



BRISTOL CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – END OF LENT TERM 2018

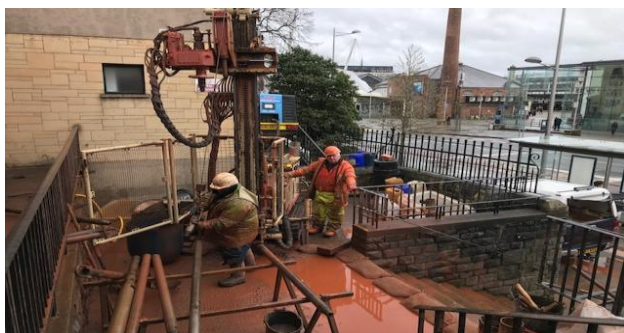
Mr Paul Atkins, Head of School

It has been another busy and successful term. This week I have seen Year 11 working well during study skills sessions before school; these have been brilliantly led by some of our Sixth Form students passing on their ideas and experience.

There are a range of activities that will take place over the Easter holiday. Details about revision opportunities for Year 11 and 13 have been shared along with dates when the library will be staffed for students to work in school.

We will have a very large contingent of Duke of Edinburgh students on the Welsh Mountains and, of course, choristers will have a busy Easter schedule.

I am delighted that we have now returned to a completely refurbished Deanery building after a complex building programme lasting over a year. I would be surprised if it has looked smarter in its long history. Main reception will now return to the Deanery, allowing a dedicated Sixth Form reception which will be accessed from the cathedral quadrangle.



Plans and permissions are now well advanced for other significant additions and improvements to teaching facilities.

These will include science, general classrooms, an extra catering facility and improved social areas.

The next phase will begin at half term.

Uniform and Equipment Reminder

A reminder that all girls in Years 7 & 8 should currently be wearing the school skirt with a gold band; Years 7-11 will all be expected to wear this skirt from September 2018. In the interim all skirts should be knee length and pleated. Students are permitted to wear small stud earrings (but not hooped). Please can I ask parents to ensure that students are wearing black polishable shoes, not trainers, ballet pumps or boots. We have high expectations of how students present themselves.

Cathedral Schools Trust: Trinity Academy

We are delighted to let you know that we now have a confirmed site for Cathedral Schools Trust's new secondary school. A brand new school, to be called CST Trinity Academy, will be built on land adjoining Stoke Park Primary School, located on Romney Avenue in north Bristol. The new school will help to meet the increased demand for secondary school places in Bristol and is planned to open for Year 7 students in September 2019, growing year on year with an eventual capacity of 1220 students (180 students per year group as well as sixth-form provision).



CST Trinity Academy will have a very close relationship with Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS) and the primary schools that are part of CST. The trust will work closely with Bristol City Council to deliver the new school, as well as primary and secondary school leaders, prospective families and community groups across Bristol.

We will be running a number of consultation events over the summer and autumn and if you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact by email to: enquiries@trinityacademybristol.org or visit our website at: www.trinityacademybristol.org



History

On March 7th, Year 12 & 13 Politics students attended a conference put on by the American Embassy entitled: *From Congress to Campus*. They had the opportunity to listen to academics from the Universities of Oxford and Exeter, as well as the chance to ask two former Members of Congress questions about their experience of serving in the House of Representatives.

It was an excellent opportunity to do some active revision for forthcoming exams. Dr Brodie

Art

Congratulations to Thalia Marriage, Gini Smart and Kate Roger who were winners of the Bristol Cathedral Senior Schools Art Exhibition and received prizes at a prize giving in the Cathedral. Their work was on display in the Cathedral for the public to view. Mrs Simmons



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Hannah Bapty, Joel Roach, Isobel Prosser, Laetitia Pilgrim, Suraiya van den Bos, Martha Santamaria, Genevieve Kiero-Watson, Eva Clothier have all completed their Gold Award and have been invited to St James' Palace. They have completed expeditions in the Lake District, volunteered with community groups and charities, participated in sport and fitness and committed to developing a skill. They've been away on residential, meeting new people, and in once instance, looking after baby turtles in Mexico! Well done to Jazz Prosser who has recently completed the award and will get an invite later in the year. Mr Davies

Gabblers Club

The Gabblers Club is an annual after-dinner speaking competition in which one Year 12 student from each of some 18 schools in Bristol compete over six months at six dinners to develop their public-speaking skills and entertain their audiences. This year BCCS has been ably represented by John Whittock who is preparing for his last speech at the Grand Final next month, where he and the other competitors will address an audience of some 250 people including the Lord Mayor of Bristol. Mrs Cox

Music

Another busy term of performances with the Pop and Jazz Concert, Music Specialist and Choristers concert, St George's Recital. Students also visited Headley Park Primary to give instruction to younger pupils, hosting music workshops for St Brendan's and Clifton College and holding the first Cathedral Schools Trust Concert.

