

Newsletter

2025

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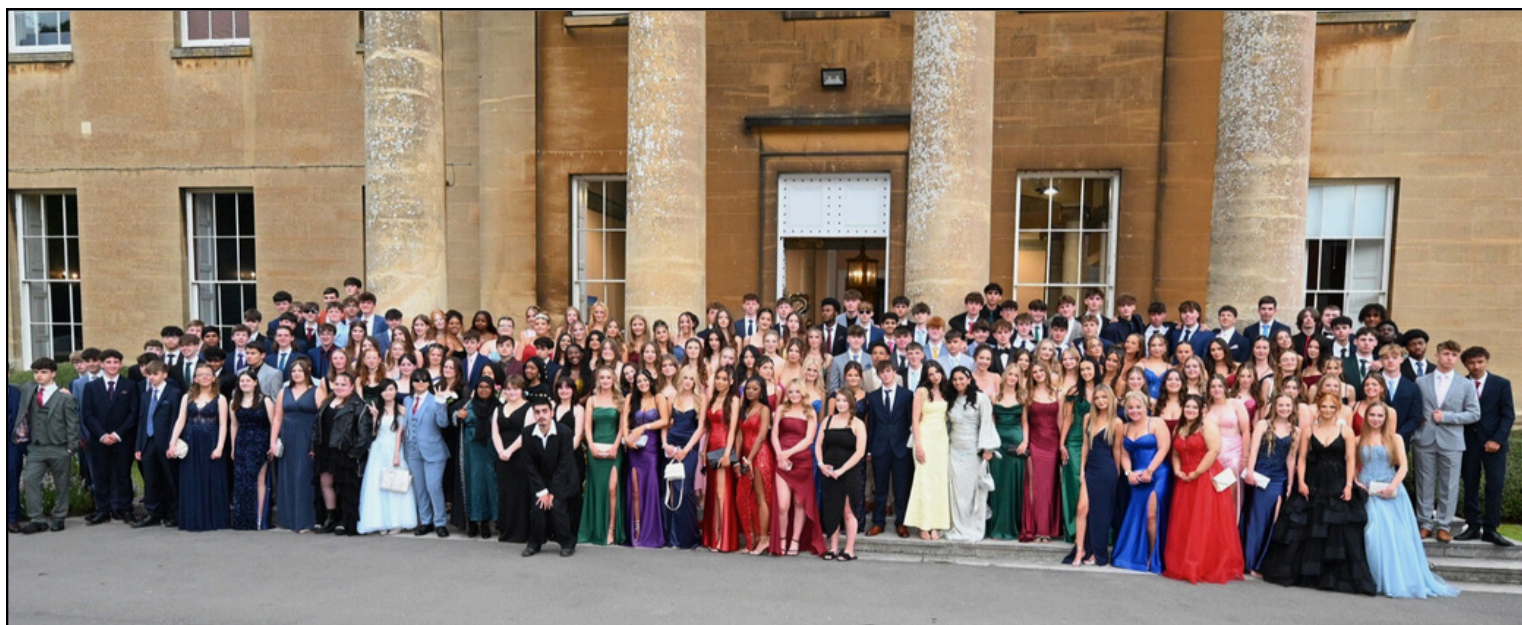
Sports



Goodbye Year 11

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students, the Class of 2025, who marked the end of an important chapter of their lives on Wednesday with a heartfelt Leavers' Assembly and an unforgettable Prom night. The assembly was filled with laughter, nostalgia, and well-deserved recognition for the hard work, growth, and friendships forged. The celebrations continued at the Prom at Leigh Court, where students arrived in style, danced the night away from start to finish, and created memories that will last a lifetime, for all of us. We wish all students the very best for their next steps and very much look forward to hearing all that they go on to achieve in their futures, either here at Sixth Form or further afield. We cannot wait to celebrate with you on results day on Thursday 21 August.

Enjoy your summer, you deserve it!



End of Year Award Winners

**ACADEMIC
WEAPON**



BEN R

FRIENDLIEST



JESS M

**MOST
NONCHALANT**



CHRIS B

CLASS CLOWN



RHYS H

**PARTY
ANIMAL**



EVIE A

**BEST
MUSICIAN**



NATHAN A-M

BEST HAIR



LUCY P

BEST DUO



**EMILY W
CHLOE D**

**SOCIAL
BUTTERFLY**



ROSABELLE

Most likely to...

**BE AN
INFLUENCER!**



Tala A

**BECOME
A COMEDIAN!**



Ben H

BE FAMOUS!



Chloe G

**BECOME
PRIME
MINISTER!**



Emily C

**BECOME A
PROFESSIONAL
ATHLETE!**



Isla L

**WIN A
NOBEL PRIZE!**



Ellie J

**BE ON
BAKE OFF!**



Olivia H

Staff Leavers' Video

As is tradition at BFS, Year 11 were treated to the staff's rendition of *We're All in This Together* from High School Musical. The full video can be watched here: [Year 11 Leavers' Video](#)







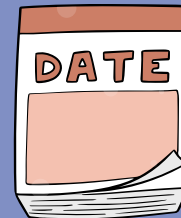
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BFS_Enrichment



NEXT WEEK AT BFS

Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July
Y9 End of Year Exams

Monday 30 June

Y12 West Midlands Safari Park Psychology Trip
Y12 Science Project (BEP)

Tuesday 1 July

Y6 Information Evening for Parents
Y10 Cyber Horizons Event
Y13 Leavers Assembly/Summer Ball
Young Green Briton National Final

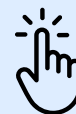
Wednesday 2 July

Y6 Transition Day

Thursday 3 July

New Staff Induction Day
Summer Showcase (6.30pm, Drama Hall)

QUICK LINKS



Lunch Menu

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Term Dates

Student/Parent Handbook

Past Newsletters

Hot Weather

Please be reminded that in the event of a hot weather uniform adjustment, families will be notified by email by 7.30am on the applicable day. Any students coming to school in PE kit when a uniform adjustment has not been notified will be sent home to change.

