

Lent Term Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers: 28 January 2022

Message from Headteacher

Dear all,

As I write this with the bells of the Cathedral peeling next door, I am reminded of both how privileged we are by our unique historic setting, as well as our collective responsibility to make the most of our time, so that for future generations of students and staff, we leave our school community better than we found it. As adults we know only too well how precious time is. Here at BCCS we want our students to understand that treasuring each moment of every day is part of what leads to a happy and fulfilled life - 'to thrive'. In this context, seeing students being courageous enough to perform to the public during a lunchtime concert this week was fantastic, so too were those students making the most of Co-Curricular and enrichment opportunities. Particularly impressive this week have been our Year 13 students, who are positively engaging in completing their mocks, with the anxiety of having not previously sat externally moderated exams. Attempting to make the most of every day, no matter the challenge, is then a hallmark of life here at BCCS and one of which we are very proud.

As I referenced last week, whilst we welcome the news that the national picture for COVID infection is improving, we continue to be conscious of vulnerable members of our community and the difficulty of mixed and changing messaging. As such, we will continue to empower students and staff to wear masks in class should they wish and will review case rates and work with local public health officials before making any decision to end compulsory mask wearing in communal spaces. This review is taking place weekly and this week we reiterated the message that:

Further to last week's Government announcement, at BCCS we will continue to empower students to practice agency and respect for themselves and our community by choosing to wear masks if they wish in classrooms. Mask wearing will remain in place in all communal parts of our school subject to weekly review.

In the meantime, I thank students for their fantastic compliance and care and to you all for your ongoing support in continuing to complete LFD testing twice weekly at home. The Sirona Nursing Team have now confirmed that further vaccinations will be administered on the 7th and 8th February. Information about this process will be shared as soon as it is available.


Next week brings with it the continuation of mock exams for Year 13, as well as Year 9 Parent/Carer evening.



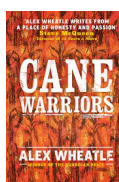
With Kindness, Courage and Hope.



Mr Thurston
Headteacher

Year Group Messages

Years 7-11	COVID-19 School Immunisation Programme	<p>All students aged 12 to 15 are now being offered a second dose COVID-19 vaccine, their first dose if they have now turned 12 or they missed the first dose.</p> <p>The vaccinations will take place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th February.</p> <p>If you would like your child to receive their vaccine in school and there has been more than 12 weeks since their first vaccine and 12 weeks since any positive COVID-19 test result, or if you would like them to receive their first vaccine please complete the consent form Link to the COVID-19 consent form: https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/coviddose2/2021/consent</p> <p><u>Please complete the forms by midnight on Wednesday 2nd February in order to receive the vaccination at the school session.</u></p>
Year 7 	MUSIC Trailblazers & The Noise!	It is important that all Y7 Trailblazers attend The Noise ensemble every Wednesday morning in the Drama Studio. We start at 8:30 so students should arrive between 8:15 and 8:25 if possible. We are getting ready for an exciting collaborative performance...details to follow.
All school	Music JAZZ CONCERT	Tickets are now available on Parent Pay for the Jazz Concert on 8th February in the Cresswell Theatre 7pm.
All Years (Music Specialists & Choristers)	MS&C Celebration Concert (17.2.22)	CALLING ALL MUSIC SPECIALISTS, CHORISTERS & EX-CHORISTERS! Fill in this form by 3rd Feb if you want to take part in a celebration concert of our Specialists and Choristers. All styles, voices and instruments will be considered; solos and group pieces welcome too. Concert is 17th February, 7pm
All school	Stationery shop	Please buy your stationery supplies from us, pens , pencils, calculators via www.parentpay.com . Thanks the Library team
All school	Scholastic book fair	Thanks to everyone who bought something from the bookfair. We took £616 which means £308 worth of free books for the Library!
Years 7, 8 & 9	Girls PE	Activity rotation for Double PE below. Students know which group they are in. Here is the footwear and additional equipment they need for the lessons: Rugby: boots and gum shield Football: boots and shin pads Hockey: trainers, shin pads and gum shield

