

Termly Communication to Parents/Carers

Trinity Term 1 2025

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our Trinity 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. Abbie Jessop is starting as Teacher of English from Downend School. Helen Brocklesby will be joining as Teacher of Business Studies. Helen joins us with many years of teaching and school leadership both in the UK and abroad. We were sad to say goodbye to Paul Mann at the end of the Lent Term. Paul has taught and led the school's careers programme for many years and I know he will be sorely missed by everyone at the school. I wish him all the best in his new role. We also said goodbye to Ines Ouaknine, our music administrator. Ines made significant contributions to the life of the school, especially with her support for the music concerts and organisation of peripatetic music teaching. I also wish Ines the best for her new career.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 22nd April	Y11 Thorpe Park Trip
Thursday 24th April	Y10 Parent/Carer Evening
Friday 25th April	Y13 Theatre Studies Practical Exam
28th-30th April	GCSE French & German Speaking Exam
Thursday 1st May	Trinity Concert
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 23rd May	End of Term 5
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6

Helpful Links

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Whole School Messages




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Year 7 Camp	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.
Year 11	A reminder that the payment deadline for the Thorpe Park Trip is April 11th. The link is on Parentpay. Thank you.
Y11 GCSE French & German	Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th April - GCSE French & German Speaking exam dates. The specific day and time will be shared with students in class and via their French and German Google Classrooms.
Year 10 DofE Bronze	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
Year 10 Reward Trip	It gives me great pleasure to announce that an end of term Reward Trip to Brean Theme Park has been agreed. Details are in this letter .
Y12 & Parents of Y13 Leavers	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.
Arbor App/Portal	Look out for emails this term for parents/guardians to sign up to the new Arbor App. We have been trialing this last term with selected groups and will now be launching across more Year groups in the final term. More information to follow.
Attendance	Attendance of your child is now completed in Arbor not ClassCharts. We are aware that sometimes these systems do not communicate fully and if your child is part of a non-subject activity that ClassCharts does not show this correctly, particularly around music. When we move fully over to Arbor this will not be the case but we ask that you are patient in the interim. There is no need to contact our attendance team if you find that ClassCharts is reporting absence and you know they have music. Thank you. Attendance Team
SEND Homework	On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.25-4pm SEND homework support sessions are held in 'The Hive', our SEND Support Centre. KS3 sessions are in the main Hive workroom and KS4 sessions are held upstairs in

Support Sessions	A301. Both sessions are staffed with LSAs. This term the KS4 session also offers support with revision and study skills. If you would like to sign your young person up for these support sessions for Term 3, please do so using the linked form HERE .
PSHEe: Sex and Relationships Education this term (Ms Helmich)	As part of our school's wider PSHEe programme, this term, your child will be engaging with content on positive relationships with themselves and others (Years 7-8) as well as relationships and sex education (Years 9-11) and personal safety. Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, now form part of the National Curriculum. The resources we use to deliver these lessons are all made by me personally; they are age-appropriate, culturally sensitive, based around Department for Education guidelines and recommendations from the PSHE Association who gather national data on the issues that affect young people and when. Please take the time to read this letter for further information

Futures

All Years - Futures Careers Bulletin	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 Roz Keir, (BCCS Careers Advisor) , careersadvisor@bristolcathedral.org.uk									
Y11 Careers Personal Guidance	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, Mrs Keir. Students can self-refer by emailing Mrs Keir if they would like to move their meeting forward - especially if they are unsure about next steps.									
Y10 & Y12 Work Experience	<p>BCCS Work Experience (WEX) Information:</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Date</th><th>Deadline</th></tr><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></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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Post-16 Careers Personal Guidance	All Post-16 students are entitled to see our L7 Qualified Careers Advisor, Mrs Keir. If your son/daughter has not, as yet, had a careers guidance meeting please encourage them to contact Mrs Keir. 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.									

Music

BCCS Music 2025	<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> <p>☰ Music Choirs and Ensembles LENT 2025</p> <p>Please see here our upcoming events:</p> <p>☰ Concerts and events 2024/25</p>
Trinity Concert 1st May 2025 	<p>We are very excited to host our annual Trinity Concert on Thursday 1st May. The Cresswell Theatre - 7pm start.</p> <p><i>(Our performing Ensembles - Horn Ensemble, Stretch Ensemble, Junior String Quartet, Flute Ensemble, Junior Guitar Ensemble, Senior Guitar Ensemble, Senior String Quartet, Brass Ensemble, Upper School Voices, String Orchestra, Sinfonia Strings).</i></p> <p>**Tickets available on Parent Pay**</p>
Y7 MS&C “Outlines” Event	<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>
	
Music lessons 	<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 ***