

# newsletter

June 2023



## From the Headteacher

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On Wednesday evening (28 June), the parents and carers of the Year 7 students who are starting in September got their first chance to come into school. We explained what life would be like for a new Year 7 student at SMRT. Thank you to all the staff and students who took part, and to those staff behind the scenes who organised the evening. Our premises team worked particularly hard removing all the exam desks and putting them back for the next day. We are looking forward to seeing the new Year 7 students themselves on one of the two Induction Days, when they come in for an exciting day of sample lessons. These days were originally planned for 05 and 06 June, however, there has been a date change due to NEU strike days which are on 05 and 07 June. The new induction dates are Thursday 06 July and Wednesday 12 July. We have communicated with families directly to inform them of their specific induction day.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students finished their GCSE and A Level exam this week. It was lovely to see many Year 11 students and their families at their leavers' service on Tuesday 27 June in St Mary Redcliffe Church. It was a wonderful celebration of their time at SMRT.

### Pentecost

This year our Pentecost theme was 'Radical Hospitality'. It was an amazing experience to have the whole school engaged in the service and have students contribute to the service in a variety of languages. This reminded us of the message in Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, **from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

### Website

It has been a long wait, but I am pleased that our new website is finally up and running as of some point today (30 June 2023). Please follow this [link](#). Although there is a lot of information regarding our curriculum, we are continuing to develop this area so that it is of maximum benefit to parents and carers. We are in the process of providing more detail about the sequencing of the curriculum and what we teach term by term across each subject. This will develop at pace over the next few weeks.

### Next September

The school will be welcoming students back after the holidays on Tuesday 05 September. This will be a day of induction for students and will be an opportunity to set our expectations for the year ahead. Students will arrive at different times depending on their year group. There will be more details to follow. Lessons will start on Wednesday 06 September.

### GCSE and A Level Results

Grades will be released to students in person from 8.30am on Thursday 17 August (A Levels) and from 9am on Thursday 24 August (GCSE). Grades will also be released to students via Edulink.

## Community News

It will soon be time to say goodbye to those members of teaching staff who are retiring, leaving us for new promoted posts, or posts elsewhere, or whose temporary contracts are coming to an end. There will be a summary of those who are leaving in the final newsletter of the year, and we will introduce our new staff early in September.

We were very sad to hear the news that two ex-students had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

We are still actively recruiting for several support staff posts, so do have a look on our Vacancies page (which you can reach from the clicking on the Why SMRT? page of the website and then clicking on Vacancies), to see if there is something that might suit you or someone you know! We are likely to be adding more soon.

*Del Planter, Headteacher*

## Spring Envision Cohort

10 Year 9 students took part in the Envision Enterprise programme from February to May. The students were asked to come up with a social issue that was important to them. They group select Racism and Microaggression for their issue and completed a survey with year 7 to find out what they knew already about those topics. They used this information to create PowerPoint to deliver to all 225 students! They also interviewed some year 11 students to gain their views on the topic.

The final was on the 11th May and our students came 2nd! They have all greatly improved their communication skills and teamwork throughout the process and were highly commended by the judges on the day of the final!



They were a credit to SMRT and found the process rewarding and they all gained new skills during the 12 weeks.







*Miss Hale*



## MFL News

### Anyone for “un pique-nique”?

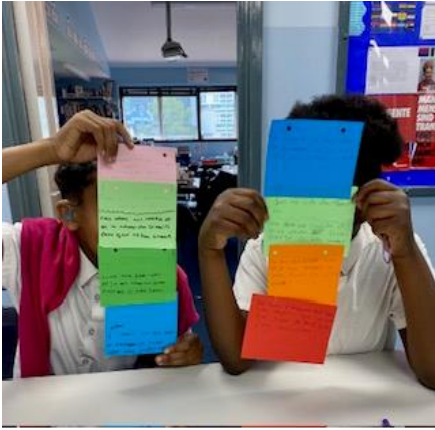
During the May half term, Miss Miles organised for a group of Year 10 and A Level language student to meet up with a group of French teenagers, who were visiting from their school in France, for a picnic in Queen's Square!

The French group of 49 teenagers had been staying with Host Families in Bristol and had already visited Bath and Cardiff during their stay. Prior to the picnic, they had visited the M-Shed, SS Great Britain and have had a tour of Banksy's artwork too, so they were probably relieved to sit down in the sun and take the weight off their feet. Students broke the ice by playing cards and chatting in small groups and some even accompanied the French students later in the afternoon for further activities.

Well done to all our SMRT students for attending during the holiday and for “communicating” so brilliantly.



