

newsletter

July 2023



From the Headteacher

Welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at SMRT and would like to thank all staff, students, and parents/carers for your support. We have achieved a great deal this year and I am very much looking forward to next year (after a break).

Please read this newsletter carefully, as it contains important information.

End of Term Services

The atmosphere in the end of year service was brilliant. The students were so enthusiastic and positive about their friends in different Houses as we announced the overall winner for Sports Day 2023 – well done Liddell House. We also announced the House with the most ALIVE points, which was Franklin house – well done! Franklin amassed a grand total of 29120 points – which is amazing. We spent some time in the service reflecting on what we have learnt this year and thought about the idea of seasons and time. Joy played a piano piece while Fei read from Ecclesiastes in mandarin, and this was translated into English by Chloe.

Going for Gold

On Thursday 6 July, the Going for Gold celebration took place. The current cohort of Year 10 students hosted the evening and presented some of their projects to an audience of their parents/carers and next year's group of Year 9 students. The keynote speaker was Corey Samuels, a former student who is now a professional basketball player.

Student Awards Evenings

On Tuesday 11 July, we held a Year 7 and Year 8 ALIVE Awards Evening. We presented awards to a number of students in each year group, who have been recognised for their efforts and achievements by subject teachers and the Pastoral Team.

The following evening, Wednesday 12 July, we held a Year 9 and a Year 10 Awards Evening.

Thank you to the Trustees for financially supporting this event.

Culture Day

We had a wonderful Culture Day on Monday 3 July, with students and staff wearing clothes that represented their culture, or the colours of a flag that they felt represented them. This was an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the cultural diversity of the School and included a series of performance from students in languages from around the world.

Activities Week

We hope that all students have enjoyed their Activities Week adventures and that they all have a wonderful, restful summer break. Our thanks go to Ms Hale, who is the lead organiser for Activities Week, for all her hard work, and to all the staff who have supported her in the organisation of it, and who have led the various activities.

Safeguarding Information

Please be aware that, over the summer holidays, the SMRT safeguarding@smrt.bristol.sch.uk email will be monitored regularly by our Safeguarding Officer, Mr Penrose.

If there are any immediate safeguarding concerns or if you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please contact the Social Care Team for your area using the numbers below:

Bristol - First Response Team: 01179 036444

BANES - Childrens' Social Work Services: 01225 396111 or 01225 477929

North Somerset – Safeguarding Children Partnership: 01275 888690

South Gloucestershire - Access and Response Team: 01454 866000

If there is an immediate risk to a child, please contact the police using the 999 number, or use 101 if it does not require an emergency response.

Start of Academic Year and Student Induction Day 2023

On Tuesday 5 September all students will return to school for an induction day. Students should arrive at the times shown.

Year 7	8.30am (Main Hall)
Year 12	9.00am (Main Hall)
Year 9 and Year 11	10.00am (in Tutor Rooms by 10.15am)
Year 8 and Year 10	11:20am (in Tutor Rooms by 11:30am)
Year 13	11.00am (Sixth Form Common Room)

On Wednesday 6 September we will start lessons as per the students' new timetables.

On Friday 1 September and on Monday 4 September, the School will be closed to students, for staff training (INSET).

Term dates for students for the whole of the academic year are as set out in this table.

2023/2024 Academic Year			
		From	To
Term 1	2023	Friday01 September	Friday20 October
Term 2	2023	Monday30 October	Friday15 December
Term 3	2024	Tuesday02 January	Friday09 February
Term 4	2024	Monday19 February	Thursday28 March
Term 5	2024	Monday15 April	Friday24 May
Term 6	2024	Monday03 June	Tuesday23 July

INSET

Term 1 Friday 01 September 2023

Term 1 Monday 04 September 2023

Term 2 Thursday 30 November 2023

Term 3 Tuesday 02 January 2024

Term 5 Tuesday 07 May 2024

The Local Authority Term dates for 2024 – 2025 will be shown on the School website, although staff training (INSET) days will not be agreed until July 2024.

