

# Bulletin

## WELCOME TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2021-22

### BFS 10TH ANNIVERSARY 2011-2021

We have had a very positive week welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students alongside all our returning BFS cohort. Despite the logistical challenges of getting over 1000 students tested for covid, it has been a very positive start to this new school year.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in making sure our school uniform looks smart and is back to its usual high standards.

We have a great deal to celebrate for the start of the academic year:

### EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to our Y13 & Y11 on their exam results and desinations. We enrolled the highest intake of Year 12 in BFS history with 100 students starting level 3 courses this week.



### NEW ROOMS

There has also been a real buzz around C block as we unveil our new purpose built food rooms, textiles workshop and IT suites.

The new specialist classrooms really enhance the learning experience and we are already planning more, including a music recording studio! In the summer we also took the opportunity to add to our wall art collection in the English corridor and a house wall where the cups and trophies can be displayed.



Everything is set up for a very exciting and positive year ahead. This year will be even more special because we plan to organise a number of events and projects to celebrate BFS 10th anniversary. Ten years ago the school started in a porta cabin with 7 teachers and 70 students.

Today we have grown to be over 1100 in number and have over 140 staff working in the school serving this community.

More news next week in our newsletter. Welcome back!



**MRS KING**

# LATERAL FLOW HOME TESTING

Thank you to all our families and students who have supported two lateral flow tests at school on returning this term. The process has run smoothly and our students have conducted themselves in an exemplary way.

## Twice weekly home testing

When students have their second test they are issued with a box of tests for twice weekly home testing which commences the following Sunday or Wednesday evening.

- All students in Year 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 who are participating in the programme are ready to start home testing on Sunday 12

September

- Year 8 and 9 students will be given test kits on Monday 13 September so should start home testing from Wednesday 15 September

If any student missed collecting a test kit they should go to Student Services in C block to collect one.

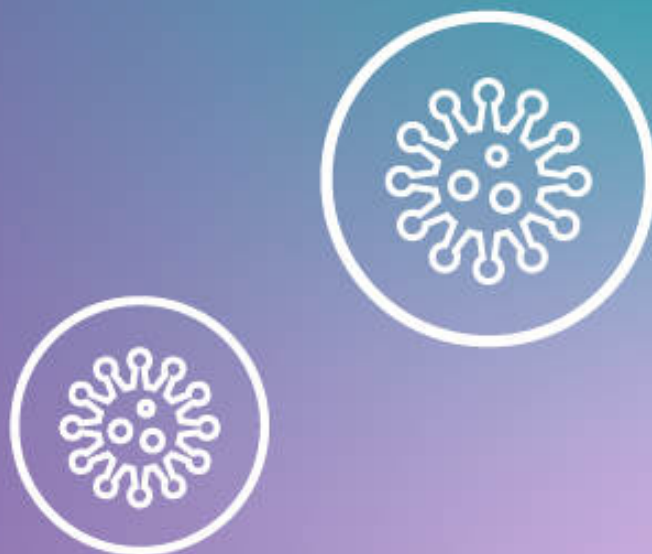
Reporting results – The test is not completed until it is registered. Please submit your child's test results to [www.testregister.co.uk](http://www.testregister.co.uk) which then takes you through to the GOV.UK test reporting site. Should there be a problem accessing Test Register go to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> directly to report the test result and inform school by email.

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, do arrange to have a PCR test. Please do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.

Any queries about the home testing arrangements should be sent to [covid.testing@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:covid.testing@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

If you do not want your child to take part in twice weekly testing please contact us using this email so that we can update our records and end the reminder emails.

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# LATERAL FLOW HOME TESTING



# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Sam and Joe who represented South West Saxons U15s at the England Touch National Championships during summer holidays!

## BFS ART DEPARTMENT GRAFFITI MURAL



## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR BFS ART GRAFFITI?

Want to see more? Have a look at the video below to see how it's created!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUvBS7BHOs0>

## BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME



MR NOUAS

## DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR LANGUAGES & OTHER CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD?

Would you like to work with like-minded people within the school community who share your interest in language and culture? Would you like to help us raise the profile of different languages and cultures? If so, the Languages Ambassadors Scheme might be for you! We have a fantastic, diverse community at BFS where more than twenty languages are spoken in total. To get involved with the Language Ambassadors Scheme this year, keep an eye out for a tutor time presentation in a few weeks where you will have the opportunity to sign up. We are looking for positive and passionate candidates to add to the already fantastic group of Languages Ambassadors already on roll! You do not need to speak another language fluently – we are just looking for passion and enthusiasm!

I hope to see you soon!





# MENTAL HEALTH & SAFEGUARDING

Mental Health & Safeguarding Support, Advice & Information



Ms Townsend, Mental Health & Safeguarding Manager



Miss Hastings, Medical and Mental Health Officer



## SIRONA SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE WEBINAR SERIES - SEPTEMBER 2021

Keeping your Child Happy and Healthy

Monday 13 September  
10am—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-keeping-your-child-happy-and-healthy-tickets-169094551355>

Your Child's Dental Health

Thurs 14 September  
10am—11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-dental-health-tickets-169096615529>

Healthy Eating

Monday 20 September  
10am - 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-healthy-eating-tickets-169091357803>

Continence in Children and Young People

Tuesday 21 September  
4pm - 5pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-nursing-webinar-continence-in-children-young-people-tickets-169096390857>

Understanding Your Child's Wellbeing

Weds 22 September  
1pm—2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-understanding-your-childs-wellbeing-tickets-169095658667>

Eating Disorder Awareness

Thurs 23 September  
1pm—2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-eating-disorder-awareness-tickets-159619826197>

Helping Your Child With Sleep

Friday 24 September  
10am - 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sirona-school-health-nursing-webinar-helping-your-child-with-sleep-tickets-169096085945>



## WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY



We can all make a difference for #WorldSuicidePreventionDay – Be kind, check in on family & friends, prioritise your mental health and work on developing your sense of hope. Remember it's a sign of strength to ask for help – [tellsomeone@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:tellsomeone@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

### Useful Contacts for Young People

Details of places you can go if you're a young person looking for support or information.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/useful-contacts/>



Thinking about suicide?  
Worried about someone?

**STAYALIVE**