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.

Sixth Form Sports

We want to offer upcoming Year 12 and 13 students the opportunity to run Sport Societies in Sixth Form every Monday and Friday.

Sixth Form Societies will have access to:

Monday: Sports Hall, MUGA and top field

Friday: MUGA and top field

To make sure you get your voice heard so that the PE Department and Sixth Form Team can facilitate a structured approach to this, we need to hear from you! Please complete this form before the end of the summer term: [Sixth Form Sports Form](#)

Book Donations

If you have any good quality, good condition books that you would like to clear off your shelves, please drop them to the School Library. We have various projects in the pipeline and need a boost of books to help make these projects happen. So, please bring any school age-appropriate books to the Library for their next adventure.

Library Books

As the summer holidays are approaching, please bear in mind that your School Library books need to be returned to the Library before the last day of term. Borrowing will continue for the next couple of weeks, but any already overdue books would be very gratefully received back as soon as possible.

Planned Absences

For planned absences, such as funerals or participation in county or elite sport, please fill in an absence request form available from this link [Absence request form v2.docx](#).

This form should also be used for religious observances, **but please note that we can only authorise one day of absence per religious observance.**

Please submit the form at least two weeks in advance of the planned absence. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOUSE NEWS



HOUSE POINTS



1

Blaise House
1066 Points



2

Canford House
1022 Points



3

Ashton House
857 Points



4

Durdham House
835 Points

Well done to **Blaise House** for earning the most House points again this week!

Well done Blaise!

Top House Point Earners

Congratulations to our top House point earners this week!

	Ashton	Blaise	Canford	Durdham
Year 7	Chloe S	Sophie R	Ella M	Devika D
Year 8	George B	Alexandrina M	Grace A	Emily S, Imaan Y, Kushi K
Year 9	Nameera A	Thomas O	Noah L K	Ronaldo A
Year 10	Luka M	Daisy H	Rockia B	Lulah G
Year 12	Grace S, Jacob C	Lorraine H, Isla H, Daisy P	Holly K	Kaira M, Martha H

CHARITY ART SALE

Over the last few months our talented students and staff have been busy creating artwork for our House charity art sale. These fantastic canvases are now on sale and all money raised will go to the House fundraising efforts.

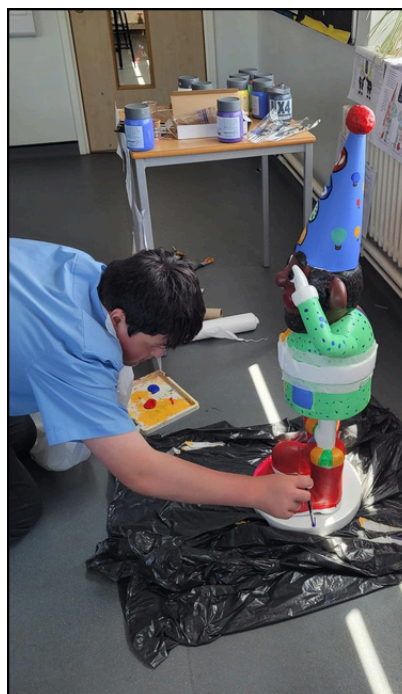


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Please see our [Art Catalogue](#) to see all the pieces on offer. Canvases can be purchased by emailing artsale@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. Suggested donation of £5 for a small canvas or £10 for large.



This week we have had more students decorating Norbot!





ACTIVE TRAVEL AMBASSADORS



We are Lucy, Alys, Nabeeha, Oscar, Tom, Poppy and Amelia and we are Active Travel Ambassadors. Our aim is to increase active travel and reduce congestion around our school.

Recently, we visited city hall and pitched our ideas to experts and received £250 to fund our campaign which is to spend on banners, leaflets, prizes and air quality monitors.

How can you help us?

You can help us by reducing the amount of driving around our school and encouraging active travel at home. Active travel is any kind of travel where a pulse is raised. Some examples are walking, scooting, cycling, roller blading, and also parking and striding.



