







### **CONGRATULATIONS JASMINE AND DHRUVIKA!**

Over the Christmas break we received some great news that Jasmine K and Dhruvika R in year 7 had been announced as runners up in the New Portrait Competition run by the Linnean Society! They both chose Sir David Attenborough as their nature hero and created some truly amazing portraits. This is even more of an achievement as the competition was available internationally, so a huge congratulations to our wonderful artists! We are so proud of you and all our other BFS entrants-we can't wait to see your work in 2023!



# **KEY DATES**

- Tuesday 10 January Y7, 8 & 9
   Nasal Flu Immunisation
- Wednesday 11 January Year 12 Pastoral Day
- Thursday 12 January Year 11 Subject Evening
- Monday 16 January Year 12 & Year 13 Art & Photography Trip to Tate Modern
- Tuesday 17 January Old Vic Drama Workshop (3-4pm)
- Wednesday 25 January Year 9 Options Evening

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please note that term-time holidays are not routinely authorised, unless there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

If you are thinking of booking a termtime holiday, please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk for an 'Absence Request Form' and return it to the same address as soon as possible. Your request will then be considered.

Taking a term-time holiday may result in a Penalty Charge Notice from Bristol City Council. This is currently £60 per child per adult. So, if a two parent family take three school-aged children on holiday, this would mean that each adult could receive 3 x £60 fines, taking the total penalty cost for the family to £360! This could then be increased, if the fine is not paid promptly or if prosecution is deemed appropriate by the local authority.



### BFS CAREERS

### **MR PARRY**

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER



Today we were delighted to welcome representatives from Womble Bond Dickinson, who gave an inspiring talk about careers in law with an emphasis on apprenticeships that they offer at their law firm. Womble Bond Dickinson is one of the market-leading law firms in Bristol and their solicitor apprenticeship programme is now in its 6th year. This six-year programme sees apprentices balance work and study whilst obtaining a law degree, undertake the Solicitor Qualifying Exams 1&2 and ultimately qualify as a Solicitor.

For more information about the career opportunities and apprenticeships that they offer please see the link below

https://www.womblebonddickinson.com/uk/careers https://www.womblebonddickinson.com/uk/careers /apprenticeships

They also spoke to the students about their virtual law programme that students can complete in their own time, introducing them to roles in law, supporting them with developing a personal statement and an introduction to some law based tasks. Here is the link for more information if students are interested in this, they will need to sign up with their school email address:

https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/fszzwX6Jb33P4okPs/Law-Programme



# **BFS SPORT**



# SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Year 7 boys team came 4th and Year 8 girls team came 3rd in the finals of the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Redland Green at the end of term 2. A massive thank you to Mr Milstead who stepped in last minute to take the fixture.





## JUDO SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO IDAN IN YEAR 7 WHO
HAS RECENTLY WON A SILVER MEDAL IN JUDO
AT A BIG REGIONAL COMPETITION IN
KIDDERMINSTER. HE ALSO WON A GOLD MEDAL
IN A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT HERE
IN BRISTOL.
HE IS THE BEST JUDOKA U12 IN HIS CLUB.





Making Music for Mental Health is a new collaboration between OTR and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's (BSO) Young Associates Scheme. We believe in the power that music can have to bring people together and positively impact mental health and wellbeing. This project is about togetherness, community and expressing yourself creatively.

Over the course of the project, we'll be exploring lots of different ways of making sounds and creating music in a group. Absolutely no musical experience is necessary - we'll be providing instruments, using our voices and using body percussion, but feel free to bring instruments along if you want to!

Starts Friday 13th January 2023 6-8pm a six-week group for 16-25 year olds trinity centre, trinity road, st jude's, bs2 0nw



This project is part of Art Works - our artscentred wellbeing work which acts to ensure that creativitu is accessible to all young people.







# GREEN INFLUENCER PROGRAMME

OTR's Nature Works is teaming up with Action for Conservation for a series of environmental workshops. Over the course of six sessions, you'll learn all about climate change and environmental and social justice.

We'll think about what we can do as a community to protect our planet, explore the nature around us in Bristol and take action to protect it together. OTR and Action for Conservation will help you deliver your own project focused on what interests you.

Previous groups have planted trees and wildflowers, built an above ground pond, bird feeders and hedgehog houses, created food growing spaces and set up community workshops.

For young people aged 11-18

Starts Tuesday 17th January 4:30-6:30pm for six weeks at 1-2 Perry Road, BS1 5BQ

Scan to find out more and sign up!



