



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

10th July 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last few weeks we have said a proper farewell to the Year 11 cohort and a “Welcome” to our incoming Year 7 students. We are rapidly approaching the end of the academic year. It does feel like this year has flown by. Before we reach those final days I just wanted to remind everyone of some key points and then bring a few of the nice news stories from the last few weeks.

Donation of old uniform for gift/sale – Just a reminder that if you have used uniform that you will no longer need and would like to donate it to the Academy to have available to other families then we will gladly take it off your hands. We will launder and sort all items so please just bag up and deliver to Main Reception at any point and we will do the rest. Thank you in advance for any donations.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale - We are excited to launch our second hand uniform website. Using this [link](#) you can select our Academy and browse the stock available. You will find shirts, P.E kit and trousers live on the website to reserve. Once you have reserved item(s), we will arrange a time that is suitable for you to come into the Academy to view and pay for the uniform. You'll notice jumpers and blazers are not available to buy due to the changes to our uniform policy from next year. Here is the [link](#) to the 2024/2025 uniform policy.

End of Summer Term – This term ends on Tuesday 23rd July for the Summer break. Finish will be at 12:40pm with grab and go lunch available for any students to collect before they leave.



Party in the Ponds – On the 22nd June we were at ‘Party in the Ponds’ for an annual taster of the upcoming musical. As always there were some amazing performances. Elio (Wonka) had his first time performing in front of a live audience and absolutely nailed it. Thank you to everyone who was there to support it and for those who sent in complimentary messages after seeing the performances. We look forward to unveiling the entire show in December. Big

thanks to Mrs Vince, Miss Morrish and Mr Vince for getting students ready for this performance (and of course for the secret work behind the scenes to get the Chocolate Factory ready to open).



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Year 11 Leavers & Prom – On Friday 28th June we said our formal “goodbye” to Year 11. In the morning they attended the Academy for one final ‘Celebration Assembly’ celebrating all of their efforts and achievements over the last 5 years. Of course a few photos that they barely remember from their younger years made a re-appearance much to everyone’s delight! In the evening the majority of the cohort attended the Marriott Hotel in College Green for their now customary Prom. Many fantastic outfits (and some questionable

ones, Mr Price!) and fantastic modes of transportation were seen. On the dancefloor even more fantastic (and even more questionable, Mr Price!) dance moves were seen. The students behaved impeccably and it was great to see this final moment as a cohort before they start the next stage of their journey. We look forward to seeing them one final time in August for Results Day for the moment they have worked so hard for.



Cyber Defence Students – On the 28th June a group of 25 Year 9 Computing students from the Academy travelled to UWE to take part in an “Unlock Cyber Taster Day”. Over thirty schools attended. The event was organised by leading employers who provided problem-solving team challenges through the day. Students learnt how to defend their schools against cyber-attacks and how to prevent attacks from hackers. Thank you to Mr Ward, Programme Leader of Computing and our brilliant Careers Team, Miss Oatway & Mr Hayes for organising and supporting our students.



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Bristol Young Heroes 2024 – Sophie Y11 was nominated for her work on the environment over her time at BMA. Sophie was nominated by a very proud Ms Lloyd, Science Teacher and our Eco Lead. Sophie was accompanied to the awards by a supportive Lana Y11. Although Sophie didn't win we are incredibly proud of her making it through to the finals and for everything she did in her time at BMA.



PE Department Summary of the Year – Mr Hooper, Programme Leader of PE and Sport, wanted to share a summary of some of the success stories from across the year. We know that BMA has a reputation for Basketball (which is well deserved) but we embrace all sports and encourage active participation in as wide a variety as we can enable. Last week we hosted our PE Awards evening at Ninja Warrior, celebrating the sporting achievements of 100 students. It has by far been one of the most successful years within PE. Below is a snapshot of some of the achievements from the year:

Football

- U16 Girls - Bristol Champions finishing 2nd in the County
- U14 Boys - Final 64 in the Country, the most successful team in Met History

Cricket

- The U13 Boys - Bristol Champions

Basketball

- U13 Jr NBA Winners (#1 Team in the Southwest of England)
- U16 Boys National Champions and Bristol Champions
- U16 Girls National Runners Up and Bristol Champions
- U14 Girls National Semi Finalists and Bristol Champions





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Cheerleading

Level 1 - 2 National Titles

Level 2 - National Title + 1 Runners Up

DofE

BMA have completed 2 Bronze expeditions and Silver students completed a practice and final expedition. 70 students have participated this year with 175 applying for the opportunity! The highest amount of interest DofE has had!

Met Adventures

A new initiative this year which reached an unbelievable 300+ students who participated in Go Karting, Ice Skating and Rock Climbing

Golf

We had a year 9 pupil enter the Schools Golf tournament!

Best of the rest

We also had competitive teams in Bristol Schools events such as Rugby, Netball, Rounders and Dodgeball across Year 7-11 with non competitive activities such as Badminton, Fencing and Table Tennis running throughout the year.

If your child would like to get involved and take the opportunity to try something new (or return to something previously they have done) then please ask them to watch out for new opportunities in September.

Here is to a nice and sunny (he says) last two weeks of term.

Best wishes,

Cameron Shaw
Principal