

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Unfortunately the changing clocks seems to have brought rain as well as longer evenings. Fingers crossed the weather picks up across the coming days and a nicer Easter break is seen. I cannot quite believe it is the end of term already. Once again I wanted to thank our families for the patience across this term especially around the industrial action days. I appreciate it has impacted on the continuity of education for the students but also for many working parents and carers and your support has been very much appreciated. I hope that there is a resolution to the dispute in the near future and we avoid further disruption across the rest of the year. Of course I will update with any news as we receive it.

Today's letter contains mainly nice news features...

Author Visit for World Book Day – on Friday 10th March author Ben Mears visited us for the day and talked to groups of students about his work and a wider love for literacy. Students very much enjoyed the opportunity to quiz him on his career and writing. Feedback from Ben himself was that the students were exemplary.

Bristol Old Vic Work – we have been fortunate to be one of the schools involved in a piece of work with Bristol Old Vic exploring the debate around the toppling of the statue of Edward Colston. A BBC news article around the exhibition students have been involved in creating can be read here [Bristol pupils' exhibition exploring statue debate opens - BBC News](#) The exhibition can be visited for the rest of the year.



Storm Angels Cheerleading National Success – a few weekends ago two of our Cheerleading squads took part in the national finals competition. I am really proud to say that the Level 2 Squad (Tornadoes) secured 2nd Place Silver and the Level 1 Squad (Hurricanes) secured 1st Place Gold and are therefore National Champions. There were some amazing performances from both squads and BBC News featured them last week. You can [watch this footage here](#) if you didn't catch it on the day.

Wider School Sports Success – following on from the success in Cheerleading we found out this week that, for the first time in our history, we have entered the Top 100 of schools nationally (to give a reference there are just under 25,000 schools) for sport. We made it to #99. This is in recognition of success in Basketball, Cheer, Fencing, Football and additional sports offered within BMA. That places us higher than Beechen Cliff (well recognised state school for Sport) but also higher than Eton College (not that we are boasting). This reflects the huge efforts of both PE and additional staff who give up their time voluntarily (we don't have the luxury of being able to pay for additional sports coaches) to coach and run sporting clubs and I want to publicly thank those staff who give up countless hours to support the achievements of these talented young people.

Eco Club Hedge Planting – On Thursday after school last week (in the pouring rain) the eco club planted 105 trees along the perimeter fence to start creating a new wild hedge line. In time this will provide a great habitat for birds and other creatures. The trees were supplied free by the Woodland Trust. Some students filmed this and are going to submit it along with staff



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interviews to the Young People's Trust for the Environment in order to win £2000 for the school - which could go towards an outdoor classroom! Watch this space and wish them luck with the entry

With best wishes to all of the community for the upcoming break. For those observing Ramadan currently I hope you have a restful few weeks ahead. We start back on **Monday 17th April at 8:30am**. There are **NO INSET** days so all students are back at normal time on Monday 17th April.

Yours sincerely

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