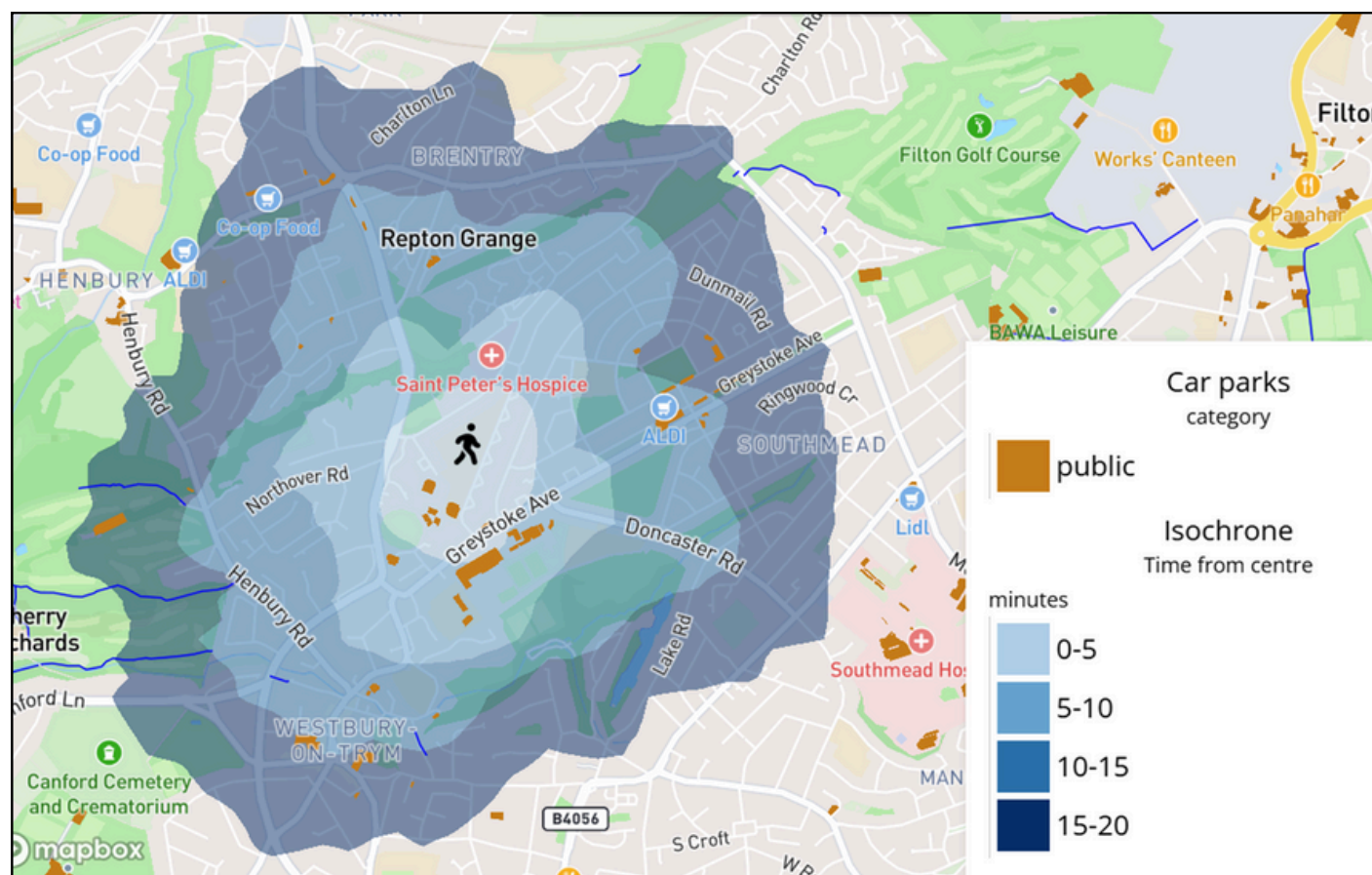
What are the benefits of helping us?

- Your child will become more active and healthier mentally and physically.
- You will contribute to our campaign as well as saving the world.
- Reduce air pollution around our school.

What are we going to do for our campaign?

We will be launching our campaign on Friday 4 July. We will be presenting a tutor program as well as quizzes and competitions. We will also be doing a traffic count regularly around our school as well as using air quality monitor to measure are carbon levels.

We kindly ask that you encourage your child to travel actively and not to park near our school. There are many other parking sites. This map shows the time it takes to walk from different areas around our school.





What has been happening in... ***Art and Photography?***



Year 7 have been learning how to draw more accurately from observation – here are some stunning drawings that show their understanding of recording using just pencil