Students have had the opportunity to attend masterclasses by:



Alice Neary, Principal Cello of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in January who plays an Alessandro Gagliano cello of 1710. Alice is a member of the Gould Piano Trio.

David Adams, Leader of the Welsh National Opera in February, who has been Co-Artistic Director of the Goldberg Ensemble since 2003.



Tim Thorpe, Principal Horn of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales who was the youngest Principal Horn in any of the UK's major orchestra.



Also in January, A level music specialists, string players and music students were able to visit the Colston Hall to see Academy of St Martin In The Fields.

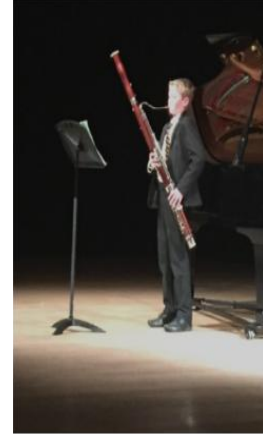
This included the American Grammy Award Winner violinist, Joshua Bell, regarded as one of the greatest string players in the world.

Young Artists Showcase: This took place on 6th March at St George's alongside Churchill Academy. A special mention to those who represented BCCS who were as follows: Anna Li, Matilda Sears Rowe, Thomas Milton, Faith Stonehewer, Jamada Roberts and the Vocal Octet.



Music Specialists & Choristers Concert showcased new talent.

The Spring Concert featured the Concert Band, Girls Choir, Boys Choir, Steel Pans, Lower School Voices, Chamber Choir and Symphony Orchestra



Some students in the spotlight!



Jack Wilfan has been elected as the deputy Youth Parliament member for Bristol.

This will involve representing the young people of Bristol to decision makers such as government, local authorities and charities. He has visited Prime Minister's Questions. Good luck Jack and well done!



Sophie Hillyerd has recently been involved with the England U15 football team. She has added to her first cap v. Scotland, with a second cap v. Switzerland during half term.

She is their first choice goalkeeper.



Max Chamberlain: A fantastic achievement for Max who was selected to be a reserve forward in the under 17s squad representing the Southwest in the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA) Conference.

He currently plays for Swindon Wildcats.



1st XV rugby V Mississauga Blues (Canadian Touring team)

This was a fantastic event. A large number of staff and pupils braved the awful weather conditions to watch this match. It was a ferocious encounter, with neither team willing to give an inch. The lead changed hands many times. Eventually a last minute try secured BCCS a 26-23 win.



UGANDA WEEK 19 – 23 March 2018

On 16th March 2018 Dr Rafael Mitchell, from the REAL Centre at Cambridge University, saw students at BCCS. Dr Mitchell has just compiled a database of education research in Sub-Saharan Africa. He did a talk, based on his research, about Uganda in the lead up to Uganda week. This was a brilliant opportunity for any studying geography, economics, politics or anyone with an interest in development, international relations or of course, our charity link with Uganda! In addition, many events were organised for the week which included a cake sale, collections at the Spring Concert, Non-uniform day, Tuck shop, guess the number eggs in a jar challenge, guess the teacher through their baby photo etc.

World Book Day 1st March 2018 (aka SNOW DAY)



We attempted to have a normal school day encompassing World Book Day however the weather got the better of us! However, the snow didn't make all of us go off course and we enjoyed seeing some staff assume another identity for World Book Day.

Caroline Maudsley (Asst. SENCO) - The Hungry Caterpillar

Roz Keir - (LRC Manager and UCAS & Careers Guidance) - Dolores Umbridge

Sarah Jenkinson (MFL Teacher) - Winnie the Pooh

Equalities Group

The Equalities Group has already been working hard since September to continue to promote equality and celebrate diversity here at BCCS. We decided to change the format a little this year, and focus on raising awareness of a different issue each month. In September we discussed Hate Crime in general and students prepared a tutor-time activity on this. In October, to celebrate Black History Month, the historian Edson Burton delivered an assembly in the cathedral, highlighting Black History specifically in Bristol, and the recent achievements of people such as our Mayor Marvin Rees, and those on the music scene such as ex-student Joel Douglas.

