



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

I would like to thank Mrs Street for organising and taking a group of Year 10 STEM girls to learn about project work, managed by Highways England, at the new slip road on the M49. This was a fantastic event that brought young people in touch with the reality of a complex engineering project. I am delighted that we could allow our female engineers of the future to experience the project first hand.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day with a range of tutor time activities and the yearly donation of book tokens for students. We decided not to dress up as a favourite book character this year which pleased and disappointed students in equal measure. Next year I will need to ask students to vote on whether they would like to delve into the fancy dress box!

Year 11 and Year 13 have worked extremely hard this week completing their mock exams. I need to thank Mrs Morris and the exam team for organising these exams so smoothly.

Extra-curricular clubs are being very well attended. Now the evenings are getting lighter, I urge more students to stay in school to participate in the great range of opportunities offered by our staff. Many happy memories can be formed from being part of a choir, art club or sports team. If any parents or carers are interested in volunteering their support with our extra-curricular offer, I would be keen to hear from you. Please email my PA, Miss Holyoake.

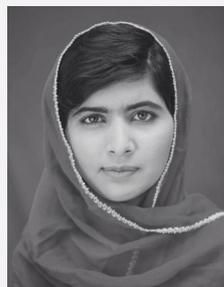
I would like to promote our upcoming Easter Extravaganza on Thursday 4 April, which I am sure will be another feast of student creativity and talent. Look out for ticket information in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

International Women's Day

Pictured below are just some of the inspirational women of recent history. How many do you recognise? Please take a moment with your daughters, and your sons, to take a read over the weekend. The achievements of these women are amazing. (names are below)



Good luck Pippa!

Pippa in Year 8 is through to the District Finals of the Rotary Young Chef competition, which take place this weekend. She will compete against 10 other students from the West of England District (64 clubs in the District) - Pippa is the youngest.

Pippa has to plan and cook a three course meal within a time limit, as well as develop food presentations skills - all whilst working in a high pressure situation. If successful this weekend, the next round would be Regional Finals then National Finals, with the overall winner gaining a trip to Tuscany and a cash prize!

Good luck Pippa!



Female engineers of the future

At the site of the new M49 slip road, following a welcome of cake and balloons in celebration of International Women's Day, our Year 10 STEM girls were able to experience talks by engineers and construction workers from a variety of fields. Options for different career paths were discussed and the routes into them explained.

Our students were then shown around the site and given an insight into the project and all of its challenges and technicalities.

It was a fantastic celebration of the work women do in this field, and we were thrilled to meet Lily (Communications Manager), Jo-Ann (Document Controller) and Palvi (Graduate Engineer).

#balanceforbetter



Clubs for Term 3 and 4

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the Easter break.

The week commencing 11 March is **Blue Week**.

Virgin Mobile telephone calls

We have logged an issue with BT as when we receive telephone calls from Virgin Mobile phones, you cannot hear us! We can hear you, and BT have assured us the issue is being investigated.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Year 7 Football Festival

Our Year 7 Girls' and Boys' football teams played in the Year 7 Football Festival at South Bristol Sports Centre in 7-side and 5-side tournaments respectively.

The girls won 3 out of 4 group games, drawing the 4th and finishing top of the group. Goal scorers were Emily and Jodie with two goals each. We progressed to the quarter finals against a very strong St Mary Redcliffe School, who beat us 3-0. Brilliant effort girls—well done!



The boys won 7 of their 9 group games and progressed out of the group stages on to the semi-finals. They met a talented St Mary Redcliffe team and narrowly lost 3-2 after extra time. A fantastic effort!

Mrs Ballard

MathsBombe competition

Huge congratulations to Ryan, Callum, Matthew and Chris who won £40 in Amazon gift vouchers this week for successfully solving one of the puzzles in the MathsBombe competition, which is hosted by the University of Manchester.

The puzzle they solved was so difficult that they were one of only 4 teams in the country to get maximum points on it. (If you wish, you can have a go yourself: <https://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/mathsbombe/problem.php?index=6>)



They are also currently 4th out of around 500 teams in the competition and have a good chance of coming first overall. The final puzzles are released next Wednesday, so wish them luck!

Mr Aldridge

Events in the next fortnight	
11/03/2019	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK (all week)
	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	<i>Hollow Trees</i> perform at St Monica's Trust, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
	Year 9 Rugby 7s, 2pm kick off @ Colston's Collegiate
12/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	Year 12 at UCAS Exhibition
	Science Made Simple show; <i>Engineering for Life</i> (Year 7, 8 and 9)
13/03/2019	Sixth Form Pastoral Day
	Y10 Maths Feast
14/03/2019	Year 10 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
	DofE Skills' Day (Bronze, Silver & Gold)
15/03/2019	Supernova playing live at BFS (FoBFS event)
16/03/2019	
17/03/2019	Nepal Expedition Training Day
18/03/2019	<i>Dynamics</i> perform at St Monica's Trust, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
19/03/2019	Fashion Show (6:00pm)
20/03/2019	Y10 English trip to Cardiff - Macbeth
21/03/2019	Local Governing Body Committee Meeting
	Girls' Netball: Y7&8 vs Clifton High, home
22/03/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition
	Girls' Football: U13 tournament (Y7) @ Coombe Dingle
	Y12 STEM girls to M49 Avonmouth Junction Project
23/03/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition
	Treble Bass at Bristol International Jazz and Blues Festival (11am, Balloon Bar in Bristol SU)
24/03/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition

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