

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope everyone is feeling more hopeful now we have the roadmap for schools reopening and the gradual lifting of restrictions across other sectors. Even the lighter evenings and the smattering of spring flowers is making us feel a bit more optimistic. Shakespeare puts it so well when he stated 'For there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so'.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff (largely non-teaching staff) who will be running our Lateral Flow Test Centre over the next few weeks. The team, ably led by Mrs Conway, are well trained and highly dedicated and it is largely down to them that we can start face to face teaching so quickly. We will be processing at least 50 tests per hour, enabling us to ensure that two year groups each day are offered their first test. I have added the link again to the consent form and privacy notice if you are yet to complete this form.

We will be sending out the Lateral Flow Test time slot for coming into school and further information after Wednesday 3 March.

On Thursday 4 March between 1.30pm and 3.00pm we will be suspending all lessons to enable the staff to have a COVID inset afternoon. We have a lot of logistics and COVID secure measures to explain to staff before we open on Monday 8 March. We will be using that afternoon to celebrate World Book Day so there will be a range of activities for students. House points will be issued for active involvement. We will need to close the on-site provision next Thursday afternoon to allow for this important staff inset.

The guidance about how GCSE and A levels will be awarded was released yesterday. I will communicate details to students and families as soon as we have had time to review and plan the process. It is clear Year 11 and Year 13 will need to work hard still to generate a range of evidence to support the centre assessed grades. We will do everything we can to ensure our students are awarded the grades they deserve.

We have included the first house totalizer for students and families to see. This is based on house points from Flexible Friday and ongoing class work. Congratulations to Durdham - Mrs Jenkins is delighted with this early lead. It is still early days with lots more house competitions and events this year, so I urge students to keep getting involved. Your house needs you!

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter.

Mrs S King, Headteacher







Key Dates		
	World Book Day	
Thursday 4 March	On-site Key Worker Provision - Early Closure	
	Staff Inset - 1:30-3:00pm	
Friday 5 - Sunday 14 March	British Science Week	
Monday 8 March	International Women's Day	
	1st Lateral Flow Test for Years 11, 12 and 13	
Tuesday 9 March	Years 11, 12 and 13 Return to School	
	1st Lateral Flow Test for Years 9 and 10	
Wednesday 10 March	Years 9 and 10 Return to School	
	1st Lateral Flow Test for Years 7 and 8	
	Years 7 and 8 Return to School	
Thursday 11 March	2nd Lateral Flow Test for Years 11, 12 and 13	
	Year 7 Parents Evening	
Friday 12 March	2nd Lateral Flow Test for Years 9 and 10	
Sunday 14 March	National Pi Day	
Monday 15 March	2nd Lateral Flow Test for Years 7 and 8	
Tuesday 16 March	3rd Lateral Flow Test for Years 11, 12 and 13	
Wednesday 17 March	3rd Lateral Flow Test for Years 9 and 10	
Thursday 18 March	3rd Lateral Flow Test for Years 7 and 8	
Sunday 21 March	World Poetry Day	

IMPORTANT REMINDER LATERAL FLOW TESTING

If you haven't done already please give your consent for your child to have a lateral flow test before returning to school.

Follow the links to the BFS Lateral Flow Test Consent Form which

includes the full terms of Consent and the Privacy Notice on our website.

To confirm your for your child to be tested in School, please click on the following link and complete and submit the form by **3.00pm on Tuesday 2 March** in order that testing can be scheduled. Students over the age of 16 can give their own consent.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

id=bCkKhyVdnEuSUFI fzQ18bgQFTBh 6tNnWym v ca2RURU1IUUQzS09KUUU0V0xWODFXRVRJSVNEUi4u

If you have any queries please contact: covid.testing@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



