

Newsletter

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A weekly newsletter for Parents, Carers, Students, Governors and Staff

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Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

"Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God's hands for he will take care of you." This quote from Saint John Baptise de la Salle is a pertinent reminder of the power of God's love, especially as Anti-Bullying Week comes to a close and also as we have experienced links with our Lasallian district this week.

On Monday we were delighted to welcome the Director of Formation of Lasallian schools, Mr Pat Walsh, and Br Tom Walsh, a Lasallian brother, to St Gregory's. We were the first stop on their tour of Lasallian schools and associate schools in the UK and they were absolutely delighted by all aspects of our community. At the end of their morning touring the school, meeting students and teachers, observing lessons and spending time in the staffroom, they sat down and said, "Mrs George, you have a fabulous school!" Of course, I was incredibly proud to hear this but I did explain, "It is not my school; it's **our** school", and it truly is. We all make up our special community and we know organisation 'Elevate' who got them reflecting on revision all for showcasing what a St Gregory's education is like - to the ideas presented to them. academically, personally and spiritually.

Form groups have taken on leadership roles this week by form this week, although modified at times due to delivering an important Anti-Bullying assembly with the inclement weather, and congratulations to all who theme: Make Some Noise About Bullying. We are a 'telling' competed for their House and to the PE team for providing school' and it is important for students to know that there opportunities for a bit of healthy competition. Results: Year are always trusted adults here to listen if things are not 10 - Tug of War: 1st Romero, 2nd Bakhita, 3rd Francis, right or if bullying occurs. The other key message is that 4th Stein. Year 9 Netball: 1st Romero, 2nd Stein, 3rd Francis every week is Anti-Bullying Week at St Gregory's; we have and 4th Bakhita. Year 9 Rugby: 1st Stein, 2nd Francis, high expectations when it comes to building relationships, 3rd Bakhita and 4th Romero. Year 8 Netball: 1st Francis, treating everyone with respect and dignity and always 2nd Romero, Joint 3rd Bakhita and Stein. Year 8 Rugby: resorting to kindness and compassion, rather than 1st Bakhita, Joint 2nd Romero and Stein, 3rd Francis. Year 7 meanness or violence.

a former police officer who spoke to Years 8-13 about child in all you do so that you are rewarded well and make a exploitation, drugs and county lines, keeping safe online difference to your House! and where to get help if needed. This was an important session so that all of our young people know how to remain I will leave you with another quote from Saint John de la expertise and insight into keeping safe online.

Year 11 benefitted from bespoke workshops from the

Dates for Your Diary

Tue 14 Nov	Y8 MEP afterschool session cancelled
Tue 21 Nov	Y9 & Y11 individual photos; Y11 & Y13 group photos Y8 MEP afterschool session cancelled
Thu 23 Nov	Y9 MEP afterschool session cancelled
Mon 27 Nov	Y11 mock exams begin
Tue 5 Dec	Parent Prayer 8am in the school Chapel
Wed 6 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu 7 Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm

that everyone lives out our core principles and Lasallian and study habits just ahead of their mock exams. Thanks to principles daily. However, it is also wonderful to hear this Mr Boutland Smith, Mr Leaman and Miss Hollywood for being endorsed by external visitors, so congratulations to facilitating this session and to Year 11 for being so receptive

House Rugby and Netball competitions went ahead in some will have their opportunity to shine next week and we wish them all luck. The House point totals are exciting with some As part of the PSHEE curriculum, we were delighted to host changes at the top so keep working hard and finding grace

safe and how to access support. Thank you to Mr Boutland Salle as we head into the weekend: 'Hold prayer in high Smith for organising this session and to Mr Foley for his esteem. It is the foundation of all the virtues, and the source of all grace needed to sanctify ourselves and to discharge the duties of our employment.'

Mrs Melissa George (BA Hons, MA, PGCE)

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week...

Kintbury Retreats 23/24

We are delighted to share the details of our residential retreat programme for Kintbury this year, which includes opportunities for Year 8, 9 and 10. St Cassian's, Kintbury is a centre owned by the De La Salle community, of which we are an associate member school, and is run by a group of young volunteers dedicated to bringing fun, faith and friendship to fellow young people in a relaxed and engaging way. Retreats are designed to give routines, and instead take part in a fun packed transport costs at a later date). programme of activities, games, prayer and reflection. Kintbury is a huge manor house set in Save the Date: Carol Service 2023 the middle of the beautiful Berkshire countryside, an ideal location for both peace and space, whilst Our annual Carol Service with St John's RC Primary offering outdoor activities such as archery, rope will take place on Thursday 14 December at St John courses, traversing wall and much more.

