

newsletter

November 2023



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our November Newsletter. Apologies for the delay which has been caused by absence. We will provide versions in our other key languages next week.

It is that time of year when the days feel darker and longer, but nonetheless there is still much to celebrate at SMRT.

Day of Prayer

On Tuesday 28 November we held our Day of Prayer. The event was exceptional in terms of student participation and the sense of community and faith which was palpable. A massive thank you to Chaplain Joshua and all the external partners who organised and facilitated this event. Well done to students and staff for your engagement.

We would like to keep all our students and staff and their families and wider community, who might be experiencing difficult times in our thoughts and prayers. We know that the Christmas period is difficult for some people and the current financial climate is making this year particularly hard for many. On our website we have signposted students and parents and carers, to a range of supportive agencies and resources. Please follow [this](#) link for more information..

Music

The music department were very excited to have Paul McCreesh visit the school on Monday 27 November to work with our choirs after school that day. In the classical music world he is the equivalent of a top Premiership Football manager! He was the winner of the BBC's Recording of the Year Award in 2020 and has had a long international career as a conductor working all over the world. He visited Bristol especially for this visit.

As well as his performance work, he runs a young singers' project called 'Roar' which involves students from state schools, often in less well-off communities, working with professionals at a high level to perform classical music at summer schools, as well as supporting the individual schools themselves with their own events. He has worked mostly in the north and east of England and is looking to expand into the southwest.

You can find out more here.

<https://www.gabrieli.com/about-us/paul-mccreesh/>

<https://www.gabrieli.com/roar/about-gabrieli-roar/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OF8hLBqsorU>

Sport

I also wanted to congratulate our Year 8 Netball team who did so well to come second in the Netball festival in early November, losing to a strong Fairfield team 3-2. SMRT beat both Cathedral and Montpellier 3-0 in the first two matches. They played incredibly well and when they were not playing in a game they were brilliant in supporting the team. Well done to Lia, Hattie, Chloe, Chiz, Eleanor, Mimi, Norah, Chloe, Nell, Lydia, and Willow.

Year 11

Well done to Year 11 for engaging so well with the mock examinations. They have acquitted themselves with real distinction. Staff have been immersed in marking the mock papers and will use this information to refine our support for each student. Here are some key dates for Year 11 students and parents/carers.

- Thursday 14 December – Students will have their **mock results morning** and written reports will be sent home.
- Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 January – **Year 11 Parent/Carer evenings** (online).
- Tuesday 23 January – **Study Skills Evening** starting at 5:30 in the hall. This will be a chance for parents/carers to understand how best to support students in the lead up to their exams. Students are welcome to attend this event with their parent/carer.
- Second and final round of mock exams begin on **26 February**.

More information will be sent out about these events in due course. In the meantime, if you have any questions about any of the following then please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in enabling your children to attend to school and on time. We are very appreciative of parents and carers working with us to support their child's attendance. Most of all, well done to the students. More information on our attendance processes and the support available can be found [here](#).

Policies and Procedures

I would like to draw your attention to the procedures/policies which can be viewed [here](#) on our website.

Community News

Do keep a look out for any teaching or support staff jobs we may be advertising. These are all posted on the Eteach recruitment website, and you can set up an alert so that you know when we have posted a vacancy. We welcome applications from our wider community of parents/carers and places of worship, so do let your friends and family know.

Please visit the website regularly if you don't already as it is a useful source of information. Ms Ward, my PA, monitors the enquires@ email address and will forward any emails that come in direct, or via the 'contact us' form on the website, to the most appropriate member of staff. If you are emailing about a student absence, then you can email our attendance team direct by using attendance@smrt.bristol.sch.uk. Do encourage your children to speak to their Tutor, Head or Deputy Head of Year, subject teacher, or a trusted adult in school (e.g., the Year Group Learning Mentor and our Chaplain, Mr Newton whose office is on C Floor), if they are concerned about anything or just want to ask a question.

[Del Planter, Headteacher](#)

Maths Competition

This has been a busy term for SMRT sixth form's mathematicians. We had an incredible seven teams competing in the biannual Bristol school's competition; fun was had by all, but particular congratulations go to our Year 12 further mathematicians, one team of which beat every school in Bristol (including Clifton College, QEH, Bristol Grammar School) by achieving a stellar full mark! Amongst the team of seven was one of three qualifiers for the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1, which took place on Wednesday 15 November. The top ~1300 school mathematicians in the country are invited to sit BMO1, and we had three students qualify: one from Year 13 (Cameron), one from Year 12 (Will), and one from Year 11 (Benjamin). Preparations for the second round (for the top 100) have begun - four questions to be completed in 3.5 hours, so not for the faint of heart.