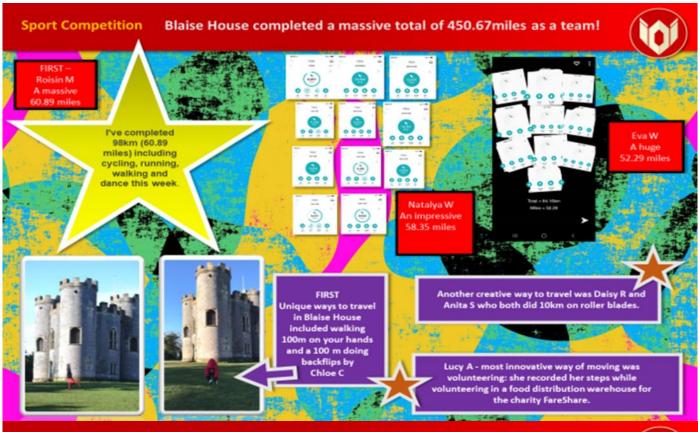




BFS HOUSE SYSTEM 2021

BLAISE HOUSE





Literacy Competition

Stacey K



"Blaise, the fire you can't put out" FIRST - Alex M

Be yourself, be your best, be BLAISE! Chloe C

Blaise, a standard to raise

Our open green spaces are joys to behold,
With natural beauty around you, outshining the cold.
Endless landscapes of rivers and flowers and trees,
Stretching forwards forever, into the breeze.
At once, there's a feeling of freedom, of peace,
The emotions held within you, you can release,
For outside in the air, so fresh and so clean,
There are no expectations, no need to be seen.
So if you get the chance, just walk out your door,
And experience the green space we all should appreciate more.

FIRST - Lucy A

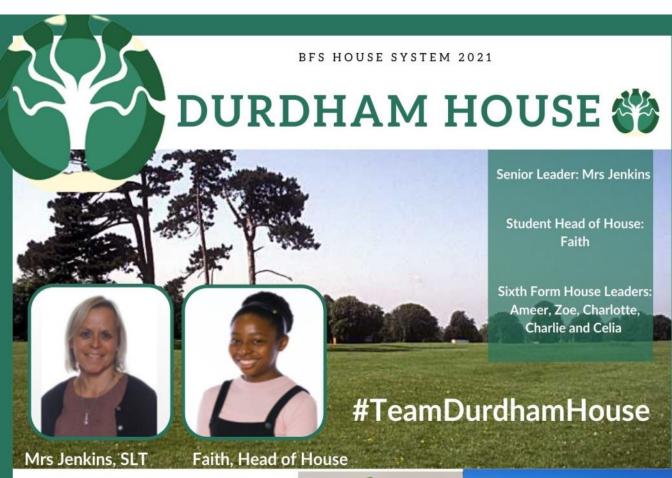
The trees sway and dance, as the leaves slowly settle on the soiled ground.

In summer time the leaves glow green as children play: a view so serene.

The blue sky encapsulates each object below and gives way for the sun to shine so bright.

Then the darkness swoops in and the stars appear as Blaise castle begins to clear for the night.

Blaise Castle, surrounded by the grass of green
Built-in 1766, the late eighteens
Towers which reach for the sky
Making a mockery out of any normal guy
But what more could be expected
The castle's design is practically perfected.



HOUSE CHALLENGES WIINNERS

Sports:

- Will L (13.4km)
- Ellen R (127 miles cycled)
- Courtney B (27.9 miles in a weekend)

Literacy:

- Jessica L- Poem
- Maya S Slogan
- Mia Elizabeth T Slogan and Poem

Baking:

Art/Photography:

Philippa G

Noah W

Benedict M

- Eloise R
- Freya B
- Harry G
- Joe R
- Madeline H
- Maya S









Trees are the lungs of the world,

You burn them, their branches are shriveled and curled.

Plant a tree, save a life,

If you kill the trees, there is nothing but strife.

Don't spoil the scenery,

By destroying the greenery.

One tree can make a million matches,

One match can destroy a million trees.

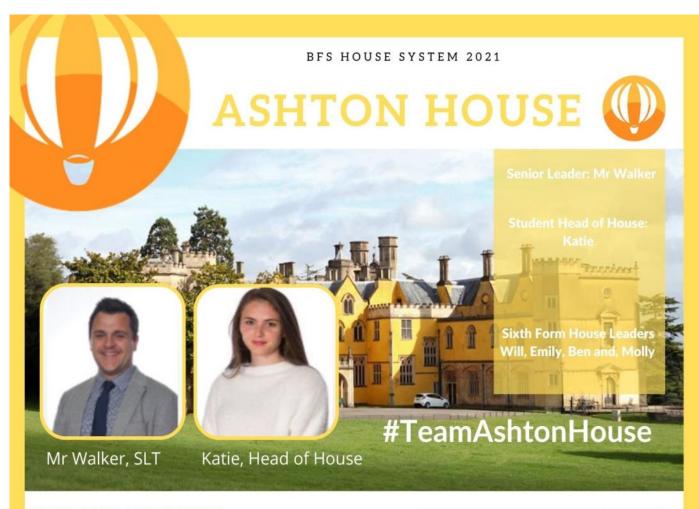
Plant a tree so the next generation gets air for free.



