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

1 March 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Reconciliation is vital in our world and yet for humans it can sometimes be the hardest thing to do - saying sorry. It is so important to learn to say sorry when we have got something wrong; it is not a sign of weakness but actually an incredible source of power. Apologising for our wrongs can liberate us and set us free from resentments, grudges and bitterness.

During Lent, we take time to explore the theme of Co-Head – Imogen D reconciliation and place it at the heart of all that we Co-Head - Lottie T do as a Catholic community. Not only must we learn Academic: Lead – Mikha M Deputy – Alissa M to say sorry with grace but we must also have Personal Development: hearts open to forgiveness so that we learn to grow Lead – Josie H Deputy – Alexandra S in the footsteps of Jesus.

It has been a busy week at St Gregory's and our Year 10 Dance students were treated to a dance Head of House and Extracurricular workshop from NYDC where they were excellent Head of Bakhita House: Felicity H ambassadors for the discipline. Some of our Year 8 Head of Romero House: Felix R students are off to Kintbury for their residential Head of Francis House: Lucy B retreat later today and we wish them a weekend Head of Stein House: Eva B full of fun, personal and spiritual development opportunities and the chance to forge new **Bath Student Parliament Representatives** friendships. Our amazing staff take great pride in Pardheev K and Lucy B the work their students produce and I was invited in eloquently about their learning.

some of our Year 12 students who were applying for students. positions of responsibility. I am delighted to announce, after much deliberation, that we have Have a wonderful weekend. selected the following students to be our new Student Leadership Team (SLT):

Dates for Your Diary

Thu 14 Mar	PTFA Coffee and Cake 3.30pm		
Thu 21 Mar	Y8 Virtual Parents' Evening		
Wed 27 Mar	Last Day of Term for students		
Thu 28 Mar	INSET—SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS		
Fri 29 March	BANK HOLIDAY—GOOD FRIDAY		

Next Week: A

Student Leadership Team

Spiritual:

Lead – Imogen B **Deputy** – Grace E

to see some excellent Year 10 textile work this week We know the whole team will be full of fresh new as well as an incredible range of talented ideas to ensure St Gregory's remains a place of photographers' work from our Year 11 and Year 13 academic excellence where all students have the cohort. It is delightful to see our students take such opportunity to grow personally and spiritually. I met pride in their achievements too and talk so them all at break time today to congratulate them on their new roles. We wish them the very best of luck and know they are going to be wonderful Last week I let you know that we had interviewed ambassadors and role models for our younger

Mrs Melissa George (BA Hons, MA, PGCE)

Headteacher

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week ...

Swap Shop



the most of it, they can donate an item and take Paul tells us in the Epistle. something away in exchange. All we ask is that the good donated in exchange are in condition. Things such as games no longer used, gifts (that weren't really "my type of thing"), books, etc, are all great to add to our Swap Shop.

Third Sunday of Lent

As we approach the third Sunday of Lent we look to the wisdom of Dr Scott Hahn to help us reflect on the importance of this weekend's scripture:

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets for the love of God and the love of others (Hebrews said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon Break - Shared Prayer Lunch – Lent Artwork

Thu Break - Rosary Lunch - Stations of the Cross

Break – Lectio Divina (Sunday Gospel) Fri Lunch - Lent Artwork

56:7). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (Psalm 50:7-13). Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25). His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's selfoffering on the Cross (John 15:13).

Our school Swap Shop is looking very empty at the This is the 'sign' Jesus offers in the Gospel today moment. If any of your children would like to make the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as

> Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (Ephesians 2:22). In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (John 4:23-24). We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

> > Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain



Recommended Reads

This week's recommended book is provided by Mrs Sarbatta from the History department. It is called 'The Silver sword'. This and all of the other departmental recommended books can be found on the school website, under 'School Life' and then 'Academic Life'.



The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

Set during and after World War II, this novel follows a group of Polish siblings as they escape Nazioccupied Warsaw and journey through war-torn Europe.

