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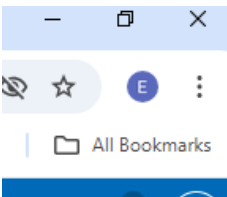
September 2024



From the Headteacher

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter of the 2024-2025 academic year. September has been a productive and positive month for us at SMRT. I hope you find the information in our Newsletter helpful.

We are hoping to launch a new format for our parent/carer newsletter for our October edition, which I hope you'll find a welcome upgrade to the current layout. For those families for whom English is not their first language, they can convert any of our electronic documents viewed via a browser into their preferred language using the translate option, by clicking on the column of 3 dots in the top right-hand corner.



Open Evening/Mornings and Admissions

Our open evening and mornings for entry into Year 7 in September 2025 were extremely well attended as usual. Our students did an excellent job of talking about their experiences of life at SMRT. We are very proud of them all and are proud of our School. Thank you to parents and carers who have taken the time to share positive feedback.

If any of your friends who may be considering applying to SMRT have any queries about the Governors' Admissions Policy, please suggest that they contact Mrs Botting, our Admissions Coordinator (bottingg@smrt.bristol.sch.uk) who will be more than happy to support them.

For those of you applying for siblings, it is very important that you **complete the Local Authority application form** (<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>). **In addition, complete the school supplementary form**, which is available online via our website ([link](#)) – scroll to the bottom of the admissions page and use the 'click here to apply' button. Our closing date is matched with the Local Authority, i.e., **Thursday 31 October 2024**. It is best to contact Mrs Botting with any queries before **Friday 25 October** as the School will be closed then for the holiday for a week.

We also have the first of our Sixth Form Open Evenings for entry into Year 12 in September 2025 on 17 October.

Attendance

Whenever a child is absent from school our attendance administration team will make contact with parents/carers on that day if we have not been provided with a reason for the absence. This contact will be repeated throughout the day so that we can account for the absence. This is an important aspect of our safeguarding procedures. Please do ensure that you respond to the request for information and better still notify the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent due to an unplanned situation e.g., illness. Please follow [this](#) link for an explanation of our procedures for notifying the school of absence for unplanned reasons e.g., illness.

Clubs

We have a number of clubs on offer for our students. Many of these are run at lunchtime. For example, STEM club takes place nearly every day at lunchtime in Room B6 and is specifically for students in Year 7 to Year 9. We also have an Eco-club, FemSoc, Christian Union, Prayer Space, chess club, Maths club, and many others, including a variety of Sports clubs (for example, Basketball, Netball, Tag Rugby, and Badminton). Students can just turn up at these clubs as we value their contribution and want them to feel part of our school community. Clubs are a great way to make new friends and learn new skills.

Year 11

A 'Road Map' for Year 11 parents/carers was given out at the Meet the Tutor event recently, which lists all the key dates by month up until May 2025, when the study leave/exam period starts. The first of these key dates is the Year 11 study skills evening for parents/carers on Tuesday 8 October 2024. This will start at 6pm in the Main Hall. A message about this has already been sent to Year 11 parents/carers.

https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/_site/data/files/why-smrt/curriculum/curriculum-ks4/Y11-Roadmap-Parent-Carer-Version.pdf

Alive Points

Our students have already been awarded large numbers of positive Alive points this Term. These totals include those awarded during morning registration. You can find a table of these points at the bottom of the home page of the SMRT website (correct as of 25 September).

Müller	Equiano	Franklin	Johnson	Liddell
8773	5979	4920	5022	4486

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8773	8394	4961	5100	1952

Senior Students (Year 13)

Our Senior Students this year are Zianna, Ben, Omar, BB, Katie, Kevin, Lilah, Tati, Julia, Jack, Shahmaad-Hafza, Nehal, and Daisy. Some will have been at SMRT throughout Y7-11, but many were not, and come from many different schools across Bristol. I'm sure they will all be able to contribute to the sixth form in their own unique way. I thank them all for their commitment to this important role.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students will be having assessments between Monday 11 November and Friday 22 November. We are planning for these assessments to take place in the hall and gym, and some smaller rooms. As in previous years, it is important that students revise for these assessments as they will help us to make decisions about predicted grades and, in some subjects, tiers of entry for exams. A revision topic list will be sent out in early October. There will be a further round of Year 11 assessment at the start of March 2025. Students will receive more detailed information about the arrangements for the November

assessments in due course. Please contact your Child's tutor or a member of the Year 11 team if you have any queries. Please follow [this](#) link for the names of key staff in the Year 11 team.

