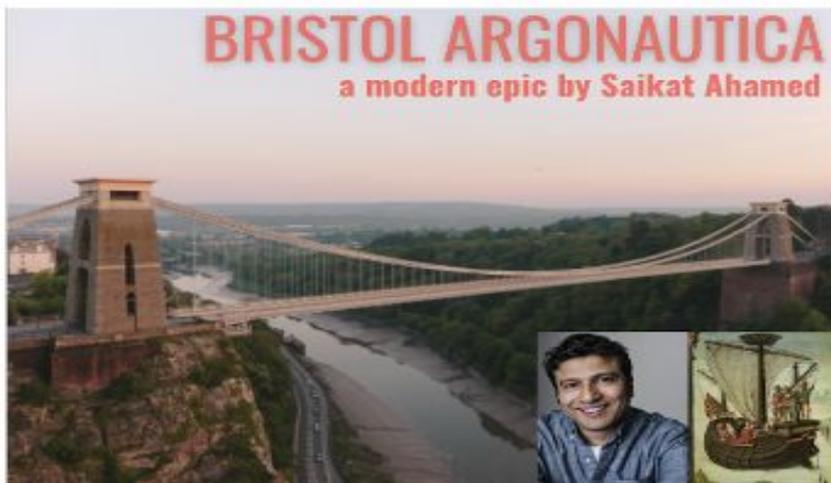


6. Achievements in the English Curriculum

We are proud of the ways in which our English curriculum goes beyond the classroom at BCCS with extra-curricular trips and events available to our students. Over recent years, we have visited the following local places of interest to watch films and productions with particular groups of students: Bristol Old Vic, Tobacco Factory, Watershed, Library. We have also visited the Bristol Hippodrome to watch a pantomime with the whole of Years 10 and 11 and taken part in the national conferences at Ashton Gate Stadium. A key development in 2019-20 has been our involvement with the Bristol One Curriculum, through which the school is pioneering links with local Black and ethnic minority communities working in education. This has led to workshops with practitioners in Years 7 and 8. In collaboration with the school Librarian, our students also take part in author visits. Plus, the Bristol Teen Book award has been held at BCCS on 17th March, 2022.

In 2022 our Year 12 A Level students went on a trip to the Bristol Argonautica workshop, led by local writer, actor, and storyteller Saikat Ahamed and based on a new epic poem he has written, Bristol Argonautica, about the experiences of Bristol residents during the pandemic. We are committed to continue developing the extra-curricular experience our students have and have plans underway for a joint English and Theatre studies trip to see Hamlet at the Bristol Old Vic.



FREE GCSE & A LEVEL POETRY WORKSHOPS

On TUESDAY 14th JUNE all new **Bristol Argonautica** workshops open to GCSE & A Level students in Bristol and the surrounding area will showcase a new epic poem by Bristol-based actor, writer, and storyteller **Saikat Ahamed**.

Hailed as 'the Bristol epic', the Bristol Argonautica draws inspiration from a classical epic poem (the Argonautica by Apollonius) to tell the stories of Bristol residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, including artists, key workers, and young people.

Year 12 trip to Bristol Argonautica workshop



Year 8 Support Set English work (a wall display celebrating their contributions)

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Achievements of English department teaching staff

We are proud of the achievements of our English teachers within the wider context of national education and some of these highlights include:

- Bathsheba Wells Dion's article: 'Only Connect ... Coherence and the KS3 English Curriculum' published in Issue 29 of Nate's Teaching English. <https://www.nate.org.uk/publications/teaching-english/>
- Tanisha Hicks-Beresford speaking about bringing Black Joy to the classroom on the BBC News: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-61024474>
- Tanisha Hick-Beresford has now been made an Associate Lecturer at the University of the West of England.
- Vic Watkins' article 'Reading collaborative reading partnerships in a school community' published in Volume 27 of *Changing English*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1358684X.2019.1682966>