

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Firstly, I would like to commend Year 11 and Year 13 for their maturity, hard work and engagement in their final assessments.

Thank you to everyone involved in last night's Year 8 Parents' Evening. As always it was an extremely well attended event with lots of positive feedback.

I would like to alert all parents and carers of an **additional inset day on Monday 7 June** for moderation as outlined in my letter today.

As we move cautiously out of lockdown I would like to thank everyone for their support. We have now received our new supply of lateral flow test kits which have been distributed today to those students and families who are testing at home. As per my letter, we will be following all Government guidelines and we will continue to maintain strict cleanliness regimes in school.

Thank you to Mr Robinson for organising the exciting Table Football House Tournament this week. It is a joy to see so many students participating in House events and I look forward to the final results.

On Wednesday 12 May it was International Nursing Day so on behalf of St Gregory's I would like to say thank you to all nurses. Every day should be International Nursing Day, they do such an amazing, selfless job and to all the parents and carers who are nurses and carers, we thank you.

Happy Eid to all the Muslim people in our community who have now finished Ramadan and celebrated Eid this week.

I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Ms Cusack, Headmistress

Dates for Your Diary

Fri 28 May	End of Term 5
Mon 7 Jun	INSET Day—SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL
Tue 8 Jun	Term 6 begins for students
Thu 17 Jun	Y7 Virtual Parents' Evening
Thu 24 Jun	Y5 Open Afternoon—4-5.30 pm
Wed 30 Jun	Y6 Parents' Evening
Thu 1 Jul	Y6 Transition Day
Wed 21 Jul	End of Term 6

Next week: Week B



During this uncertain time, prayer is more important than ever.

All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all that work and learn in them.

Please try to spend some time, each week, thinking and praying for the schools.

This week we pray for:



St Peter's Catholic High School, Gloucester



The Rosary school, Stroud



St Rose's School, Stroud

Holy Spirit, be with the children of these schools we pray for this week.

Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge and strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to their community.

May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well.