Year 8: Friday 1 – Sunday 3 March 2024

Year 9: Thursday 9 – Sunday 12 May 2024 Year 10: Thursday 7 - Sunday 10 March 2024

Letters have been emailed home with full details of how to apply for a place. The Year 8 retreat is a shorter experience with just our school in attendance and costs £110, whereas the Year 9 & 10 retreats are the full Kintbury experience alongside other schools and over four days. These

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon Break - Shared Prayer Lunch -Arts & crafts

Tue Break - Rosary Lunch - Arts & crafts Wed Break - Lectio Divina

- 'Chosen' Student Christian Group

Thu Break – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lunch - Meditation

Lunch - Arts & Crafts

Fri Break – World Youth Funday Activities Lunch - World Youth Funday Activities

people an opportunity to take a step back from two are both £225 at the moment (although we will everyday life, including all its pressures and try to reduce this if we can get a reduction in

The Evangelist RC Church. It is anticipated that the start time will be 6pm. More info to follow.

Ss Peter and Paul Christmas Fayre

After the 10am & 6pm Masses on Saturday 25 November and the 10am Mass on Sunday 26 November there will be a Christmas fayre at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church on Entry Hill. There will be a tombola, stalls, raffle and much more.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

******** CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Traditional Christmas lunch

(with vegetarian option) and dessert - £3.75

Pay on the day—Please remember to make sure your child has money on their school catering account. If your child has a limit on their daily spending you may need to suspend it for the day so that they have the funds to pay.



RSE Topics

This term in RE Year groups 7-12 will be covering RSE topics. We continue to use the TEN:TEN programme which is fully in line with the Church's teaching and is endorsed by both the DFES and the CES. The lessons we are using in Term 2 are the Cinema in Education workshops:

- Year 7 Who Am I?
- Year 8 Created and Chosen
- Year 9 The Search for Love
- Year 10 Authentic Freedom
- Year 11 Truth and Lies
- Year 12 Self worth

One of the most distinctive features of a Catholic Relationships and Health Education programme is it emphasising the vital role that parents and carers have in nurturing their children on these matters. We therefore have subscribed to the parent portal so you can be involved in the material.

The login details are as follows:

Username: opp-stgregs-2 Password: rse-parent-brown

Parents should visit: https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-

portal/

SEND Homework Club for students with SEND

Monday to Thursday each week

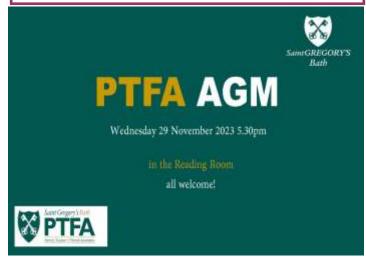
Immediately after Lesson 5, until 4pm

Students should come straight to the Study Room in the Inclusion Department at the end of the school day.

Sessions can be booked through the school Gateway via parents evening/school cloud https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/

(Maximum of two sessions per week)

NB: If your child is unable to attend, please cancel your booking as places are limited.



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a yearly meeting for all members of the association, where elections take place and the year's events are reported on. The good news is, every parent and carer is automatically a member of the PTFA! It's an opportunity for the committee to show that it's accountable for the decisions taken and that the committee members have acted in the best interests of the association, and also to discuss the PTFA events for the upcoming year.

We currently have a number of committee vacancies, including Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, which we hope to fill at this meeting. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for any of these roles please email the Head's PA at gormleys@st-gregorys.org.uk. We will also consider sharing roles.

Further details of these roles can be found on the school website at <u>PTFA – Saint Gregory's Bath (stgregorys.org.uk)</u>.

We're all full time working parents and carers so try to keep the commitment of time and energy to a minimum, but the more active committee members we have, the easier it becomes for us all! We aim to hold our meetings once a term, either on Zoom or in person, to discuss forthcoming events at the school and how we can support, share ideas for fundraising or simply to welcome new members! Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you let us know if you intend to join us so that we can make sure we have enough cups, saucers or wine glasses to go around!