Remember to log in on classcharts using the code below:

xp66vxb





HOUSE CHALLENGE WINNERS

Sports:

- Ashton House travelled 290.94km overall
- Shoutout to Katie R who dedicated a whole week to the challenge and arranged her efforts in a table
- Caleb E who travelled 100 miles on his bike
- · Benjamin D who ran 33 miles!

Day	total KM in day from fitbit	of Which KM from walking/c ycling	Type of exercise
Fri 5th	9.15	7.5	Running
sat 6th	6.45	3.5	Running
Sun 7th	9.85	2.85	Walking
Sun 7th		4.59	Cycling
Mon 8th	4.61	2.7	walking
Tues 9th	4.38	3.47	Walking
Weds 10th	2.02		none
Thurs 11th	4.96	4.2	Running
Fri 12th	5.7	4.2	Cycling
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Literacy:

Harvey B-C

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O utstanding
N atural

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BFS HOUSE SYSTEM 2021

ASHTON HOUSE



HOUSE CHALLENGE WINNERS

Baking:

- Catherine B
- Charlotte D
- Bethan L
- Sophie Y
- Jemma B
- Ms Morgan

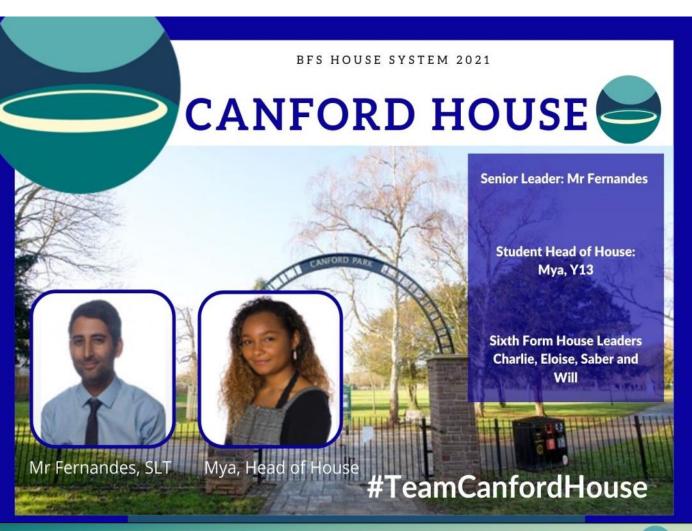


Art & Photography:

- Sophie W
- Sophie Y
- Oliver P
- Jemima B
- Ruby R
- Olivia D
- Tilly L-J
- Harvey B-C

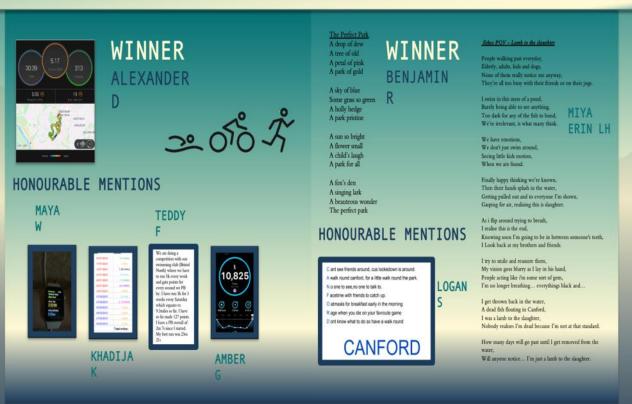






SPORT AND LITERACY







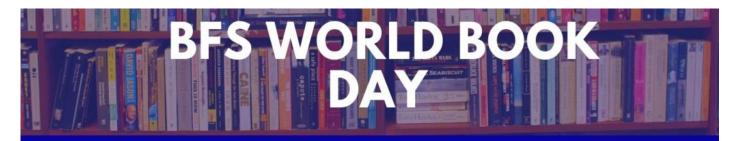


BAKING, ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY









We are excited to be involved in World Book Day on Thursday 4 March.

During morning lessons, students will be introduced to reading in different subjects across the curriculum. In the afternoon students have a range of activities and events they can participate in. Please take a look at some of our suggested activities below. We want every student at BFS to spend at least half an hour reading on World Book Day and look forward to hearing about what they read.

