




Termly Communication to Parents/Carers

Michaelmas Term 2 2024

Whole School Messages

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Year 7 Camp	<p>Year 7 Camp will take place from the 23rd - 27th June. Year 7s have been told about the existence of this trip in Assembly; a letter containing more information as well as payment details will be sent to Parents/Carers of Y7 between half term and Christmas to allow for time to pay in instalments. Y7 Camp is a longstanding tradition at BCCS, and we expect almost all of Y7 will attend. For any further questions following the letter, please email Mr Foster on year7camp@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>
Extra Curricular Maths Year 7-10	<p>Maths Circles at Bristol University</p> <p>Maths Circles are free maths-loving sessions which encourage and develop structured thinking and problem-solving skills. It is a social club for maths loving kids – a place where everyone shares a passion for puzzle solving and mathematics.</p> <p>The circles are held weekly, each session is 1.5 hours long. All kids who love puzzle-solving will enjoy the sessions regardless of their school grades, no prior knowledge is expected from the students.</p> <p>The Maths Circles programme is not a course with a beginning and an end. It is an ongoing social activity that can be attended for many years to come.</p> <p>If you are interested in signing up please fill in the form on the link below https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/maths-circles-at-university-of-bristol/</p>
Yr 7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations	<p>Flu Vaccination Programme</p> <p>We are offering your child (Year 7 - 11) a free flu vaccine at school on Wednesday, 27th November.</p> <p>Please complete the consent form as soon as possible: https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3</p>
 Esafety: PhonSMART course with EE (Y7/8)	<p>While tech and connectivity are critical to children's futures, use of technology and devices should <i>never</i> come at the expense of their safety or wellbeing.</p> <p>Did you know that 65% of parents who gave their children a smartphone at age 11 would have done something differently? Whether your pupils are heading to secondary school or in their final stages of primary, growing up with an online world isn't easy. That's why EE created PhoneSmart – a free interactive course that shows children aged 10-13 how to stay safe and be kind online. If completed at home students enter the prize draw to win an Xbox series X . Register here.</p>

<p>Y9 & Y10 German Trip (Cologne)</p> 	<p>A reminder that the final instalment for the German Trip to Cologne was due on Monday 4th November, please ensure that this and all other instalments have been paid via ParentPay.</p> <p>We will be holding a Parents/Carers Information Evening for the German trip to Cologne on Tuesday 12th November, 5.30-6.30pm in the Cresswell Theatre. Please come along with your child so that you can receive all of the key information for the trip.</p> <p>Please also remember to bring the two Medical/Behaviour and Consent forms with you to hand in on the evening. Danke!</p>
<p>Year 9 History Trip (all students)</p>	<p>We are really excited to be able to offer the opportunity for all Year 9s to visit the Air Raid shelter underneath St Nicholas Markets, as part of our study of WWII.</p> <p>Letters have already gone out. Please email Ms Youngs (Head of History) at eyoungs@bristolcathedral.org.uk if you have not received a letter.</p> <p>Please could all parents and carers read the information carefully and ensure that they have completed both the parental consent and medical information form, as well as payment via ParentPay. This was due by Monday 4th November, if you have not yet completed these forms and payment, please do so asap.</p>
<p>Year 10 DofE Bronze</p>	<p>The focus this half term is to get organised with activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections of the award and being doing these on a regular basis.</p> <p>Expedition Dates: Please check the amended original LETTER for dates in April and May (<i>not June</i>).</p> <p>There will be sessions after school on some Tuesdays to support students with using eDofE - the online platform for tracking the award.</p> <p>More support here https://sites.google.com/bristolcathedral.org.uk/dofebccs/home</p>
<p>Bilingual Ambassadors</p>	<p>Does your child speak another language as well as English? Would they like to be a language ambassador?</p> <p>BCCS is lucky enough to welcome students from around the world. We are looking for Bilingual Ambassadors who would be willing to use their language skills to help them settle into school. This could be through translating key information, showing new students around the school, or being there to answer questions.</p> <p>If you are interested, complete this form: https://forms.gle/Hbkgts5us33k4bk86</p> <p>Please contact Bathsheba Wells Dion for more information: bwellsdion@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>
<p>Association for Child and adolescent Mental Health</p> 	<p>Introducing ACAMH Learn – the new platform offering free learning materials on child and adolescent mental health. Gain access to videos, podcasts, webinars, and more, delivered by world-class experts. Whether you're a psychologist, educator, parent/carer, or social worker, there's something here for you. ACAMH's evidence-based content offers you the opportunity to broaden your understanding, and help you to answer two key questions; why is this happening and what can I do to help?</p> <p>Sign up for free today at www.acamhlearn.org or straight to the Parent/ carer link</p> <p>If any of the content is particularly useful please let me know mhelmich@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>