Exam Results and Sixth Form Enrolment

We look forward to receiving the A Level and GCSE results for our students, and these will be released to students via Edulink or in person as follows,

A Levels Thursday 17 August from 8.30am

GCSE Thursday 24 August from 9.00am

Staff will be available on site for both dates, from the times shown, for students needing further support and guidance in their next steps.

All students intending to return to our Sixth Form for Year 12 must enrol online via the school website by 9.00am on Tuesday 29 August, to secure their place. Full details can be found on the transition task page on the Sixth Form section of the school website: [St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School - Transition Tasks \(smrt.bristol.sch.uk\)](https://www.stmaryredcliffeandtemple.org.uk/transition-tasks)

The Sixth Form Pastoral team will be available in the Sixth Form Centre on Thursday 31 August between 10am and 1pm, to speak to students if they have not achieved the GCSE grades they needed or need a fuller discussion regarding subjects.

Community News

It was very exciting to hear that two of our ex-Sixth Form students, Travis Alabanza and Moses McKenzie, had won prizes for their books in the prestigious 2023 Somerset Maugham Awards. W. Somerset Maugham set up a fund in 1947 to enable young writers to enrich their work by gaining experience of foreign countries. The awards are given for a published work of fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. You can read more about the competition here <https://www2.societyofauthors.org/prizes/the-soa-awards/somerset-maugham-awards/>

Staff News

It was nice to welcome Ms Olive (English), Dr Lynch (Geography), Ms Davies (Maths), and Mrs Dorgan (Co Post 16 Subject Coordinator) back from their maternity leave.

As many of you will know, Mr Wheeler (Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form) is stepping down from his current part time SLT role in September and is being replaced by Mr Shaw (currently our Sixth Form Director of Studies). We are fortunate to be keeping Mr Wheeler as part of our teaching staff on a part time basis, and he will continue to be responsible for writing our Timetable; a job that he completes with extraordinary dedication and talent.

Mr Youmans (Head of Chemistry) is retiring. He has been a very dedicated member of the Science team, and the Sixth Form tutor team, and has been instrumental in supporting many students into higher education and science careers. He will be much missed. Mr Alexander, one of our current teachers, is stepping into the Head of Chemistry role.

We are also saying goodbye to other teaching staff, who are leaving us for promoted posts, posts elsewhere, or who are choosing to try new opportunities outside of teaching. We wish Mr Williams (DT), Mrs Dorgan (Co Post 16 Subject Coordinator), Mrs Gabb (Politics), Miss Lee (Social Sciences), Mr Corke (Social Sciences), Ms Scott (Second in Maths), Mrs McArdell (Maths), Miss Dean (Maths), Mrs Innes (History), and Mr Hall (PE), all the very best in the future. Mr Brice (English), Miss Cocksedge (English), Mrs Charlton (DT), Mr Khalil, Ms Ng and Mr Makanda (Maths) are also leaving us at the end of temporary posts here. We wish them all well.

Mrs Davies, our Finance and HR Manager, is leaving us for a new post, and Miss Obee, our First Aider, is leaving to start a course at UWE. Mr Gilpin (Film/Media Technician) is also leaving and will be starting a master's course. Miss Coburn (our Sixth Form Cover Work and Enrichment Administrator) is also leaving us for a new opportunity. We also say goodbye to 9 of our lovely Learning Support Assistants, as they move on to courses or new posts elsewhere. We wish Mr D'Amelio, Mr Marshall, Mr Cracknell-Davies, Mr Moore, Mr Morton, Mr Booth, Miss Thomas-White, Miss Noon, and Miss Cripps all the very best in their next steps.

We thank all our leavers for their contribution to the life of the school and to the lives of our young people while they were with us.

Our new staff joining us in September are as follows:

New Starters (Sept 2023)	
Mr R Wing	Second in Maths
Mr S Cross	Maths Curriculum Engagement Lead
Dr J Walsh	Head of Physics
Miss R Allen	Head of Biology
Ms L Mlewa	Head of Social Sciences
Ms E Ford	Deputy Head of House/Year
Mrs R Sancto-Halpin	Deputy Head of Year (P16)
Miss E Newman	Maths
Mr A Hendricks	Geography
Mrs A Dyer	English
Mr J Beebe	Science
Mr T Salmon	Boys' PE
Miss C Lam	Science
Mr M Goodfellow	Maths
Ms E Niven	DT
Mr D Phillips	Behaviour Support Manager
Ms T Maddix	Cover Supervisor
Miss H Worsey	Faculty Administrator
Mr J Newton	Chaplain
Miss K Stickler	LSA

We wish everyone the very happiest, healthiest, and restful summer break possible, and look forward to seeing all our students, new and old, back in school in September, ready to learn and make their unique contribution to the world.