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Years 7, 8 & 9	Boys PE	All students should have football/rugby boots and shin pads for their Double PE lessons.																
Years 7, 8 & 9	Books of the Week	<p>This week we are investigating romance/love books - for year 7 (The Pavee and the Buffer Girl) and 8 (Heartstopper) . Year 9 continues with a Bristol Teen Book Award Book about a slave uprisng in Jamaica (Cane Warriors) , there is still time to join in with the award. Thanks . Ms Keir.</p> <div><div><p>Year 7</p></div><div><p>Year 8</p></div><div><p>Year 9</p></div></div>																
Year 9	Year 9 Options	<p>A reminder of key dates for the Yr 9 Options process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd Feb - Yr 9 Subject Parents Evening• 4th Feb - Yr 9 Options Form released• 28th Feb - Deadline for completion of Yr 9 Options Form																
Years 10 & 12	Work Experience (WEX)	<p>All Yr 10 and Yr 12 students are to complete five days of Work Experience.</p> <p>Yr 10 takes place between 27th June and 1st July 2022.</p> <p>Yr 12 have flexibility to complete WEX at any point during the 21/22 academic year, subject to authorisation.</p> <p>The deadline for identification of a WEX placement is 28th February to allow Health & Safety checks to be completed.</p> <p>Please support your child in identification of a placement and completion of the WEX forms (all WEX forms can be found on the school website here).</p>																
Year 13	Mock Exams	<p>Year 13 mock examinations have begun!</p> <p>This is the first exam experience for many of the cohort. Details are attached in the below letter, but please reinforce the messages we are giving to students when discussing the exams at home:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kindness: be kind to yourself and each other during this time. Study hard, yes, but rest well too. Sleep, diet and relaxation are every bit as important as the studying you will do. Plan ahead to have all the																

		<p>appropriate measures.</p> <p>Be kind to others: support each other and be positive with one another; positivity is infectious, as is negativity. Be someone who shares hope and positivity.</p> <p>2. Courage: the Mocks are just that, a <i>practice</i> of the real thing. The purpose is to help students learn how to successfully prepare for and complete an exam season: mistakes will be made by every student along the way, but that is how we learn and improve. Students need to have the courage to try their best and accept that they will not get it perfect every time - that is how it should be.</p> <p>3. Hope: everyone should be ambitious for themselves. Aim high. Every student in Year 13 has the ability to succeed in the mock exams. Regardless of the outcomes in mocks, every student will <i>still have the ability to succeed in their A levels</i>. How we use the learning of the process is paramount.</p> <p>We wish everyone the very best of luck!</p> <p>Please see the letter from Mr Fuller, Head of Sixth Form, here for information and guidance.</p>
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Futures (Careers)	
Yr 10/12 Work Experience (WEX)	It is an expectation that all Yr 10 and Yr 12 students complete five days of Work Experience. WEX for Yr 10 takes place between 27th June and 1st July 2022. Yr 12 have flexibility to complete WEX at any point during the 21/22 academic year, subject to authorisation. The deadline for identification of a WEX placement is 28th February to allow Health & Safety checks to be completed. Please support your child in identification of a placement and completion of the WEX forms (all WEX forms can be found on the school website here).
Yr 13 Bristol University Conference	On Friday 18th February ALL Year 13 students will be taken to Bristol University for a KS5 Conference. This will support students to make an in-person visit as well as offering an insight into University life and a taster lecture. A formal communication regarding this event will follow shortly.
Futures Weekly Notices	Please do encourage your son/daughter to read the Futures Weekly Notices (posted on the Futures google classroom), a number of exciting opportunities across a variety of careers are shared within this document.

Parents/Carers - Gathered together, that all may thrive!	
	Calling all musical Mums and Dads: Open Mic Night coming soon!