<p>Bristol Parents Carers (SEND)</p> <p>Bristol SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 Consultation</p>	<p>Bristol Parent Carers SEND Newsletter can be accessed here</p> <p>https://www.ask.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-send-and-inclusion-strategy-2024-2028-consultation#:~:text=Please%20complete%20this%20consultation%20survey,you%20can%20have%20your%20say.</p>
<p>Homework timetables</p>	<p>Please find this year's homework timetables on the website here.</p> <p>In some subjects (e.g. science and maths) homework is set at the start of the week rather than on the timetabled day. In these instances please use the homework timetable to support your child to manage their time throughout the week.</p>
<p>PTA Uniform Donations</p>	<p>The PTA are putting a call-out for any donations of football or rugby boots of usable quality to add to the future nearly new uniform sale. Please drop any donations to reception.</p>
<p>PTA Donations</p>	<p>As a thank you to the wonderful, hard-working teachers and staff at BCCS, the PTA are calling for donations to contribute to the staff Christmas celebrations.</p> <p>Please donate via Parentpay or directly to the PTA (Bristol Cathedral Choir School PTA, sort code 30-99-50, account 111862, ref: 'Thanks Teacher')</p>
<p>PTA Festive Workshop</p>	<p>Join us at this festive workshop on Thursday 28 November 7-9pm to make your own Christmas wreath. Cost £40. Book by 15 November using this link: https://forms.gle/zGwANutXDkXFCbL3A</p>
<p>PTA Christmas Tree Sale</p>	<p>We are delighted that the joint Cathedral Primary School PTA and Bristol Cathedral Choir School PTA Christmas Tree Sale will be taking place again this year on Saturday 7th December between 9am-1pm in College Square with both school communities benefiting from all the profits from the sale.</p> <p>The trees are Nordman Super Premium grade which are sustainably grown and supplied locally. Pre order NOW - you can choose and collect your tree on 7th December or we are offering our delivery service again within a 4 mile radius of the city centre for a fee of £8. The delivery option must be requested and paid for at the time of ordering and a member of the Team will choose and deliver your tree on the day of the sale.</p> <p>We are asking for payment in full by bank transfer once your order has been confirmed - full instructions on how to do this will be emailed within a few days of you completing the form.</p> <p>Christmas Tree Order Form 2024</p> <p>As well as the standard sizes, we can supply larger trees up to 3 metres, prices for these are available on request.</p> <p>Please note that the deadline to order your tree is Saturday 23rd November. There may be some extra trees available to buy on the day but these will cost more so please pre-order by the deadline to get the best price.</p> <p>If you have any questions or require further information, please email cpsxmastrees@gmail.com</p> <p>Many thanks in advance for your support</p> <p>CPS PTA and BCCS PTA</p>

