



**MR MACBLAIN**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Bristol Free School came together today to pause, reflect and remember all of those who have been, or are caught up in conflict in the world.

The students were a credit to the school and to the local community.



### Poppy poem

We remember them, those that have died,  
 What they have done and how not all of  
 them lived there lives, through pain and  
 suffering we still keep in mind how to  
 this day they made us survive, the  
 gunshots once echoed but now they have  
 cleared its time to make peace to those  
 who aren't here. To those who protected  
 those who were just, to those who  
 were brave and never gave up. These  
 poppies we lay to show how we care  
 will show how we miss them and  
 are looking up there, for they helped  
 our generation grow, so we say thank you  
 for your peace thank you for your  
 loyalty. we hope one day you know  
 how we remember!



## POPPY POEM BY DAISY 8TG5

### Poem of World War 1

We ate our breakfast lying on our backs  
 Because the shells were screeching overhead  
 - but a rusher to a loaf of bread  
 That hull united would beat Halifax  
 When Jimmy Stainthorp played full-back instead  
 Of Billy Bradford. Ginger raised his head  
 And cursed, and took the bet; and dropt back dead  
 We ate breakfast lying on our backs  
 Because the shells were screeching overhead

Thou careless, awake!  
 Thou pacemaker, Fight!  
 Stand, England, for honour  
 And God guard the Right!

The House is crammed: tier beyond tier they go  
 And Cakle at the Show, while prancing ranks  
 Of harlots shrill the chorous, drunk with din,  
 "Were sure the Kaiser loves our dear old Tank!"  
 "I'd like to see a Tank come down the stalls  
 lurching to rag-time tunes, or 'Home, sweet Home',  
 And there'd be no more jokes in music Halls  
 To mock the riddled Corpses round Bapaume

Red mottled on green  
 In the vast expanse of space  
 The flower is deeper than it seems  
 As a symbol of love and grace

Heavy boots  
 Thundering on grass  
 You never know  
 Which breath may be your last

Through the dips and hills  
 Of the grassy fields  
 We see the red flower  
 As a way to heal

Green of the fields  
 And blue of the sky  
 Like a watercolour painting  
 With meaning behind

Poppies and crosses  
 Glinting in the morning dew  
 So many lives were lost  
 Through silence we remember you

## BLOOMS OF VALOUR BY EMILY 8TG1

## POEM OF WORLD WAR 1 BY REISHA 7TG3

# KEY DATES



- Tuesday 14 - Wednesday 15 November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations by Sirona (Y7 - Y11)
- Wednesday 15 November - Oracy Pioneers Event at St Brendan's College
- Thursday 16 November - Debating Event at Redmaids School 6.00pm - NO CLUBS OR DETENTIONS DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

# FOBFS QUIZ



A massive thank you to all the teams that came along and battled it out at the Quiz Night; it was a great evening!

The 'winning team at the front of the room' were not only lucky in winning the quiz but also scooped a few fantastic raffle prizes! Commiserations to our losing team 'In a Pickle' who were quite rightly proud of their status and picked up a prize that some might argue was better than the winners received.

A huge shout-out to Tony and Jess Watts, Quiz Master and Assistant - not only were they brilliant but they stepped in last minute - thank you both! Jen Street was our fantastic compere for the evening - thanks Jen.

Finally, thanks to the FoBFS committee and helpers who all pitched in on the night, as well as Fi Hester who organised all the wonderful prizes ahead of time.

We are pleased to announce that we raised a massive £1,181.58. Thank you! Same time next year, everyone?

Details of next FoBFS meeting and event coming soon.

# GIANT JENGA HOUSE COMPETITION!

Today we had Giant Jenga at lunch time for students and staff. Most entries came from Canford with 21 students playing! Watch out for more games and fun on Friday lunch times.



1st  
Durdham



2nd  
Blaise



3rd  
Ashton



4th  
Canford



# YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING

Year 7 spent an amazing three days teambuilding at Clifton College last term. They worked hard on developing their teamwork, communication and resilience whilst developing strong relationships with their fellow tutees and tutors. Students experienced a wide range of outdoor and problem-solving activities including tomahawk throwing, archery, shelter building and team challenges. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will take away a lasting memory of their first term at BFS. Well done Year 7 you had a fantastic first term!



# careers notices

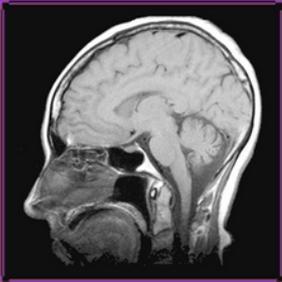
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MISS NORTON  
CAREERS LEAD



## EMPLOYER TALKS

For this week's Employer Talk, we welcomed Kate Minto, Senior Lecturer in Diagnostic Imaging at the University of the West of England. Before working as a lecturer, she spent over 20 years practising as a radiographer within the NHS. Kate explained the role of radiographers, showing how important they are in the healthcare of patients. She showed students a range of images taken from MRI scanners, which showed patients with cancer and those with dislocated/broken bones.



