

**A Newsletter for Parents, Students, Governors and Staff**

**23 February 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4 of the school year. I hope you all had a lovely half term break, and you have now got back into a regular routine. This is a very busy and exciting term for us in the New Sixth, with many opportunities and challenges for our students.

Year 13 now have only eight full school weeks left of their studies. I would encourage these students to make the most of every lesson and opportunity right up until their last day. They will end their studies on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and this will be a half day of celebration in the Gateway building. More details will be released nearer the time. As mentioned Year 13 students will have the option in the remainder of this week to get additional support from teachers during their normal timetabled lessons with A Level examinations starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. All students in Year 13 will be sent their personalised exam timetable for the summer very soon.

There are a number of supported study and intervention sessions being put in place for Y13 to access. I will be sending out information on what opportunities are available next week. This will be useful to both Year 13 for their summer examinations and Year 12 who will have their mock examinations at the end of April.

At the end of last term, Year 12 students were made aware of some of the leadership opportunities that they can apply for. One of these opportunities was the application to the student leadership team. A letter detailing how to apply was sent out to all students and there was a large number of applications. Interviews were given to all applicants at the start of this term conducted by the Headteacher and myself and we were extremely impressed by quality of presentation from the sixth form students. Well done to everyone who applied and successful applicants will be informed next week.

There will be an upcoming event for all Year 12 Students who are interested in applying for Oxbridge. Students and parents will be invited to attend the BANES Oxbridge Conference on 14<sup>th</sup> March which is being hosted by Hayesfield. This event is part of our programme to support students in the application process for next year and the transition into the wider world.

**Mr Burn, Assistant Headteacher—Director of Sixth Form**

## Dates for your Diary

### February 2024

w/c 19 Feb	Student Leadership Interviews (Y12)
26 & 27 Feb	Y12 & Y13 Assemblies—Road Safety Presentation by Avon Fire & Rescue

### March 2024

11 & 12 March	Y12 & Y13 Assemblies—Water Safety Presentation by Avon Fire & Rescue
Thurs 28 March	Inset Day—school closed to students
Fri 29 March	Good Friday Bank Holiday End of Term 4

### April 2024

Mon 15 April	Term 5 begins—Week B
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## VACANCIES



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*Bath*

### HR and Payroll Officer

**Contract type:** 30-37 hours per week

(to be agreed with successful candidate), permanent, term time only plus 10 additional days in the school holidays to include 2 INSET Days

**Salary:** Grade 5 SCP 11-15 £23,018 - £24,634

(actual based on 37 hpw)

**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8 am start everyday but finish time can be negotiated.

**Closing date:** Midnight, Thursday 29 February

**Interview date:** Monday 11 March

For further information and to apply for the position please go to [www.st-gregorys.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/](http://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/)

For any queries about the role, please contact the  
HR Manager by email  
[hr@st-gregorys.org.uk](mailto:hr@st-gregorys.org.uk)

# Performing Arts Trip - Wicked



This week Performing Arts students visited the Bristol Hippodrome to watch Wicked. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. I would like to say thank you to Ms Tate for organising such a brilliant trip.

*Mrs C Richards, Head of Performing Arts*



## Performing Arts Enrichment Timetable

Term 4 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Tutor Time 8.30am-9am</b>				
Contemporary Vocal Group (Band) Ensemble Pod with Mrs Sterlini	Year 7 Singing DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Contemporary Vocal Group DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Senior Choir MUS with Mrs Green	Lower School Voices (Y7-8) MUS with Mrs Sterlini
			String Sinfonia DRST with Mrs Smith	
<b>Break Time 11.10-11.25pm</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flute Salad DRST with Mrs Holden			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch time 1.30-2.05pm</b>				
GCSE Drama Practical Rehearsals DRST with Mrs Richards	GCSE Drama Practical Rehearsals DRST with Mrs Richards	Brass Band MUS with Mrs Avison	Junior Dance company DAST with Susannah	GCSE Drama Practical Rehearsals DRST with Mrs Richards
Dance Umbrella DAST with Mrs Pearson	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs Sterlini	GCSE Dance Practical support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE Dance Written support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mr Psirides
Tech Club DRST with Mr Psirides & Austin	GCSE Music Composition MUS with Edgar	GCSE Drama Written support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	Year 7 Drama Club DRST with Maddie & Sammy	KS3 Drama Club DAST with Mr Singh
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After school 3.10-4.30</b>				
	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

# PROGRESSION

## Apprenticeship Opportunities & Conferences

UK University &  
Apprenticeship Search  
**FAIRS**

**Bristol Spring 2024 Fair**  
**Wednesday 28th February 2024 - Ashton Gate**

**Event Time: 9.30 am - 2.30 pm**

**Bristol, Ashton Gate Stadium, BS3 2EJ**

Our Spring Bristol Fair is the perfect way for students to choose which university or apprenticeship is right for them.

