

Termly Communication to Parents/Carers

Lent Term 1 2025

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our Lent 1 half termly newsletter. I hope that you find it helpful and informative. This half term is busy with the GCSE options process, various parents' evenings and plenty of music events.

Staffing News

We welcome several new members of staff to the BCCS team. Rachael Ross is starting as Head of Pastoral Support and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and joins with over ten years of social work experience. Steven Mak is starting as Finance Officer and has over twenty years of corporate finance experience. Corry Walker is starting as Teacher of PE and is joining us from St Mary Redcliffe. We were sad to say goodbye to Ms Heidi Wells and Ms Amy Seymour at the end of the Michaelmas Term, but wish them all the best in their new roles.

Upcoming dates

Monday 6th January	Inset Day 5 (School Closed to all Students)
Tuesday 7th January	Term 3 Begins
Wednesday 15th January	GCSE Options Information Evening
Thursday 16th January	Y8 Parent/Carer Evening
Thursday 23rd January	Y12 Parent/Carer Evening
Monday 27th January	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 3rd February	Inset Day 6 (School Closed to all Students)
Thursday 6th February	Y9 Parent/Carer Evening
Tuesday 11th February	Pop and Rock Concert
Friday 14th February	End of Term 3

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<p>Year 7 Camp</p>	<p>Year 7 Camp will take place from the 23rd - 27th June. The deadline for the second payment was the 10th of January; please can this be paid as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. If you have not yet paid but wish your child to attend, please email Mr Foster at year7camp@bristolcathedral.org.uk. Please also email if you have any concerns or queries currently stopping your child from attending.</p>
<p>Year 9 MFL Futbol Lingo</p> 	<p>We are looking forward to welcoming Futbol Lingo into school for a Year 9 assembly on Tuesday 28th January to promote and highlight the importance of language learning both in sport and beyond! There will also be the opportunity to take part in some language-related workshops.</p>
<p>Free Maths Event at Bristol University</p>	<p>MATHS EVENT at Bristol University Stories about Hollywood's Hippest mathematics. A celebration of Women and Girls in STEM Wed 12 Feb 2025 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM G.10, School of Mathematics, Fry Building, BS8 1UG. Tickets are free, just sign up using the link attached, this isn't a BCCS event, students are welcome to attend with friends or parents. There is a pizza reception after the event where you can meet the panelists too. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/universityofbristol15/1482328</p>
<p>UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 mathematicians are invited to take part in the Intermediate UK Mathematical Challenge on Wednesday 29th January 3.25-4.25pm Past papers are available here for students to practice and students should speak to their maths teachers to sign up.</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. Expedition Dates: Please check the amended original <u>LETTER</u> for dates in April and May (<i>not June</i>). There will be sessions after school on some Tuesdays to support students with using eDofE - the online platform for tracking the award. More support here https://sites.google.com/bristolcathedral.org.uk/dofebccs/home</p>
<p>Y11 Art & Design ESA (Fine Art, Textiles & 3D Design)</p>	<p>The art exam papers are on students' Google classrooms along with any support materials provided by their teachers. Students have until just after Easter to prep for their 10hr exam - producing research, drawings, ideas, experiments and outcomes inspired by the theme that they have chosen from the exam paper. Please encourage your child to work regularly at home or in after school sessions (in addition to lesson time) on their work as this will be the shortest time that they have had to produce a project from start to finish. Fine Art Paper Textiles Paper 3D Design Paper</p>
<p>Y12 & Parents of Y13 Leavers</p>	<p>If your child sat their GCSEs at BCCS in summer 2024 and have not yet collected their exam certificates, please remind them to do so. They can be collected from the Exams Office in S024 (Science Corridor). If you have a child who sat A-levels in summer 2024 and they have a sibling still at BCCS, please could you consider asking them to collect it on their behalf? Please contact Miss MacBryde at Kmacbryde@bristolcathedral.org.uk to organise this if possible.</p>

<p>Redcliffe Bridge closure Jan/Feb 2025</p>	<p>There will be a temporary closure of Redcliffe Bridge as follows: The bridge will be closed to all users from: 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. on 20th January 2025 until 7th February 2025. Please see attached for the diversion routes here & here</p>
<p>School Show: We Will Rock You</p>	<p>Please look out for an update from the school show in next week's communication home - we are hoping to reach not only the parents and carers of students directly involved in the production with key rehearsal and performance dates, but those members of the community who might be able to support the production in terms of set building and costume making. Many thanks!</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 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>Y10 & Y12 Work Experience</p>	<p>BCCS Work Experience (WEX) Information:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1223 1505 1411"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Deadline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>6th - 9th May</td> <td>Mon 3rd February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>23rd - 27th June</td> <td>Tues 25th February</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please encourage your child to secure a placement by the above deadline.</p> <p>The Employers Database, WOWS! (WEX Opportunity of the Week), template emails and other WEX information, can be found in the students Work Experience Google Classroom.</p> <p>Please contact bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk if you have any questions.</p>	Year	Date	Deadline	12	6th - 9th May	Mon 3rd February	10	23rd - 27th June	Tues 25th February
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<p>Post-16 Careers Personal Guidance</p>	<p>All Post-16 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.</p>									
<p>KS3 Take My Child To Work Days</p>	<p>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.</p>									

Music

<p>Christmas Concert Video</p> 	<p><i>Want to relive the experience?</i> <u>Click here for a preview!</u></p> <p>Recordings of Tuesday's spectacular Christmas Concert are available, professionally filmed by <i>White Villa</i>. To order a USB (£10) please log onto ParentPay by scanning the QR code. If you can't access ParentPay, please contact musicadmin@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>
<p>BCCS Music 2025</p>	<p>We have made some changes to our ensemble timetable this term that includes a change of day for GX choir and a short break for Chamber Choir:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">📅 Music Choirs and Ensembles LENT 2025 <p>Please see here our upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">📅 Concerts and events 2024/25
<p>Y7 MS&C "Outlines" Event</p>	<p>On Monday Y7 Music Specialists and Choristers were treated to a day of music making with professional musicians Dee Byrne and Rebecca Nash. The day was to focus on composition skills and demystify how we can generate ideas, develop ideas and how we can be brave and innovative with musical elements and structure. This all had to happen while working as a team of 23 students all with different musical skills, tastes and abilities! Congratulations to all involved for showing such skill and creativity, and for living out our values of <i>kindness, courage and hope</i>.</p>
	
<p>Music lessons</p> 	<p>With over 400 lessons per week and an expert team of 30 visiting instrumental and vocal 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</p> <p><i>We currently have waiting lists in place for drum kit and piano, if you are on a waiting list we will email to confirm.</i></p>

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