If there are any parents/carers who would like to take part in a VERY INFORMAL musical evening, this is for you.
Any instrument, any ability, any style.
There will be a bar for Dutch courage and a chance at last to get to know some other parents & carers!
If you're prepared to get involved, let me know!
Simon Armstrong
Email: simonhunterarmstrong@gmail.com



**Work
Experience
Placements
Needed**

Does your place of work offer work experience placements? Would you be willing to host a Year 10/12 BCCS student? We are building a database of businesses/organisations that would be willing to offer work experience placements to our Year 10/12 students for up to five days (June 27th-July 1st 2022) please email bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk if you think you could support this request. Thank you.

Some Upcoming Dates

*****Please continue to check the [Parent/Carers calendar](#) for any changes.***

Please note these events are all subject to change should circumstances require it. Please continue to check the parent/carer calendar for a COMPLETE list of events. Not all may have been added to the list below as times keep changing. Many thanks

Thursday, 3rd February	Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening (Virtual- PM) - (Yr 10 Options form will be available after this event)
Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th February	Sirona Nursing Team visiting (Second Vaccines)
Tuesday, 8th February	Jazz Concert 7 - 9pm <i>Tickets will be available on ParentPay soon</i>
Monday 7th - Friday 11th February	National Apprenticeship Week
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th February	ABRSM Exams
Thursday, 10th February	Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening - 4 - 6pm (by appointment only)
Saturday, 12th February	Chorister for a Day Event @ Bristol Cathedral
Wednesday 16th February	Bristol Teen Book Award - Year 9 - 1 - 3 Badminton School. Please see Mrs Keir for details

Thursday, 17th February	Music Specialists and Choristers Concert - 7pm, Cresswell <i>Tickets will be available on ParentPay soon</i>
Friday, 18th February	Year 13 Bristol University Trip END OF TERM
Monday, 21st -Friday, 25th February 2022 - NO SCHOOL	
Monday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Yr 10/12 Work Experience (WEX) identification of a WEX placement and completion of supporting forms. • Deadline for completion of Yr 9 Options Forms
Thursday, 3rd March	World Book Day - Live author events, reading competitions and more!

Help us get 2022 off to a great start for Bristol Cathedral Choir School PTA by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we will get a bonus £5 donation when you do! Sign up today - this will make a BIG difference to us this year:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=jk89hd&char=225444&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

Available for
12 years and
over

COVID-19 Walk-in Vaccination Centre

THE GREENWAY CENTRE,
SOUTHMEAD, DONCASTER ROAD, BS10 5PY

7 DAYS A WEEK
FROM 8AM TO 8PM

NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED
NO WAITING TIME
FREE PARKING

NHS
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Vacancies within Cathedral Schools Trust

Please see below for two current job vacancies in our CST Central Team.

CST Senior Leadership Team Administrator (advert closes 30/01/22) : [CST Senior Leadership Team \(SLT\) Administrator - Eteach](#)

[Head of History](#)

[Specialist Teacher of Mathematics - SEND](#)

[Teacher of Science with Physics](#)

[Teacher of Science](#)



Covid Guidance (at the time of publishing...)

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From **Monday 17 January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to

complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Available [Sirona School Health Nursing Webinars](#)



Sirona School Health Nurse Webinar Series - February 2022



Healthy Eating
Thursday 17th Feb
9.30am — 10.30am



Keeping Your Child Happy and Healthy
Friday 18th Feb
9.30am—10.30am



Understanding Your Child's Wellbeing
Wednesday 16th Feb
1.30pm—2.30pm



Helping Your Child With Sleep
Monday 14th February
9.30am—10.30am



Your Child's Eating Habits
Tuesday 15th Feb
9.30am—10.30am



Continence in Children and Young People
Tuesday 15th February
10.30am - 11.30am



Dental Health
Thursday 17th Feb
1.30pm—2.30pm

Click on the icon to register for the event!
(registration may close 1 day prior, so please book on as soon as you can)

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