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS GOOGLE FORM by Friday 24 November to let us know whether or not you are able to attend: https://forms.gle/na4f9Zmy7SMsesuS6

WWI History Workshop:

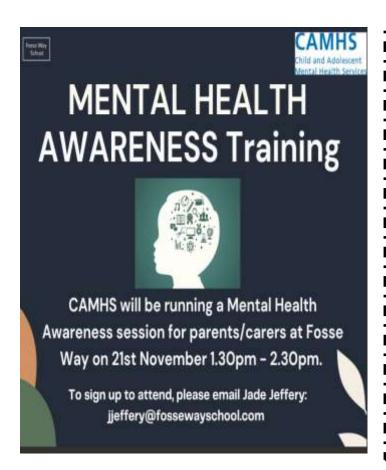


On Friday 10 November, 36 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 signed up to attend a two hour workshop session run by the National Archives. The session, called 'All Pals Together', was about the lives of soldiers in WW1. Students spent an hour looking at primary sources provided by the NA of life for British soldiers during the First World War and wrote a list of questions about what it was like to live and fight in the trenches

They then experienced a Zoom call with a member of a Pals Battalion, Private Henry Fairhurst (played by a professional actor), as he talked about his experience of life in the trenches and answered all the students' questions in a pertinent and thought provoking way. Was it really all mud and blood in the trenches, or did Private Fairhurst see some benefits in what he was doing?

The students really enjoyed the session and found it really useful to see the war from this new perspective. I would like to thank National Archives for the opportunity for our students and Mr Nordberg and Miss Thomas Stone for facilitating this session.

Katie Sarbatta - Head of History





School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking for School Meals Supervisory Assistants to supervise students during the break and lunchtime period.

• 11.00 - 2.40 pm, (there may be scope for flexibility around these hours) Monday to Friday, Term Time Only.

The role is paid at £11.78 per hour.

Please telephone the school office on **01225 832873** or email hr@st-gregorys.org.uk for an application form or visit our website at Vacancies - Saint Gregory's

Bath (st-gregorys.org.uk)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our students. The successful candidate will require an enhanced DBS check.

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Literacy Update - The 'Reading Challenge'

Dear families of St Gregory's, following on from the introduction of the literacy corners around school, I would now like to introduce the second phase of bringing literacy into the rewards programme. As a whole school we are going to introduce a 'reading challenge' to help encourage students to read for fun.

What's involved?

The challenge will last for the duration of the year and involves students recording the books that they read on a reading tracker. To help avoid any short cuts, students are required to read age appropriate books, write a brief synopsis of why they enjoyed each book and get a parent or carer to sign that they have indeed read it.

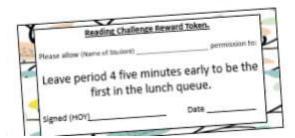
Once completed the reading tracker should be submitted to the Head of Year who will issue an instant reward token. Students can choose from:

Reward tokens include:

- 1) Leave 5 minutes early to be first in the lunch queue.
- 2) Skip any one homework (so long as it is not an assessment)
- 3) Receive 10 additional literacy points
- 4) Receive one additional raffle entry for the end of year prize.

All of these rewards tokens will be signed and dated by the Head of Year and only used once.

The reading challenge has 3 levels with varying rewards:



Level 1 (Bronze) – 1 book read, 1 reward token issued, 1 entry into the final raffle.

Level 2 (Silver) -5 books read, 1 reward token issued, 2 entries into the final raffle. Silver certificate sent home to parents, silver 'Top Reader' badge issued.

Level 3 (Gold) – 10 books read, 1 reward token issued, 3 entries into the final raffle. Gold certificate sent home to parents, Gold 'Top Reader' badge issued.



Wider recognition

The students who receive Silver and Gold level will also be proudly displayed on a 'Headteacher's Wall of fame' to celebrate their reading success.

Finally at the end of term, all students who have achieved a minimum of one entry will be part of the end of year raffle. If students have received silver or gold levels they will have more than one entry ticket as will any student who opted for reward token 4 (1 additional raffle entry).

One student will be randomly picked using the spinning wheel tool and receive a literacy/oracy based prize. This year's 1st place will be a £30 contribution to a theatre visit.

The Parent's role

The reading challenge will be more successful with parental support as well. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. Any suitable books or genres are fine so long as they are age appropriate. Please ask your child questions about what they are reading, why they are enjoying it and finally sign their reading tracker to prove they have finished the book. If you or your child are struggling to find a new book to read why not either look through our subject reading lists or come along to the book swap library in school which will be opening soon







Finance Office Support

The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office function.

The role is part-time, 12 hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial. For further details please go to

www.cliftondiocese.com\Diocese\WorkingForUs where you will find the Job Description and application form. All applications to be sent to Simon Hussey, Head of Finance by 24 November 2023

simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com

Flute Taster Sessions

Would you like a FREE taster session on the flute?

Sign up in Music!





Language Corner

French:

Expression with subjunctive:

Il semble que (verb subjunctive) = it seems that......It seems that nobody cares enough about pollution

Il semble que personne ne se soucie assez de la pollution

Spanish:

está como un toro – he/she is as strong as an ox

Mandarin:

百年好合 (bǎinián hǎo hé) Live a long and happy life together

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Water Bottles

Please remember to bring in a named water bottle (for water only) which can be refilled in the Bistro area at appropriate times. NB: You may also like to think of this if you have a long journey home.