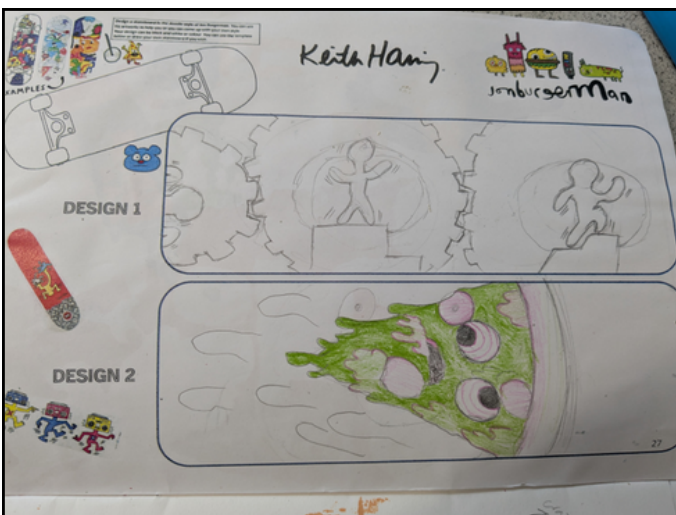
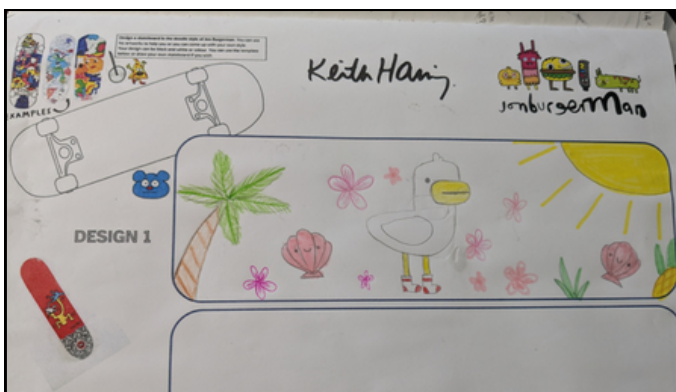
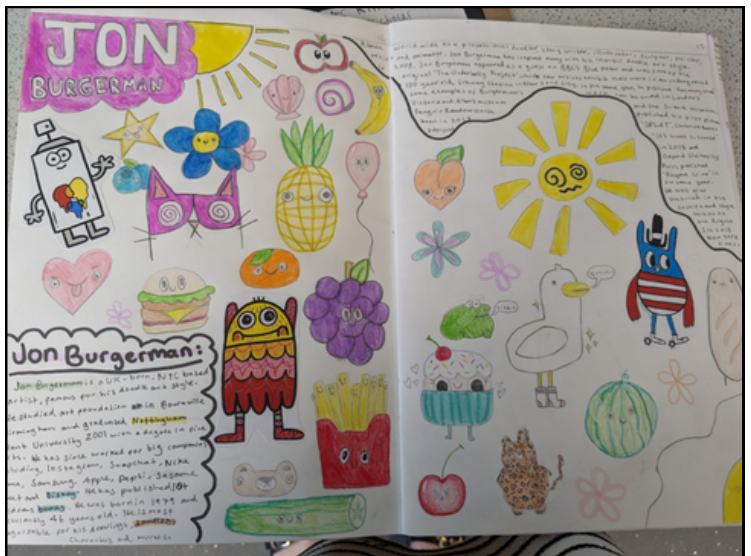
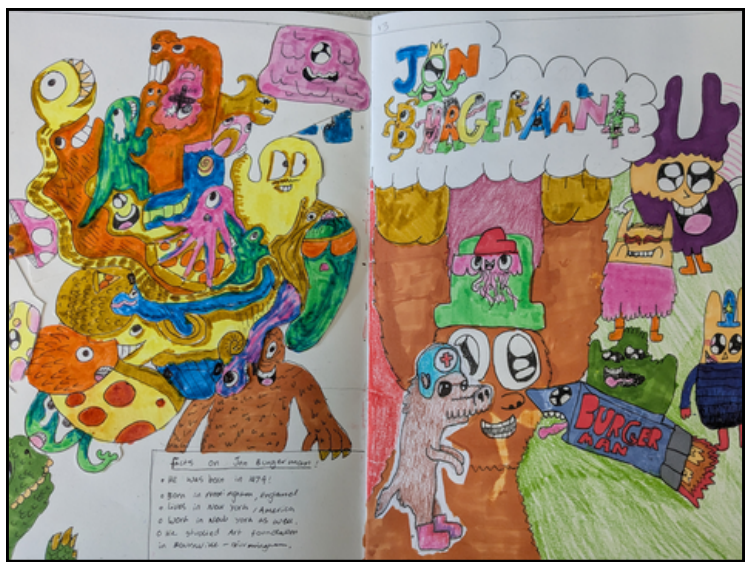
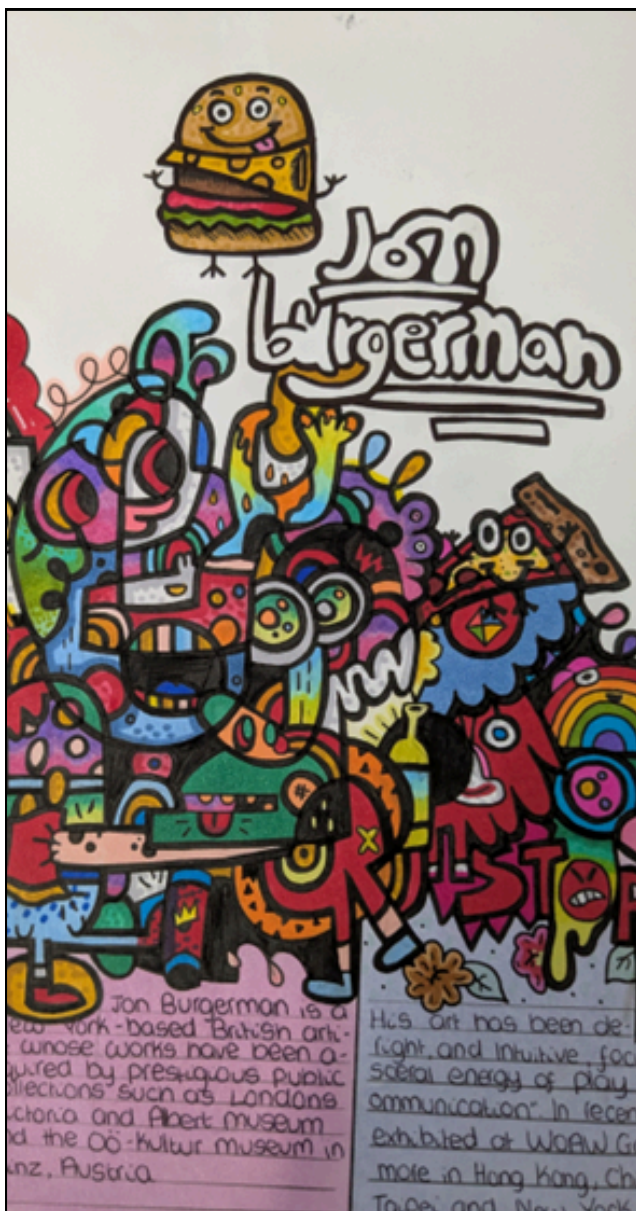
Mrs Edwards was so impressed with the variety of cakes and sweet sculptures made by Year 7 for their art homework project. These look so delicious! Well done Year 7.



