information system. I must commend our students on how well they are adapting. We had over 1575 active student users registered at the end of last week with minimal hands-on support from the school. We are reviewing data so that we can provide targeted support for students/parent carers as required. Please follow the links to support for [parents and carers](#) and [students](#).

Student Council

Well done to our student council who are playing a significant role in feeding back to school leaders, representing our students, and informing developments. In March the student council representatives will be holding two tutor group meetings. One meeting will be to feedback to students. The other meeting will be to gain student voice on two items:

- Clubs and activities on offer
- Addressing the affordability of school uniform

Mobile Phones

This month the Department for Education published guidance on mobile phones in school. The guidance can be accessed [here](#). Our approach as detailed in our Behaviour and Good Relationships Policy is in line with one of the four approaches detailed in the guidance. Our approach is 'Never used, seen, or heard'. Students keep possession of their mobile phones only on the strict condition that they are never used, seen, or heard – with consequences for breaching this. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and thank the majority of students who adhere to these expectations. We do have students who cross the line on this issue. We keep our policies under review and will make changes if required. Our preference is for the current approach to be 100% effective. We will remind students of the protocols that exist if there is a need to contact parents/carers during the day.

Sixth Form Applications

Guidance meetings for students who have applied to the sixth form are just getting started and will continue through this term. Students who are applying from our own Year 11 need to stay focused on achieving their target grades and make full use of the support from teachers and other staff. As the number of applicants is so high, we will not be able to be flexible with students who just miss out on the grades they need.

Sixth Form News

The Sixth Form sent off 292 UCAS applications before the January deadline this year (more than last year), which includes current and ex-students. We are, of course, very proud of **all** our Sixth Form students and the many routes to university, further training, and employment that they choose.

Year 12 students enjoyed a culture day at the end of last term, organised by Miss Hoskins (Enrichment and Cover Coordinator). Our thanks go to her and to the students who took part. Also, 20 of our students attended the Raise the Bar Conference at UWE (which was all about representation in education) led by ex-Redcliffe student and now Lecturer at UWE Kane Allen

Bristol Youth Elections

The youth elections received an amazing 8,956 votes by young people across Bristol, and two of our students were elected! This is great news and encouraging that so many young people are engaging with this process. Congratulations to Binta (Year 11) and Darrius (Y12) on being elected.

Language News

Congratulations to Fei (Y11) who recently passed her IGCSE in Mandarin Chinese with a world record score! This is a wonderful achievement. If you are interested in your child taking an additional exam in their home language in 2025, do make contact with Mrs Cassleden (Second in MFL and EAL Coordinator).

Community News

We welcomed two new LSAs at the end of last term (Mrs Archer and Miss Sawczenko). Miss Sweet has left the LSA team to explore other opportunities, and Mrs Allen, who was the Learning Support Administrator for Access Arrangements and Annual Reviews, has also left due to family commitments. We are grateful to have had their contribution to supporting our students. Ms Crump (DT) has been replaced by Mr Hansford and he will be with us until the end of this term.

Ms Hale (DT) has started her maternity leave and had her baby at the end of the holiday, and Mrs Apps (Science) has also started her maternity leave and had her baby. We wish them both well.

Best wishes

Del Planter, Headteacher

Community Languages

Huge Congratulations to Fei for achieving the highest mark in the WORLD after sitting her IGCSE Mandarin Chinese exam during the summer 2023 exam season.

Well done Fei! Amazing!

Mrs Casselden



Football Match

Exciting Football Match between Mr. Fewell's Year 8 Art Classes! - 08R/Ar2 Secures a Thrilling 4-2 Victory!

On Thursday, 8th February, Mr. Fewell's talented Year 8 Art classes clashed on the football field! The stakes were high, the atmosphere electric, as the teams battled it out for glory. 08R/Ar2 emerged triumphant with an impressive 4-2 victory. The crowd was on the edge of their seats, cheering and chanting throughout the match. A big thanks to the PE department and Mr. Trott for refereeing.



Mr Fewell

The School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service is made up of specialist school nurses, school nurses, school health assistants and administrators. School Nurses work for the NHS and are not employed by schools. Parents and professionals can make referrals into the School Nursing Service and we can provide more information on this for any parent or carer who is interested.

Our allocated School Health Nurse is Elly Blackmore. She comes into school every Monday and offers a drop-in service at lunchtime, in Chaplain Josh's room on C floor in the main building. Any student is welcome to drop in to see her at any point throughout lunchtime. Any information shared by students with Elly will always be treated as confidential, unless this information indicates that there is a risk of harm to the student or a third party, in which case Elly will always explain to the young person who she needs to talk to and what might happen next.

Elly can support students with:

- Emotions and worry management
- Continence needs
- Sexual health and healthy relationship advice, including the C Card scheme
- Healthy lifestyles advice
- Talking to school and parents about students' worries
- Health questions
- Stopping smoking
- Drugs and alcohol advice
- Feeling unsafe

The C Card scheme

The C Card scheme is aimed at young people between 13 and 24 years old, who can register to get a range of free condoms, information and advice. The aim of the service is to promote reproductive and sexual health and help young people to access local services.