Students in year 8 will be treated to a Zoom talk with Robert Muchamore, author of the CHERUB series, on Thursday afternoon.

To listen to some newly released audiobooks, follow this link: https://library.thenational.academy/

For our more mature readers, who are seeking inspiration for social and politically engaging books:

https://www.worldbookdaysocial.com/power-reads/ https://www.worldbookdaysocial.com/podcasts/

Finished a book recently? Check to see if it's on our Accelerated Reader quiz system. Not only will this check to see how much you've understood, it'll also help you find new books and count how many words you've read! Who'll be the first BFS student to reach one million?





















Send your pictures to Mr Gowen: m.gowen@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME





Ms Rowden (Teacher of MFL)

The Language Ambassadors at BFS currently have some exciting opportunities to engage with this term.

Language Ambassadors have exclusive access to two separate competitions and the winners will be revealed in the newsletter at the end of the term. The competitions are as follows:

- 1. To design a praise postcard in French and / or Spanish which can be used by teachers in the MFL department when students produce excellent work.
- To design a logo for the MFL department at BFS. The logo should contain some reference to French and Spanish but should also focus on celebrating other languages and cultures from the diverse world that we live in.

Entries need to be submitted to Ms Rowden by Friday 26 March and the winners will be announced

the following week. All details about the competitions can be found on the Language Ambassador Teams page.

We can't wait to see your creativity with these competitions!

Finally, a huge 'thank you!' to all Language Ambassadors who attended the Term 4 meeting on Teams earlier this week. It was great to catch up with everyone and, as always, there was a lot of enthusiasm and discussion regarding our passions for language learning (especially whilst in lockdown!). The next meeting will likely be at the end of Term 4 or at the start of Term 5; all details will be posted onto the Language Ambassador Teams page so do keep an eye out!



BFS ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 7 have been producing some fabulous abstract sculptures, inspired by Kandinsky and using found and reclaimed materials.



















Year 8 have been using their favourite films, artists and books to inspire their designs for the loo roll challenge!



BFS ART & PHOTOGRAPHY A





Year 11 are continuing to produce outstanding work using personal possessions as their inspiration for their current project. Combining drawing and photography they have done so well to stay motivated!







BFS D&T



Food- How 'food safe' is your fridge?!

Before half term KS3 students looked in to food safety and how best to store food in a

fridge. Many even took up the challenge to organise their own fridges at home.

Health and safety tips to help with organising your fridge

- Your fridge should always be set at a temperature between 3-5°c so that the rate of food spoilage is slowed and harmful bacteria cannot multiply. At this temperature, your food will be kept safe to eat.
- Storing food correctly will help you minimise food wastage and will also prevent you from getting food poisoning and will reduce your weekly shopping bill.

and will reduce your weekly shopping bill. Hermione, Y8 Here is an example or the order in which you should organise your fridge:

- On the top shelf, you should have food such as eggs, bread, yogurt and dips.
- On the second to top draw, you should have foods which are leftovers which could, for example, be clear containers.
- On the middle shelf, you should have foods such as milk, drinks and quick snacks.
- On the second to bottom shelf, you should have foods such as cheese and meat.
- On the bottom shelf, you should have foods such as vegetables and fruit.

(examples of this layout are shown in the picture on the right.)



FOOd Storage is safely and realthly organised here is an easy guide up here put things the yogusts, eggs or crene etc.

In this section put the other things tile sawsage or any other neat etc.

less things like humas, cheese, han etc down here in the sox, less fruit and ledge etc.

In the side exes, put things like jars or sanathing that is



BFS D&T



Believe it or not, fridges are very important in our daily lives, they keep our food firesh and clean which keeps us happy and healthy. A well organised fridge can lead to be better lifestyle but how should you organise it?

Whats In The Fridge?

Dairy Products

Dairy products such as milk, cheese, yoghurt and butter go on the lower/ middle shelves this is so the products aren't too cold but they are still in cooler conditions than the kitchen.

Condiments, Sauces and Juices

Condiments, sauces and juices go in the fridge door, the coolest part of the fridge. This is so these don't get too cool and they are easy to access quickly.

Foods That Don't need cooking

Foods that don't need cooking or have already been cooked such as; deli meats or leftovers belong in the top of the fridge.

