



On Wednesday 12 June, the English Department hosted the first of our annual poetry slams and up first were Year 8! In Term 5, students studied a range of poems from poets such as Inua Ellams and Amanda Gorman. They then used the ideas, language and structure to inspire their own poetry.

Finally, they used their oracy skills to take their poetry from page to performance, carefully considering physical skills such as pace, volume and eye contact. We gathered on the Tumps in glorious sunshine to enjoy a selection and were absolutely blown away by the quality of work. We would like to congratulate every single student who was brave enough to perform and extend our thanks to the whole year group, who were so supportive and encouraging of their peers.

## She only says it cause she cares by Blue, Y8

She only says it cause she cares  
as I walk into the garden  
/ why do you do this? /  
I smile as I walk on  
/ it's just a waste of time / she says.  
I chuckle as I walk on and mention  
/ it's just my business! /

She only says it cause she cares  
while I'm in the darkness of my room  
I sit and stare into the pixelated screen  
as mother shouts  
/ why are you in there again? /  
I shiver as she speaks  
/ it's just a waste of time/ she repeats  
no answer from me.  
I'm too absorbed by the digital realm  
that encases me

She only says it cause she cares  
/ why are you still up?/ she asks  
as a tear runs down my cheek  
I shiver in bed, too scared to speak  
/ I told you not too watch that movie /  
she whimpers as  
I reply / I'm fine /  
as I twitch and turn that night!



## Life by Imani, Y8

Life is  
your home,  
your culture,  
your family.  
The family that loves you.  
Your world,  
the Earth.  
The home of others too.  
Of trees, of bees, of seeds of plants,  
of oceans and divided nations.  
"Remember their lives"  
the wind whispers.  
All of their struggles,  
all of their memories.  
Life is a beautiful dance.  
Filled with love,  
but heartache and sadness.  
life is your ancestors,  
who came before you.  
Remember their journey,  
for it's your journey too.  
It is your life too.  
Life is also a war.  
Ever-raging.  
Ever-changing.  
A war between hate and love.  
Dance with love and  
fight against hate.  
Life may seem chaotic, but  
life is beautiful.

## Year 8 Winners

- Best use of structure - Imani
- Wordsmith - Blue
- I've Got Rhythm - Zac L
- Emotional response - Angelin
- Powerful message - Daisy P, Lauren R
- Best performance - Dan T, Georgia, Alba



On Monday 17 June, we were treated to another excellent poetry slam, this time from our Year 7 students! In Term 5, they had studied ballads and most students chose to present poems using this form. As with Year 8, the additional challenge was lifting these poems off the page and bringing them to life, a skill certainly displayed by the winner of the 'Best Performance' award, Emma. Inspired by the poem 'Timothy Winters', many students wrote powerful poems on the theme of war, which is what made Cameron's poem evoke such an emotional response in the audience. However, some students took a more light-hearted approach, particularly Will M, who won in the 'Most Comedic' category. Overall, it was a fantastic way to start Week 3 and the English department were so impressed by the wide range of poems, presented with confidence.



**Year 7 Winners**  
Wordsmith - Ryan  
Structure - Elwood  
Best performance - Emma W  
Emotional response - Cameron  
Powerful message - Molly  
Most comedic - Will M  
By heart - Alice





# NOTICES AND EVENTS



## KEY DATES

### Monday 24 June

U13 Girls Hardball Tournament

### Tuesday 25 June

Barcelona Trip Parent Information Evening

### Wednesday 26 June

Y6 SEND Day

Y9 Reading Buddies at Badock's Wood Academy

Y8/Y12 Harwell Open Week Science Trip

Y11 Leavers' Assembly and Summer Ball

### Thursday 27 June

Y6 Parent Info Evening / Meet the Tutor

Y9 Global Underwater Hub Trip

Y12 Wake The Tiger Trip

### Friday 28 June

INSET Day - School closed to all students

## NEW LUNCH MENUS

[Dining Hall Menu](#)

[Sixth Form Cafe Menu](#)



## FOOD TECH

The Food Tech Department is running low on containers for students to take their handmade goodies home in. If you have any decent sized food containers such as ice cream tubs, quality street boxes, or takeaway tubs, we'd love to have them!

Please send any you can spare to the Food Department. Thanks so much for your support!



