



**MRS
BALLARD**

U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

The U14 Girls Football Team faced Montpellier High School this week at Clifton College in the Bristol Schools competition. Libby opened the scoring after 5 minutes and Lexi soon added to the scoring to make it 2-0 and relax any nerves. The goals kept following and the team grew as the game progressed. The final score was 9-0, with Player of the Match being given to Rosie D. Goal scorers were Lexi (5!!!!), Jess (2), Libby (1) and Imogen (1) - well done girls!

The team have two games next week: one in the Bristol Schools Cup against Cotham, and one in the Gloucestershire Schools Competition against Oasis Brightstowe. Good luck!



KEY DATES

- Tuesday 6 February - Y13 Biology Olympiad, SEND students tenpin bowling trip.
- Wednesday 7 February - Girls Rugby Festival, Y11 Rugby Fixture vs Sir Thomas School, Y10/11 Drama and Music trip to Bristol Hippodrome (Wicked), BEP Schools of Tomorrow International Students Conference Trip Day 1, ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition
- Thursday 8 February - BEP Schools of Tomorrow International Students Conference Trip Day 2, Rugby Festival, **Y9 Option Choices due by 6pm - if any parent/carer has not received the letter with the link to the options form, please contact admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk**
- Friday 9 February - EPQ Student Presentations, BEP Schools of Tomorrow International Students Conference Trip Day 3

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS HOLIDAYS

Holidays in term time are highly discouraged and are likely to result in a penalty notice (£60 per child, per parent) or prosecution (up to £2500 and 1 or 3 months imprisonment). Please do not book holidays during term time.

WE'RE HIRING!

Please see our current vacancies below and follow the links to read full job descriptions and apply!

[Deputy Head of Maths](#)

[School Administrator](#)

[Head of Business Studies and Economics](#)

[Teacher of Chemistry](#)

[Marketing, PR and Events Manager](#)

[Teacher of Geography](#)

[Teacher of Maths](#)

OTR NATURE WORKS

Off The Record Nature Works is back at the Ranch for a nature connection day this Monday 12 February!

This project is for anyone aged 11-15 who is wanting to spend a day outdoors with a group of young people around their age. The group will be a maximum of 12 young people.

Nature can be a great tool to support our mental health, and this will be a great opportunity for young people to meet new people and connect with the natural world.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here!](#)



UPCOMING FIXTURES!

DATE	YEAR	SPORT	OPPONENT
MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY	U14 Girls	Football 	Cotham School 
MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY	Year 11 Boys	Football 	Cotham School 
TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY	U14 Festival	Hockey 	Orchard School 
TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY	Year 10 Boys	Football 	Cotham School 
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY	Year 11	Rugby 	Sir Thomas Rich's School 
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY	Year 7/8 Boys	Football 	Blaise High School 
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY	U14 Girls	Football 	Oasis Brightstowe 
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY	Any	Swim Gala 	Clifton High School 
THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY	Year 9 and 10	Football 	Blaise High School 
THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY	Year 9/10 Girls	Rugby 	Oasis Brislington 

ADDAMS FAMILY CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST!

The students and staff involved in The Addams Family production were treated to a celebratory breakfast this morning to congratulate them on all their hard work and preparation, and a successful run of shows last week. Mrs King commended the students on showing incredible ambition and doing BFS proud!





**MISS NORTON
CAREERS LEAD**



EMPLOYER TALKS

Today we welcomed Helmut Hauser who is a Professor of Robotics at the University of Bristol where he lectures and conducts research.

Helmut talked to students from Year 9 to 13 about his role at the university and the current research being done in the field of robotics. He talked through some of the problems that researchers are trying to overcome in robotics and showed some amusing videos of where robots have failed!

He also spoke in depth about the range of school subjects that have links to careers in robotics. Whilst it was expected that Maths, Physics and Computer Science are very useful in this field, he talked about the benefits of studying Design & Technology and Chemistry, as well as some more unexpected subjects including Psychology, Social sciences, Law, Ethics and Art.



UPCOMING EMPLOYER TALKS

- Friday 9 February - Automotive Apprenticeships with Dick Lovett
- Friday 23 February - Pharmacist with NHS
- Friday 1 March - Health and Social Care Careers with NHS

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS
ABLE TO PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE
FOR OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT**

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OPPORTUNITIES IN CONSTRUCTION



Building Bristol is an initiative led by Bristol City Council to boost the number of people entering the field of construction and the built environment. They are offering a range of opportunities, such as workshops, site visits, mock interviews, CV sessions and work experience.

For more information and to get involved, [please click here.](#)

YEAR 9 APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, Year 9 heard from Mariella from Bowmer and Kirkland, a construction management company, about the world of apprenticeships and the opportunities that Bowmer and Kirkland offer.

This was a great opportunity for Year 9 to understand the different post-16 options that are available to them, what the balance of work and study is like, and the range of careers in construction, such as quantity surveying, estimating, site management, and design management. It is National Apprenticeship Week next week, which is a good time for students to start thinking about the different career pathways available to them when they leave school.



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BFS HISTORY



MR RUSTON MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

BFS students did themselves proud at the Model United Nations Conference at Bristol Grammar School on Sunday 28 January. Our students took two delegations representing Uganda and Brazil and examined a host of geopolitical issues both past and present, in a range of committees.