Summer Exams 2024

All students entered for Summer public exams have been sent details of their individual timetables on 22 February. Information on how to access the online portal can be found below:

Please contact Mrs Quinn Quinnh@st-gregorys.org.uk if you have any questions. Mrs Quinn can also be contacted via main reception.

https://examsassist.co.uk

Select **Login / Register** then **Login to SchoolWorkSpace**. Enter your email address and as you've yet to login, select **Forgot Password**, a 6-digit pin will be emailed or text to you, enter this into exams assist and you'll be prompted to create and confirm a new password.

The parents / candidates are then advised to save this link as an **Icon** on their mobile device, this Icon would then appear on your homepage so that you don't need to refer to the email on a daily basis.

Creating the icon on an iPhone

Open the link in **Safari** and tap the **Share Button** at the bottom of the screen. Scroll down and select **Add** to **Home Screen** and then give the icon a new name and then press **Add**.







Creating an icon on an Android.

Open the link in 'Chrome,' tap the menu icon (3 dots in upper right-hand corner) and tap 'Add to home screen'. You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen.

Congratulations to our Trampolining star!



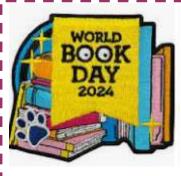
Mati competed in the Regional Challenge Cup Final for trampolining last weekend. She attained a silver medal in the individuals and a Gold medal in the Team competition. This is another fantastic achievement for **Mati**. She now goes on to represent the South West Trampolining squad for the National final in the summer!

Everyone at St Gregory's wishes her lots of luck in the summer.

Congratulations again Mati!!!



Mrs McHale, Head of PE



World Book Day

The English department are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day together as a school on Thursday 7 March. We would love for as many of you as possible to join the English department and come in fancy dress as a character from a book! There will be prizes given out to the best dressed students in a competition judged by the Headteacher. As in previous years, we will also be running a cake sale with all proceeds going to charity. This year we are supporting a really worthy cause in Save the Children's 'Child Education'

appeal. Their appeal funds education for every child because "Millions of children never see inside a classroom. Others drop out due to overcrowding, conflict or simply because they are a girl and they are forced to. A lot can get in the way of education." We are kindly asking Year 8 to support us in our fundraising by bringing in a sweet treat that we could sell in the bake sale. Every student who donates cakes will be rewarded with House Points! Students are reminded that they are only permitted to come in dressed as a character from a book or they should be in <u>full school uniform</u>. Usual sanctions will apply for uniform violations. Students should aim to bring in the book which features their chosen character. Please help us to make this a memorable occasion! We can't wait to see what you all come dressed up as.

Mrs Gemma Duffy, Teacher of English and Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator of English



Football Success!

The Year 8 boys got off to an excellent start to the season on Tuesday night against Oldfield school.

A strong Year 8 team led by Captain Joey B got off to a strong start and went 2-0 up in the first ten minutes. A header from Chin put St Greg's 1-0 up, closely followed by a second scored by Will following an excellent cross from Nathan. However,

Oldfield came back strong and scored two goals on the counter to level it up. Then St Greg's came back strong and with goals either side of half time we wrapped up a 4-2 victory. An individual effort by Oisin followed by a rebounded shot for Will's second following a good save saw St Greg's take the sun!

Excellent effort and conduct all round!



Benefit Related Free School Meals All School Years

Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?

Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?

- If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school then you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals?
- Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, not your actual Universal Credit payment.
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year two and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can still apply for the Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Ways to apply:

Online via the following link: https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

You can ask your child's school for an application form or you can make a telephone application by calling 01225 394317. If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will call you back.

For more details, please visit our website at: https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Qualifying benefits:

- 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 four 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

Reporting Absences

Feature on the Class Charts (parent) App

Please use the Class Charts app to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. The absence telephone line is still 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.

You can also report planned absences such as medical appointments.

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.



West of England Youth Music Residential July 2024





For musicians in secondary school or first year at university/work. Grade 5 and above. Join us for our residential course in Monmouth. Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Jazz Band, **Chamber Groups**

To book a place:

https://www.wema.org.uk/register Select Music Centres and West of England Music and Arts.

For more information: 01454 863147 | music@wema



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

Nut Allergies



Please be aware that we have students and staff with serious nut allergies. We | | Time: 08:15 — 08:30 would therefore ask that you do not include nuts in packed lunches and snacks, eg chocolate and cereal bars.