## 92% attendance



is like watching all of The Traitors but missing the finale

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## ATTENDANCE - APPOINTMENTS

Where possible, please book medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible, please email proof of the appointment (such as a text reminder) to [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) with the time that you will collect your child and the time that they are expected to return to school. Students are expected to attend school as much as possible during the day of an appointment.

# READY to LEARN

## PARKING ON CONCORDE DRIVE

Please be considerate when picking up your child/ren from school and be aware of the importance of driving and parking safely. This is to ensure our neighbours are not inconvenienced and students are not put at risk.



Please do not park on double yellow lines or over driveways and stick to the 20mph speed limit.

Thank you for your understanding and help to keep all in our community safe.

## Second-Hand Uniform

Please consider donating outgrown uniform to the School. We are in need of good quality, clean second-hand uniform, especially in smaller sizes.

Thank You



## NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

On Wednesday we celebrated all teaching and support staff at BFS for National Thank a Teacher Day! From teachers and TAs, to the admin, site and catering teams - we appreciate all you do!



BFS PRESENTS

# MUSIC AND DRAMA SUMMER SHOWCASE

TUESDAY 2 JULY

Tickets available on ParentPay

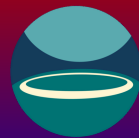


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BLAISE

## HOUSE NEWS

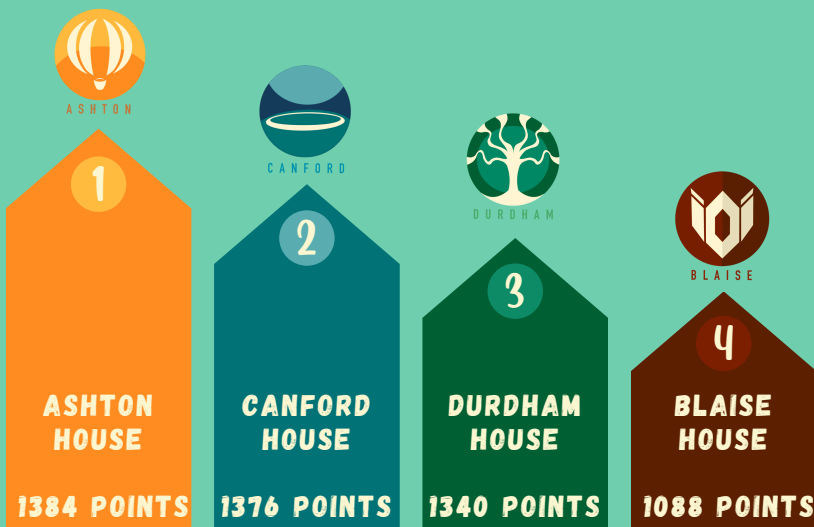


CANFORD



DURDHAM

### House Points



A close week, with only 44 points between the top three Houses!

Well done to Ashton House who were awarded the most house points this week!

Keep  
it up!

# BRILLIANT POETRY

SCIENCE IN STANZAS

BEST  
OF LUCK



ALBA Y8

#BFSAmbition

## Brilliant Poetry Competition

Well done to Alba, Year 8, who has written this fantastic poem for the Brilliant Poetry competition. Good luck!

### Thank you, Atoms - by Alba, Y8

Thank you, atoms,  
For you, the smallest of the small  
Formed our world  
You

You are the key to our universe's formation,  
Together you built each and every entity,  
Waiting and waiting over time,  
You formed life as we know it  
So, thank you atoms.

Thank you for making this whimsical world,  
Thank you for creating this unpredictable universe  
With all its beguiling features  
Protons neutrons and electrons  
All merged together to form the basis of our universe  
So, atoms I thank you

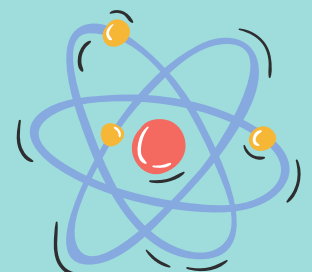
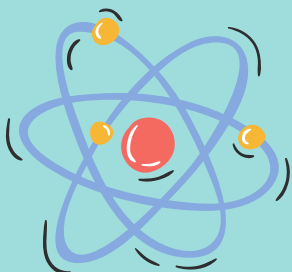
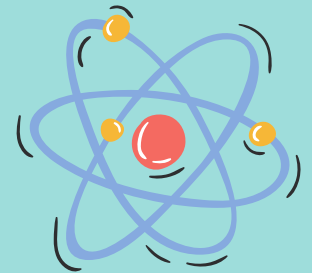
You have formed life as we know it,  
You have formed our earth, the land we live on, the food we survive off  
You have formed us...

