

Introducing

BFS HOUSES



ASHTON



BLAISE



CANFORD



DURDHAM

The House system was introduced across the year groups in 2020 to create a vertical community for students. Within these communities, students build relationships, support each other, engage in friendly competition, and work together to make positive contributions within their House, School, and local community.

The Houses are named after local parks within Bristol. All students belong to a House, which they will represent at BFS. Students can stand for election as a House Leader or for House Parliament, allowing them the opportunity to take on responsibility and develop their leadership skills. Furthermore, all teaching staff are allocated a House to foster healthy competition throughout the School.

The structure of the House system means that each student has a chance to shine, to discover their own talents and to make a genuine contribution to the school community. House assemblies, events and celebrations allow relationships to be fostered and built, not only within, but also across differing year groups and even into our Sixth Form. There are inter-House competitions in numerous academic, sporting and cultural activities including music, poetry, maths and English, science, general knowledge, drama and art. The varying nature of the competitions allow students to come together and meet others they may not otherwise encounter. The Houses also fundraise for local causes, providing students with a wider sense of perspective as to the role the School plays within its community.

At BFS we pride ourselves on acknowledging and rewarding the wonderful contributions students make to school life. We split our House points into three categories which are linked to our core values of Community, Ambition and Opportunity. Students can earn House points through:

Community - awarded for excellence within tutor period and any other pastoral area of the School.

Ambition - awarded for academic contribution within lessons and for homework.

Opportunity - awarded for participating in our wonderful extra-curricular opportunities, after school clubs, performances or sports teams.

[#BFSCommunity](#) [#BFSAmbition](#) [#BFSOpportunity](#)

Hello ASHTON

Head of House



Mrs Gardiner

Hi, I'm Mrs Gardiner.

I am new to Ashton this year and I am really looking forward to getting lots of fundraising done and Ashton becoming the champions. You can usually find me around the School but my office is in CG03. I am the SEMH Manager and I love bright colours, Christmas and having fun!

Head Student



Phoebe

Hi, my name is Phoebe, and I am a current Year 13 studying Art, Sociology and Psychology.

I am grateful to be given this opportunity as a new Head Student. I am passionate about working with students across all year groups, listening to their views and promoting positive change. In particular, I'd like to get younger students involved in art projects as a means of connecting them with their school environment, as well as organising creative charity work to support local organisations.

If you have any questions, feel free to find me in the Common Room or around D Block.

Deputy Head Student



Lyla

Hi, my name is Lyla and I have been at BFS for 5 years. I study Chemistry, Biology and Geography. I wish to help students of different years become more connected and to improve the sustainability of the school.

Hey BLAISE

Head of House



Miss Hawes

Hi, I'm Miss Hawes and this is my first year as Head of Blaise House. When I'm not teaching science, you might find me rowing down at Bristol harbour. As Head of Blaise, I'm excited to get students participating (and winning!) as many competitions as possible. I'm keen to be impressed by excellent participation in all sports, charity and academic events so we can win the house cups. Go Blaise!

Head Student



James

I am currently studying Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths at A Level and I aspire to pursue mechanical engineering at university after I finish my courses here.

I have always appreciated the community at BFS so as a new Head Student, I will actively push for the voices of our students to be heard, be that in House Parliament or elsewhere. Furthermore, I would love to contribute improvements in the sustainability of BFS, and with the help of my fellow Head Students, I think we will see positive change this year.

Deputy Head Student



Fizza

Hello, my name is Fizza, but I go by Fiz, and I am in Blaise House as a Deputy Head Student. I am an ambitious and confident student here at BFS. I enjoy attending here as I have a lot of fun with the students and learning. One thing I absolutely love is to socialise and talk to people because I am a friendly person, so if anyone has any questions feel free to ask me.

Hiya CANFORD

Head of House



Miss Moran

Hi, I'm Miss Moran and this is my first year as Head of Canford House. When I'm not teaching Geography you might find me talking about Geography! As Head of Canford, I am looking forward to creating an environment where students feel valued and encouraged to contribute to their House through House competitions and sports day. Go Canford!

Head Student



Alex

Hi, my name is Alex, and I'm studying Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Further Maths. I hope to go to university to study Medicine. Having been a student at BFS since Year 7, I have enjoyed seeing how the School has developed and improved over my time here and so it's a privilege to be nominated as a new Head Student.

I am looking forward to hearing from students of all years at House Parliament and working to implement their ideas for the School. I also hope to look into expanding extracurricular opportunities within school, especially through promoting our sport teams and perhaps getting Sixth Form students involved in helping to run and arrange fixtures for younger years.

Deputy Head Student



Nushanti

I am Nushanti and I am so excited to be your Deputy Head Student. I am currently studying A-level History, Religion & Philosophy, and English Literature. I am a truly passionate member of our School and have been involved with Model UN, Philosophy Club, and a Debate competition last year. I am hugely appreciative of the amount of support I received during the mock election and the opportunity to talk to staff and students about the referendum. I am so excited to see what we can all achieve next year as a group!

