



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

9th July 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe it is nearly the end of the academic year; it really has flown by. I wanted to bring a few information items to your attention.

End of Summer Term – This term ends on Tuesday 22nd July for the summer break. Finish will be at 12:40pm with grab and go lunch available for any students to collect from the main canteen before they leave.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Bristol Met has a Second-Hand Uniform Website. It has proved quite popular so far. 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.

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

Lost Property – We have quite the amount but it is all unlabeled so makes reuniting hard. Please ensure all clothing (uniform, PE kit, coats etc.) are all labelled. Anything that isn't claimed before the summer break will be either put into our loan uniform stock or donated to charity so, please do encourage students to check the tables of lost property by the main entrance in the final days of term.

Uniform Requirements – A particular message from the PE team. Our Astro Turf pitch is due for replacement in the coming months. Our current requirement is that all students have access to plastic moulded football boots for the astro turf (which is used for a variety of purposes, not just football), this is in our uniform policy and has been for several years. Once the new astro turf surface has been installed it will be compulsory to wear plastic moulded boots when using the astro to meet the manufacturer requirements and health and safety specifications. Please take a moment to read Page 6 of the Uniform Policy here [Uniform - Bristol Metropolitan Academy](#).

Learning Equipment – Students are expected to be equipped for learning. Essential equipment includes a Backpack/rucksack, 2 Black Pens, HB Pencil, Purple Pen, Pencil Case, Ruler, Rubber and a Scientific Calculator. We sell essential equipment packs via ParentPay for £1 which includes a pencil case, 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, 1 pencil, 15cm ruler and rubber. We also sell geometry packs, Scientific Calculators for £10.50 and replenish packs (Pencil, 2 black pens and a purple pen) for 30p.



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Update on Home Visit Procedures

As part of our school's safeguarding procedures, we are required to carry out home visits when a pupil has been absent from school for several days, or when no reason for the absence has been provided.

Until now, these visits have typically been conducted by your child's House team. I'm writing to let you know that, moving forward, home visits may also be carried out by other members of staff, including our school attendance team. In some cases, your child's House team will continue to be the primary visitors.

Please be assured that your child's House team and tutor remain your main points of contact for any questions or concerns.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it's important to notify us by phone and provide a clear and specific reason for their absence. Unfortunately, we are unable to record an absence simply as "unwell." If this is the only information provided, our attendance team will need to follow up to clarify the reason.

Meet Michelle for a walk and talk – She is focusing on women's safety, and this could be a nice chance for families to get to know our PCSO (Michelle).

Walk and talk.

Join Sophie, Michelle and Lucy from Fishponds Neighbourhood Policing team for a community walk and talk event focused on women's safety. Talk openly with local female officers and discuss any worries or concerns in your local area. You are welcome to bring along any family, friends, or colleagues.

When:

Thursday 24th July 2025, 18:00 to 19:00

Where:

Eastville Park
Fishponds Road
Eastville
BSS 6XA



Michelle Bryant

PCSO

School Link Officer for:

Bristol Brunel Academy, Bristol MET, Collegiate School, St Matthias Academy

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/eastville/events/event-details/153576/13152/>

The library has an Instagram account! bma library - Please follow to find out what's happening in the library, events, new books and more! Reminder that I'd love to receive any books that students are no longer reading. Please leave in reception with the student's name so that I can give them a PROUD postcard as a thank you for sharing their pre-loved books.

Aspens 5-star food hygiene – Aspens our catering company has just had a visit from the Council and got 5 stars food hygiene rating.



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Message from the Safeguarding Team: Online Safety A Guide for Parents from Ofcom

As the UK's online safety regulator, Ofcom has introduced new rules to make the internet safer for children. These protections apply to websites, apps, games, and social media platforms that children use regularly. These new rules come into effect on 25th July 2025.

What's Changing?

Ofcom's new rules require tech companies to:

- **Use strong age checks** to stop children from accessing harmful content like pornography, self-harm, or eating disorder material.
- **Filter harmful content** from children's feeds by adjusting recommendation algorithms.
- **Act quickly** to remove harmful or illegal content when it's reported.
- **Give children more control**, such as the ability to block users, mute accounts, decline group chat invites, and turn off comments on their posts.

These changes aim to reduce exposure to harmful material, including bullying, violent or hateful content, and dangerous online challenges.

Digital Parenting Tips

Here are some simple ways you can support your child's online safety at home:

- **Talk regularly** about their online experiences—what they enjoy and what worries them.
- **Set boundaries** around screen time and device use, especially at night.
- **Use parental controls** on devices, apps, and broadband to filter content.
- **Explore apps and games together** to understand what your child is using.
- **Encourage critical thinking**—teach them to question what they see online.
- **Stay informed** about the latest trends, apps, and risks.

Explore Ofcom's full guide and resources for parents at: www.ofcom.org.uk/parents. Let's work together to ensure our children can enjoy the internet safely and confidently.

Thank you to all our families and community for the continued support over the last year. I hope all of our families have some good opportunities to rest and recharge over the summer. We return to the Academy on Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September as per the details below:

Wednesday 3rd September – Year 7 and Year 11 only from 8:30am for induction.

Thursday 4th September – ALL year groups from 8:30am for the start of the academic year.

Again, thank you for your continued support, this academic year has been amazing, looking forward to the next.

Yours sincerely



Kris Bridgeman
Principal

