

newsletter

April 2023



From the Headteacher

Start of Term Service

It was great to see so many of our students leading different aspects of the Start of Term service on 20 April.

My thanks go to Mr Davies (Head of Music) and Mrs Alsop (one of our peripatetic music teachers and a Governor) for all their efforts behind the scenes with the singers. It is a big deal to stand up and sing in church in front of your peers and both Mr Davies and Mrs Alsop did an amazing job in encouraging them to do this. Congratulations to all the students for their amazing performances.

Thank you also to Chaplain Eric for his work with our readers and prayers. They were wonderful. Also thank you to our IT team who set up the screens which really helps to improve visibility for many students in such a big church space.

Meanwhile in school a lot of our teachers were teaching Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they prepare for their exams. The students are working very hard, and we are doing all we can to support them at what can be a stressful time. I am sure they are looking forward to their end of year celebrations which are taking place soon.

Sports Updates

A massive well done to Mr Freeman and our Year 11 football squad and to Mr Hare and our Under 15 cricket team.

Cricket

The U15 cricket team came joint second in the regional competition held at UWE last week. They performed brilliantly against some historically high performing schools most notably beating Pate's Grammar School after bowling them all out for 23! Notable performances from Daniel S (Hat trick against

Redland Green), and Nathan F (brilliant captain and excellent batting throughout). It must also be noted that 7 members of our squad were playing a year up! Squad members were Nathan F (Captain) and Isaac W (Y10), and Isaac A, Fraser R, Daniel S, Tom K, Tom W, Ben W, and Harry T (Y9).

Football

Our Year 11 boys squad performed excellent in the final on Tuesday. The team were 1-1 at the end of normal time but unfortunately lost 2-1 at the end of extra time. The boys were an absolute credit to the school, playing some of the best football we have seen at this level, pushing an Ashton Park team who have been unbeaten in 5 years right to the end. Many staff were disappointed that they were unable to attend due to parents'/carers' evening and we are therefore very grateful for the staff and parents/carers who were able to attend and support the boys. Mr Freeman deserves a special mention as he has coached the squad since they were in Year 7! The squad members were Jonty S, JJ K, Charlie A, Elliott J, Marvellous A, Ted S, Shadrack A, Leo R, Xavier W, Matthew R, Praise A, Said A, Zaeed A, David E, and Cristian A.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all of you for your contributions on Friday 21 April. Our students enjoyed coming into school in non-uniform and it was great to be able to just over £900 for our partner school in Uganda.

Summer Uniform

We will be moving to summer uniform from Tuesday 2 May (after the Bank Holiday), so students may choose not to wear their tie or blazer. They must still wear their jumper, and we recommend the no-sleeve version if the weather is particularly warm. If there are financial difficulties with regard to the purchase of School uniform, please do speak to your child(ren)'s Head of House and we will do whatever we can to support you. We expect all students to be in correct, full uniform and for parents/carers to support this.

Website

Apologies that we have not yet launched our new website. Our provider has experienced delays, but we are working closely with them to ensure the website is ready asap. Thank you for your patience.

Community News

We have welcomed a new part time receptionist, Mrs Cooper, this term. She will divide her time between Main School and Sixth Form. Ms Perks has joined us as a new Faculty Administrator supporting Maths and Art, and is a permanent replacement for Mr Thomas-Conolly, who was with us temporarily. We wish him well on his travels and in his future career.

We said goodbye to one of our hard-working IT Technicians, Mr Harrison, this week and wish him well in his new post. We are currently advertising for his replacement. Do have a look at our vacancies page on the website to see if we are currently advertising for something that you or someone you know may be interested in applying for.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Mr Pete Farr, who had been one of our Governors. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Mr Planter, Headteacher

Worship Update

Our start of term service was a brilliant celebration and started with a worshipful performance from our performing arts club. They sang, 'When you believe' from the film, 'The Prince of Egypt'. Angel sang her solo beautifully and was joined by a great choir. This formed the focus of our service on the story of Moses and that God forgives us and allows us to start again when we get things wrong – the very story of Easter. Mabel read from Psalm 51 and prayers were read by: Junior, Moses and Elijah.

Mrs Duzniak, Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 Trip to Alton Towers

Nearly 175 students went to Alton Towers on Thursday 27 April – a real opportunity to make memories and have fun before the exams begin. They all had so much fun and were brilliant ambassadors for the school. Despite a little rain they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a pleasure to spend the day with them.

Mrs Duzniak, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

[Click here](#) to visit our website calendar for up to the minute dates

May 2023	
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tue 2 nd May	NEU Industrial Action Day
Wed 3 rd May	Beginning of GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
	Beginning of A level photography Exam
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday -King's Coronation
Tue 9 th May	A level Fine Art Exam Begins
	MFL A-Level Speaking Exams Begin
	Y10 Parents Evening
Wed 10 th May	Y10 Next Steps Careers and Progression Event
	Y12 Economics Trip to Parliament
Thu 11 th May	Y11 Leavers Day
Mon 15 th May	GCSE Exams Start
	Beginning of GCSE/A Level Art Moderation
Wed 17 th May	Y9 HPV Vaccinations
	Y10 English Trip
Thu 18 th May	Poetry Competition (Hope)
Fri 19 th May	Beginning of DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Mon 22 nd May	Beginning of Y12 Internal Exams
Wed 24 th May	Y9 Gradesheet out
Thu 25 th May	Eco Club Cake Sale
Fri 26 th May	Y13 Leavers Service
Mon 29 th May	Bank Holiday and beginning of School Holidays

The full school calendar will be available [here](#) on the school website (School Life, Calendar). While correct at the time of publication there are occasional changes to the dates above, so for the latest information please refer to Options Form In the calendar on the website. If you don't have computer access and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, please contact Mrs Long at Visitor Reception on 0117 3772100 ext 250. St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School, Somerset Square, Bristol BS1 6RT
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