MRS EDWARDS

YEAR 7





Year 8 have been learning about art and illustration – the first artist study was on Jon Burgerman. Now they have to design the artwork for a skateboard, inspired by the artwork they have seen.





Birds with Issues - This project is allowing our students to think of issues that concern them and how to create sculptures with meaning. Year 9 are using birds as their subject and planning bird sculptures that portray an issue – themes have included homelessness, bullying, climate change and many more.



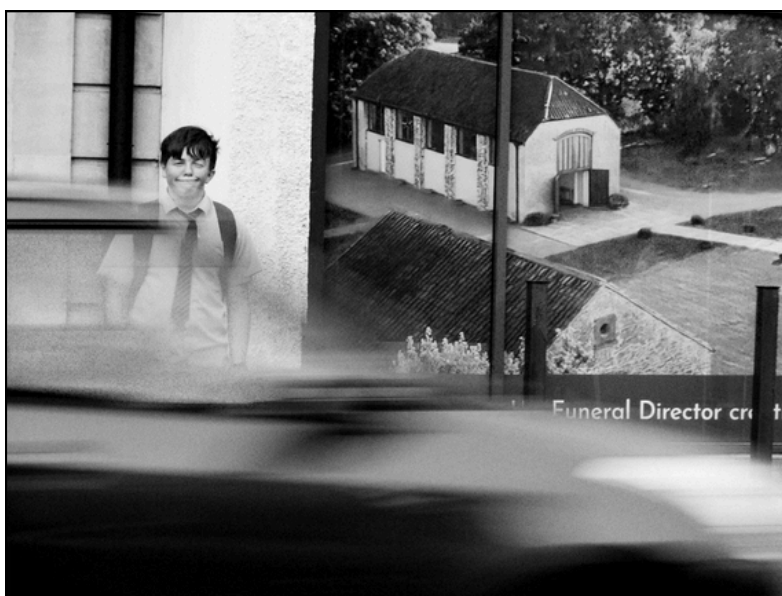


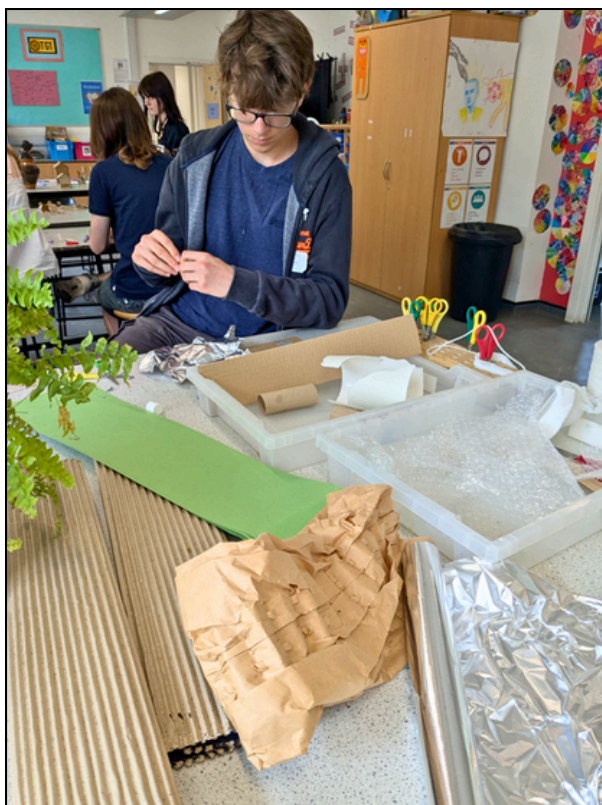
Here are some stunning examples of our Year 10 artwork. These unique outcomes were created during the GCSE mock exam. Stunning work that explores the theme 'natural forms'.





Some examples of fantastic photography coming from Year 10. These students have been exploring many techniques and processes to create images based on the theme 'Shadows and Reflections'.