Welcome DURDHAM

Head of House



Mrs Day

My name is Mrs Day and I am Head of Durdham House.

When I'm not in school you would mostly find me doing art, going out to watch live music or fighting with my husband over who's turn it is to make the teas! I can't wait to get stuck into the house competitions again this year and give out hundreds more house points to participants. Especially to Durdham House students who are by far the best!!!! Up the greens!

Head Student



Hodan

Hi, my name is Hodan and I am currently taking Biology, Chemistry and Maths for A-Levels. My decision to become Head Student was deeply inspired by the warm welcome I received since joining in September.

I'm really excited to be chosen as Head Student for the next academic year as it's a fantastic chance to make a positive difference in our school. I hope to witness and be part of launching new initiatives to get students more involved and support our collective academic goals.

I look forward to the new ideas we can bring, inspiring students to reach their fullest potential and leave a lasting positive impact on our school.

Deputy Head Student



Elen

Hi, I'm Elen. I'm studying Maths, Physics and Chemistry at A level. I'm excited to take on this new role as one of the school's Deputy Head Students.

I hope to help build on the School's community engagement and encourage students to step out of their comfort zones and take on new opportunities.



NOTICES AND EVENTS



KEY DATES

Wednesday 18 September

Y7 and Y12 Student Photos
Y10/12 Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

Thursday 19 September

Y7 and Y12 Meet the Tutor Evening

Friday 20 September

Y10/11 Drama Workshop

Monday 23 September

Y9 DofE Parents Information Evening 5pm

#BFSCommunity

PARKING ON CONCORDE DRIVE

Please be considerate when picking up your child from school. We have over 1300 students leaving the site at 3pm and the surrounding roads can become very congested. For the safety of all students and local residents, please do not enter Concorde Drive and arrange a safe place to meet your child a little further away from the school. Please do not park on double yellow lines or over driveways, and please stick to the 20mph speed limit.

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

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a no nut school. Please do not bring any nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes snacks and lunch items such as pesto.



REPORTING ABSENCE

90% attendance



is like leaving a football match in the 81st minute (and missing all the injury time goals)

Studybugs

If your child is ill, please report their absence daily and before 9am. Please use the free app, Studybugs (you can register using this link [Studybugs](#)), or by using the 24-hour attendance line: 0117 9597200 (select option 1).

For planned and unavoidable absences, such as funerals, please contact admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk for an absence request form. Please return the form to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk as far in advance as possible (ideally two weeks).

Please book routine medical appointments outside of school hours. For unavoidable medical appointments, please email evidence of the appointment, such as a text reminder or appointment letter to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. Students are expected to attend school before and after medical appointments. Students should be collected from and returned to the car park gate and need to sign in and out at Main Reception.

DT FOOD REQUEST

DT Food would really appreciate any empty food containers, such as 2 litre Ice Cream containers and Chocolate tubs. Thank you.



REMINDER: LATE ARRIVALS



Students are expected to arrive at school at 8.25am, to be in tutor for 8.30am. Those arriving between 8.30am and 9am will be given a late mark and a **detention**.

REMINDER: READING BOOKS

All students are reminded to bring a reading book to school each day.

Need a book? The Library is open at break and lunch time every day. Students can borrow up to two books at a time.



COMING SOON

Tickets available next week.

Main School Open Evening
Thursday 3 October
4.30pm - 8pm

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 24 October
4.30pm - 7.30pm

To sign up for these events and for further information please visit
www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk



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Community Ambition Opportunity
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We look forward to welcoming you.

"The sense of community at BFS makes school welcoming, friendly and exciting every single day"
Year 8 BFS Student

BFS CATERING

NEW MENUS

You can find our current dining hall menus and price list on our website (or below) to help you discuss best choices with your child. Please ensure they have sufficient funds in their ParentPay account each week.

CURRENT MENU

PRICE LIST



DREAM
ASPIRE
ACHIEVE

ACHIEVEMENTS



BRITISH ROWING NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Merle in Year 11 took to the water in July, taking part in the British Rowing National Junior Championships. Sitting in a quad on seat 3, she won a gold medal.

This is a fantastic achievement that she worked very hard for during the previous year!

Well done Merle!