Reporting Absences

Feature on the Class Charts (parent) App

There is an option to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. The absence telephone line will still be available, however we would prefer you to use this app if possible. This should not only be easier for you, but will allow the school to be more efficient when recording student absences. Once we have acknowledged the absence, you will receive a confirmation email to the account that is registered in the app.

Absences

If your school has decided to allow parents to report absences, you will see the Absences tab when viewing pupils from that school.

Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

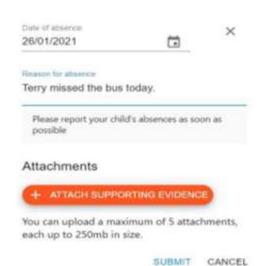
To report an absence, click on the Report new absence button.



Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the Attach supporting evidence button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a teacher.



Inspire Lunchtime Lecture Programme

Our Inspire Lecture Programme continues this term. The programme is open to all students and will run during one lunchtime each week. Students can bring their lunch along to the session and spend their break listening to a speaker talk about an area of interest, and then have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about it. Students are welcome to attend any of the sessions which are open to their year group; places are on a first-come, firstserved basis. Over-subscribed sessions will be repeated later in the year if necessary. Students who are part of our Inspire cohort are expected to attend at least three sessions across the year.

Here is the timetable for this term's sessions:

Date	Name	Session Name	Description of the session	Who can come?	Room
Mon20 Nov	Ms Wright	Digital Art & Design	A look at inspiring young designers starting out their careers in digital art and design	All years	E3
Fri 1 Dec	Mr Psirides	The role of the teacher in a secondary school	To present what the accepted view of 'excellent teaching' is from academic research and to explore the student perspective through seminar and discussion		DRST
	Mrs Spindler		why it matters. This fits in with the A level course so would be narticularly useful for anyone wanting to know more about A	Year 10 Year 11 Post-16	K12

Please encourage students to come along and be inspired!

If you have any further questions about the programme or would like to volunteer to lead a session later in the year, please get in touch with Mrs Aldred at aldredm@st-gregorys.org.uk.

Mrs Aldred, Inspire Champion

Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have students and staff with serious nut allergies. We would therefore ask $| \mathbf{Time:} 08:15 - 08:30$ that you do not include nuts in I Cost: Free packed lunches and snacks, eg [] chocolate and cereal bars.

St Gregory's Breakfast Club

Open every day

I Who: Open to all students



Music Clubs Tuesday Monday Thursday Friday Wednesday Tutor: Break: Tutor: Tutor: Tutor: Contemporary Vocal Flute Salad Contemporary Vocal Senior Choir (Y9+) Lower School Group (all) Group BAND Lunch: Voices (Y7-Y8) String Sinfonia Symphony Lunch: Orchestra Brass Band After School: School Production Band Why join? Exclusive trips, concerts and more!

	Whole	School Production: Beauty & T	he Beast - Term 2 Rehearsal Schedule	
Mon 20 Nov	Lunch	Human Again	Dancers	Drama Studio
Tue 21 Nov	Lunch	Human Again (Page 75-78)	Beast, Belle, Castle Crew (Singing & Scene	Drama Studio
Wed 22 Nov	Lunch	Home, Change in Me & Beauty & The Beast	Belle & Mrs Potts (singing)	Drama Studio
Wed 22 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Human Again	Dancers & Castle Crew (Plus Beast & Belle)	Hall
Thu 23 Nov	Lunch	Home, Change in Me & Beauty & The Beast	Belle & Mrs Potts	Drama Studio
Thu 23 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	Human Again	Dancers & Castle Crew (Plus Beast & Belle)	Dance Studio
Fri 24 Nov	Lunch	Beast Lets belle go (Page 80 -85)	Beast, Belle, Gaston, Maurice Madame D'Arque	Drama Studio
Mon 27 Nov	Lunch	Wolves	Maddison, Eden, Jazzy, Corina, Evelyn, Lyra	Dance Studio
Tue 28 Nov	Lunch	Beauty & The Beast	Belle, Mrs Potts, Chip & Beast	Drama Studio
Wed 29 Nov	Lunch	The Mob Song	Gaston, Belle, Maurice, Madame D'Arque, Villager soloists	Hall
Wed 29 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob Song (page 85 – end)	Whole cast	Hall
Thu 30 Nov	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob Song (page 85- end)	Whole cast	Hall
Fri 1 Dec	Lunch	Beast & Gaston Fight (page 90-93)	Beast, Gaston & Belle	Drama Studio
Mon 4 Dec	Lunch	Wolves	Maddison, Eden, Jazzy, Corina, Evelyn, Lyra	Dance Studio
Mon 4 Dec	3.10-4.30pm	Beauty & the Beast	Mrs Potts, Belle, Chip, Lumiere, Cogsworth & Beast	Drama Studio
Tue 5 Dec	Lunch	Beast & Gaston Fight (page 90-93)	Beast, Gaston & Belle	Drama Studio
Wed 6 Dec	Lunch	Page 93-96	Beast, Belle & Castle Crew	Drama Studio
Thu 7 Dec	Lunch	Page 93-96	Beast, Belle & Castle Crew	Drama Studio
Thu 7 Dec	3.10-4.30pm	The Mob song & Fight on the tower/Transformation	Whole cast	Hall
Fri 8 Dec	Lunch	Beauty & The Beast	Belle, Chip, Mrs Potts & Beast	Drama Studio
Mon 11 Dec	Lunch	Dance Numbers TBC	Dancers	Dance Studio
Tue 12 Dec	Lunch	Finale	Whole cast (singing 'two hearts)	Drama Studio
Fri 15 Dec	Lunch	Finale	Whole Cast (Singing 'two hearts)	Drama Studio