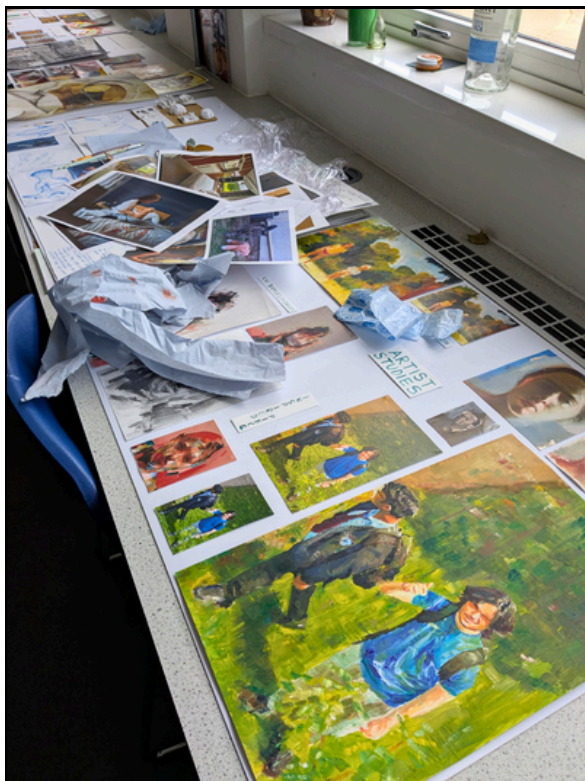
Last week, Year 11 students attend our Sixth Form Transition Day. This was a great workshop where students explored the collagraph printing process. Students created textured cardboard pieces, using tools or adding materials to them. Then ink was rolled onto the card, and we printed onto paper.



Sixth Form Transition Day last week was an important event that marked a significant milestone as students look ahead to the next stage in their academic journey.

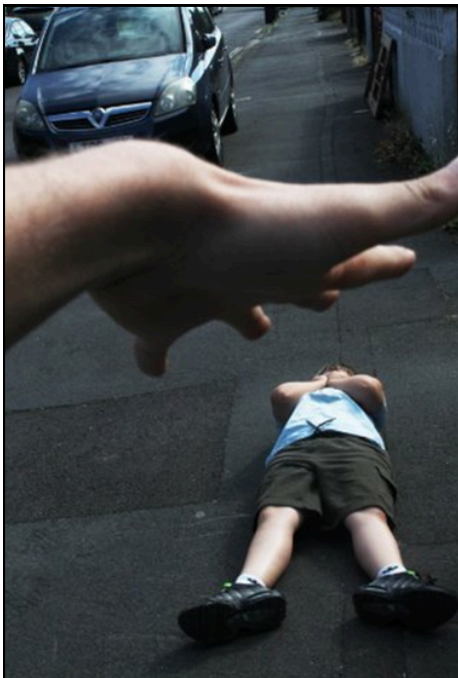
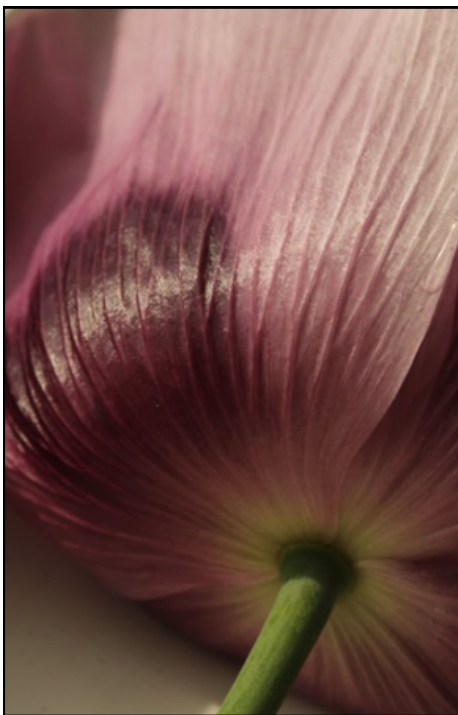
The day provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience taster sessions in the subjects they have chosen for September and receive their summer transition work. This day followed the conclusion of the Year 11 exam season, and we want to commend all students for the mature, dedicated, and professional manner in which they approached their assessments. Their hard work was evident, and we have all our fingers crossed for the results day. It was also a pleasure to welcome students from other schools who are hoping to join BFS in September. During the day, they had the chance to speak with current Year 12 students who themselves joined BFS from other schools.

If any students are now considering changes to their subject choices or have questions following the Transition Day, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at sixthform@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming our new Sixth Form cohort in September! Ashton Blaise Canford