St Gregory's Breakfast Club Open every day

Cost: Free

Who: Open to all students



Performing Arts Enrichment Timetable								
Term 4 - 2024								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
	Tutor Time 8.30am-9.00am							
Contemporary Vocal	Year 7 Singing	Contemporary Vocal	Senior Choir	Lower School Voices				
Group (Band)	DRST with	Group	MUS with Mrs Green	(Y7-8) MUS with				
Ensemble Pod with	Mrs Sterlini	DRST with Mrs Sterlini		Mrs Sterlini				
Mrs Sterlini			String Sinfonia					
			DRST with Mrs Smith					
Break Time 11.10-11.25am								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
	Flute Salad DRST with Mrs Holden							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
		Lunch time 1.30-2.05pm						
GCSE Drama Practical	GCSE Drama	Brass Band	Junior Dance company	GCSE Drama				
Rehearsals	Practical Rehearsals	MUS with Mrs Avison	DAST with Susannah	Practical Rehearsals				
DRST with Mrs	DRST with Mrs			DRST with Mrs				
Richards	Richards			Richards				
Dance Umbrella	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs	GCSE Dance Practical	GCSE Dance Written	GCSE & A level				
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Tech Club	GCSE Music	GCSE Drama Written	Year 7 Drama Club	KS3 Drama Club				
DRST with Mr Psirides	Composition	support DRST with Mrs	DRST with Maddie &	DAST with Mr Singh				
& Austin	MUS with Edgar	Richards & Miss Tate	Sammy					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
After school 3.10-4.30pm								
	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	GCSE Drama Practical Rehearsals DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	GCSE Drama Practical Rehearsals DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	A level Drama support DRST/DAST with Mr Psirides & Mrs Richards				





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In a world where keyboards and touch screens have changed the way we write and communicate, is it for the best for our brains? The article this week looks at the benefits of handwriting and how it can promote brain connectivity and improve learning.

The practical this week is chromatography. This is a technique where inks/dyes are separated using filter paper and water. There is a clip below to show you how to do it. We used ours in science club to give some trolls some new hair styles.

Article of the week - https://www.sciencenews.org/ article/handwriting-brain-connections-learning Practical of the Week - https://www.mrsphysics.co.uk/usefullinks/ tag/trolls/





There is also an exhibition this weekend at the BRLSI which looks at the brilliance of Engineerin. It is free entry just turn up. More details below:

Talk - https://www.brlsi.org/ew/

This March the BRLSI are bringing you their **Extraordinary Women series**; three evening talks plus an all-day symposium to celebrate the lives and remarkable achievements of eight amazing women; Mary Somerville, Ada Lovelace, Artemisia Gentileschi, Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir, Paula Rego, Dolly Parton & Clara Schumann.

Discover more about their important contributions to science, maths, art, philosophy and music and how they changed the world for women from the 1600s to the 2020s! The first talk is this Friday 1 March about Mary Somerville.



FINALLY, British Science Week is coming closer. We will post more details about the activities we are running during the week in school, next week. There is also an opportunity for you to take part in the poster competition - details in the link below. The theme is 'TIME' this year. We will enter the five best posters from the school to the overall competition. https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/

The Science Team



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.



Water Bottles

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.

Language Corner

French: Je suis fort(e)/bon(ne) / je suis mauvais (e)/nul en ... = I am strong/good.... Bad/rubbish at...

Je suis forte en maths en revanche je suis mauvaise en anglais

I am strong in maths however I am rubbish in English.

Spanish: Marear la perdiz – to avoid the point (literally to make the partridge dizzy)

Mandarin: 三思而后行。 (Sānsī ér hòu xíng. "three thoughts and after act") — Think thrice before you act.

Do you understand what it's like to be autistic?

Do you have some ideas about how the world can become more autism friendly?

Could you share your ideas and experiences to support other autistic young people?



To be a member of the Specialist Autism Support Service Autistic Voices Panel you must be:

- aged 11-25 years old and have a home address in the B&NES local authority
- · autistic (with a diagnosis)
- · able to attend meetings and events online or in person

You do not need any past experience of volunteering or working in groups to apply.