Perfo	rming Ar	ts Enrichn	nent Time	table
		Term 2 2023		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Tutor Time 8.30am-9am		
Contemporary Vocal Group (Band) Ensemble Pod with Mrs Sterlini	Year 7 Singing DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Contemporary Vocal Group DRST with Mrs Green	Senior Choir DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Lower School Voices (Y7-8) DRST with Mrs Sterlini
			String Sinfonia MUS with Mrs Smith	
		Break Time 11.10-11.25pr	n	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flute Salad Ensemble Pod with Mrs Holden			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Lunch time 1.30-2.05pm		
Guitar Ensemble Ensemble Pod with (Guitar Teacher)	Beauty & The Beast DRST with Miss Tate & Mrs Richards	Brass Band MUS with Mrs Avison	Junior Dance company DAST with Susannah	Beauty & The Beast MUS with Mrs Richards & Mrs Sterlini
Beauty & The Beast Dance Team DAST with Mrs Pearson Tech Club	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs Sterlini GCSE Music	GCSE Dance Practical support DAST with Mrs Pearson GCSE Drama Written	GCSE Dance Written support DAST with Mrs Pearson Year 7 Drama Club	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mr Psirides
DRST with Mr Psirides & Austin	Composition MUS with Edgar	support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	DRST with Maddie & Sammy	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		After school 3.10-4.30		
	Beauty & The Beast Band DAST with Mrs Sterlini GCSE & A level	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	GCSE & A level Drama support DRST/DAST with Mr Psirides & Mrs Richards
	Drama Practical support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate			

Beauty & The Beast – Whole school Performance important dates:

Audition week: 11.9.23 - 15.9.23 (Information for Auditions can be found on Google Classroom)

Sunday rehearsals: 14 January and 21 January 10am-4.30pm School production week: Monday 22 – Saturday 27 January

Evening performances: Thursday 25 January, Friday 26 January and Saturday 27 January at 7pm.

Boys' Fixtures

Tue 21 Nov Y11 Cup Semi Final vs Oldfield @

Walcott RFC (Kick off 2:30pm)

Thu 23 Nov Y9 Cup Semi Final vs Wellsway away

(Kick off 3:00pm)

Y10 vs St Marks @ Avon RFC (Kick off

2:30pm

Girls' Fixtures

Wed 22 Nov Y7, 8 & 9 Football V Norton Hill

Thu 30 Nov Y9 B&NES Netball Tournament @

Chew Valley 2pm



Please remember aerosol sprays are strictly forbidden in school.

ROAD SAFETY



After School Sports Clubs - Terms 1&2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Year 7&8 Bath City Football ASTRO	Year 7 NETBALL COURTS	Year 8&9 NETBALL COURTS	Year 10&11 HOCKEY ASTRO	Year 7,8&9 GIRLS FOOTBALL ASTRO
After School (3.15-4.15pm)	FISH TRAMPOLITING Year 7-13 GYM	Year 10&11 RUGBY FIELD	Year 7 RUGBY FIELD Year 7/8/9 GIRLS RUGBY ASTRO	Year 8&9 RUGBY FIELD	137

- · Please meet at the changing rooms, must have PE kit and appropriate footwear
- · Sports Clubs start on Monday 11 September
- Please note Trampolining & Bath City Football club are paid clubs