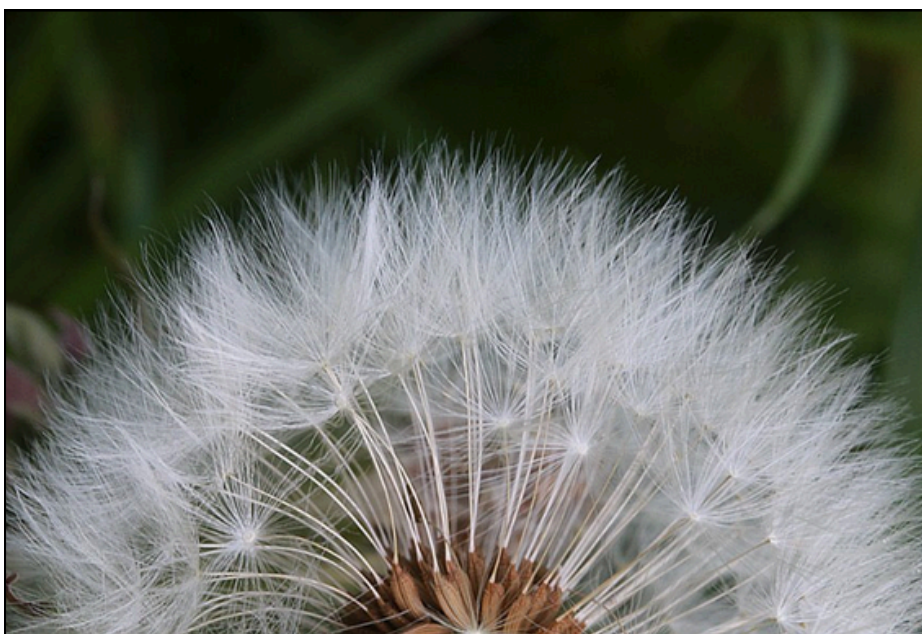
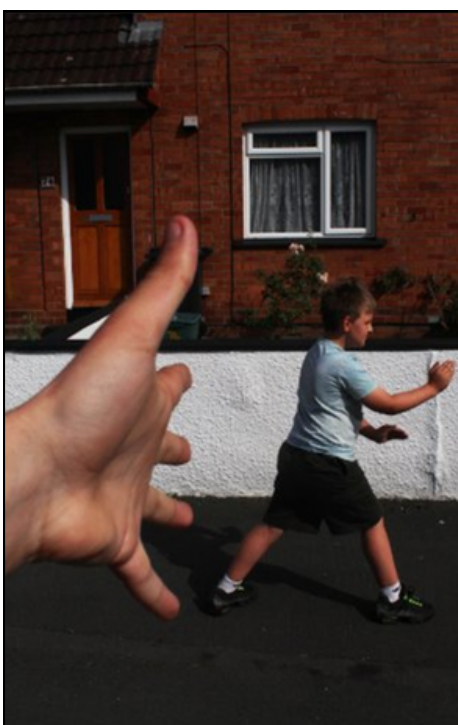
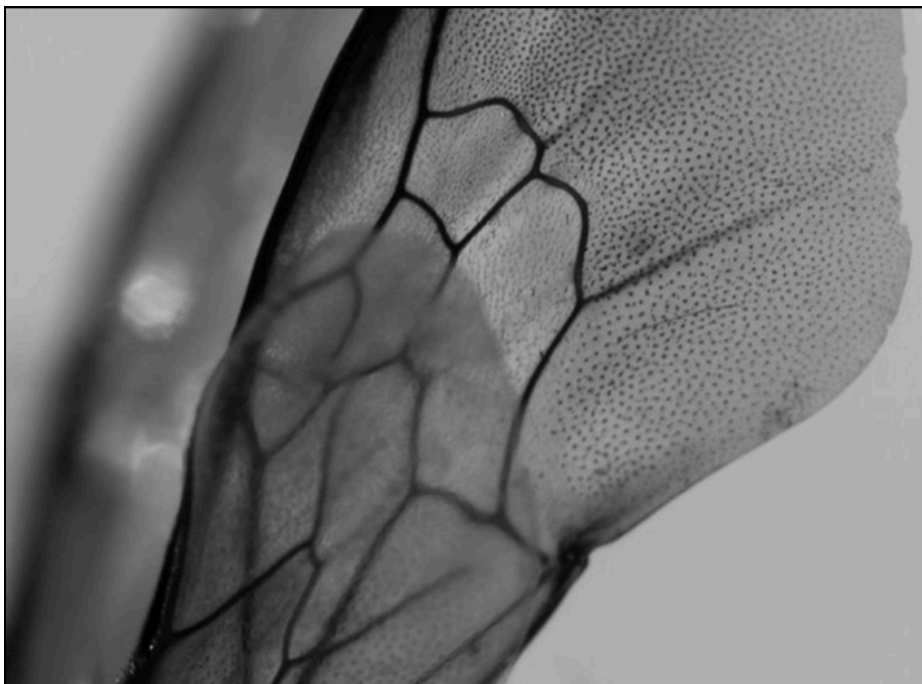


The Year 12 Fine Art studio is buzzing with creativity. Our A Level artists are working on some wonderful pieces that link to personal projects. We are so pleased to see everyone excelling in their chosen medium. Well done Year 12!





The Year 12 Photography students have also been busy this term producing some excellent work.



ENGLISH



The week got off to a fantastic start in the English Department with the annual Year 8 Poetry Slam. The whole year group gathered on the Tumps in the sunshine to share some of the poetry they have been working on this year. It can be very daunting to perform in front of your peers, but students really took it in their stride! Meanwhile, the rest of Year 8 were an exemplary audience and really encouraged their friends.



The poems were of such a high standard that it was a tricky task deciding on the following awards:

Best performance: Cara S

Wordsmiths: Noah, Sam S, Leo and Lennie

Best use of structure: Will R

Most emotional performance: Maya W-L

Most powerful message: Bella P

Comedian: Milo D

Well done to everyone who performed.





YEAR 10



MS LUDWELL

Last week, we brought a fresh twist to our current news quiz by heading out to the Tumps - and it could not have gone better. Students formed their own groups, and their competitive spirit was matched only by their enthusiasm and teamwork as they raced to become the winning team.

What stood out most was not just their determination to win, but how exceptionally well they behaved throughout. Watching them engage so positively with one another, support their peers, and uphold the BFS expectations with maturity and respect made us incredibly proud. Their community spirit, collaboration, and kindness were on full display.

A huge congratulations to our joint winning teams: Sara, Liza, Aseel, and Shenise - and Noah and Joe! It was a joyful way to end the week - and also a fond farewell to our PGCE students who have supported 10TG1, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Thank you for all your hard work and care.