In November, the group wanted to highlight the work of Young Carers at BCCS and produced another tutor time activity on this, and in December they delivered a fantastic assembly on Learning Difficulties, also speaking about their own experiences with dyslexia and ADHD, which was extremely powerful. So far in 2018, they have been looking at issues surrounding Children in Care in January, LGBTQ+ equality in February, and Gender equality. Mental Health issues will be considered in April and May. Some students also recently attended a fantastic 'Equality of Voice' conference at City Hall, which was organised by Bristol Unity Youth Forum and involved an evening of speeches and presentations, videos, poems, performances and debates around issues facing Black and Minority Ethnic, and Refugee and Asylum-Seeking students. It was great to see students getting involved in the discussions, and also signing up to join the Unity Youth Forum in the future.

Mr Callaghan and I would also like to again thank the other members of the Stand Up 4 Diversity Group who delivered a fantastic assembly on Racist Language towards the end of last year.

This March we celebrated International Women's Day with an assembly for the whole school presenting what IWD was, why we acknowledge it and how it is celebrated around the world, as well as making a video featuring many of our BCCS community. Click [#pressforprogress](#) to see video.

It has been a productive February and March so far where we have focused on gender inequalities and spoke on what we were going to do to press for progress.

Students have consistently offered their time attending sessions after school every week to enable all of this, and we would like to thank those students and recognize their achievements already this year. Mr Lawrence, Mr Callaghan and Mrs Haddad

Iftar Ramadhan

We would like to invite you into school at 5pm Tuesday 11th April to discuss the observance and celebration of Ramadhan at school. This event is relevant for parents of young people who intend to observe the fast during the public examination season. Please email Ms Messinger emessinger@bristolcathedral.org.uk if you intend to join the evening and if you would like to contribute in any way. We very much look forward to seeing you at this event which will take place in the Cresswell theatre.

In addition to this we would also like to also invite you to BCCS Community Iftar evening of Tuesday 22nd May. Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together. Iftar is taken right after Maghrib prayer, which is around sunset. This event is open to all who would like to share time, reflection and food together during what will be a very special time for members of our community. Particular thanks is owed to **Ismaeel Akram (Yr 13)** for launching this event.

Getting into the Top Universities

On 27 February, we had a guest speaker called **Peter Rawlings**, came in to see our year 10 and 11 students about 'Getting into the Top Universities'

He has been described as the Russell Group Guru and often works with PixL

Mr Rawlings is known for speaking at conferences however, Ms Helmich was able to arrange for him to come to BCCS and speak to our students.

BCCS School Fund

Did you know the **BCCS School Fund** is available to donate to? This has been set up to support our wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. This will ensure that we are able to continue to support all our students and provide additional equipment and resources.

To donate, please click on: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bristolcathedralchoirschool>

Some dates for your diary: please refer to the Parent Portal for complete list	
24 - 29 March 2018	<i>D of E Practice Expedition</i>
9 April 2018	Trinity Term Begins for Pupils
10 April 2018	<i>Premium Partners Employability Event</i>
11 April 2018	<i>Discussion of observance and celebration of Ramadhan at school. 5.00pm</i>
13 April 2018	<i>D of E Bronze (Year 10) Training Day</i>
13 - 16 April 2018	<i>Geography Field Trip - Slapton Ley 2018 - A Level</i>
16 April 2018	<i>Year 13 Drama & Theatre Studies Practical Rehearsal</i>
17 April 2018	<i>Year 13 Drama & Theatre Studies Practical Exam</i>
18 April 2018	<i>Gospel Choir Concert 7.30 – 9.00pm - St George's Bristol, Great George St, Bristol BS1 5RR</i>
19 April 2018	<i>Off The Record - Drug Education Yr 9 - 8.40am -3.20pm</i>
19 April 2018	<i>CST Chamber Concert</i>
25 April 2018	<i>HPV vaccinations - Year 8 & 9 Girls – 9am to 1pm</i>
1 May 2018	<i>Premium Partners Employability Event 5 – 7pm</i>
7 May 2018	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
7-8 May 2018	<i>DofE Bronze (Year 10) Practice Expedition</i>
9 May 2018	<i>Yr 8 Free Shakespeare Workshops in the Drama Studio 3.30pm to 5pm</i>
16 May 2018	<i>Yr 9 Free Shakespeare Workshops in the Drama Studio 3.30pm to 5pm</i>
22 May 2018	<i>Community Iftar evening</i>
28 May 2018	Half Term Begins
1 June 2018	Half Term Ends
22 – 23 June 2018	<i>Assessed Expedition: D of E (Year 10) Bronze</i>
29 June 2018	<i>Year 11 Prom, Bristol Hotel</i>
6 July 2018	<i>Commemoration & End of Year Service 2.00pm</i>
6 July 2018	3.20pm TERM ENDS