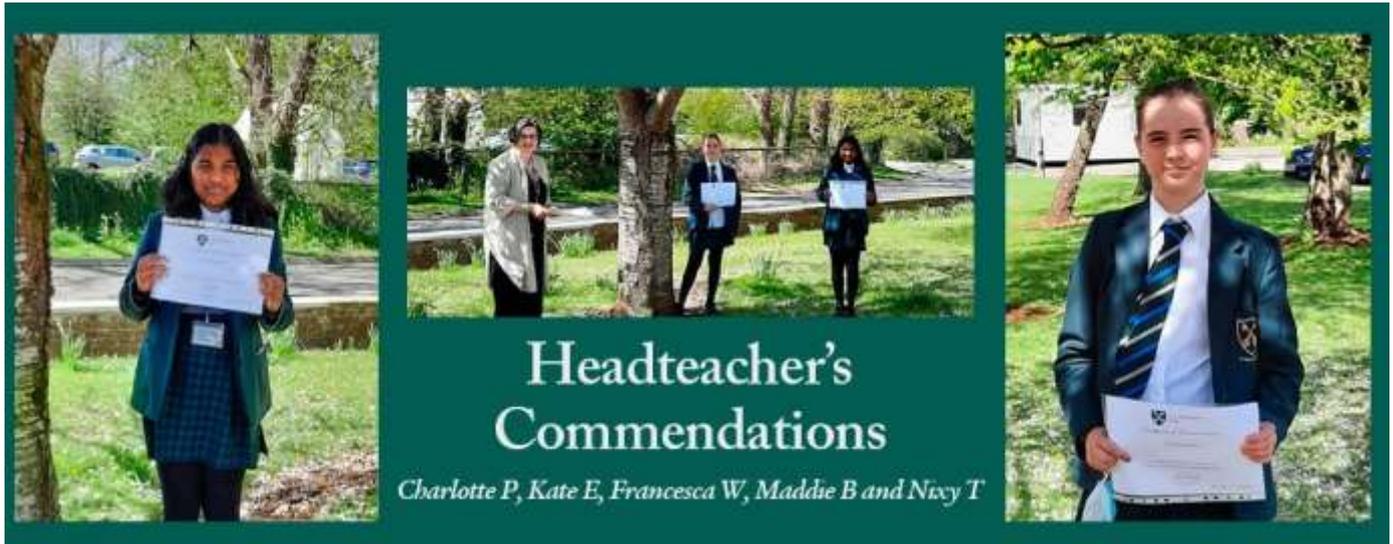
Amen

Bicycle Security event this weekend

There is a bicycle security marking event taking place at Bloomfield Park (off Bear Flat) on Saturday 15 May.

This will start at 2pm. There will be a mobile police station vehicle present.





Earlier this week Ms Cusack presented a number of students with Headteacher's Commendations in recognition of their contribution to our parish communities, and in Anlyn's case being a heroic friend. Charlotte P, Kate E, Francesca W, Maddie B and Nixy T have stepped up in their parish during the pandemic to fill ministry gaps left by those unable to attend, and have thrived with the responsibility. Anlyn was at hand to help when a friend fell out of a tree. Her quick thinking and calm approach showed true courage. A huge congratulations to all these students who have displayed such positive and commendable characteristics.

Connecting with Nicaragua via Zoom - Fairtrade

On Tuesday several KS3 classes were able to connect with a Nicaraguan Coffee Farmer, thanks to the wonders of Zoom and Bath University. Students were able to listen to a presentation from Erika, a 39 year old single mother of four who runs her own smallholding with her family. This was followed by a question and answer session through a translator. They learnt all about her life as a coffee producer and member of a group of women farmers who support one another and receive fair prices for their hard toil. Her smallholding has a little over two hectares of coffee, as well as growing other fruit and veg.



She shared how being a member of a Fairtrade sponsored cooperative like this has seen many benefits and achievements for her life, the most significant having been the improvements to her home. She has been able to have a new roof installed and she also has a toilet inside the house rather than the old outdoor one which was not safe for her and her daughter. Erika used to have a small house and a very small income; the change to the present day shows the progress she has made since she became a member and has been able to increase her family income thanks to the fact that her coffee is certified and marketed through Fairtrade.

Erika is an entrepreneur and a leader in her cooperative. She currently works on the gender committee in the grassroots Arlen Siu cooperative, where she has been trained in areas including environment, production, gender equality and human rights. Her children have also benefited from scholarships and the distribution of school equipment, which has allowed them to finish secondary school and graduate.

Hopefully, hearing first hand the benefits of buying Fairtrade products over others has given our young people a greater understanding of the bigger picture of trade and the food industry.

Summer Extra-curricular Clubs 2021	Terms 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15pm		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week B 17.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 24.05.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
HALF TERM				
Week A 07.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 14.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 21.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week B 28.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Athletics
		Year 7 & 8 Cricket	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Tennis
Week A 05.07.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket
Week A 12.07.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 & 8 Athletics	Year 7 Rounders	Year 9 & 10 Rounders
		Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Year 9 Basketball	Year 9 & 10 Cricket

All sports clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm. You must book a place on School Cloud to attend (this is the same as the Parents' Evening booking system) <https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Summer Sports Clubs
 – sign up on School Gateway (on the school website)



- **Year 7 – Football, Rounders, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics**
- **Year 8 - Rounders, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics**
- **Year 9 – Basketball, Rounders, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics**
- **Year 10 - Rounders, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics**



doodlemaths
Doodle Star Champions of the week:

Year 7:	Corey DW (214 stars)	Loula J (168 stars)
	Carla B (206 stars)	Taylor S (212 stars)
Year 8:	Max B (200 stars)	
	Henry D (183 stars)	
Year 9	Cally B-G (162 stars)	

Congratulations to these students for completing so many doodle stars this week. Well done!

THE LANGUAGES CORNER

French:

Je ne crois pas que ce soit le cas = I don't believe that's the case

Mandarin:

万事开头难。 (Wànshì kāitóu nán. 'everything start difficult') — All things are difficult at the start. ...