We wouldn't exist without you...  
But still people don't appreciate all you have done for us  
They don't see,  
They wouldn't be here without you.

So, atoms I thank you  
You are the sole reason there is life on our planet  
You are the reason there are living entities on this earth  
You are the reason we are all here today  
So, thank you atoms

I thank you atoms  
For everything you have done  
Every rock, tree, plant, creature you made  
Every necessity of life you have provided  
Every form of life you created  
Every aspect of the world you formed  
So...

Thank you, atoms.



# BFS ENGLISH

## Reading Buddies at Badock's Wood Academy



MISS LUDWELL

I know I say it all of the time to my year group (probably like a stuck record by now!) but I am incredibly proud of the group of Year 9s I have taken to Badock's Wood Academy to read to the Year 6s who will be joining us in September.

The Year 9s have been patient, kind and encouraging while reading with the Year 6 pupils and building a rapport with them.

This was our second week there and the Year 6s ran in and grabbed a book ready to dive in and read! Listening to them and watching my students support them with tricky words made me feel very proud at how they are representing, not only BFS, but Year 9.

When it was time to leave there was lots of hugs and high fives! The Year 9 students have left a positive mark on the pupils at Badock's Wood Academy and I know that their transition to Year 7 will be that little bit easier knowing that they will have a familiar and friendly face around School.



**#BFSCommunity**





# BFS ART & PHOTOGRAPHY



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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

EXHIBITION

A SHOWCASE OF WORK BY Y11 AND Y13 STUDENTS

2ND 3RD 4TH JULY

DRAMA STUDIO

# BFS SIXTH FORM

## Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day

Many of our Year 11s joined us on Thursday for our Sixth Form Transition Day. We also welcomed students from other schools across Bristol who intend to join us in Year 12 in September. This was an opportunity for students to discover more about what the Sixth Form has to offer, to experience a Sixth Form lesson in each of their chosen options and to receive their Summer Transition Tasks. Students can officially enrol in the Sixth Form immediately after receiving their results in August. Good to luck to all!

# WELCOME



## Future Quest Access to Medicine, Pharmacy & the Allied Health Professions Experience Day

On Wednesday 19 June our Year 12 students were invited to an Experience Day run by Future Quest at Glenside Campus, UWE. As part of the NHS-E Access to Medicine, Pharmacy & the Allied Health Professions programme, students were able to experience hands-on workshops exploring different healthcare professions.

The day ended with a Q&A session, allowing everyone to gain further insights into bursaries and student life at university. The programme also includes ongoing support for students through FutureXplorer sessions, which provide patient scenarios, online NHS Values activities, personal statement guidance, and UCAS application support.

Staff at Future Quest were extremely impressed with the engagement from our students and look forward to supporting them with their future choices. Further information about the programme including resources and guidance can be found: [Discover Your Future in Healthcare | Future Quest Healthcare \(fqhealthcare.org.uk\)](https://www.futurequest.org.uk/discover-your-future-in-healthcare).



# BFS SPORT



MISS SLATER

## Year 7 and 8 Athletics

The Year 7 and 8 Girls and Boys Athletics teams travelled to Redland Green School on Tuesday for the annual event. Spirits were high and the team were excited to get going. There were a number of different track and field events that each team entered, and we had a number of amazing wins throughout, with 8 wins and a high number of podium finishes. The Year 7 Girls came 3rd, Year 7 Boys came 5th and the Year 8 Girls and Boys 2nd overall. Well done to all involved.

**#BFSAmbition**



**FANTASTIC!**

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

|                |                             |                              |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday 24 June | Girls Hardball Cricket U13  | Bristol Grammar School       |
| Monday 24 June | Y7/8 Boys Division 1 Tennis | Coombe Dingle Sports Complex |
| Monday 1 July  | Y7/8 Rounders Quarter Final | Fairfield High School        |





# BFS Fund



Staff and Governors at BFS are determined to ensure that every student at our school has access to an enriched education with inspiring curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Through our BFS Promise, we offer a huge range of additional opportunities for all our students as they progress through the school.