Del Planter, Headteacher

MFL News

We are very proud of our year 12 student Emma as she sets off for four weeks to Germany on the German Scholarships Programme. She has done incredibly well to be accepted and we look forward to hearing about her adventures.



This week 10 exceptional German learners set off to spend 4 weeks in Germany. After a 3-year break, we're super excited for our young people to represent the UK in the Internationales [#Preisträgerprogramm](#) (German Scholarships Programme)! Thank you [Pädagogischer Austauschdienst PAD](#) for this generous offer and being a great partner!

Interested in taking part next year? Find out more here: <https://ukgermanc...> See more



Mrs Ford

House Spelling Bee

I am delighted to say that we had three fantastic winners from our recent Inter House Spelling Bee competition:

Leo - Franklin House
Ben - Liddell House
Jesvin - Equiano House

The competition took place in House assemblies from 27-29th June and consisted of the students' spelling words in front of their House. This took skill and confidence, everyone who took part should be extremely proud of themselves.

Mr Boswell

ALIVE Awards Evening

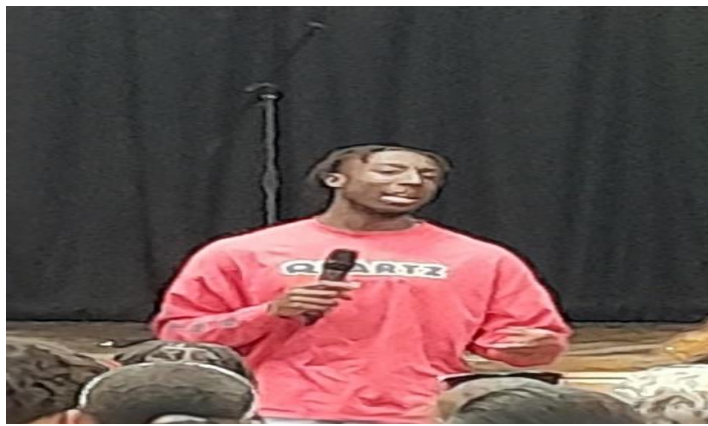
Here are some pictures of our ALIVE Awards Evening. We celebrated students in all years who have worked hard this year. They were all nominated by subject teachers or Heads of Year and should feel very proud of their achievements. All students received a certificate and a £20 Amazon Voucher. We are grateful to the trustees for financially supporting this event.



Mrs Duzniak

Going for Gold Celebration Evening

On Thursday 06 July we held our Going for Gold Celebration evening. The Going for Gold programme runs throughout the school year, its main objective is to inspire students from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to believe in themselves and their potential. Corey Samuels was the speaker for the evening, he spoke about self-belief and how setbacks can spur you on to success if you learn from them. The evening also included presentations by the students. All students who successfully completed the programme received an award.