German:

Some more "false friends" in German
fast = almost
e.g. Ich bin fast fertig. I am almost finished.
schnell = fast, quickly
e.g. Ich kann schnell laufen. I can run quickly.

Spanish:

Es aguafiestas - He/she is a party pooper (literally he/she is a water party)

Nut Allergies



Please be aware that we have students and staff with serious nut allergies. We would therefore ask that you do not include nuts in packed lunches and snacks, eg chocolate and cereal bars.

Interested in Music lessons?



We have a fantastic team of peripatetic music teachers and offer lessons during the school day.

If you are interested in learning an instrument, please email:

music@bathnes.gov.uk

READERS WANTED!



BathNES Library Team are looking for readers to join their book groups! They have three monthly library book groups for all ages.

Chatter Books – for readers aged 7-11. This book group reads around a theme each month and then does activities to match. Meets last Monday of the Month, 4-5pm.

Book a free space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143783651773>

Book Dragons – for readers aged 12-16. They encourage readers to read from their suggested fiction list and discuss what they've read. They are happy for readers to choose something else in an alternate format and discuss this as part of the group. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the Month, 5-6pm.

Book a free space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/144021266485>

YA Reads – for readers aged 16-25. A more traditional format of book group – but with an informal feel. They discuss the book(s) they've read. They are excited about the YA genre and associated media. The group meets monthly on a Wednesday from 6-7pm

Book a free space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/144031625469>

All groups happen monthly and are free to attend. They would prefer that everyone was a member of the library, but it is not essential. Books from home, school, ebooks, audiobooks and library books all count as part of a monthly read. Children are invited to read as much as they feel comfortable and able to do. Confident readers may wish to read more than one book. They do not mind if readers don't like a book or cannot finish a book; their groups are more about enjoyment and learning to discuss books, than who can read the most. They welcome all readers and will do their very best to make groups inclusive and welcoming.

Join the library online here: www.librarieswest.org.uk/join

Due to Covid restrictions, sessions are currently running online via Zoom. For both Chatter Books and Book Dragons, parents/carers do need to be visible on camera throughout the session. Once signed up for a free place, Zoom login details will be emailed to the parent/guardian.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the BathNES Library Team:

For Chatter Books & Book Dragons contact: Chatter_BooksBath@BATHNES.GOV.UK

For YA Reads contact: YA_Reads@bathnes.gov.uk

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends a LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registering could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil.

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190

Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone.



Dear Students, here is this week's instalment of a Slice of Science. During wartime science research is often used to develop weapons but some useful every day innovations have come out of research during war times, this article explores them. The practical looks at a compound called Limonene in lemons with some things you can try at home (the practical fun starts at 2.44 in).

- Article of the week - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-26935867>



- Practical of the Week - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yB0dby3nzk>



Bronze DofE Award - Year 9

Thank you to all who signed up to take part in the DofE Award.

Next steps:

1. Please make online payment.
2. Your child will be signed up to eDofE and attend an online log in session in school.
3. Watch the Loom video (the link will be emailed to you) which will explain how to support your child on completing their DofE Award.
4. Begin to talk with your child about the physical, skill and volunteering activity they will be choosing.

Ms McCarthy, DofE Coordinator

Locker key recall notice

Letters have been sent to every Year 11 student who had been allocated a locker asking for all keys to be returned.



All students with a locker numbered between 1 and 168 (Pupil Reception) are also requested to hand in all keys by 21 July 2021.

Please place keys in an envelope with your name and locker number and put in the box in main reception.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Wright, Finance Assistant

Year 11 and 13 Lunch Cards

Please remember to use up balances on your catering accounts.

If you are returning to The New Sixth in September you will be able to continue using your current card and any balance will carry over to September.

Mrs Millard, Kitchen Manager

Poetry in Year 9

This term in Year 9 we have been reading poems that makes us think and feel. Students have had a go at writing their own poetry with this theme in mind. This is Ophelia H from 9Y's beautiful poem about what's really important in life.

