

Bulletin



100 HOUSE POINTS! CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS IN 9TG7 WHO HAVE EACHED REACHED THE 100HP MARK. THESE STUDENTS GET A PHONE CALL HOME AND A FREE CAKE/COOKIE FROM THE CANTEEN. AS A SCHOOL WE ARE PROUD OF OUR HOUSE SYSTEM AND ITS EXCELLENT TO SEE OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVING FANTASTIC RESULTS.









KEY DATES

- Monday 28 November INSET Day
- Thursday 1 December GCSE Drama Students 'Blood Brothers', Cardiff Millennium Theatre
- Tuesday 6 December Y13
 Pastoral Day
- Thursday 8 December Winter Music & Drama Showcase
- Tuesday 13 December Y10 HPV2 Vaccinations
- Wednesday 14 December Xmas Lunch & Music Extravaganza
- Thursday 15 December Last day of Term (12:30pm finish)

PARENT SURVEY 2022

We are very interested in your views and look forward to hearing what you have to say via this parental survey.

Please complete and submit your answers by close of play on Monday 28 November 2022.

Thank you

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BFS CAREERS

MR PARRY

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER

Today we were delighted to host representatives from Stirling Dynamics for our employer talk about the exciting career opportunities on offer at Stirling Dynamics and the engineering industry. Stirling Dynamics is an advanced engineering company that provides high-end engineering products and services. They work on multiple aircraft and marine platforms, delivered to both civil and military programmes around the globe.

The talk outlined the many different roles and entry points into engineering as well as giving an overview of what the working life of an engineer entails.

There were some excellent questions on topics such as production methods of aircrafts and how engineering can help industries be more environmentally friendly.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL, OFFERING EMPLOYER TALKS TO THE STUDENTS THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT.



Bristol Free School has been chosen as one of a handful of schools to participate in a special pilot of the Young Green Briton Challenge - a nationa platform to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action. The Challenge uses an adapted design thinking curriculum to enable young people to design entrepreneurial solutions to local climate issues.

Over the next few weeks, year 7 students will begin the explore phase and investigate local community issues as well as delivering their understanding of key concepts of the climate and nature emergency. In January, the school will host a full-day workshop, with the Young Green Briton team running a series of workshops and activities to develop the students' green skills, team work and social action.

'ECO DRAGONS' DEN'

In the spring term we will host our own 'Eco Dragons' Den' competition to choose five teams who will each receive £100 to help turn their idea into action. The groups will be teamed up with a mentor from the world of eco business and social action to help guide and develop their ideas.

At the end of May, the school community will choose one winner to join the national competition with the chance of winning one of four £1000 investments for their project.





As a school we are incredibly excited about the opportunity and the potential impact this will have in fostering positive change in the local community. If you would like to find out how you can be involved, please contact Miss K Board or Miss E Jones through the school office.

THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME





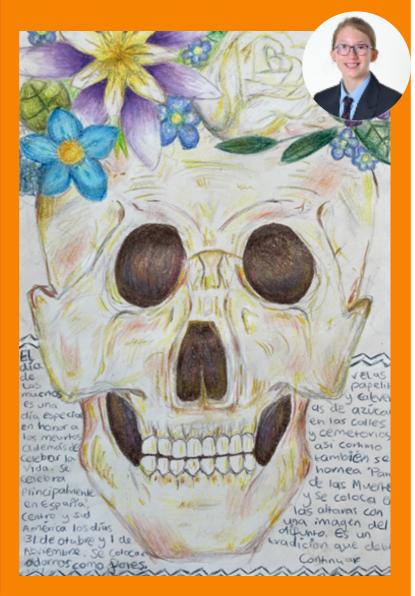
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COMPETITION

Thank you to students who submitted an entry to the Día de los Muertos competition. We have now made a decision on the top three! In third place is Elsa with her creatively painted poster; second place goes to Fiona with a very colourful and informative entry; and first place goes to Rosie with a stunning hand-drawn skull with information about the day in Spanish! Congratulations to all three and keep an eye out for our next competition!"





CONGRATULATIONS ROSIE!









BFS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Simply create a Christmas card and submit your entry to Mr Nouas in DF19 for a chance to win prizes!

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 cards – the more festive, the better! Bonus points if it is in a foreign language too!

Submissions must be made by 9 December.

HAVE A LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS ENTRIES









BFS SPORT



U14 ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CUP



Our amazing U14 Football team played in Round 4 of the English Schools Cup this week against St Peter's High School in Cheltenham. We were aware they would be a talented opposition with several girls in the Aston Villa Academy and we had two players missing due to illness. The team went 1-0 down from a corner but they worked their socks off and quickly came back to 1-1 with a brilliantly timed ball through from Emily for Polly to slot the goal in the bottom corner. Emily made it 2-1 and we went in at half time in the lead. Chloe kept her nerve and scored a penalty to go 3-1 up but we then conceded to make it 3-2 with 10 minutes to go. The effort and motivation this team have to succeed and work for each other is immense and they were rewarded when Chloe made a superb strike to go 4-2 up with 5 minutes to go. Polly was voted player of the match by the opposition. The entire team worked phenomenally hard, fought for every ball and I'm so pleased they were rewarded with the worthy result. We are now into Round 5, with only 32 teams left in the competition in the country, what an achievement! I'm so proud, well done girls!!