Funding in schools has been under increasing pressure for several years now and we work tirelessly, with less resources, to provide the best possible experiences for your children. It is increasingly challenging to continue to deliver and improve on the additional experiences and opportunities we offer.



With this in mind, we are re-launching the BFS Fund to help us provide some of those extras that make all the difference to school life, that we otherwise may not afford. BFS fund will go towards improving our school environment and sustaining our wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

Initiatives include:

- Improvement of social spaces e.g. landscaping and outdoor furniture and equipment for social times
- Grounds development projects such as sports spaces and outside environmental classroom/garden
- Collapsed curriculum days and visiting agencies
- Special visitors/speakers/authors
- Performing arts workshops and visiting theatre groups
- Additional/specialist arts, crafts & technology materials
- Resources for extra-curricular clubs and activities such as gardening club
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities



**DONATE**



## **What do we ask parents to contribute?**

We suggest £10 a month as a voluntary contribution but if you would like to pay more (or less), we are very happy to receive any amount that parents can afford, and think is appropriate. We are also very pleased to receive one-off donations. Any donation will be much appreciated and will make a difference.



# COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPEN DAY 2024



access  
creative college

26.6.24 : 6 - 7.30pm

Come and learn about our creative courses!

## POP-UPS FOR PARENTS

Join our Link Forward team & specialists from 'Kids Matter' for a supportive group session for parents and carers of children aged 0-10.

**WEDNESDAY  
26TH JUNE**

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Play, Encouragement  
and Listening

Greenway Centre,  
BS10 5PY

Together, we'll explore:

- The power of play
- How positive words help a child's behaviour, confidence and self-esteem
- Communicating and listening well with our children



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[katemartey@southmead.org](mailto:katemartey@southmead.org)

## POP-UPS FOR PARENTS

For parents/carers of children aged 11+

**WEDNESDAY 3RD  
JULY**

9:30 am - 11 am

An Introduction to  
Young People's  
Mental Health

At Greenway Centre  
BS10 5PY

With Off The Record

For parents/carers of children aged 5-11

**WEDNESDAY 17TH  
JULY**

9:30 am - 11 am

Strategies to Help  
You Through the  
Summer Holidays!

At Greenway Centre  
BS10 5PY

With North Star



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# COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**activity  
alliance**  
disability  
inclusion  
sport

We are delighted to announce that entries for the **National Junior Para Athletics Championships 2024** are now open. The event will be held at the **Coventry Athletics Track at Warwick University in Coventry** on **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July 2024.**

Please go to the link below for full information.

### [National Junior Para Athletics Information](#)

#### Event details

- **Venue:** Coventry Athletics Track, Warwick University, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry, CV4 8AH.
- **Date:** Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July 2024.

#### Approximate session timings:

- Saturday 6 July 2024: 10:00am-4:00pm
- Sunday 7 July 2024: 9:00am-12:00pm

#### Closing date for entries:

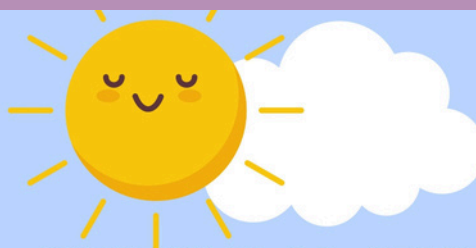
**The deadline for entries is Wednesday 26 June at 5pm.** Late entries will not be accepted.

#### Further assistance

If you require any further information about entries or need support to complete the entry forms, please contact

**Alex Prior Crespo, Activity Fundraising and Event Support Officer** - email [alexrespo@activityalliance.org.uk](mailto:alexrespo@activityalliance.org.uk) or call him on 07866921745

**EMPIRE  
FIGHTING  
CHANCE**



## SUMMER HUB

**Mixed non-contact boxing sessions with a qualified Empire boxing coach during the summer holidays.**

Young people can learn boxing techniques, skipping, improve their fitness, and enjoy a fun environment without any physical contact or sparring.

**FREE for any young person aged 8 to 16**

### WHEN?

Everyday Mon to Fri **10:30am - 12:00pm**  
Starts: Mon 5th August Ends: Fri 30th August  
(excluding bank holiday Monday 26th August)

### WHERE?

Empire Fighting Chance, The Mill,  
Lower Ashley Road, Easton, BS5 0YJ

### WANT TO BOOK?

Email [info@empirefightingchance.org](mailto:info@empirefightingchance.org)  
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