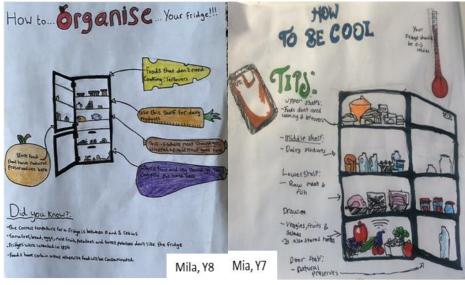
Salads, Fruit and Veg

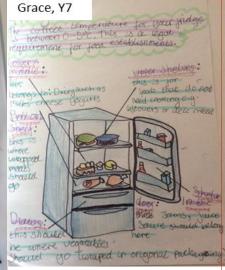
Vegetables, fruits and salads go in the drawers at the bottom of the fridge as here they can not get frozen at the back.

Raw Meats & Fish

Raw Meat and Fish go on the bottom, coldest part of the fridge in order for them to keep cool and so that no meat juices drip on to other foods below

Imogen, Y7





Just a few of the delicious dishes that students prepared and cooked.









Design & Technology

Zombie Apocalypse: Supermarket Challenge!

KS3 students have returned to school to discover that they need to battle a zombie invasion!

Students are being tasked to design an outfit that will keep the wearer safe when doing their supermarket shop. Students have really embraced the new project, with some even jumping ahead and creating prototypes of possible protective clothing. We will be researching parasites, technical textiles and robotic fashion.



Jaya-Leigh, Flynn and Abdulmalek (Y7) modelling their prototypes.

Zombie Apocalypse: The world is being overrun by zombies and you have to help save the planet's remaining population.

Bronze: Stated your character and provided a little detail with no further

research Silver: Stated your character and provided extra detail with some further

Gold: Stated you character, provided a lot more detail about them and recorded further research about them

- 1. My chosen English character or historical figure is: Titania.
- 2. I have chosen this character because: I think she is a powerful woman who is very stylish and would a very nice character to design for.
- 3. This is what I already know about the character; she likes wearing dresses which blend well with the wildlife. She is the gueen of fairies and is married to the King Oberon.
- Using the internet, I have found out more information such as (what is their style, their family, their hobbies...): She wants to halve the Indian boy to herself and I guess you could say that all her fairies are family to her.



research.

Challenge: You have created a moodboard about your character (use the 3rd slide

Maddie, Y7, chose Tatiana from Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream to design her outfit for as she 'is a powerful woman who is very stylish'.

Tea Cake Competition



Keria, Year 9



I have decorated my tea cakes to present the Chinese Lantern Festival/ Yaun Xiao Festival. With icing, I have written Lantern festival on my tea cakes and decorated them to look like lanterns. the next slide, you will see I have displayed my work in two different ways to show contrast between having the red to white and red to black combination.







BFS Careers

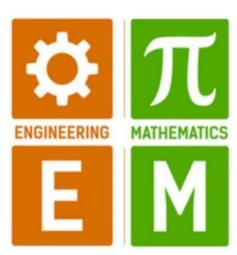


STEM AMBASSADOR HUB

STEM Ambassador Hub West England







WELCOME

CAREER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

STEM Ambassador programme - KS5 pupils

Are you interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths)? Want a mentor to help you explore your future study and career options? The STEM Ambassador programme is launching an online mentoring scheme to help you feel more confident about your future.

What are the benefits?

Get access to a STEM Ambassador and 1:1 support over a 10 week period.

Talk to your mentor about:

- · Your options to work out the best path for you
- · Dealing with challenges and uncertainty
- · Finding trustworthy information and answers

Mentoring will take place from end of February-May 2021 via Brightside's online platform. This is a flexible opportunity and guidance will be provided.

Please see the website information below for more information:

https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/raising-aspirations-through-new-mentoring-programme? utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=information%20on%20our%20website&utm_campaign=S TEM%20Ambassador%20mentoring%20-%20adhoc%20to%20secondary

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GJB8G6N? respondent_id=%5brespondent_id_value%5d&user_data=%5bu ser_data_value%5d



10 WEEKS MENTORING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-18



Insight into Army Careers virtual event 5 March

A whistle stop tour of Army Careers to celebrate National Careers Week. This virtual event is for students and parents interested in finding out more about Army opportunities; no previous knowledge required. There are 76 entry level specialisms, the range of careers in the British Army might surprise you. We'll also be looking at the qualifications on offer including apprenticeships and degrees.