The scheme is open to all young people. Condoms could be given to students over the age of 13 after lots of exploratory conversations with the School Nurse about safety, risks, healthy relationships and exploring ways of showing love without sex, if the nurse felt that the young person was going to participate in sex anyway. The nurse is bound by law to share information with the Designated Safeguarding Lead about any student under the age of 13 who asks for condoms. All students that want to participate in the C Card scheme are enrolled and have to participate in demonstrating the safe use and handling of condoms.

The School Nurse will also advise and signpost to other sexual health services if they are concerned about, for example, STIs, and can help the young people to make those appointments.

Ms Meredith

U16 Girls Football Team

The U16 Girls Football team won the Bristol Schools competition unbeaten and made it to the County finals that were held at The Corinium Stadium, Cirencester. They played against schools from Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, South Glos. and West Glos. While we didn't win the tournament, the team played very well and were a credit to SMRT.

A huge well done to: Emily, Lily, Hannah, Poppy, Nicole, TT, Layla, Wiktoria



Mr Cunningham

Poetry Competition

The following Year 7s all took part in the poetry competition on Thursday 1st February. They all wrote and performed excellent poems on the theme of freedom. The use of language and range of ideas was excellent and enjoyable to listen to. Well done to:

Anna
Shakayla
Elisia
Mia

Mr Boswell

Poetry Performance Workshops – We Value Faith

On Wednesday 28th February, we were very fortunate to have three poetry workshops with the performance poet Leeza Awojobi. All the sessions were based on the ALIVE value - we value faith. The students listed below took part and discussed a range of ideas relating to faith and how it influences their lives.

They were a credit to the school, and it was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Brioney Chofor Samuel Savage Yakub Jimale Izzy Harvey Isla Collacott Jasmine Cmich Verity Canning Asha McLeod Tallulah Hemming Della Ward Agnes Ross Finn LeGouais Rahima Musse Caleb Dellow Shakayla Ogbonna Elisia Mico Mia Staynings	Emma Wright Daisy Ssw Jack Francis Howell Chiz Imoh Joe Marks Ciara O'Neill Chloe Clements Naomi Hughes Ashley Conteh Nancy Bain Jasmin Lallo	Sharlize Ntekor Fynn Mosse Baraka Barrie Amber Baker Hannah Jarrold Vincent Thomas Oscar Surai Sam Hoskins Archangel Lusiana Thomas Penney Daniel Sonoiki

Mr Boswell

Dates for the diary

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

March 2024	
Mon 4 Mar	Y12 Economics Trip to UWE
	Music Trip 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Tue 5 Mar	Y9 Parents/Carer Evening 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Wed 6 Mar	Friends of SMRT Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day
	Y11 GCSE Food Practical Exam
	Y9 Parent/ Carer Evening 4:00pm – 6:30pm
Mon 11 Mar	Y11 French Mock Speaking
	Y7 Parent /Carer Evening 4:00pm – 6:30pm
	Tutor2U Conference Psychology Trip

Tue 12 Mar	Non-Uniform Day
	Y13 German Mock Speaking Exam 10:20am -12:25am
	Y11 German Mock Speaking 1:10pm- 4:30pm
Wed 13 Mar	GCSE PE Revision Talk/Visit
	Y7 Parent/Carer Evening 4:00pm – 6:30pm
Thu 14 Mar	Y8 Reports Home
	Liddel House Eucharist 08:30am – 10:00am
Fri 15 Mar	Y11 Geography Field Trip
Wed 20 Mar	Y12 Progression morning 09:00am – 12:00pm
	Y12 Parental Briefings 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thu 21 Mar	A Level French Speaking Mocks
	Kangaroo and Maths Olympiad Challenges
Fri 22 Mar	Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Y11 Geography Field Trip
Mon 25 Mar	Y11 Art GCSE Exam start
	KS3 Morning of Prayer 09:00am – 12:25pm
Tue 26 Mar	GCSE Photography Exam start
	Y13 Gradesheet home
	Governor of the Bank of England Visit
Wed 27 Mar	Y11 Gradesheet Home
	Y13 History Trip to University of Bristol 1:30pm – 5:00pm
Thu 28 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork
	Second-Hand School Uniform Sale 3:45pm – 4:45pm
Fri 29 Mar	Bank Holiday

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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Getting CRAFTY with maths

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Have fun making Springtime crafts, developing number confidence,
and sharing money saving and money-making ideas!!!

Find us at: The Beacon Centre – City Academy Bristol
Russell Town Avenue, Bristol BS5 9JH

Monday 4th March, continuing every day until, Friday 8th March 2024
Start time: 9.30am - Finish time: 2.30pm

We will also gift you with a shopping voucher for attending every session!

Our learning environments are supportive and welcoming for adults 19+
without GCSE Grade C or level 2 Functional skills in Maths and living in a BS postcode area.

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