Free School Meals

We know that the circumstances of many parents and carers change, and if you are not already registered for free school meals and think you may be entitled, please do register. This also helps the school as some of our funding is allocated on the percentage of students on free school meals. You can apply for free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year or £616.67 a month after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- If we find your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish their phase of schooling (primary or secondary) on 31 March 2025

The Local Authority [website](#), has all the information you need and you can apply '[on line](#)'. Please contact our FSM Administrator, Mrs Cooper, if you need more information (coopere@smrt.bristol.sch.uk).

Community News

We say goodbye to Miss Kaigg, who has been working to support some of our Art and Photography A Level students. We wish her well in her next steps. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Smith, who has been working as part of our DT team to cover a maternity leave. We wish him well.

Del Planter, Headteacher

Send Parents' and Carers' Support Group

We run termly group meetings for our parents and carers of students who have special educational needs. This is a chance to meet with others over a cup of tea and a biscuit, to share ideas and strategies, and to ask any questions you may have about support and school. We often have visiting speakers to talk on various topics relating to school and SEND support. These are run by our SENDCo Pippa. Our next group meeting is 4pm - 5pm on Tuesday 22nd October, here in school. All are welcome - please let us know on learningsupport@smrt.bristol.sch.uk if you plan to attend!

Mrs Whittaker

A-level Geography Trip

On 25th September, almost 40 students from the A-level Geography department went to Bristol University to attend a brilliant Geographical Association talk by the journalist Dipo Faloyin on his book 'Africa is NOT a country'. The talk delved into the historical past of the continent under colonial control and the impact this had on the narrative that has ever since haunted the continent and its geography.

Across the next few months, upcoming GA lectures at the University will focus on topics as diverse as Climate change and the Arctic, Urban Regeneration and Volcanic hazard risks so we encourage students to attend where they possibly can to gain an invaluable and in-depth knowledge of aspects of the subject.

Mr Killen

School Uniform

If you have any uniform that you no longer need that you would like to donate to our second hand uniform sale please bring it in and give to Mrs Miller on student reception. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Miller

Dates for the diary

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

October 2024	
Tue 1 Oct	Y13 Biology Field
	Equiano House Eucharist
	Senior Maths Challenge
	Friends of SMRT Meeting
Wed 2 Oct	Y13 Parental Briefing
Mon 7 Oct	Y12 Folder Check starts
Tue 8 Oct	Y11 Apprenticeship Fayre
	Sixth Form Progression Trip
	Y11 Study Skills Evening
Thur 10 Oct	Child Development Trip
	Y13 Maths Assessment T1
Tue 15 Oct	Early Entry UCAS Deadline
Thu 17 Oct	Post 16 Open Evening
Thu 24 Oct	Y7, Y10 & Y12 Settling in Gradesheets sent home
	Child Development Trip
Fri 25 Oct	Last day of Term 1

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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Bristol Autism Parent/Carer support in Primary – Post 16



The Bristol Autism Team (BAT) support children and young people who have an autism diagnosis, who are on the autism pathway to diagnosis and those with Social Communication and Interaction Needs but who are not on the Autism Pathway.

Each Bristol Mainstream educational setting has a named Bristol Autism Team specialist who works with the educational setting. As part of the work we do, we also offer advice to parents/carers

If you require support or advice around your child/young person's educational needs, then please scan the QR code or click on the link below to complete a parent/carers referral form to our service. Once received the BAT link will respond to your request at their earliest convenience.
<https://forms.office.com/e/G24cnA2YC2>

Parent/Carer Request for Bristol Autism Team



To find out more please visit the local offer page:

[Autism support - Bristol's SEND Local Offer - bristol.gov.uk](#)

Don't miss out on VIABLE, a new FREE creative careers festival for young people aged 14-25 in Bristol and the surrounding areas.

Join us on Thursday 24th October 2024 from 3-7pm at The Courts, Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2QD.

Discover jobs in the creative sector, courses available in the region, and pathways into the creative industries. This is a great opportunity for the creatives of the future.

Sign up now for this FREE event! <https://buff.ly/47mHzNb>

NHS & Care Careers Hub

Careers Hub



Bristol, North Somerset
and South Gloucestershire
Integrated Care Board

The newsletter for Health & Care career events,
opportunities & apprenticeship vacancies

Email: bnssg.careershub@nhs.net

Health & Care Ambassadors visiting your school

We have a team of health & care staff in various clinical and non clinical roles who can come to your school or college to talk about their jobs and how you can start your careers in health & care



Apprenticeship vacancy

[Sirona Business & Administration
Apprentice](#)



Reminder

Our work experience application window will open late autumn, keep an eye out for more details



South West Health and Care
CAREER PATHWAYS



Please check the South West Health & Care [Careers Pathway website](#) for more local info



Upcoming Events

Dietitian taster day

NHS Trust

For students in the process of applying for BSc or MSc courses leading to qualification as a HCPC registered dietitian.