This exciting and informative event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; **Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions**, as well as **apprenticeship providers and local colleges**.

The fair will feature a wide range of vital **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why take an Apprenticeship, Choosing a University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance. The event is ideal to inspire and motivate Year 12s and 11s who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices. The fair is also a great opportunity for any undecided Year 13s who need help and guidance. The event is completely **free** to attend.



**11am to 2pm**  
**Thursday 29 February 2024**

# Take the Leap!

## South Bristol Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair

South Bristol Skills Academy, City of Bristol College, The Boulevard, Hengrove Park BS14 0DB





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nationalgrid

**FAO Careers: The National Grid Unplugged: A Virtual Behind the Scenes Exploration - Tuesday 27th February 2024, from 5pm - 6pm!**

Have you ever wondered when you switch the lights on at home or power up your TV everything seems to come on? Or perhaps when you charge up your mobile phones, switch the oven or microwave on. Electricity is all around us and a key commodity that we all rely on each day.

Welcome to **National Grid**, the sole monopoly owners of all the electricity supply within the U.K!

**National Grid** are a British-based multinational company that delivers gas and electricity to millions of consumers across the UK and parts of the US. From an engineering standpoint, they play a critical role in developing and maintaining infrastructure that powers our homes, businesses, and industries.

We've got an exclusive virtual insight to one of the worlds biggest electrical engineering companies, a FTSE 100 Company with over £18 billion and operations all over the globe. Employing over 30,000 people, **National Grid** are at the forefront of this industry with a rapidly growing renewable energy arm.

This event is geared to all students looking into get into the engineering industry with a big focus on electrical engineering and renewable energies. You'll get to hear first hand on what engineers get up to as well as hearing top senior professionals on what they do.

If you'd like to secure your spot and have the opportunity to hear from an incredible engineering company in National Grid, click on the application link below to secure your place!

**Application Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWLM38Z>



### FINANCE APPRENTICESHIPS

I am writing to you from the Ministry of Defence Finance team, where I am pleased to announce the launch of an exciting [apprenticeship recruitment campaign](#).

This scheme offers a hands-on experience of working in the Civil Service and enables Finance apprentices to get paid as they study for an accountancy qualification. This is a perfect opportunity for those who are looking for an alternative learning route to university.

The application window is currently open until 7th March. I would be grateful if you could promote this opportunity to students in their final year of A-Levels (or equivalent).

We will be recruiting for positions in the following offices: Andover, Aldershot, Bristol, Corsham, High Wycombe, Lichfield, London and Portsmouth, with successful applicants starting their roles in September 2024.

For any students interested in finding out more about this campaign, we are running an insight session on 27 February, 17.30-18.30 ([registration link](#)).

Students can find full details of the campaign and link to apply on Civil Service Jobs using this link:

[Finance Apprenticeship Scheme – Level 4 - Civil Service Jobs - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at :

[OperationalFinRecruitment@mod.gov.uk](mailto:OperationalFinRecruitment@mod.gov.uk).

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### CONSTRUCTION JOBS & CAREERS FAIR

Are you looking for a career in Construction or Engineering?  
Then join us at our **free** Construction Jobs and Careers Fair.



Wednesday 20th March 2024



10:00am-13:00pm



Widcombe Social Club, Bath, BA2 6AA



<https://constucting-banes-jobsfair.eventbrite.co.uk>



**Jobs**



**Training**



**Careers**

#### During the Construction & Jobs Fair you will;

- Meet Employers, the CITB, Training Providers and more.....
- Get Information and Advice about Jobs, Training and & Careers
- Hear from speakers
- Plenty of refreshments

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# CONSTRUCTING

## B & NES



### Opportunities for All

Constructing B&NES is the new brand for our existing S106 service, where we use developer's financial contributions to create employment and training opportunities for people looking at careers in the construction sector.