CONGRATULATIONS REUBEN



CONGRATULATIONS TO REUBEN IN YEAR 7 WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL TENNIS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT BATH UNIVERSITY. THIS IS FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE SHOWING A HIGH LEVEL OF TALENT WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING FUTURE CHAMPIONS. THIS IS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT AND WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE REUBEN PROGRESS!



BFS SPORT



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS RESULTS

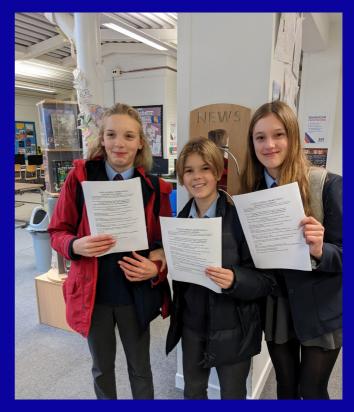
Over the last two weeks, Year 7 - 10 have competed in Sports Hall Athletics competitions at RGS. As promised here are the team results:

YEAR 7 BOYS - 2ND
YEAR 8 GIRLS - 4TH
YEAR 8 BOYS - 3RD
YEAR 9 GIRLS - 2ND
YEAR 9 BOYS - 4TH
YEAR 10 BOYS - 6TH
YEAR 10 GIRLS -1ST

The following teams will progress through to the Finals - Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Girls, Year 8 Boys, Year 9 Girls and Year 10 Girls.

In addition there are some individual successes and the following students have been selected to represent Bristol Schools at the County Championships in January: Year 7 - Jack R, Rory H, Nancy G and Harley

Year 8 - Archie P, Martha S, Imogen G and Flo C







BFS SPORT



MR TOLMAN

Y10 RUGBY

Thursday 24 November saw the Year 10 boys' rugby team travel to North Bristol RFC to play in the semi-finals and final of the Bristol State Schools' Development Programme. This is a new competition involving 8 of the best state school rugby teams in Bristol, running parallel to the traditional Bristol Schools' competition.

To provide a little context, the Year 10 boys' rugby team have gone 3 years unbeaten and have provided 14 boys at the Bristol Bears Academy, a record high.

We arrived at North Bristol RFC in what can only be described as a deluge. Wet to our skin, we took the field playing the first semi-final against a good St Bede's team. A dominant forward display, coupled with some silky skills from our exciting back line quickly opened up a substantial points gap. Powerful running, sublime footwork and deft handling skills were enough to provide a convincing victory over St Bede's. Eventually finishing 40-0 winners!

We were then greeted with an hour break between games while we waited for the other semi-final to be played. Soaked to the bone and freezing cold, this break was a real dampener (pardon the pun) on our momentum and preparation as we tried to get warm and dry before we played again.





We eventually donned our wet jerseys and took to the field to face Castle school in the final. In a tense pool game earlier in the year we had drawn 12-12 with a good Castle side and were clearly two well matched teams. We got off to a poor start with Castle scoring quickly and catching us unawares. This was the theme of the first half, and we struggled to get into the game after the long break. At half time we had conceded 15 unanswered points. The second half was a much better showing, we were closer to our destructive best, reducing the deficit. However, with only 25-minute games, we had left too much to do. Unfortunately, we suffered our first ever defeat and Castle were deservedly crowned champions. A special mention must go to Angus H who captained the side fantastically and whose individual performance in the final was truly exceptional.

This is only a bump in the road and the Year 10 boys' rugby team are in action again on Wednesday 30 November against St Bernadette's at Broad Plain RFC (1.30pm KO) in their second final of the season, this time in the Bristol Schools' Rugby Competition.

BFS DRAMA

Rehearsals are underway for the school production of Tuesday by Alison Carr, as part of the National Theatre Connections Project. The cast are working so hard, putting in the time now so that we will be fab in time for our performances in the spring term, both in our own venue and at Bristol Old Vic.



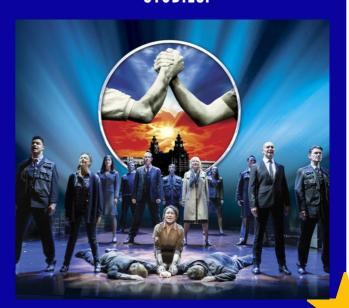


REHEARSALS FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER MUSIC & DRAMA SHOWCASE ARE WELL UNDER WAY. HERE'S A 'CHRISTMAS CAROL' IN REHEARSAL:

YEAR 10 AND 11 GCSE DRAMA
STUDENTS ARE OFF TO WALES
MILLENNIUM CENTRE IN CARDIFF TO
SEE 'BLOOD BROTHERS' BY WILLY
RUSSELL AS PART OF THEIR ONGOING
STUDIES.









Bristol Free School presents...

Winter Drama & Music Showcase

Thursday 8 December

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Drama Hall

Bristol Free School

Tickets available on Parent Pay from next week





Bristol Grammar School in partnership with Elite Squash



Saturday 10th December

Open Squash **Experience**

9.30am

doors open free for everyone 4-16years

10.30am

fun challenges prizes to be won!

11.15am

meet a professional player and watch a demonstration

11.45am

open play / guided sessions

1pm

finish