Presentations and discussions with dietitians from different specialisms. Providing insight into their roles and the opportunity for you to ask questions.

A helpful alternative to shadowing in preparation for university applications and interviews.



Where is it?

03/10/2024
10:00 – 16:00

Seminar Room 2
Southmead Hospital
Learning and Research
Building,
Southmead Road
Bristol
BS10 5NB

Lunch provided

Cost

£15 at time of booking

Parking available onsite
(charges apply)

Certificate of attendance
provided

To find out more and booking



Call us: 0117 4145428

Email:

Bridie.watson@nbt.nhs.uk

THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW WEST

ASHTON GATE, BRISTOL

Want to visit?

The National Apprenticeship Show covers all levels of Apprenticeships, from entry level to higher and degree. This FREE event offers visitors a chance to engage, face-to-face, with some of the regions top Apprenticeship employers and providers. Incorporating UniversityFest, visitors can also engage and meet Universities to discover Higher Education pathways.

Opening Dates & Times:

Tuesday 8 October 2024 10:00 – 14:30

Wednesday 9 October 2024 10:00 – 14:00



Upcoming Events

Allied Health Professional Careers Fair



OCTOBER
12TH
2024

Opposite Bristol Royal Infirmary
Education Centre, Upper Maudlin
Street, Bristol, BS1 3NU
what3words: ///chef.caller.bland

Find out more and book your attendance:



14 allied health professions for young people between the ages of 14 and 19 years of age. 10am-4pm

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS INTRODUCTION INTO DIETETICS - AHP DAY'24

WHAT?

We are holding a virtual study session aimed at young people interested in a future career within the Dietetic Profession.

You will hear from a range of specialist NHS Dietitians, describing their work through real life patient case studies, with a chance to ask any burning questions within a supportive learning environment.

WHEN & WHY?

The study session will be run from 19:00-20:00 on the 14/10/2024.

We hope to highlight the rewarding role of working in dietetics and by attending will look great on your UCAS application, showing your involvement in proactive learning and work experience.

WHERE?

A virtual study session is exciting but intense, so get a pen and paper at the ready for a jam packed session, delivered from the comfort of your own home.

Scan the QR code below to register your interest. This will take approx. 2 minutes to complete! For any questions please email: Qianmin.lee@uhbw.nhs.uk



ST ANNE'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Ages 13+

Do you want a regular comfortable place to hang out, eat and relax with your mates?

An inclusive space for you - young people living in St Anne's!

This group is by young people, for young people-with the support of a team of creative youth workers from Bricks and Creative Youth Network

Do you want to explore creative and fun projects?

When?
Every Tuesday evening, 5-7pm.

Where?
Our base location is St Anne's House, but we're not limited to just one spot!

We venture to different locations across St Anne's, so you can get to know us in different areas in your community.

How to sign up?

You can email: jack.young@bricksbristol.org
Call: 07718106953
Or visit:
stanneshouse.org/whats-here/youth



WHAT YOUTH WORK

Youth Work is:

Youth workers are trained to respect and 'stand up' for young people's rights.

We don't just sit in an office - we come out onto the streets to get to know you and your friends in your own community.

We'll work with you to develop a great youth centre space where you and your mates can all meet up to chill-out in comfort and safety.

We'll try to offer you as much honest information and support as you need - on any subject.

The things you talk with us about will remain confidential ... unless of course, you or others are at imminent risk from serious harm. Then our priority will change to keep you safe.



Youth Work is not:

We are not in 'authority' over you. You do not have to talk with us if you don't want to. We are not Police, social workers, or teachers.

Young people deal with youth work only by choice, and we are trained to treat young people as equals, which means we are keen to hear your views & opinions.



St Anne's House, BS4 4AB Bristol
stanneshouse.org




Join now!

UNDER 13'S PLAYERS WANTED

We are recruiting new players (year 7/8) to join our friendly football team for Sept '24

Some playing experience preferable but not essential!

Contact Andy: 07966 431662

Training on Tuesdays at Ashton Park school @5pm

Disclaimer

We sometimes share details with you of external clubs and non-school lettings, such as sports groups and clubs that are not necessarily affiliated to the school directly. Please note that we do not endorse these products or services and that if you purchase any of the products or services offered by these external third parties, you are purchasing directly from the third parties, and not from SMRT. We are not responsible for the offerings of these third parties and do not assume any responsibility or liability for the actions, products, or services of these third parties. They may have their own terms and policies which you should review carefully.