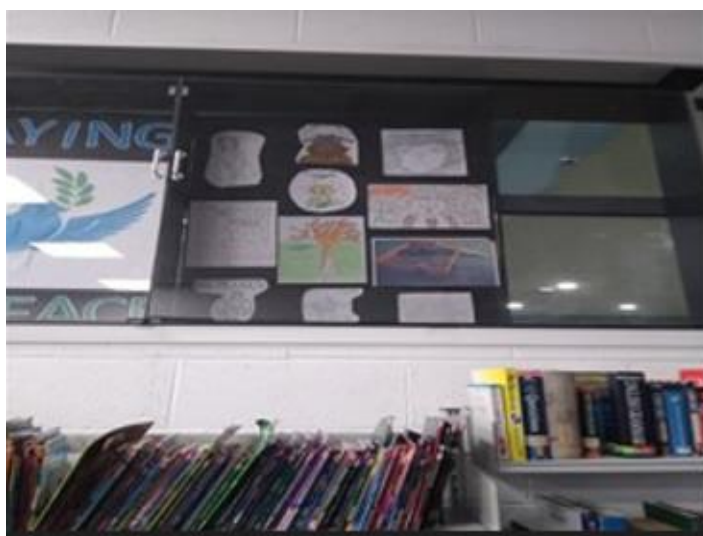
Mr Cross

OVID 2023 Competition

I am delighted to say that we have had some fabulous entries for the OVID Greek Myths competition which was run in Year 7 and 8 library lessons during Term 1 and 2. We have had a wonderful range of creative responses to the Greek myths that were studied in lessons, and these have been displayed in the library (see below).

I am pleased to announce that we have entered 3 students in the regional competition against other schools across Bristol. We will find out the winners next week!

Mr Boswell



Geography Quiz

A massive well done from the Geography Department to Seb, Albert and Ayman in Year 10 who demolished all but one team (Many of them Year 11 teams) in the annual Bristol Geographical Association GCSE quiz at the Great Hall in the Wills Building at Bristol University on 9 November. Coming second out of 17 teams was an amazing result! Well done. The geography department are so proud of you.

Mr Killen

Lost Property

We have collected several unnamed coats from around the school. They are all in Lost Property which can be found at Student Reception. Please can you ask your child to go to Student Reception if they have lost a coat. Please note that at the end of this term, any uncollected items will go to charity. We encourage all students to have name labels in their coats/uniform as this helps to reduce the amount of lost property and helps us to re-home items when they appear!

Mrs Duzniak



Dates for the diary

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

November 2023	
Thu 30 Nov	Inset Day
	Year 9 Gradesheets Home
December 2023	
Mon 4 Dec	6 th Form RAG week starts
	MFL Mock (Speaking)
Tue 5 Dec	Y13 Art Photography Mock Exam
	Y13 Gradesheet home
	Y12 Parent/Carer Evening 4pm - 6:30pm
Wed 6 Dec	Christmas Cake Sale
Thu 7 Dec	Franklin House Eucharist
	Poetry Event
	Y12 Parent/Carer Evening 4pm - 6:30pm
Mon 11 Dec	6 th Form Application Deadline
	ITT Placement 2 and 3 Visit
	Y13 Art and Photography Coursework Deadline
	School Carol Service 7:30pm - 9pm
Tue 12 Dec	Year 11 Mock interview
	School Christmas Dinner
Wed 13 Dec	Y11 Art and Photography Coursework Deadline
	School Christmas Dinner
	School Second Hand Uniform Sale 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Thu 14 Dec	Y11 Reports Homes
	Y11 Mock Results Morning 8:30am - 10am
	Y9 Art Trip to London
Fri 15 Dec	End of Term Service 9am - 10am
	Early Finish for Students

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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GIRLS FOOTBALL DAY

THURSDAY 14TH OF DECEMBER
4.30 - 6.30PM
ST PAULS SPORTS CENTRE, BS2 9NH

Our upcoming football day is a fun, free session for girls born between 2006 - 2010.

The day is sign up only with limited space available.

For more information and to get involved please scan the QR code above or contact Grace at grace.phillips@bcfc.co.uk




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FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS

THURSDAY 4:30 - 5:30
AT ST PAULS ACADEMY

Starting on 2nd February, our football sessions are open to girls aged between 6 -11 years old.

Our sessions are free to take part in.

Term time only.

For more information and to get involved please contact Grace at grace.phillips@bcfc.co.uk

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

**FUN, FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS WITH
THE ROBINS FOUNDATION**

PHILIP ST, BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL, BS3 4EA

4 - 5 PM

Wildcats: girls ages 6 - 11

5 - 6 PM

PL Kicks: girls ages 11 - 16

Term time only.

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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

**FUN, FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS WITH
THE ROBINS FOUNDATION**

MOLESWORTH DRIVE, BRISTOL BS13 9BJ

4 - 5 PM

PL Kicks: girls ages 11 - 16

5 - 6 PM

PL Kicks: girls ages 11 - 16

Wildcats: girls ages 6 - 11
F3 fitness: women ages 16+

Term time only.

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