

Termly Communication to Parents/Carers

Michaelmas Term 2 2025

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our Michaelmas 2 half termly newsletter. I hope that you find it helpful and informative.

Staffing News

We are sad to say farewell to Miss McCrossan, our Pastoral Lead Year 7 and KS3 Safeguarding Lead. In her time at the school, Miss McCrossan has been such an integral part of the support network for Key Stage Three students. We also said farewell to Estelle Browne, our Art Technician. She has been providing vital support to the art department for many years and her absence will be keenly felt.

Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed Ms Lifton as our new Art Technician. I would also like to congratulate Miss Sedgewick in her appointment as Safeguarding Lead and for Mr Hogg for his appointment to Ethos Lead.

Upcoming dates

Monday 10th - Friday November 21st November	Y11 Mock Exams
Thursday 13th November	Michaelmas Concert
Monday 24th November	Y7-Y11 Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 27th November	Y13 Parents Evening
Wednesday 3rd December	Christmas Concert
Friday 12th December	End of Term 2
Monday 5th January	Inset Day 5
Tuesday 6th January	Start of Term 3

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Whole School Messages

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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		
Year Teams Y7-Y11 2025/26	Year Group 11 10 9 8 7	Head of Year Mr Murphy Mr Welch Mr Frost Mrs Hicks Mrs Saunders	Pastoral Support Leader Mr Darlington Ms Cooley Ms Hudson Ms Brewer TBC
Science	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. Year 9 Science Year 10 Science Year 11 Science		
Sixth Form	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!		
Y11 Art, Textiles, Graphics and 3D	This term marks the completion of the Coursework NEA		



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 Lead) , careersadvisor@bristolcathedral.org.uk
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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 Careerplod and complete the Pathway Planner quiz - please encourage your son/daughter to complete these tasks.
Yr 10 & 12 Work Experience Mrs A Fey Work Experience Coordinator	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 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. 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. Further information on the process will be given to the students this term. If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact me, Mrs Fey, at bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk
	Year 12 - University of Gloucester trip year 12 had a great day out at University of Gloucester and found out about student life and took part in a variety of taster lectures. Year 7 and 8 - Motivational speaker - Ricard Erasmus Wednesday 12th November on characteristics and skills. Here is this week's careers bulletin. Packed full of Careers news and opportunities. Work Experience Yr 10 & 12 (Mrs Fey): All year 10 and 12 students are expected to find and secure a work experience placement. The sooner your child secures a placement the more likely they are to find a placement which suits their interests. I post weekly work experience opportunities on the WEX Google Classrooms, which also hold many other key WEX resources such as the Employer database and a template email to the employer. Once your child has secured a placement they will need to add this on Unifrog, a guide on how to add a placement on Unifrog can be found on the WEX Google Classroom. WEX dates: Yr 10 - 22nd - 26th June (deadline to add to Unifrog 24th February 2026) Yr 12 - 4th - 8th May (deadline to add to Unifrog 6th Jan 2026) Please note the 4th May is a bank holiday, students are not obligated to work that day but may attend their placement if the option is open to them. If you have any questions or concerns surrounding work experience please check the information available on the website here or drop me an email, afey@cathedralschoolstrust.org, and I will be more than happy to help.

Maths	Some dates for the diaries, (more to follow in future terms for KS3 and KS4 students) Year 11, Y12 Y13: Mathematical Olympiad for Girls (MOG) : 25th September Year 11, Y12 Y13: Mathematical competition for Girls (MCG) : 25th September Year 11, Y12 Y13: Senior Mathematical Challenge: 9th October All students interested in entering should email Mrs Newton Dunn knewtondunn@bristolcathedral.org.uk More info can be found here https://ukmt.org.uk/
Maths	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. To learn more and be invited to the Maths Circles please visit https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/maths-circles/
Futures 	Wednesday saw the launch of Year 10 Work Experience which will be running 22nd - 26th June 2026. Please encourage your child to start their search for work experience sooner rather than later, as this will help ensure they secure the placements best suited to their interests and goals. Students can access further information on work experience, including email templates to the employer and the employer database, on the Year 10 WEX Google Classroom which they have all been invited to join. Parents can access further information on the website here If you have any queries or would like support finding work experience please email Mrs Fey, WEX Coordinator, at bccsworkexperience@bristolcathedral.org.uk Year 8 parents you are invited to take part in some independent research about Parental influence on careers. Mrs Hicks Bereford has sent you an email about this. I would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire and volunteer for the focus group. This is for a MA but is also seeking to improve our careers service. rkeir@bristolcathedral.org.uk Year 9 - University technical college and studio school assembly Wednesday 1st October. This is to give extra information to support the letter sent to year 9 parents from Bristol City Council. The BCC letter is here. Year 11 - Careers interviews have begun. Students will be told about these a week in advance and reminded on the day of the interview. Make sure you are booking open evenings and days at post 16 providers.
Co-curricular	***Updated*** Please click here to see a list of clubs on offer at BCCS this term

PE Kit	Students have been informed via tutors about what sports they are learning through this term. To support students having the smoothest starts possible to PE, please ensure students have the right PE kit as detailed here: https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/media/7629/bccs-uniform-and-pe-kit-policy-update-july-2025-1.pdf Please note the expectation of black tracksuit bottoms, shorts, leggings or skorts for PE. If there are challenges regarding the PE kit such as it has not yet arrived, please send an email to your child's PE teacher.
English as an Additional Language	Does your family speak English as an additional language? To receive our termly BCCS EAL community newsletter, please email Mrs Chapman, our EAL Coordinator, at rchapman@bristolcathedral.org.uk
BCCS Community Hardship Fund	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. 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. 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. 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.
Science Curriculum	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. Year 9 Science Year 10 Science Year 11 Science
Co-Curricular Schedule	***Updated*** Please click link here to see a list of clubs on offer at BCCS this term

Music

Music 2025-26	Here is a link to a welcome letter sent 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. Ensembles are now running weekly! Trailblazers See this letter - please direct any questions to musicadmin@bristolcathedral.org.uk
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Please check out BPCs Events page for an extensive list of bookable inclusive activities and information events happening in Bristol to support families of children and young people with SEND. <https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/>

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