

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

I hope everyone had a restful half term. It is lovely to see our students back at school, enjoying lessons and taking part in the extra-curricular activities we are now able to offer. We have made numerous plans for events this term and I would urge all parents, carers and students to check the calendar as all planned events are dependent on the easing of restrictions on 21 June. As we all know, there will be an announcement on Monday and this may affect some of our planning. We will do our best to ensure we provide the best we can offer.

I would like to thank Mr Robinson for organising retreats for Year 7, 8 and 9. They will be taking place over the next few weeks. The theme for the retreats is 'Dare to Dream'. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together to engage and reflect on their faith and journey so far.

We have all weathered the COVID storm but each of our experiences have been different. We have drawn together in our core purpose to support all of the young people in our care and I am incredibly proud of the effort, commitment and work that everyone has done over the past year, and continue to do.

We are now able to look forward and are planning accordingly for September. Our new Reading Room will be open, ready for September. Reading is incredibly important for everyone and I would encourage you to support your child in their reading and love of literature at any age.

I would like to thank Mrs Auburn and her Food Technology students for the care and attention they are lavishing on our vegetable gardens. It is so exciting to see all their hard work starting to grow and I am looking forward to sampling their produce.

I am delighted to join Mrs Staves in congratulating our new Senior Leaders Team and I am looking forward to working with them over the next year. Their attitude and ideas are inspirational and will help us to progress with our COVID recovery.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Cusack, Headmistress

Dates for Your Diary

Please note: All events are dependant on COVID restrictions

Thu 17 Jun	Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening
Thu 24 Jun	Year 5 Open Afternoon—4-5.30pm
Wed 30 Jun	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thu 1 Jul	Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 16 Jul	Year 11 Prom
Sat 17 Jul	Year 13 Prom
Mon 19 Jul	Prize-giving
Wed 21 Jul	End of Term 6—students leave at 1.30pm

Next Week: A

Senior Team



We are delighted to announce that we have appointed our student senior team for 2021-22. Places on the team were hotly contested and students had to submit a letter of application and attend an interview before decisions were made. I am incredibly excited to see the impact these young people will have on our school community over the next year; they are exceptional young leaders and I know that they will enrich both the sixth form and wider school community immeasurably.

Co-chair: Jack C and Emily S
 Vice Chairs: Mindy C and Maeve P
 Well being reps: Nancy A and Nicole T
 Academic reps: Mindy C, Maeve P and Sophie H
 Pastoral reps: Kyla B and Matt O
 Sixth Form reps: Sam B and Mali F
 Enrichment rep: Bea W

Mrs Staves, Head of Sixth Form

Library Books Amnesty



Please return all outstanding library books as soon as possible. We currently have 286 overdue books outstanding. There is a box provided in Reception for returns. **If you return outstanding books NOW any overdue fines will be waved.**



(Mount Recyclemore by Joe Rush)

Today, the G7 Summit begins, gathering the leaders of seven of the most economically powerful countries in the world. These senior figures who we have elected to be the voice for enacting justice, equality and fair governance will undoubtedly be discussing the way forward out of the Covid-19 pandemic; how we can be stronger for our own countries as well as those less economically or politically stable, how we can ensure vaccines reach those unable to pay but still retain the right to life. Also likely to be discussed in any roadmap forward is the opportunity now granted us once more to increase sustainability and, through collaboration, look after our planet.

The incentive has begun already for pushing the climate and green agenda more and how much we need to challenge a change of mindset, after our own Prime Minister chose to fly to Cornwall from London. Instead of flying by private jet, Mr Johnson could quite easily have made the journey by train. It would have taken him a couple of hours longer but cut his greenhouse gas emissions by five times. Much will be made at this G7 summit and the COP 26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November about targets by certain years and how it will be just as much about personal responsibility/engagement as government mandates. Is it not helpful to lead by example?

Above you can see this visually stunning and powerful sculpture entitled 'Mount Recyclemore' by the sculptor

Joe Rush based on the famous Mount Rushmore. His creation aims to highlight the sheer volume of electronic devices which go into landfill but either have lots of shelf life left in them or can be recycled as easily as thrown into landfill sites. The artwork has been created using discarded scrap metal, phones, circuit boards, computers and more. The company, Music Magpie, which recycles old electronics and sells them on, commissioned Joe to create this sculpture as a way of getting across the message. Joe says "It needs to be repairable or made to last longer because the stuff is going into landfill...The key message is 'talk to each other' and let's sort this mess out,". Joe has erected his creation in a prominent position across from the Carbis Bay Hotel where the G7 leaders are being hosted.

Electronic waste often contains dangerous chemicals that can become environmental hazards when incinerated or dumped in a landfill. The United Nations and International Telecommunication Union estimate that 53.6 million metric tons of e-waste were produced in 2019, an all-time high. Four of the G-7 nations — the United States, Japan, Germany and Britain — rank as the top producers of electronic waste, say Music Magpie.

Use your voice to send a message to our own Prime Minister about how important these issues are to you. CAFOD have a petition currently - <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>. In the words of the now famous climate activist, Greta Thunberg, "No one is too small to make a difference."