She talked through routes into radiography which at the moment is primarily through completing a 3-year degree; she also explained that there is a new apprenticeship route which has limited places at the moment but is likely to continue to grow over the next few years. Students were also able to collect information sheets about a wide range of other health care careers. Students engaged very well in the session by answering questions about what they could see in the images, as well as asking questions about the role of a radiographer.



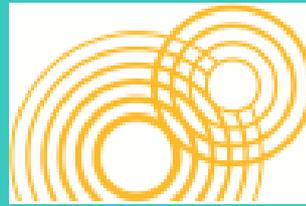
## UPCOMING EMPLOYER TALKS

- Aerospace Engineering at Stirling Dynamics - 17 November
- Physiology - 24 November
- English Literature - 1 December
- Bookselling - 8 December

## SOLICITOR APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

Womble Bond Dickinson are holding an in-person Open Evening on Tuesday 14 November, for students and parents/carers. To read more and register your interest, [please click here.](#)

There will also be a virtual session on Tuesday 21 November for those who cannot attend the in-person event - [please click here.](#)



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## Y10/Y11 STEM WORK

### EXPERIENCE



Babcock International are running a weeklong work experience programme at Ashton House during June/July 2024 for students in Year 10 and 11 that are considering careers in STEM. To apply, students need to provide a CV and Cover Letter, and the date they'd be available for work experience to

**MissionSystemsEarlyCareers@  
babcockinternational.com**

## aat AAT ACCOUNTANCY

### APPRENTICESHIP EVENING

PKF Francis Clark are running an Accountancy Apprenticeship Evening aimed at Year 11, 12 and 13 students who are interested in accountancy, and their parents/carers. This is a great opportunity to hear from current AAT trainees and get advice on this pathway. For more information and to book a slot, [please click here.](#)

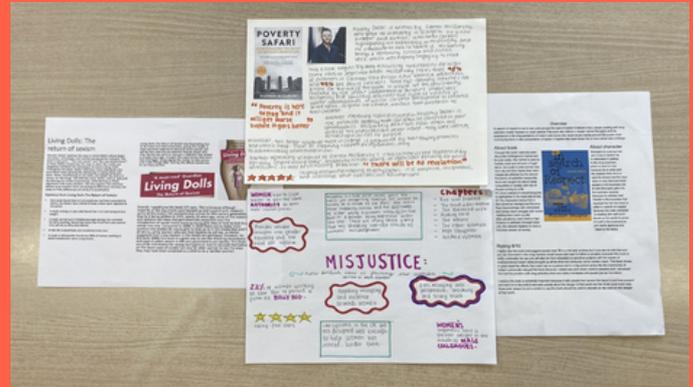
# BFS SOCIAL SCIENCE

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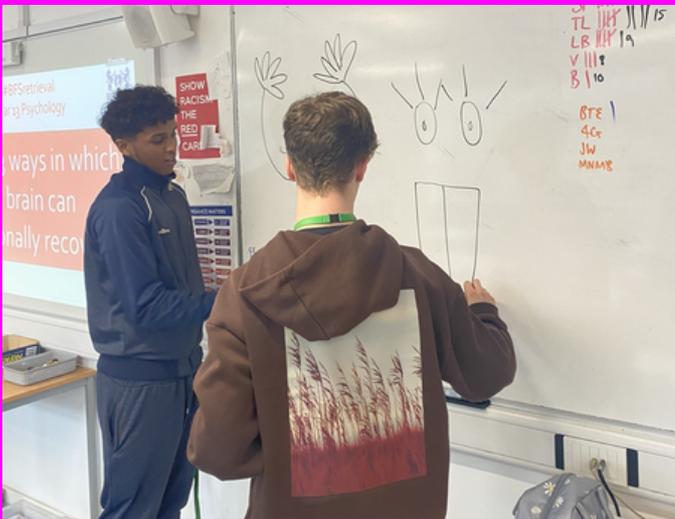
## YEAR 12 SOCIOLOGY

Year 12 Sociology have begun to learn about theories on the role of the family, as well as theories on the role of the education system. They recently completed a project where they read a book from the social sciences library, created an academic-style poster and fed these back in a seminar-style setting. They did a fantastic job!



## YEAR 13 PSYCHOLOGY

Year 13 psychologists have been securing their knowledge of the approaches in Psychology with Miss Norton, grappling with some very controversial Freudian psychology! With me, they have been getting scientific in biopsychology, investigating split brain research.



This picture demonstrates two fantastic psychologists, Darcy and Sahardid, playing teacher by demonstrating to the class what we mean by contralateral processing.