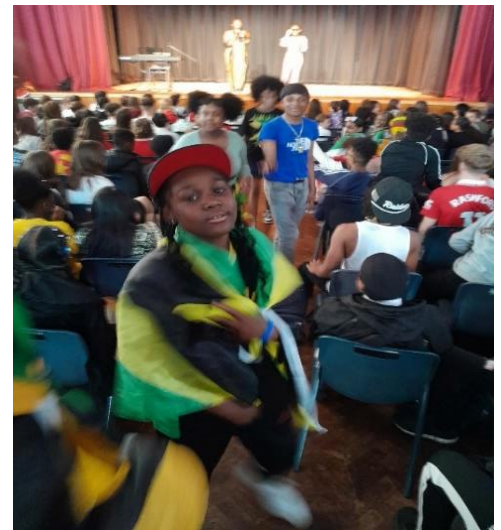
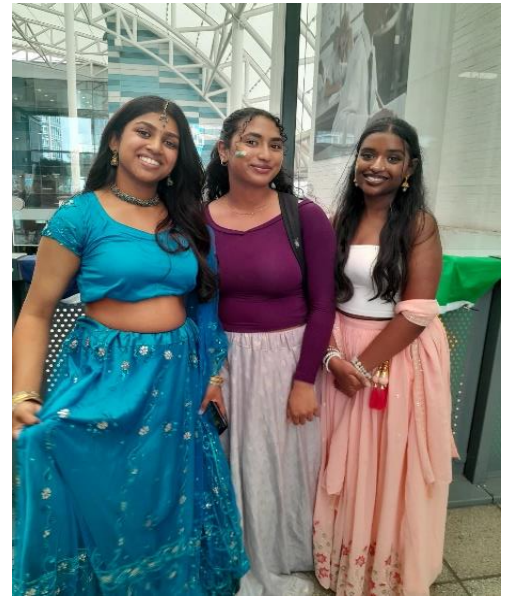
Mrs Duzniak

Culture Day 2023



On Monday 03 July, we held our annual 'Culture Day' where students come into school wearing clothing that represents their cultural heritage or identity. It was a wonderful colourful day with students feeling free and able to express themselves. A real example of how we value justice, respect, diversity and choice as a school community. There were performances in the hall where students sang, read, prayed and performed in different languages. We heard

songs in Malayalam, Cantonese and Spanish as well as English. We also prayed in Polish. Here are some photographs from the day, although they do not quite capture the wonderful atmosphere across the school. All students were a real credit to the school and should feel very proud of the day.



Mrs Duzniak

My language Poetry contribution

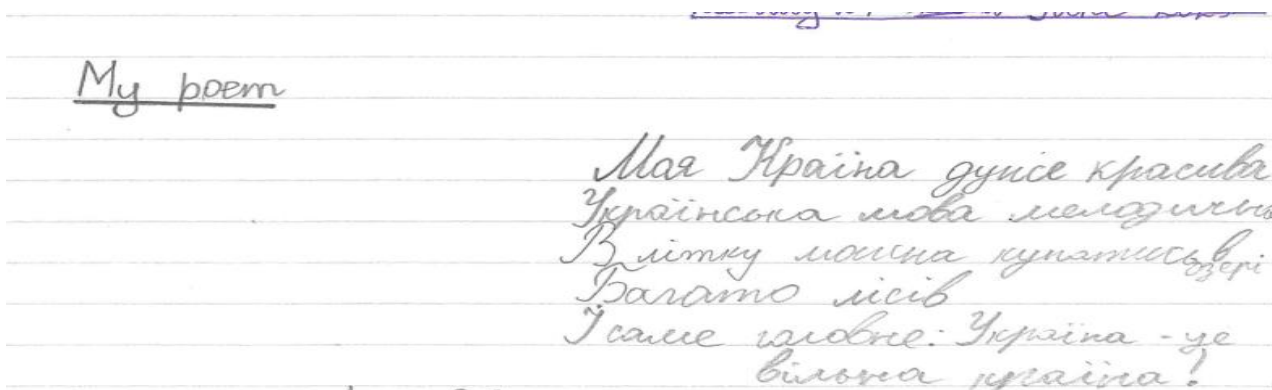
The theme was 'My Language' for this term's poetry competition organised by Mr Boswell. We are so lucky to have so many staff and students in our SMRT community who speak so many different languages in addition to English.

Mr Boswell started by reading a poem in Spanish. Our Y9 students enjoyed being able to put their excellent Spanish skills into practice and translated it for the other students – well done! Joy in Y9 read a poem to us all in Mandarin and then read it to us in English, thank you Joy in Y9 read a poem to us all in Mandarin and then read it to us in English, thank you Joy, we loved it. Below is another poem Joy has shared with us.

jìng yè sī
静夜思

chuáng qián míngyuè guāng ,
床 前 明 月 光 ，
yí shì dìshàng shuāng 。
疑 是 地 上 霜 。
jǔ tóu wàng míngyuè ,
举 头 望 明 月 ，
dī tóu sī gùxiāng 。
低 头 思 故 乡 。

Poetry is a great way to read and write about our feelings and share our thoughts. Below is a poem Nazar produced in Ukrainian.



