

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Thursday 21st July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the final day of the academic year. In the third year of operating in the pandemic I am sure we were all starting to wonder when a full year of more “normal” education would happen. I have held off writing this final update of the year so as to not feel I was tempting fate. It is now the final hours of the year so hopefully by the time this hits your inbox we will have made the full year!

The final few updates of the year are:

Art Trail – The Art Department wanted to find other ways of ensuring that the amazing art work produced by Bristol Met GCSE students got the public showing it deserved. They negotiated with local coffee shops on Fishponds Road (Coffee #1, Grounded, The Crafty Egg and a few others) kindly agreed to let the team turn their walls into a gallery. Please do have a wander and check out some of the work. If you want to follow the art team on Instagram they are @bma_art

CLF Big Arts Festival – in a similar vein, last week saw the CLF Big Arts Festival. Art work from across all CLF schools was on display with an opportunity for staff to go and see an amazing array of work. Bristol Met contributions have been on display in the Main Street over the last week. The talent of many of our young people is simply breathtaking.

CLF Battle of the Bands – last week saw the CLF Battle of the Bands evening down at Hans Price Academy in Weston. We didn't win, but what a performance from Lola, Joe, Indy and Bow. Bow did take away the 'Bass Player of the Evening' award.

Airbus – as many will be aware, we've had a relationship with Airbus for 5 years now which has given a number of cohorts an amazing experience. Although somewhat modified due to covid it was great to see the current cohort complete their experience and graduate in the last few weeks. A particular Thank You to Miss Evans and Miss Kerlake for stepping in to pick up the programme this year and to Mr Swallow for his work across it during the pandemic.

Book Fair – last week we participated in the 'Scholastic Book Fair' which we do every year. This year we sold over £500 of heavily reduced books; our students clearly have a thirst for reading and it is great to see students stocking up for the summer.

Green Flag Award – Mrs Lloyd and the Eco Club have been busy. Not only organizing the recent Eco Day but also applying and evidencing the eco work and credentials to try and secure national recognition. I am really proud to say that we have, this week, received confirmation of the Eco Schools Green Flag Award (Merit) for this Academic Year. Like most of us, there is plenty more we think we can do to contribute to the environment but we are really pleased with our progress so far.



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And looking ahead to September already (without wishing the time away)

Start of next year – Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are INSET.

Monday 5th September:

Those who will be Year 7, Year 9 or Year 11 will attend the Academy on this day for their induction.
8:35am for Year 7 to allow them some time to find their way before any other students return.
9:25am for Year 9 and Year 11

Tuesday 6th September:

Those who will be Year 7, Year 8 or Year 10 will attend the Academy on this day for their induction.
8:35am for all 3 year groups.

Wednesday 7th September: All students to return to start normal timetables

We will send further information and reminders the week before we return.

Uniform – a reminder of the message from last letter and thank you to those who have already donated items.

We know it is that time of year where families are looking to replace uniform that has been outgrown. We would be delighted to receive any uniform that is in usable condition and is no longer needed (blazer, skirts, trousers, shifts, ties, jumpers, shoes, PE kit...anything!). We try to maintain a loan stock of uniform (which we wash and clean after every use) for any student who forgets uniform or is in need and donations make this viable. We are currently exploring setting up a second hand uniform sales system and hope to bring you further details over the coming months. The building is open every day in the Summer from 9am to 3pm and we would be happy to receive any donations into Reception if you are having a clear out. Even if Reception is not staffed please feel free to leave donations in the Reception area.

I wanted to thank all of our families again for the patience you have shown across the last few years. Despite the continued concerns around variants etc I am sure we are all hopeful that we are now entering the “living with/beyond” phase and can shift our focus further into ensuring we are providing the highest quality education for all students on a daily basis.

Until we return in September I wish all of our families a very relaxing and restful break.

Best wishes,



Mr C Shaw
Principal