What do the Autistic Voices Panel do?

- · The SASS Autistic Voices Panel meet at least three times each academic year (Sept-July)
- The group add their voice and life experience of education to SASS and help us develop our training and support for schools, young people and their families in B&NES
- Keep SASS focussed on the current issues facing autistic children and young adults in B&NES
- When other opportunities are available, they might be asked to attend and speak at local Conferences and events, share their
 experiences with professionals in film, and contribute to national consultations and research projects.

How does the panel work?

- We will meet a minimum of 3 times a year (maximum of 6) and meetings are held in the afternoons
- We will give you the option of meeting online or in person
- If you cannot attend a meeting, please let us know.
- Before the meeting, you will be sent the agenda and any worksheets.

Next meetings:

Thursday 21st March

+ Monday 24th June

2024

3.30-4.30pm

Who will I be supported by?

- The group is run by SASS. Sarah will contact you and will be at meetings. There may be some more members of the SASS team
 who join us: we will let you know who is coming.
- · If you have specific support needs, please let us know. The Autistic Voices Panel is an open, inclusive and accessible place.

We are happy to support you in any way you need to take part. For the application form, please see: https://forms.office.com/r/ZGoHa7UXTH or please email skeelty@fossewayschool.com for a printable version of the form.



You are warmly invited to our

GRANDFRIENDS SUNDAY SOCIAL



Our Sunday Socials bring people of every generation together with our GrandFriend volunteers to enjoy an old-fashioned tea, entertainments to appeal to all ages, and excellent company.

on Sunday 3rd March 2024 from 3.30 to 5.30pm at St Alphege's Church Hall Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NR

Please do let us know in advance if you are planning to come. lavinia@grandfriends.uk or 01225 967680



PTO for more information . . .



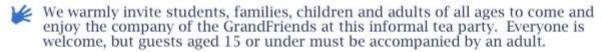




THE GRANDFRIENDS SUNDAY SOCIALS.

GRANDFRIENDS THE COMPANY OF ELDERS was set up in Bath in 2022 to enrich our community by creating new connections between our elders and younger people. We have been working in partnership with a local primary school where our GrandFriend volunteers give their time to pupils during lunch time visits and library sessions. See Facebook for more on these fantastic programmes.

The new SUNDAY SOCIALS programme is intended to extend the friendship of our GrandFriends to even more younger people from Bath and surrounding areas. We especially encourage guests to join us who may not otherwise have the benefit of as much relaxed and rewarding time with elders as they would like.



Our GrandFriends have been DBS checked and have completed our training which included safeguarding. We respect our GrandFriends and value them as community assets who generously give their time. We ask our guests to do the same.

Please let us know in advance if you are planning to come along, to help our preparations. Email lavinia@grandfriends.uk or phone 01225 967680

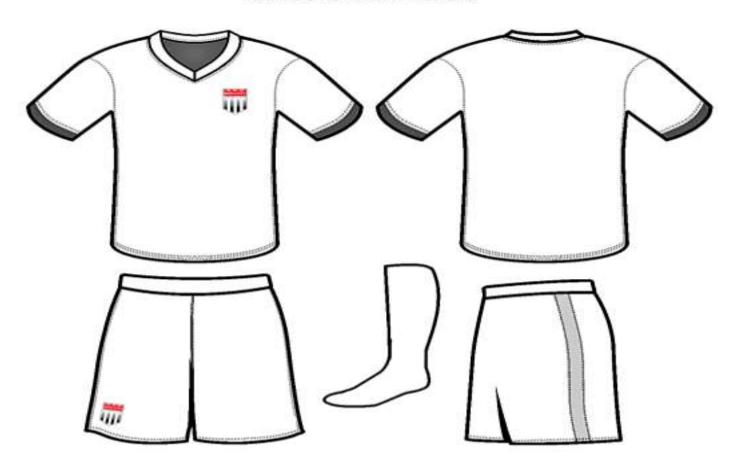
GrandFriends: The Company of Elders is a registered charity (number 1203669). Contributions towards our work are most welcome (cash or card, thank you)

There is free parking for up to three hours in the streets around St Alphege's Hall.