Within languages we have language variation such as different accents and different dialects. Mr Callaghan read one of his own poems to us and told us how he wrote it to express his feelings about moving to live in Bristol from Liverpool.

*Hello Bristol,
You'll have to excuse the accent...
actually, na,
you'll have to get used to the accent
You see, far too many people in this world
Think that their 'different' is bad,
Whether it's the roots, the shoots or the fruits of their Self,
They reckon they much be mad!
To think that they could just walk on out
and enter centre stage,
And share with the world what they've got to offer
no matter creed, colour, or age
These are the people
Who rock the boat,
These are the people who think and find out
if the others can float
What these people so raw, pure and passionate have to offer
Isn't just a talent, a skill or a party trick
It's a glimpse into the potential connection we could all bring about
if we just paid enough attention to our own magic
See, I truly believe that inside each and every one of us
Is a completely uniquely created creator of infinite magnitude,
But the essence of that one lies just beneath the surface we've forgotten how to scratch,
Especially with our 'itchy' attitude
So just keep listening to yourself as much as you can
So you know what you need to grow,
Because, personally, I know I can waffle on a bit
But every now and then, I give making sense a go*

Miss Casseldon

School Meals Prices from September 2023

We appreciate everything that our catering partners are doing to try and keep food costs as low as possible. Parents and carers should note that the lunchtime meal deal for £2.50 represents excellent value. For example, on every Wednesday the main meal is a roast dinner, including a dessert, a bottle of water or fresh fruit. There is a main meal deal every day of the week, so for £12.50 weekly you can be assured that your child has had a full meal every day.

Ian Morris

School Business Manager

Dates for the Diary

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

September 2023	
Fri 1 Sep	Inset Day 1 and 1 st day of Term 1
Mon 4 Sep	Inset Day 2
Tue 5 Sep	First day for students
Thu 7 Sep	Y7, Y10, New Staff Photographs
Tue 12 Sep	Friends of SMRT meeting 19:00 – 20:00
Wed 13 Sep	Meet the Tutor Afternoon Y7-Y9 13:30 – 18:00 – students dismissed at 12:30
Thu 14 Sep	Meet the Tutor Afternoon Y10-Y11 13:30 – 18:00 – Students dismissed at 12:30
Fri 15 Sep	Y10 Art and Photography Trip – all day Music Trip 19:30
Mon 18 Sep	Y7 CATS Testing starts
Tue 19 Sep	Y11 Apprenticeship Assembly 8:30 – 9:00
Wed 20 Sep	Open Evening 18:00 -21:00 Muller House Bake off- Lunchtime
Thu 21 Sep	Late start (Students arrive @ 10:15) Y12 Parental briefings 17:00 – 19:00
Mon 25 Sep	Open morning 9:30 – 11:30 MFL Paella Competition 15:30
Tue 26 Sep	Open morning 9:30 -11:30 Y13 National Apprenticeships Trip -All day
Wed 27 Sep	Open morning 9:30 – 11:00 Mathematical Olympiad for Girls Y11 National Apprenticeships Trip – All day
Thu 28 Sep	St Ives Trip (Art -Y12) leave (Return on 1 st Oct) Y13 Parental briefing 17:00 -19:00

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
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For ages 11-16


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ANIMATION

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For ages 12-18

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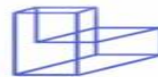
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ENGLISH HERITAGE



Spike Island

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FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday 22 July 2023, 10am–1pm, and
Saturday 29 July 2023, 10am–3pm

Join Spike Island for a two-day photography workshop with Look & Learn, exploring how creative activities can help us to connect with others and with our environment.

On day one you'll get a short introduction to photography, before going on a photo-walk around the local area. On day two, we'll explore the process of cyanotype: a camera-less technique which uses sunlight to create images.

No previous experience with photography required, and all materials provided. Snacks, lunch and a goodie bag also included! Ages 12+

To sign up, email kathleen.fitzpatrick-milton@creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk or contact Kathleen on 07741 660 260