A World of Moments

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| 1. A world of opportunities
A world of chances and challenges
A world of moments | 2. Day after day
I learn to read and write
To solve equations
I'm told it'll help me live |
| 3. But how do you live
If you're sat in a room
Day after day | 4. Out in the world
I hear people speak
About the injustice we're facing
About Charlie Mackesy
And Captain Tom
About the frontline workers |
| 5. Only out in the world
Do I hear people speak
Of sexism
And racism
And how the new boutique
Employs children of eleven
To make things cheap | 6. Only out in the world do I understand
That a dress isn't a yes
And that no matter what colour we possess
We're all different and yet the same |
| 7. Only listening to my peers
Do I fully understand
It's ok to not be ok
But depression isn't a choice
And anxiety isn't to be scared | 8. Only by seeing the world I live in
Do I realise
How messed up it really is
I shouldn't have to hear people say
There's no Planet B so stop treating this
Like a Planet A |
| 9. But then I'm back where I started
With the heroes of today
Charlie Mackesy
Captain Tom
The Teachers and
Keyworkers | 10. You've given me
The light
The hope
I had just years ago |
| 11. So Thank You
Thank You for the opportunities
The chances and challenges
The world of moments | 12. But I don't need a classroom to live
I need to be shown the world for what it truly is
The colours
The darkness
The sun
And the rain |
| 13. The world of opportunities
The world of moments
Is what remains | |

SCOPAY ISSUES

Our online payment system provider is currently experiencing an issue with the SCOPAY app being used on Apple devices such as iPhones.

Their development team is investigating the issue and will be in contact as soon as the problem has been resolved.

In the meantime they are advising users to make payments via the SCOPAY website www.scopay.com



Your Online Mental Wellbeing Community

Kooth.com is a free, safe and anonymous wellbeing support and advice site for young people aged between 11 – 18 years in B&NES.

It is accessible from any internet enabled device.

A big Thank You!



ELECTRIFIED LINES ARE

ALWAYS ON.

SO ALWAYS STAY OFF.



Little Princess Trust

COVID 19 Vaccine Reserve List

The vaccination rollout in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire so far has gone better than anyone could have expected, with more than half a million vaccines having already been given over the last few months.

There may still be occasions when vaccination sites have a small surplus of vaccines near the end of each day, often because of people not attending their booked appointments earlier in the day.

To maximise every opportunity to use all the vaccines before they expire, we are asking people in certain groups to come forward if they would like to be placed on a list of individuals who could be contacted to be offered a vaccine at short notice.

These groups include:

- Emergency services (police and fire) – those coming into contact with members of the public
- Education and nurseries – those in direct contact with students / children.
- Supermarket workers – those in contact with the public within the shop environment
- Skilled traders (e.g., gas, plumbing and heating engineers) – those going into people’s homes to ensure essential services are provided
- Factory workers – those working on manufacturing lines

Additionally to the priority work groups, people coming forward will be prioritised in order of their age, oldest first.

If you have already booked an appointment for a vaccine, or have had a first dose, this opportunity is not open to you – please keep your existing appointment.

As with all vaccine appointments, there is no opportunity to select which vaccine you are offered and if you have concerns regarding allergies you should wait for a discussion with your GP practice.

This is no guarantee you will be offered a vaccine through this list and you should still make an appointment when you are able to do so via the normal routes.

In order to collate the reserve list, we are asking interested and eligible people in line with the above criteria to complete the form which will open at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Rapid test kits for all

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Asymptomatic test kits are now available from the following sites in Bath and North East Somerset:

- The Apex Hotel, Bath
- The Masonic Hall, Keynsham
- The Centurion Hotel, Midsomer Norton
(Monday to Saturday, 7am-7pm)
- Carpenter House, Bath
(Monday to Sunday, 2:30-8pm*)

Let's stay on track

*Times may vary, please check listed details: <https://nhs.uk/rapid-test-and-trace-nhs.uk/>

LFT COVID Testing

Please remember the importance of continuing to LFT COVID test twice a week to help protect our school community as much as possible. New test kits have been issued to students today.