#### What We Offer?

Working in collaboration with local construction companies we offer work experience placements, apprenticeships and jobs for local people. Roles could include trades such as brickwork & groundwork or admin, accounts, HR & project management. Placements can be as little as 1 or 2 days to blocks of 2 or 3 weeks.

#### Who?

Open to all local residents - whether they are already employed, a parent returning to work or unemployed.

#### How?

Vacancies will come up through-out the year and will be advertised, as and when they become live.

#### Apply?

To find out more about this project and about our current vacancies please contact Sandy Corke at [sandy\\_corke@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sandy_corke@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394315.

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Your students can now sign up for our virtual University Fair on Wed 13 March, where reps from **40 universities** will answer their questions and help them find the best fit. Live sessions will discuss topics like student finance, contextual offers, and personal statements.

During the fair, we're also running an exciting competition where **the most engaged, interactive student will win a prize** that could get them one step closer to their dream university course!

This virtual fair is suitable for students in Years 10 to 12, and is free to attend. Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome!

> [Get your students to sign up now](#) (13 Mar, 4:30–7pm)

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## Virtual WEX Week is coming



For students who haven't yet secured in-person work experience placements, or for those who wish to further **develop employability skills**, Unifrog is hosting our first ever Virtual WEX Week!

Throughout the week (1–5 July), your students will have the opportunity to gain virtual work experience with a different employer each day, through a combination of **live webinars and workplace tasks** set via our Courses tool.

This free opportunity is **open to all Y10–12 Unifrog students**, giving them a taste of a variety of sectors, including some that are more difficult to access placements in:

🏥 NHS

🏦 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

📺 BBC

📖 Get Into Teaching

🍏 Tesco

> [Register your interest for VWEX](#) and we'll be in touch with more details soon!

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NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session happening next **Sunday, March 3rd**.

It's a fantastic opportunity for students in years 10 to 13 who are considering a career in healthcare.



Our guest speaker, Emer Kelly, a seasoned midwife, will share her wealth of knowledge and insights, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring healthcare professionals. Following her talk, students will be guided through various allied health careers by exploring the journeys of two patients from initial presentation to full recovery. Students will gain invaluable perspectives on patient care dynamics and the collaborative efforts within the NHS, including exploring careers within:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Sign up here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



# Sixth Form Information



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Care Group

**SAFE**  
SEXUAL HEALTH ADVICE FOR EVERYONE

## School Nurse Drop In Clinic

Come and talk confidentially to your school nurse about...

- Emotional Health
- Sex & Relationships
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Physical Health
- Stress & Worries
- Drugs & Alcohol

Your School Nurse is Emma  
her mobile # 07502 738186

Find her in;  
**The Meeting Room**  
(near reception)

**Thursdays 13:30-14:10**

**NO need to book, just DROP IN!**

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### Important Notice

#### SIXTH FORM ASSEMBLIES

Mon 26 Feb Y12 8.30 am

Tues 27 Feb Y13 8.30 am

Avon Fire & Rescue Road Safety  
Presentation - All students to be  
seated by 8.30 am.

and

Mon 11 Mar Y12 8.30 am

Tues 12 Mar Y13 8.30 am

Avon Fire & Rescue Water Safety  
Presentation - All students to be  
seated by 8.30 am.



## Important Reminders for Sixth Form students

- The LRC is a **silent workspace** for students to work, revise, complete assessments etc. This applies at the end of the school day and during transition times.
- **No eating** is permitted at any time in the LRC.

### Chrome Books:

The chrome books are an expensive resource and should be respected as such. When you take a chrome book from the trolley to use anywhere in the sixth form block (they are not to be removed from the Gateway Building) please return it to the trolley and plug in the cable so that the device is charging ready for the next person to use. You can tell if it is charging as the light will be red or green. No light means the cable has been plugged in the wrong side of the chrome book.

### Lanyards:

It is mandatory for all 6th Form students to be **wearing** their lanyards at all times so they are visible. It is a breach of safeguarding and uniform policies when students do not wear them or carry them in bags/pockets.

**Student Handbook:** The student hand book is available to read here: <https://www.st-gregorys.org.uk/sixth-form/enrichment-personal-growth/student-handbook/>

# General Notices

## Safeguarding

**LANYARDS:** It is compulsory for lanyards to be worn **at all times** on the school site. You will be asked to show you have it on you.