GRANDFRIENDS Telephone: 01225 967680

DESIGN YOUR OWN BATH CITY FC KIT

PARK BY THE 10TH MARCH FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A FOOTBALL SIGNED BY BATH CITY PLAYERS



THE KIT MUST REPRESENT EQUALITY IN FOOTBALL

NAME: PARENT CONTACT DETAILS:



U16'S FREE ENTRY TO BATH CITY FC VOUCHER WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO CELEBRATE HER GAME TOO

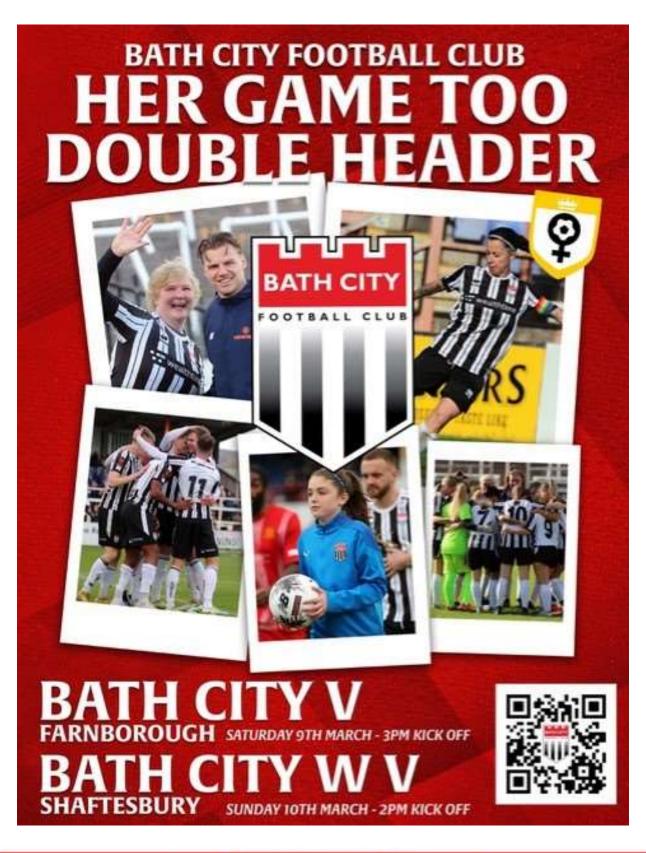
To celebrate International Women's Day and to launch a new partnership with Her Game Too, Bath City FC are warmly inviting daughters, sisters, wives, mums, aunties, grandmas and nieces to Twerton Park on 9 March for the Men's first team fixture against Farnborough and/or 10 March for the Women's First team match against Shaftesbury.

With free entry for all children under 16 when accompanied by a full paying adult, there will be plenty going on for all the family including an ice cream van, penalty shoot-**out in Charlie's, face**-painting, Design-A-Kit competition and flag waving on the pitch for under 12s.

The Romans will be accompanied onto the pitch just before 3pm KO on Saturday by an all-female team of Mascots from Bath City Youth Girls U12s team, there will be a penalty shootout on the pitch at half time with players from the Women's first team and the club is expecting a very special visit from Somerset FA's mascot Blaze.

Sunday will then see Bath City Women's First team take on Shaftesbury at Twerton Park. With free entry for all, what better way to spend Mother's Day than cheering on from the terraces in the final BCFC women's fixture of the season. Kick off at 2pm.

Her Game Too is an award winning campaign that was started in 2021 and aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for all female supporters, where they feel empowered to engage with the game and are treated with respect, both on and off the pitch. They aim to promote the visibility of women's football and encourage its growth through championing the women's game and supporting grassroots girls' football development.





TWERTON PARK, HIGH STREET TWERTON, BATH, BA2 1DB



FREE ENTRY FOR U16'S WITH A PAYING ADULT

PLEASE ENTER VIA TURNSTILE 17 (BRISTOL END)

ALL UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST ONE PAYING ADULT. NO CASH VALUE