Futures

<p>All Years - Futures Careers Bulletin</p>	<p>The weekly Futures careers bulletin has lots of amazing opportunities for students including university open days and tasters along with live apprenticeships starting in Sept 2025. Please feedback if any of the opportunities have been useful. Any questions please contact John Phelps, (BCCS Careers Advisor) , careersadvisor@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>												
<p>Y11 - 6th Form/FE Open Days</p>	<p>For Y11 students & parents/carers - please find an overview of the Bristol and South West Sixth Form/College information, open days and application deadlines - please note that details are correct at the time of publication but please check providers website for the most up to date information.</p>												
<p>Y11 Careers Personal Guidance</p>	<p>As part of the BCCS Futures careers programme ALL Y11 students will receive a one to one careers guidance meeting with our Level 7 qualified Careers Adviser, Mr Phelps. Students can self-refer by emailing Mr Phelps if they would like to move their meeting forward - especially if they are unsure about next steps. A parental communication about the Y11 Futures programme is available here.</p>												
<p>Careerpilot Webinar for Y11 Parents Wednesday 20th Nov 6-7pm</p>	<p>Careerpilot, an award winning regional careers website, is offering a FREE Parent and Carer webinar on choices after Year 11. The webinar will take parents and carers through the choices available to students after Year 11, and beyond. It will talk through the pathways Year 11 students can choose and explain what they need to be thinking about. It will also run through where their Year 11 choices could take them in the future, including the many routes to degree level study and all the other options available, such as apprenticeships and courses at local colleges. Places for these sessions book up quickly, so please book a place here ASAP.</p>												
<p>Y10 & Y12 Work Experience</p>	<p>The BCCS Work Experience programme has been officially launched to all Year 10 and 12 students. Here is some key Information:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1507 1509 1727"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Deadline</th> <th>Number of students with Placements</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>6th - 9th May</td> <td>Tues 7th January</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>23rd - 27th June</td> <td>Tues 25th February</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please encourage your child to search for a suitable placement early. Many companies are full by December/January.</p> <p>Here is this week's WOW! (WEX Opportunity of the Week)</p> <p>The Employers Database and past WOWS are found in the Work Experience Google Classroom. All students have been given access to this.</p> <p>Please contact Mrs Duncan on bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk if you have any questions.</p>	Year	Date	Deadline	Number of students with Placements	12	6th - 9th May	Tues 7th January	13	10	23rd - 27th June	Tues 25th February	20
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Y13 Careers Personal Guidance	All Y13 students are entitled to see our L7 Qualified Careers Advisor, Mr Phelps. If your son/daughter has not, as yet, had a careers guidance meeting and need one then please encourage them to contact Mr Mann. To ensure students get the most from this process they should register with Careerpilot and complete the Pathway Planner quiz - please encourage your son/daughter to complete these tasks.
KS3 Take My Child To Work Days	To widen understanding and appreciation of Careers within the working world I am delighted to launch <i>Take Your Child to Work Day</i> on 6th January & 3rd February 2025 . The Parents/Carers communication regarding the <i>Take Your Child to Work Days</i> is available here .
Labour Market Information	Labour Market Information gives an insight into the local labour market - this can be helpful to make informed decisions about future careers. Please look at the Skills Connect webpage for the West of England to get current information on labour market statistics. You can also find information about the variety of education and training courses available for your son/daughter here at the DFE Skills for careers website .

Music

BCCS Music 2024-25	Here on THIS LINK remains the letter with all the start of the year information. It includes concert dates, ensembles, links to sign up for auditions and information on peripatetic music lessons.
Michaelmas Concert 14th November	We are excited to host our annual Michaelmas Concert, Thursday 14th November 🎵 <i>Our participants - Junior/Senior Guitar Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Horn Ensemble, Upper School Voices, String Orchestra, Senior/Junior String Quartet.</i> Please find the rehearsal schedule for the day here **Tickets are still available to purchase on Parent Pay** 7pm start in the Cresswell Theatre (6.30 pm arrival) Any issue please feel free to email BCCS Music Admin
Music lessons 	With over 400 lessons per week and an expert team of 30 Visiting Instrumental and Singing Teachers, there are so many routes to learning an instrument. From steel pans to trombone, jazz double bass to cello! If you are interested in taking up lessons please complete this form or email musicadmin@bristolcathedral.org.uk <i>We have had a fantastic amount of lesson requests recently and are working through them as fast as we can, we will be in touch with responses as soon as we are able!</i>

*** [Click Here](#) for the full Co-Curricular opportunities available this term ***

Upcoming dates

****Please continue to check the [Parent/Carers calendar](#) for any changes.
Term Dates [2024/2025](#)**

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 14th November	Michaelmas Concert
Friday 15th November	Y10 Employer Encounter (Abbots & Priors + Deans)
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd November	Y13 Bio Field Trip to Slapton Ley
Tuesday 26th November	Y9 Employer Encounter - Careers in Healthcare
Wednesday 27th November	Y7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 28th November	Y13 Parent/Carer Evening
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Concert at Bristol Cathedral
Thursday 5th December	Y11 Parent/Carer Evening
Sunday 8th - Wednesday 11th December	Y8/9 German Market Trip
Thursday 12th December	End of Term 2