

Termly Communication to Parents/Carers

Michaelmas Term 1 2025

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our Michaelmas 1 half termly newsletter. I hope that you find it helpful and informative.

Staffing News

We welcome 14 new members of staff to the BCCS team. These are as follows:

Name	Role	Name	Role
Joel Brisk	Deputy Headteacher	Jack Cathcart	Learning Support
Ben Oaten	Head of PE	Daisy Hillman	Learning Support
Laoise Kavanagh	Music Teacher	Lana Rankin	Learning Support
Imogen O'Reilly	Art Teacher	Emily Casstles	Admissions & Marketing
Katie McMatson	English Teacher	Sam Thatcher	Estates Officer
Charlie Strickland	English Teacher	Oli Soar	Estates Officer
Charlotte Bruno	Music Administrator	Aisa Krzysiek	Attendance Officer

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 3rd September	Y7 & Y12 Induction Day
Thursday 4th September	Start of Term 1
Tuesday 16th September	Y13 UCAS Evening for early entries
Thursday 18th September	Y7 Open Evening (1)
Wed 24th September	Y12 Information Evening
Thursday 25th September	Y7 Open Evening (2)
Friday 26th September	INSET DAY (School Closed to all Students)
Wednesday 8th October	Y12 Open Evening
Tuesday 21st October	Inter House Music Winners Concert
Wednesday 22nd October	End of Term 1
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY (School Closed to all Students)
Tuesday 4th November	Start of Term 2

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Whole School Messages

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Attendance	<p>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.</p> <p>Thank you. Attendance Team</p>		
Onscreen Assessments	<p>All Y7, 8, 9 & 10s will be taking onscreen reading assessments over the coming weeks. Y7s will also be sitting CAT assessments (Cognitive Ability Testing) w/c Mon 8th Sept. Further information will be sent out in due course but these are not Pass or Fail tests and there is no revision which can or needs to be done. Please reassure your child that there is nothing to be worried about!</p>		
Year Teams Y7-Y11 2025/26	<p>Year Group</p> <p>11</p> <p>10</p> <p>9</p> <p>8</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Head of Year</p> <p>Mr Murphy</p> <p>Mr Welch</p> <p>Mr Frost</p> <p>Mrs Hicks</p> <p>Mrs Saunders</p>	<p>Pastoral Support Leader</p> <p>Mr Darlington</p> <p>Ms Cooley</p> <p>Ms Hudson</p> <p>Ms Brewer</p> <p>Ms McCrossan</p>
Open events for Cathedral Schools	<p>Please see advert here for the Cathedral Trust Schools open events</p>		
Science	<p>The new year means some curriculum changes, particularly for year 9, who are now starting their GCSEs in Science. Please see the links below for more information on Science Pathways and how you can support your child in Science at BCCS.</p> <p>Year 9 Science</p> <p>Year 10 Science</p> <p>Year 11 Science</p>		
Sixth Form	<p>There are many members of our sixth form community who struggle to buy clothing suitable for school. If any adults in your household have smart / professional clothing that is in good condition that they no longer need, the sixth form would welcome donations. Please bring it to reception and we can make sure your donation finds a good home!</p>		



All Years - Futures Careers Bulletin	<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 Roz Keir, (BCCS Careers Lead) , careersadvisor@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>
Post-16 Careers Personal Guidance	<p>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 Careerplot and complete the Pathway Planner quiz - please encourage your son/daughter to complete these tasks.</p>
Yr 10 & 12 Work Experience Mrs A Fey Work Experience Coordinator	<p>Year 10 and 12 have the amazing opportunity of Work Experience this year. Work experience for Year 10's will be taking place 22nd-26th June 2026, Year 12 work experience week will be taking place 4th-8th May 2026</p> <p>Please encourage your child to make a list of businesses/companies they would like to work at during this week and support them in reaching out to the employers to ask if they would be happy to host them. This is best done sooner rather than later to ensure your child gets their first choice placement as work experience opportunities get snapped up quickly.</p> <p>Once a place has been secured all your child will need to do is add this to their Unifrog 'placements' and pat themselves on the back for having their work experience in hand.</p> <p>Further information on the process will be given to the students this term.</p> <p>If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact me, Mrs Fey, at bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p>
Maths	<div data-bbox="639 1093 1066 1184" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Some dates for the diaries, (more to follow in future terms for KS3 and KS4 students)</p> <p>Year 11, Y12 Y13: Mathematical Olympiad for Girls (MOG) : 25th September</p> <p>Year 11, Y12 Y13: Mathematical competition for Girls (MCG) : 25th September</p> <p>Year 11, Y12 Y13: Senior Mathematical Challenge: 9th October</p> <p>All students interested in entering should email Mrs Newton Dunn knewtondunn@bristolcathedral.org.uk</p> <p>More info can be found here https://ukmt.org.uk/</p>
Maths	<div data-bbox="327 1637 549 1677" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Maths Circles are maths-loving training sessions for school years 7-11 They are extra-curricular and free of charge and run at the University of Bristol.</p> <p>To learn more and be invited to the Maths Circles please visit https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/maths-circles/</p>
PE Kit	<p>To ensure your child is prepared and ready to excel in PE this year, please can we draw your attention to the required kit and equipment needed for single and double lessons. It is essential that students have the correct kit to ensure smooth transitions at the start of lessons to maximise their time within PE especially during the double lessons at Failand.</p> <p>The link to the PE kit expectations can be found here: https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/media/7629/bccs-uniform-and-pe-kit-policy-update-july-2025-1.pdf</p>

BCCS Community Hardship Fund	<p>The school is currently welcoming donations to our community hardship fund. Over the years, we have successfully supported a significant number of families from our school community who have required financial assistance. You can find the link to donate on ParentPay.</p> <p>Anything that you donate will go directly and fully towards essential supplies for families in need. We will ask families to complete a form that outlines their circumstances and will make an award where we see the most need.</p> <p>If you are a taxpayer and would like to add gift aid to your donation please indicate this in the note section with either a yes or a no, you will then be emailed a form to complete.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have donated in the past. Your contributions have had a significant positive impact for our students and their families.</p>

Music

BCCS Music 2025-6	<p>Here is a link to a welcome letter from the music department. This includes information about all our events this coming year plus ensemble details and information on instrumental/vocal music lessons and how to sign up.</p>
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*** [Click Here](#) for the full Co-Curricular opportunities available this term ***