**SIGNING IN/SIGNING OUT:** Is an essential Safeguarding process to keep you safe now that you have greater flexibility to arrive and leave the school site. You **MUST** sign in and sign out using InVentry Sign-in screen just inside the main doors whenever you leave the school site/return to school. If you leave during the school day due to being unwell, please let Mrs Kinch know.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Public bus companies are experiencing driver shortages.

To keep up-to date with timetables please consult the following websites:

[www.firstbus.co.uk/bristol-bath-and-west](http://www.firstbus.co.uk/bristol-bath-and-west)

[www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info)

Parents/carers and students are advised to keep updated with live service information on the First Bus website, Twitter page and on the First Bus App. Details about the First Bus App can be found on the following link - <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/tech-bus/first-bus-app>. The app allows passengers to track their bus live on a map, so they know exactly where it is on route and when it will get to their stop.

To report an issue with First Buses running late or not turning up, please call First Bus on Tel: 0345 646 0707, or fill in the contact form on the First Bus webpage - <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/help-and-support#formholder>.

Public transport issues or queries may also be directed to the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), who co-ordinate public transport across the region, using the following contact details - Email: [transport.operations@westofengland-ca.gov.uk](mailto:transport.operations@westofengland-ca.gov.uk) or Telephone: 0117 374 1265.

Online assistance with journey planning may be found on the Traveline website, see link: <https://www.traveline.info/>

## The LRC and Cafe

Please remember that the LRC is a **quiet** work space for students to use during lesson times and before/after school for quiet study. **No food is permitted in the LRC.**

Students are more than welcome to socialise, eat and study in the café area in the Gateway building and there is often plenty of free space.

## WIFI PROBLEMS

Here are some ideas to try....

- Click on the **SGCC\_BYOD** access point
- You will be prompted to enter your username and password (this is your school login that you use to login to a school pc)
- Try logging on to a school pc to make sure your login is working first just in case your password is wrong or expired.
- If it asks you for a EAP method select **PEAP**.
- If it asks you to select a certificate select **Don't Validate**
- Select Connect or OK and it should connect to SGCC\_BYOD
- You will notice you can't get on many websites as a Smoothwall block message appears so you need to install a security certificate.
- Browse on your device to <http://10.6.212.1/getmitm> and follow the instructions.
- The majority of the time you just need to click on the download certificate button and it will install itself, if not the instructions are there you help you.
- Make sure you don't have any VPN apps or proxy setting in your browsers as the firewall will detect them and stop the connection from working.

If all these fail and you still can't connect go to Mrs Kinch and ask to speak to IT Support and we'll be happy to help you.

# Sixth Form Information

## Key Contacts

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**Director of Sixth Form** — Mr Stewart Burn

**Deputy Head of Sixth Form/Head of Y12**— Dr Simon Brooks

**Deputy Head of Sixth Form/Head of Y13**—Mr Simon Duffy

**Sixth Form Administrator** - Mrs Anne Kinch  
01225 838 232 [kincha@st-gregorys.org.uk](mailto:kincha@st-gregorys.org.uk)

**Absences** - 01225 838230

If a student is unwell and not able to attend school, please leave a message in the morning. If the absence is related to Covid please make this clear in your message.

## 16-19 Bursary Fund

In Sixth Form there is a **Bursary Fund** to help students to pay for Text Books, Stationary and IT, Compulsory Subject Trips, Transport, Uniform/clothing and course equipment.

The Bursary fund is limited and is discretionary and means-tested for eligibility, however this should not deter applicants from applying. Bursary's do **not** affect the calculation of any other benefits you may be receiving such as universal credit.

If you think you might qualify, and have to buy bus fares, clothing or books, or need help funding school trips, **retain your receipts**. If your application is approved by the School Governors these costs can be reimbursed.

**Application Forms and further information and help can be obtained confidentially from Mrs. Kinch, LRC.**

## School Gateway App

At St Gregory's we use the School Gateway, an essential tool to keep you informed about what is going on at school. It keeps everything in one place, behind one login, so you can easily keep in touch.

Please download this app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents and carers.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/ Google Play or on your phone and go to  
[www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) (Apple) or  
[www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) (Android).

2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications".

3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.

4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you have got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you will receive notifications/alerts as normal.

## Useful Student Links

[UNiDAYS - Fast, free, exclusive discounts for students \(myunidays.com\)](https://myunidays.com)  
(student discounts)

[Notion - One workspace. Every team.](#) - (organization and journaling)

[GoConqr - Changing the way you learn](#) – (flashcards and other studying resources)

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

(Post Sixth Form guidance)