Parent Champions
Bath & NE Somerset



SEND Partnership Service

Signposting
Special Needs Support
Local Services Inclusion
Childcare Disabilities
Impartial Information

Take a well-earned coffee break with SEND Partnership Service Parent Champions for information about what support is available from SEND Partnership Service and other local services that may be relevant to you

Meet us on Zoom
(no account required, just contact us to request a place, copy the link we'll send you into a web browser to join, please join at the beginning to get the most out of the session)

Tuesday 27th April 2021, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 10th May 2021, 10-11am
Monday 24th May 2021, 10-11am
Tuesday 15th June 2021, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 28th June 2021, 10-11am
Monday 12th July 2021, 10-11 am

Contact SEND Partnership Service:
Email: send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk
Phone: 01225 394382

Bath & North East Somerset Council



Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

Improving People's Lives

Music Groups are Back Up and Running!



- ◆ Monday 1.30pm: Wind band (Y7,9,11 & 6th Form)
- ◆ Tuesday 10.05am: Wind band (Y8+10)
- ◆ Tuesday 1.30pm: Y7 choir (Inc. Rewrite the Stars Big Numbers)
- ◆ Tuesday 3.00pm-4.00pm: Y8-13 Choir Hall (Inc. Rewrite the Stars Big Numbers)
- ◆ Wednesday 1.30pm: Orchestra + String Group (7,9,11, 6th form)
- ◆ Thursday 10.05am: Y8+10 orchestra (week A) and Y8+10 flute group (week B)
- ◆ Thursday 1.30pm: Band Jam (WA + B) and Flute Group week B
- ◆ Friday 1.30pm Brass Group (7,9,11, 6th Form)




Join the Super 1s

Free cricket sessions!

Challenge yourself!
All disabilities welcome | Ages 12-25

Every Wednesday at 6pm - 7pm
Hampset Cricket Club, Bloomfield Rise, Bath, BA2 2BL
For more information and to book, please contact Steve Gass:
steve.gass@somersetcricketboard.org
or visit www.lordstaverners.org



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ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

- isolating and not being able to see your friends
- missing more lessons and falling behind with your studies
- financial pressures on your family if you all have to isolate

WE CAN HELP. Speak to:

www.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus | Kooth.com — sign up to support your mental health and wellbeing.

Regular testing saves lives. Let's Keep Going.

ASD Support Service

Courses for Parents 2020-21

Date and time	Course	Leader	Description
April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 12.30 – 2.30pm	CYGNET Core	Paul Ford	CYGNET Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children aged 4 - 18
April 29th 9.30am -12.30pm	CYGNET Siblings	Laura Chard	Supporting parents to understand autism and siblings to build confidence for a positive family life
May 6th, 13th, 20th & 10th June 1.00pm - 3.30pm	SPACE	Hannah Hobbs	SPACE Programme: Supporting Parents of Autistic Children in the Early Years
May 20th 9.15—12.15pm	Understanding Sensory Behaviour and the causes	Jo Thorn	Looking at the basics of sensory processing, learning about the different sensory systems alongside sensory behaviours and various strategies and resources to support in the
June 10th 6.00pm - 8.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for younger children	Hannah Hobbs and Hayley Brimble	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support younger children in their home environment
June 25th 9.00am - noon	Understanding Girls	Sarah Keelty	Supporting parents to understand how to support girls on the autism spectrum
June 30th 9.30am - 11.30am	Social Scripts	Paul Ford	Exploring how social scripts can be used to reduce anxiety surrounding new situations and experiences
July 1st 3.30pm - 5.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for Teenagers	Conrad Hein Hartmann and Carol Jones	Understanding how ASD strategies can be implemented to support teenagers in their home environment

To further information or to book onto any of these courses,
please contact: asdss@fossewayschool.com



ASD Support Service



Telephone helpline

01761 412198 Ext 2

Every Wednesday 9am—12noon