To book onto event- https://eventsemea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/ event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?scoid=4729432670



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PWC are promoting a range of fantastic opportunities that they are offering:



Virtual Insight Week

Virtual Insight Week applications are now open. This programme is for students in Year 12 in England and Wales and gives students the chance to gain new experiences, skills and confidence, as they take their first steps towards their career. Applications close on Sunday 14 March.

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html



School and College Leaver opportunities

The School and College Leaver opportunities give students the chance to earn while they learn, and start their career straight from school. PWC encourage students to apply now to avoid missing out. For more information and current vacancies:

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers.html https://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/listjobs/All/search/Entry%20Route/School---college-leaver-opportunities/



PwC's Virtual Classroom

A virtual programme open to students between Years 10 and 13. The programme combines both live and pre-recorded content. This month PWC will be focusing on our opportunities at PwC and our application process. For more information and to sign up to this programme:

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/virtual-classroom.html



SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Speakers for Schools has a vast array of talks and also have live talks where students can sign up. If any students wish to 'virtually' attend these live talks when they are meant to have a lesson must email their subject teacher to seek permission as our normal school curriculum would take priority. The live talks are also recorded so students can always access the talks at a later date. Please see the schedule for next week and details below:

https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/



SPEAKER: Andrew Bernard, Director, National Careers

Week & Director, Innovative Enterprise

DATE: Monday 1 March **TIME:** 10:00 - 11:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 / S4 - 6



SPEAKER: Nick Ross, Broadcaster and Former

Crimewatch Presenter
DATE: Monday 1 March
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 / S4 - 6



SPEAKER: Patrick Nyarumbu, Director of Strategy, People and Partnerships, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS

Foundation Trust

DATF: Monday 1 Mar

DATE: Monday 1 March **TIME:** 17:00 – 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 / S4 - 6



Speaker: Ella d'Amato, Chief Commercial & Partner

Not on the High Street DATE: Tuesday 2 March TIME: 17:00 – 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS3 - 5 / S1 - 6





SPEAKER: Kajal Odedra, UK Director, Change.org

DATE: Wednesday 3 March

TIME: 10:00 - 11:00

YEAR GROUP: KS3 - 5 / S1 - 6



SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS



SPEAKER: Jimmy Worrall, Founder and CEO,

Leaders in Sport

DATE: Wednesday 3 March

TIME: 17:00 - 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 / S4 - 6





SPEAKER: Mandisa Greene, President, Royal

College of Veterinary Surgeons

DATE: Thursday 4 March **TIME**: 14:00 – 15:00

YEAR GROUP: KS3 / S1 - 3



SPEAKER: Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent

Acquisition, Burberry **DATE:** Thursday 4 March **TIME:** 17:00 - 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 S4-6

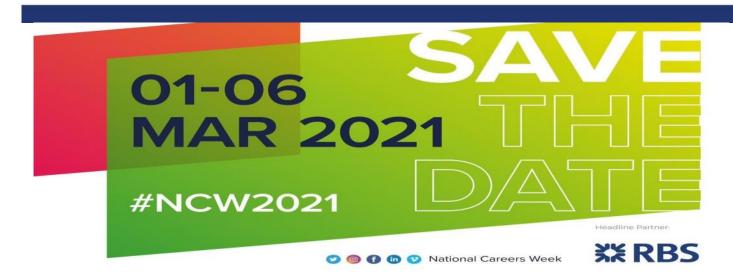


SPEAKER: Katie Vanneck Smith, Co-Founder and Publisher,

Tortoise Media

DATE: Friday 5 March **TIME:** 10:00 - 11:00

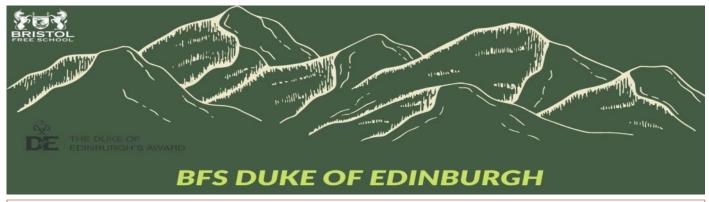
YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 S4-6



FREE EVENT -



https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/



Duke of Edinburgh sign-ups are now well under way and we're ecstatic that so many of you have already signed up!