I also wanted to share a quote from a Year 13 psychologist who said something that really stuck with me: Sam takes an unusual combination of psychology with physics and maths; he said, more people should do this as physics allows me to understand everything external whilst psychology allows me to understand everything internal.

## YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY

Year 12 Psychology have done a great job getting stuck into the course. They are currently learning some of the fundamentals of research methods with Ms Norton and have started to understand why we conform and obey with me. They recently enjoyed a lesson where they went head-to-head with their peers to win tokens for their teams by challenging them at a game of buzzers.



## YEAR 13 SOCIOLOGY

Year 13 sociologists have been taking fantastically to their new topics: crime and deviance and media. They have recently started to explore the effects of globalised media on the world – does it create cultural diversity, or is it a form of cultural imperialism where American media and values are imposed on other local cultures? Whilst there aren't any pictures from their lessons, we are super proud of them in the department and can see such a positive work ethic growing in them all!

# BFS ORACY

MR HARRIS

## DARREN JONES MP: 'SPEAK LIKE YOU OWN THE ROOM'

25 students from Year 10 - 13 were treated to a "speak like you own the room" workshop by Darren Jones, Bristol North-West MP and Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury. It was a thoroughly engaging workshop: he coached us through various public speaking roles, interspersed with practical tips, videos of himself in action, and some fascinating anecdotes.



Our students were an absolute credit to the school, rounding out the afternoon with some thoughtful questions and really making the most of Darren Jones' expertise.

Mr Jones was also recruiting for the ESU Churchill Public Speaking competition – we have entered two teams for the largest public speaking contest in England and Wales and are eagerly awaiting our first fixture at the end of November! We may even see him again in the not-too-distant future on the judging panel or even for a second workshop.



## IN THE WORDS OF OUR STUDENTS:

Showing the importance of not only content, but body language, taking pauses and regulating speed

It was great to learn from someone so effective and experienced as a speaker.

We got an opportunity to understand and relate to how the people we see on screen are taught to present themselves and deal with verbal conflict and current matters, in a way that we as young people can use in our everyday lives

It was great to learn about how to deal with answering a question you don't know the answer to.

Darren Jones was a great, down to earth guy

It was very informative and wasn't just being told about what to do, you were also told how to do it.

One thing I learned from Darren Jones is that in a debate, it's very important to be calm and assertive. You've got to show your authority but be respectful throughout.

# RECENTLY IN ART...



## YEAR 7 BUG SCULPTURES



## YEAR 9 SEVEN SAINTS OF SAINT PAUL'S PORTRAITS



## A LEVEL STILL LIFE



## A LEVEL SELF PORTRAITS

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



OMAR

Last week, in House Parliament, we talked about many things. Mrs King was invited for a Q&A session where she answered our questions about topics that we had planned out in our last session. Topics included the food in the canteen, ideas for charity fundraising, the PE Kit and much more. Mr MacBlain then also joined us and talked about a few whole school events and charity events; including plans for Remembrance Day and ideas for house competitions.

## HOUSE PARLIAMENT MEETING





MRS BALLARD

## U16 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3!



The team faced a squad rotation and a new formation to approach round 3. The start was positive with Emily making a wonder strike from the edge of the penalty area, only for the goalkeeper to spill and Jas comfortably made it 1 - 0 with a tap in. Emily again dominated the forward play with another strike from outside the box but this time, the power and position were too much for their goalkeeper and it flew into the net. Complacency set in and we stepped off the gas, allowed them to get back in the game - they had two shots and two goals in the subsequent 10 minutes making it 2 - 2. With 5 minutes left before half-time, Katie came out of defence to win the ball, dribbled it forward and hit a superb shot to make it 3 - 2 going into half-time.

The second half became instantly more comfortable when Emily played a ball out from defence to find Molly, who crossed the ball cleanly for Jas to finish and make it 4 - 2. Molly then took on two players and shot to make it 5 - 2. Jas scored an excellent cross goal strike to make it 6 - 2 and Emily finished off our goals with a fantastic strike from the edge of the box that no one was getting to! The final score was 7 - 3 and the player of the match was Jas. Amazing effort from the entire team - well done.



The team of 10 travelled to RGS on Wednesday to take on RGS, OAB and Cotham. The team's first opposition was RGS. We went 3 - 0 up quite quickly with some excellent attacking play, and at half-time the score was 3 - 1. Early in the second half RGS came back at the team, but they held strong to win 5 - 3 and Ruby was voted Player of the Match.

Game two was OAB, and with a slow start, the team rejuvenated at half-time, with some excellent shooting, winning 4 - 2. Isla was voted Player of the Match. Our final game was Cotham, and on paper should have been a win, but Cotham came out with a little more grit and determination. We narrowly lost 3 - 2 but the girls gave the last 8 minutes a really good go. Lauren R was voted Player of the Match. Overall, the girls came joint 1st with RGS and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Well done to the whole team.



## YEAR 8 NETBALL FESTIVAL