Summer Extra-curricular Sports Clubs 2021	Term 6	3.15 - 4.15pm
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Week	Day	Day	Day	Day
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week B 07.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Rounders		Year 9 Rounders
	Year 8 Football	Year 7 Cricket	Year 9 Basket- ball	Year 9 Cricket
		Year 8 Rounders		Year 10 Rounders
		Year 8 Cricket		Year 10 Cricket

Week A 14.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Athletics		Year 9 Athletics
	Year 8 Football	Year 7 Tennis	Year 9 Basket- ball	Year 9 Tennis
		Year 8 Athletics		Year 10 Athletics
		Year 8 Tennis		Year 10 Tennis

Week B 21.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Rounders		Year 9 Rounders
	Year 8 Football	Year 7 Cricket	Year 9 Basket- ball	Year 9 Cricket
		Year 8 Rounders		Year 10 Rounders
		Year 8 Cricket		Year 10 Cricket

Week A 28.06.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Athletics		Year 9 Athletics
	Year 8 Football	Year 7 Tennis	Year 9 Basket- ball	Year 9 Tennis
		Year 8 Athletics		Year 10 Athletics
		Year 8 Tennis		Year 10 Tennis

Week A 05.07.21	Year 7 Football	Year 7 Rounders		Year 9 Rounders
	Year 8 Football	Year 7 Cricket	Year 9 Basket- ball	Year 9 Cricket
		Year 8 Rounders		Year 10 Rounders
		Year 8 Cricket		Year 10 Cricket



Year 7 Drama Club Rehearsals are on Monday 14 June and Wednesday 16 June in the Drama Studio at 15:00 - 16:15.



8E Guess the Sweets Challenge

•8E are holding a Guess the Weight of the Sweets Challenge to raise money for the Ben Saunders Foundation.

•Your chance to win a jar of sweets. All you need to do is guess the correct weight of the sweets in the jar.

•50p per guess or 3 for £1.

•8E will come around during tutor time on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 June to take guesses and collect money.



Willow Parent Support Group ~ Child Criminal Exploitation



A supportive space for parents and carers affected by child criminal exploitation

A space for parents and carers whose children have been in any way affected by criminal exploitation and County Lines.

We know from parents and carers that when their children are impacted by criminal exploitation, this can be incredibly isolating and it can be difficult to talk about with friends and family. The aim of this group is to provide a space for peer support and learning.

There will also be regular guest speakers from different services attending the group which will give the chance to learn more about issues relating to exploitation, what support is available and what is being done to tackle it.

This is a new group and the aim is for parents and carers to be able to help shape it into a space that is helpful and supportive for them.

The last Monday of every month (or the week before if this falls on a Bank Holiday). Groups are held 5.30pm – 7pm at Bath Children & Family Centre, 12 Charlotte St, Bath BA1 2NE. The dates for 2021 are 24 May, 28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September, 25 October, 29 November. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Ben Harrington

E: ben_harrington@bathnes.gov.uk

T: 01225 395200

Numbers are limited at present due to social distancing measures so please confirm in advance if you will be attending.

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.



Dear Students, here is this week's instalment of a Slice of Science. This week's article talks about the new dinosaur found in Australia. The practical shows you how to make dyes from vegetables - this is an area of science that has been known since the early ages. The Science Team

Article of the week - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-57394830>



Practical of the Week - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fImpanUPiS8>

Water Bottles



Now that the weather is getting warmer please remember to bring in a named water bottle (for water only) which can be refilled in the Bistro area or by the Snack Shack at appropriate times. **NB:** You may also like to think of this if you have a long journey home.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING GLASS BOTTLES INTO SCHOOL FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS

ASD Support Service Courses for Parents 2020-21

Date and time	Course	Leader
June 25th 9.00am - noon	Understanding Girls	Sarah Keely
June 30th 9.30am - 11.30am	Social Scripts	Paul Ford
July 1st 3.30pm - 5.30pm	ASD Strategies in the Home for Teenagers	Conrad Hein Hartmann and Carol Jones

To further information or to book onto any of these courses,
please contact: asds@fosseway.school



ASD Support Service



Telephone helpline

01761 432198 Ext 2
Every Wednesday 9am-12noon

A member of the team will always be available to provide support to professionals, parents, carers and families.

Lost Property

Unnamed lost property, including a large number of coats, is on display in the Bistro now. Please ask your child to check if any items belong to them.

Reception



THE LANGUAGES CORNER

French:

Expressing an opinion with a difference :

On m'a dit que + verb(inf) + noun **est mieux que** + verb

(inf) + noun **parce que.....**
I have heard that doing sport is better than playing on my console because ...

On m'a dit que faire du sport **est mieux que** jouer sur ma console **parce que..**

Mandarin:

脚踏实地 (jiǎo tà shí dì)

“现在我们要继续脚踏实地” (xiànzài wǒmen yào jìxù jiǎotàshídì)

“Right now we need to continue staying grounded

German:

Wie ich schon gesagt habe... = As I have already said...

e.g.
Wie ich schon gesagt habe, war der Film fantastisch.

As I have already said, the film was fantastic.

Spanish:

Me da la espalda – He turns his back on me – as in is not a good friend

Year 10 German — After school study sessions are running every Wednesday in B1 from 3.10pm - 4.00pm

Frau Hawthorne

MEP Year 9 Writing test will take place on Monday 21 June 2021 (Week B).

Music Groups



- 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)

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 who work and learn in them.

This week we pray for:

St Catherine's,
Chipping Campden

St Thomas More,
Cheltenham

St Gregory's,
Cheltenham

St Peter's Primary,
Gloucester

Holy Spirit,
be with the students 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

Rapid test kits for all

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 latest details: <https://maps.sed-and-track.nhs.uk/>



Parent Champions
Bath & NE Somerset

SEND Partnership Service

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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

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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

Visit our
Virtual Open Event
online at
www.st-gregorys.org.uk

Register your interest for our
Open Afternoon on Thursday 24 June

<https://admissions.st-gregorys.org.uk/>

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NHS
HM Government Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES

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