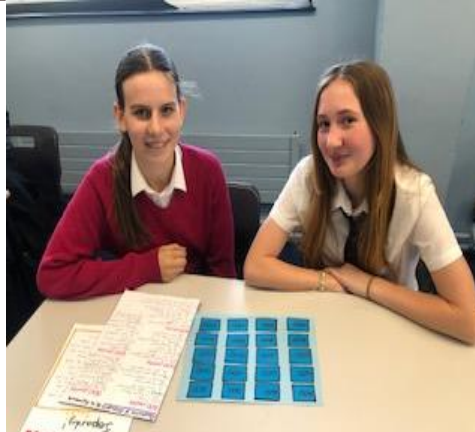




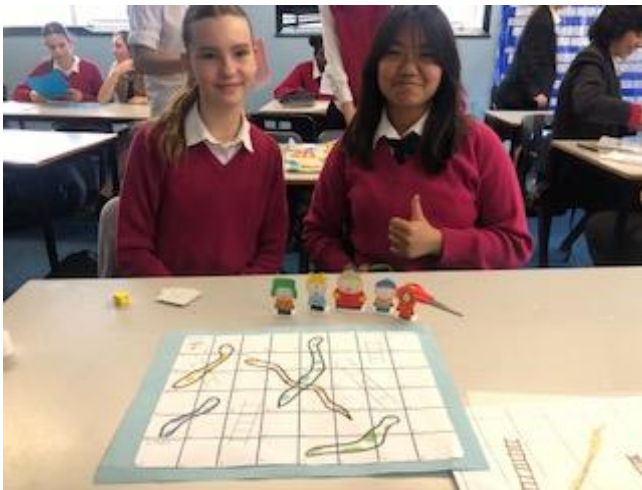
Meanwhile, back in the classroom, Miss Miles' Spanish group have been creating a board game to review their KS3 learning (We can review). The board games designs have been fantastic, ranging from Cops and Robbers to twists on Jeopardy and Ludo. The students enjoyed playing each other's games to practise their vocabulary recall and translation



skills. Well done Year 9 students! We will be using these board games again in the future. and in Mrs Clapson's Spanish group, a small group of students have been making flash cards and Flip Chutes to practise key phrases for their upcoming Spanish assessment.



***Lots of smiles and fun!***



***Mrs Clapton & Miss Miles***



Over the last week our Y12 Fine Art and Photography students have been exhibiting a collaborative exhibition at Centre Space Gallery. This has been a showcase of selected pieces of their work. This has very much been their exhibition, advertised, selected, and curated by the students. The exhibition has been open to the public, consistently busy and well received.



Thanks to everyone who came to see it and to the Y12 students who took part. A fantastic achievement, well done!! The Art Team

*Miss Guttridge*

## Second Hand Uniform

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As your child finishes year 11 with us, you may look at their uniform and realise that some of it is still in good condition. We have a large second-hand uniform collection and are always happy to take in more donations. If you would like to donate your uniform to us, please deliver it, washed and folded, to Visitor Reception. We will make sure that it is re-used.

What a great way to reduce waste and keep costs down. All proceeds from our uniform sales go to support charities including our partner school in Uganda.

Thank you for your support.

***Mrs Duzniak***



## Carnegie Contest Trip

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We all had an amazing time participating in the Clifton College Carnegie Contest. Evie, Emily, Joy, Esther and Zoe went with Mr Boswell and Mrs Garmston to Clifton College to represent our chosen book. We chose the Blue Book of Nebo, we spent time in school before the contest discussing the book and then created 2 new paragraphs for the book, a piece of artwork and a poem. We had the lovely opportunity to meet Louisa Reed who wrote the books activist and wrecked. She gave an interesting and insightful talk on Activism. She was also the judge for the contest, and she complimented our two new paragraphs and Joys art. She said she was friends with the author of our chose book and would let her know that we had done her book proud. It was an amazing experience, and she had some wonderful things to say about modern issues.

We were really pleased to hear that The Blue Book of Nebo won the overall Carnegie Contest.

***Mrs Garmston***

## PCSO visits to SMRT

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Your child may have mentioned the presence of the local Police Community Support Officers in school over lunchtime. They have been coming in to get to know the students and normalise policing. They have spent lunchtime walking around and talking to students to build better relationships. They plan to do this once a month.

***Mrs Duzniak***



## Dates for the Diary

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

July 2023	
Mon 3 Jul	Culture Day
	UCAS Subject Reference and Provisional predicted grades
Tue 4 Jul	Y12 Induction Day
Wed 5 Jul	NEU Strike Day (School closed for Students)
	Governors Meeting @ 7:30pm
Thu 6 Jul	Y6-7 Induction Day 1
Fri 7 Jul	NEU Strike Day (School closed for students)
	Y7 Reports Home
Mon 10 Jul	The Silver DofE Expedition
	Year 9 Sports Event @1pm – 3:15pm
Tue 11 Jul	Y8 Gradesheet Home
	Y8 Sports Event 1pm -3:15pm
	Year 7 ALIVE Awards Evening 6pm – 7pm
	Year 8 ALIVE Awards Evening 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Wed 12 Jul	Year 6-7 Induction Day 2
	Year 9 ALIVE Awards Evening 6pm-7pm
	Year 10 ALIVE Awards Evening 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Thu 13 Jul	Y10 Gradesheet Out
	Year 7 Sports Event 10:20am -12:25pm
	Year 10 Sports Event 13:15pm -15:15pm
Fri 14 Jul	End of Term Service (SMR) 08:30am – 10:00am
	Summer Event for Parents of SMRT 7pm -8pm
	School finishes early for students
Mon 17 Jul	Beginning of Activities Week
Fri 21 Jul	Last day of Term 6 and the academic year

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 Chaibi on 01173772100 ext 276. St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School, Somerset Square, Bristol BS1 6RT T: 0117 3772100 | [enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk)

## **Help Us Win £1,000 for Our Library!**



**Please nominate SMRT to win £1,000 National Book Tokens and a £500 grant to improve our library space.**

All you need to do is click the link below, fill in your details, and nominate 'St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School':

[WIN £1,000/€1,000 for your school's library! \(nationalbooktokens.com\)](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#nominate-your-school-title)

Or type the URL:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#nominate-your-school-title>

If your nomination is randomly selected, you will also win £100 of National Book Tokens.

**Please enter yourself (if you'd like to) and encourage your tutor group to nominate!**

**The more entries we get, the more likely we are to win the prize!**

Deadline: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Thank you



Bristol Parent Carer Forum is running free training sessions for Parents/Carers. All events are free but most need to be booked in advance.

Training sessions are run in conjunction with North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forums can be found and booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and-s-glos-parent-carer-forums-41027867683>

Training Sessions for those parents and carers who live in the Bristol City Council area can be found and booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-parent-carers-7809612275>