SIXTH FORM



MEGAN, Y12

Hi, my name is Megan and I am a Sixth Form student at BFS. I am completing a research project on procrastination in students and would really appreciate you completing this survey. All information submitted will only be used for my research project and results will be anonymised. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Questionnaire on Procrastination in Students

Find out more about the Sixth Form [Extended Project Qualification \(EPQ\) here](#) and the other courses on offer on our website:
[Bristol Free School Sixth Form Subject Videos](#)

Questionnaire on procrastination
in students



STEM

YEAR 8



Last Friday a group of Year 8 girls travelled to UWE to experience the UWE Unlock Cyber taster day. We were joined by multiple schools from across the region, where a variety of global and regional companies were hosting workshops. We started with a BAE system digital intelligence session. The girls had to cut wires and intercept data between two Raspberry Pi computers to decode a password to unlock the container full of lollies. We then moved on to Hargreaves Lansdown and played a game to experience the physical side of social engineering and worked on creating a safe Discord account. CGI provided the girls with several tasks including: a virtual escape room, generating recipes, stories and imagery using AI, and cracking into a safe using information they gathered from their CGI website. After a well-deserved lunch break the final session of the day was run by UWE cyber women. They had to figure out the passwords. The BFS girls were the winning team, solving the attack in a record breaking 11 mins 11 seconds.

The 14 girls represented BFS brilliantly, they were polite, enthusiastic and respectful, taking all the opportunities they came across throughout the day.





MRS BALLARD

BFS SPORTS



BFS_TeamPE



MS SLATER

NOTICE

It is our final term of extra-curricular sports at BFS for this academic year. Due to the school's enrichment calendar, as well as semi-finals and finals being played by 7 July, we will be finishing all extra-curricular sport provisions on Friday 4 July and therefore there will be no training in the last two weeks of term - weeks commencing 7 and 14 July.

ROUNDERS

Year 9 travelled to Fairfield on Monday for the semi-final match. The game started well with BFS scoring 6 runs to Fairfield's 5. After a team talk and a shuffle of fielding positions, the team went on attack, adding another 6.5 to their tally. Unfortunately, Fairfield came out fighting and took the win by half a rounder. An awesome effort and season from the girls, a pleasure to watch them.

POM fielding = Bethan and POM batting = Elsa



BFS SPORTS DAY 2025

Tuesday 8 July

One School. Four Houses. Infinite Fun.
Get ready for a day full of team spirit, friendly competition, and epic energy as Ashton, Blaise, Canford and Durdham battle it out for glory!

From traditional races to team games - there is something for everyone!
Bring the energy and cheer your teammates on!
Who will take home the House Cup?
Be there. Be bold. Be part of the action.

Let's make it the best BFS Sports Day ever!



CRICKET

We were super fortunate that our U13, U14 and U15 girls cricket teams went through to the Cricket Foundation finals in Cheltenham this week.

We played a variety of schools from state schools in Bristol, to private schools from around Gloucestershire. The students were fantastic and had an absolutely amazing day. They all developed their cricket skills and knowledge. We did not walk away with the win (well done to Cheltenham Ladies' College) however we did take away some amazing memories of the day.



ATHLETICS

On Thursday last week, Year 9 attended the Bristol schools Athletics Evening. We took our students who competed in a range of athletics events including running, jumping and throwing. The students performed well and the boys team finished third and the girls team finished second overall. What great results, well done everyone!



GET ACTIVE

To celebrate National School Sports Week, more students and staff have made pledges to be a little more active in recent weeks including Ms Hawes who rows with the City of Bristol Rowing Club. What a great way to get active!



SPORTS CLUBS

We are already looking forward to the autumn calendar and with this in mind, we are once again requesting the help of our wonderful families. If you are keen to volunteer your services for cross country, rugby, netball, basketball, trampolining or indoor hockey, we are IN NEED OF YOU!

Our Term 1 and 2 timetable for 2025-26 is as follows (subject to change):

Tuesday - cross country, trampolining, Year 7/9/10 rugby

Wednesday - Year 7 netball, and all years indoor hockey

Thursday - KS3 basketball, Year 8/9 netball, and Year 8/11 rugby AND all years girls touch into contact rugby

Next year we will continue to enter local school leagues, as well as any regional and national tournaments, so any help at training is greatly appreciated so we can facilitate the highest standard of sport possible at BFS.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs Ballard. Thank you.

COMMUNITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUTHMEAD REPAIR CAFE

LAST SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH,
GREENWAY CENTRE,
12 - 3 PM



Bring your items to fix, or volunteer to help others to fix theirs. Donations welcome. Refreshments available.

 for monthly details follow us @greenwaycentre

For more info contact Eve,
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Shine
HOLIDAY CLUBS

GIRLS CRICKET TRAINING CAMP

Open To Girls Ages 11 - 14 Who Want
To Improve Their Skills

Friday 8th August 9:30 - 12:30
Bradley Stoke Community School (BS32)

With Coach Ross

Book your place at **MyShine.co.uk**

BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP

Open To Boys and Girls Ages 11 - 14
Who Want To Improve Their Skills

Friday 22nd August 9:30 - 12:30
Bradley Stoke Community School (BS32)

With Coach Shreya

Book your place at **MyShine.co.uk**

NETBALL TRAINING CAMP

Open To Netballers Ages 12 - 16 Who
Want To Improve Their Fitness

Friday 1st August 9:30 - 12:30
Bradley Stoke Community School (BS32)

With Coach James

Book your place at **MyShine.co.uk**