Congratulations





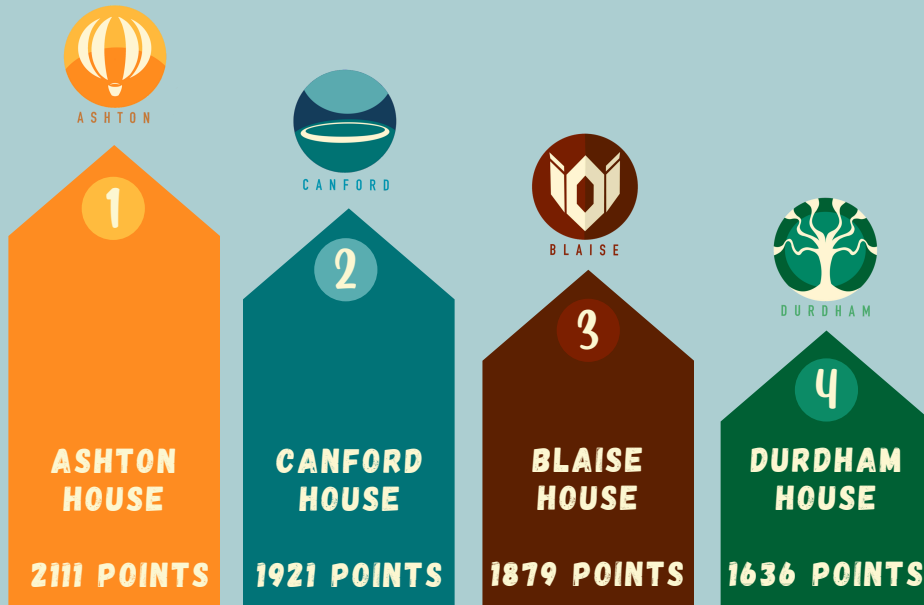
HOUSE NEWS



House Points

Another week on top for Ashton House!

Well done to everyone who has earned house points this week.



Let's Go!

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Extra-Curricular Clubs

BFS offer a range of fantastic extra-curricular clubs that run at lunchtime and after school.

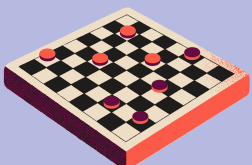
In previous years we have had a huge range of clubs from board games to sign language, ukeleles to baking. Science, trading cards, chess, debate and model UN, plus loads more!

Year 7, 8 and 9 can attend homework club in the Library after school Monday - Thursday 3.10-4pm. This quiet, supervised space will have staff support and computer access.

Our extra-curricular activities

information booklet is now available:

[Term 1 and 2 Extra-Curricular Activities](#)





MS GRIFFITHS

LIBRARY & READING

Welcome

Welcome to our new and returning student readers. BFS has a well-stocked library that is open and available to all students to borrow books, have a comfy space to read, use the computers to work on homework, relax and recharge with quiet activities such as chess, colouring and puzzles.

Every student can borrow up to two books at a time and guidance is available if a good read needs to be discovered. The Library is open every day at break time and lunchtime, and our book club 'Books and Babble' will soon begin on Tuesdays after school until 4pm.



BFS Library is Hiring

The Library has openings for Student Librarians to lend a hand and earn some valuable work experience during break or lunchtime.

If you would like to help take care of our books and help other students check books in and out, please come to the Library and speak with Ms Griffiths.

We're Hiring!





MRS CORRIGAN

BFS FOOD TECH

House Chefs

Our first House Chefs of the year!

Fiona (Blaise) and Laila (Ashton) in Year 10 both made chutney and crackers. They worked efficiently, were super prepared and helpful during their first practical lesson! Well done!

yum!



Friends of BFS



Upcoming Events

We invite you to our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

FoBFS AGM will be held on Wednesday 2 October 2024, at The Black Swan on Stoke Lane, starting at 7.30pm. We extend a warm welcome to everyone, including all the new Year 7 families. We are a welcoming bunch and eagerly anticipate the attendance of many new members.

We look forward to seeing you there.

FoBFS Quiz Night - Friday 11 October



Following last year's successful FoBFS Quiz, we are excited to announce another round! Mark your calendars for Friday 11 October and let others know! Tickets were snapped up quickly last year. A link for ticket purchases will be available soon.

Enjoy drinks, snacks, a raffle, and an engaging Quiz master - all in support of BFS. It is the ideal way to spend your Friday night!

COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE

MEET-UPS FOR YEAR 7s

Tuesdays, 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
at Greenway Centre, BS10

We are running weekly sessions especially for Year 7s to chat about how you are finding secondary school so far.

From now until 1st October **Resilience Lab** is the place to come for an after school snack, fun activities, and to chat about what it is like to be in Year 7.

If you are experiencing challenges and worries we are here to support you. It is a session just for your age group, and not for adults, but your parent or carer needs to sign you up using the QR code below to give their permission for you to attend.



SCAN ME



Parents, carers, or year 7s - contact Kate for more details,
email: katemartey@southmead.org, tel: 0117 950 3335

HALLOWEEN KIDS WELDING EXPERIENCE



THIS SPOOKY SEASON, IF YOUR CHILD IS AGED 8-16 THEY CAN JOIN OUR HALLOWEEN HALF-TERM SESSIONS CREATING THEIR OWN METAL MASTERPIECES.

EACH 50-MINUTE SESSION LETS THEM WELD A PUMPKIN OR SPIDER FROM METAL, SPARKING THEIR CREATIVITY WHILST LEARNING PRACTICAL ENGINEERING SKILLS AND MAKING MEMORIES.

TO BOOK AND FIND OUT MORE VISIT
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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/G24cnAZYC2>

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



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