Honing their skills in diplomacy, negotiation and debate, both teams sought to achieve resolutions to some of the world's most complex challenges. They covered issues such as the 1979 Iranian Revolution, the current conflict in the Middle East, the impact of globalisation and the pursuit of women's rights and gender equality.

Students also had to deal with a fictional emergency crisis in which, following a disputed US election in November 2024, the state of Florida attempted to cede from the USA risking a US Civil War.

Well done, Keziah, Ace, Nashanti, Lily and Amber who represented Brazil and, Will, Grace, Noah, Ellie and Emily who represented Uganda. You were all fantastic!



LET'S HEAR FROM THE STUDENTS INVOLVED...

It was a fantastic experience, I got to meet so many new people and really push myself out of my comfort zone!!

LILY
12TG5



NOAH
13TG2

It was a really fun and useful experience. I found it really interesting seeing different countries and cultures approaches to various global political issues.

We got to meet some really interesting people and discuss some really interesting topics. It greatly helped my public speaking skills, so was an extremely useful experience.

WILL
13TG2





Miss Hastings

PARENT AND CARER WELLBEING WEBINARS



Join Anna Freud's live webinars to ask expert practitioners questions and receive insights from fellow attendees. Everyone may not be free at the scheduled time, so they offer a range of on-demand webinars that can be accessed anytime!

MANAGING TEEN BEHAVIOUR

Wednesday 17 April 12:00 - 13:00



[REGISTER HERE](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN

Thursday 25 April 17:00 - 18:00



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MANAGING STRONG TEEN EMOTIONS

Tuesday 23 April 17:00 - 18:00



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ADOLESCENT SELF-HARM

Wednesday 13 March 17:00 - 18:00



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NURTURING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR TEEN

Tuesday 19 March 12:00 - 13:00



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BULLYING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Tuesday 19 March 12:00 - 13:00



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HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUNG PERSON WITH LOW MOOD

Tuesday 6 February 12:00 - 13:00



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EARLY EMERGING SCHOOL BASED AVOIDANCE

Thursday 8 February 17:00 - 18:00



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ANXIETY IN ADOLESCENCE

Tuesday 5 March 12:00 - 13:00



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MR LANGEVELDT

BFS SPORT



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



This was Year 7's first football match of the season, and they gave a great all-round performance against Cotham! Lucas scored the first goal, then two goals from Stan gave BFS a 3-0 lead. Harry R added a fourth goal, ending the game with a strong 4-0. Players of the Match were Joe (clean sheet) and Stan (2 goals)!

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

On Monday, Year 9 faced Cotham and came away with an incredible victory of 7-1! It was a football master class with the boys showing off their skills and teamwork, scoring goal after goal. Player of the Match went to Dan!



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL



On Wednesday at Oasis Brightstowe, Year 8 competed in a league match to earn a well-deserved comeback, winning 4-2!

In the first half, the team were 2-0 down as the opponents scored 2 goals through deflections, and BFS unfortunately hit the post 3 times. However, Year 8 were revived in the second half, with Jack starting off well, scoring early. Then again, they won the ball in the later half, and Lewis whipped a brilliant cross to Dexter who turned and scored with his back.

In the final play of the game, Samuel scored a header to secure the win! Player of the Match went to Dexter for his 2 goals and brilliant performance!

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

On Wednesday at Oasis Brightstowe, Year 10 completed in a league game and earned an impressive win! In the first half on a marshy, cut up pitch, BFS dominated the game, keeping Brightstowe in the shackles of their own half. We had chance after chance, but were unable to find the back of the net. After a half-time team talk, we came out even stronger! Jasper was able to create the first goal with a good cross for Mandir to tap in, making it 1-0! Unfortunately, Mandir was forced to come off early after a harsh challenge from their centre back not long after. However, soon after that, Finley took a throw in to Fred, who skillfully turned their defender and played a pass to Tom, who calmly slotted it home, making it 2-0. Player of the Match went to Tom for his goal and dominant performance!



Free information sessions



Bristol Parent Carer Forum
Shaping the Future Together

Speech & situational mutism

smalltalk

Information and support at North Bristol coffee morning

Southmead Greenway Centre
Doncaster Rd, BS10 5PY

7th March
2nd May
@9:15-10:30am

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EHCPs and Section 1 (schools)

Boyes Turner

Information and support from all services across Bristol

FEBRUARY		2024				
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Together for SEND

Information and support at South Bristol coffee morning

INNS COURT CENTRE
1 Marshall Walk
Knowle BS4 1TR

22nd Feb
21st March
@ 10:30-12:30pm

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Supporting siblings



CAPOEIRA



FREE 8 WEEKS OF SESSIONS

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian activity incorporating martial arts, dance, music, and folklore.

Often practised in a format similar to fitness classes, Capoeira is a fun activity that can help improve fitness, bring people together, and be used to overcome barriers to health and social inclusion.

This is a safe and friendly place to learn more about OTR and explore Capoeira.

Use the QR Code to sign up today.

If you have any questions, get in touch with Sas (she/her) by emailing sas@otrbristol.org.uk, or calling/text 07496946574

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4:30 – 5:30 pm

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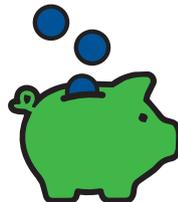
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