Just a reminder that the deadline to sign up is Monday 1 March (next Monday!), so if you're considering it and haven't already then get those forms in!

On Wednesday we released an information video about what's involved in the Bronze and Gold awards and some of the flexibilities allowed by the DofE this year. In case you missed it you can watch it here: https://bit.ly/3bzizpJ

In case you're stuck for activity ideas for your sections, below is a list of lockdown-friendly activities for some inspiration!

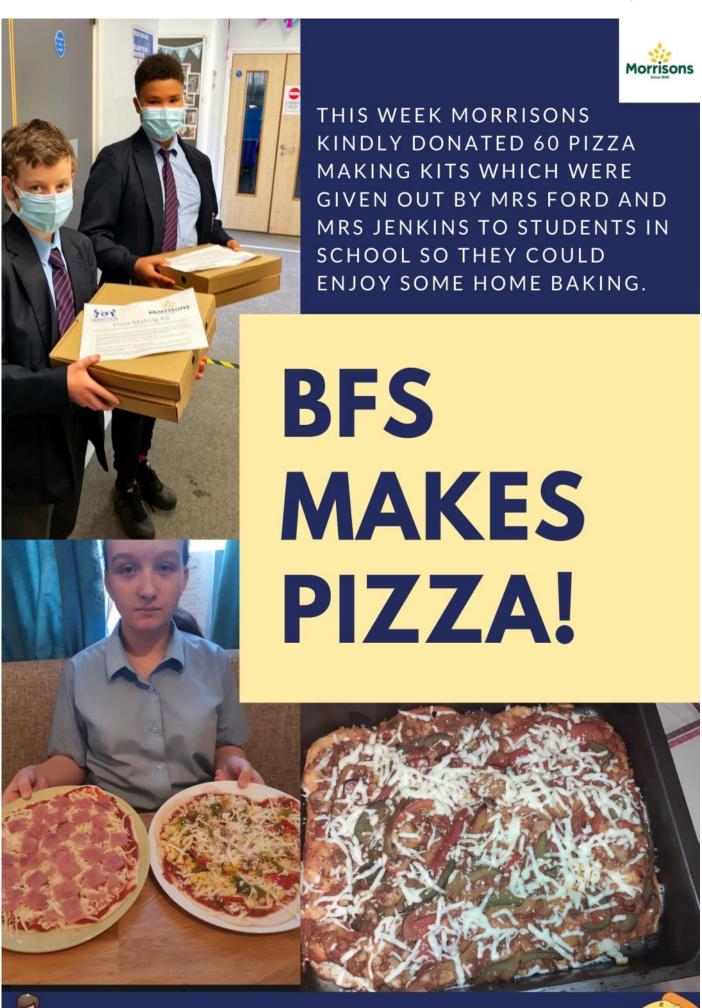
If you still have questions before signing up then please let us know via: admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Mr Wieczorek & Mr Ellis

Local wildlife

Skills Volunteering **Physical** Help a charity or community or-Stay home Life skills Yoga ganisation Cookery Online fitness **Fundraising** Music Youth Ambassador Fitness challenge Arts & crafts Social Media Training DIY Getting creative Learn a new sport Woodwork Raise awareness Team sports Creative writing Help others Wheelchair workouts Learn remotely Elderly Dance Language Carer **Pilates** Money management Young people and children **Aerobics** Digital COVID-19 Weightlifting Studying Campaigning Wii-fit First aid Mentoring Scouts & Girlguiding Get outside Driving Coaching Cycling Online volunteering projects Walking **Economics Digital Safety** Paddling Conservation Videography Skating STEM British Red Cross Media & communication Running Research **BMX** Amateur radio Sustainable development Mountain Biking Blogging Conservation Football Photography & Videography **Environment** Roller blading Journalism Orienteering **Nature** Vlogging Litter picking Triathlon Reduce plastic use

Full details, advice and web-links for all of these ideas can be found here: https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities





MENTAL HEALTH & SAFEGUARDING

Mental Health & Safeguarding Suppport, Advice & Information

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN.

If you are struggling with anything, we are here to help - please talk to us. Remember there are lots of different communication styles to suit you. Email us to let us know how you would like to talk.

How are you feeling?









EDUCATION IS
OUR PASSPORT
TO THE FUTURE,
FOR TOMORROW
BELONGS TO THE
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you are doing great!