

Chipping Sodbury School

Newsletter



Forthcoming Dates

December

3rd-12th Pre Public Exams
13th Y9/Y10/Y11 Parents' Evening
18th Awards Evening
19th Christmas Concert
19th Christmas Lunch
21st End of Term 2 at 1.10pm

January

7th Start of Term 3

As we head towards mock exam season, I wish all students who are about to sit their exams the very best. Everyone should be working hard on their revision. There is a rich programme of support lessons at the end of the school day, a copy of which has recently been sent home. We do expect students to attend; it is easy to have an extra day of teaching and learning by the end of the week by participating in one extra hour a day at 3.15pm. This will make a significant difference to exam success. To assist with the pressures of exams, we are working with a local yoga teacher to run relaxation sessions during PE lesson time for Year 11 students. In addition, the school library is open every day after school to support every student with their study.



It was great to see so many Year 11 students with their parents/carers at our 2 recent Post 16 events. There are a wide range of courses on offer across the Cotswold Edge 6th Form, achievement is some of the best in the area and transport is free. The deadline for applications is 3rd December.

On 11th November, I had the pleasure of joining the Remembrance Parade on the High Street with student representatives. We laid a wreath at the memorial on behalf of the school. As always, it is very impressive to see so many of our students parading with their uniformed organisations.

I am delighted to be in a position to congratulate Lily Greenslade in Year 11 who has been selected for the England Women's football squad (more in the Newsletter below). This is a fabulous achievement and a great reflection on Lily's hard work, dedication and her footballing skills. We all wish her the very best in her future career.

Our corridor of photographs, past and present, in the main school building always attracts much interest. It is however time we up-dated our wall of fame. This is to celebrate and recognise exceptional achievement in the field of sport, music, community service/participation or academic progress. However, we are not always aware of the elite levels some of our students reach in their activities outside school. If your son/daughter is performing at an exceptional level in a specific field, if you are willing to do so, please could you send in a photograph and a short description of their achievements? We will then be able to frame each submission and display in the corridor. Please note, with GDPR regulations, photographs, names and details can only be displayed with the permission of the student and parent/carer.

Ms K Turner, Headteacher

Year 7s – Barton Hall PGL Trip 2019

Date: 24th to 26th June 2019

Cost: £255



Example activities:

- Quad biking
- Giant swing
- Sensory Trail
- Aeroball
- Vertical challenge
- Crate challenge
- Archery
- Challenge Course
- Disco

Letters have been sent home with students. A deposit of £40 via ParentPay by November 26th 2018 will secure a place.

Please see Ms Jarvis for more information.

Year 10s and 12s - Ten Tors 2019

Are you up for the challenge?

- Two days in May
- Thirty-five miles (year 10)
- Forty-five miles (year 12)
- Ten Tors



Training starts in the New Year.

Please see Ms Jarvis for more information.

Entry Level Certificate in Computer Science

Year 9s have the opportunity to complete the Computer Science Entry Level Certificate that they started in year 8 computer science lessons.

The final test and programming project can be completed by attending sessions after school on a Wednesday in C3 (15:15 to 16:15).

The first session will begin on Wednesday 28th November.

Please see Ms Jarvis for more information

Training to Teach Drop in event 6-8pm 12th December

‘Every Lesson Changes a Life’



This session is for anyone who is interested in training to teach, whether you are looking to change career, have always thought you would teach one day, just finishing university or just about to go to university.

It is run by the co-ordinator of North Avon Teaching School Alliance, a very experienced former headteacher, who leads all our PGCE courses – she will guide you through the different routes into teaching, how and when to apply, what qualifications you need etc. She will answer any questions you have about training and a career in teaching honestly and frankly!

You can either just drop in a book or place through Katie Soffe katiesoffe@olympustrust.co.uk

PE News - Celebrating sporting success

In the PE department we are keen to celebrate and acknowledge exceptional sporting success of our students. If your son or daughter has, or is currently competing at a national level in any sport, please contact the PE Department via email so that we can highlight their success in our newsletter. Please include a photo, where possible, of them wearing their kit and a short description outlining their sporting achievements.

Netball matches v Castle - Wednesday 14th November

Year 7 - Lost 6-2, player of the match was Ellie-Mae

Year 8 - Lost 16-8, player of the match was Gracie

Year 9 - Lost 25-7, player of the match was Crystal

U16 - Won 25-18, player of the match was Katie

Netball results v Winterbourne Academy - Wednesday 7th November

Year 7 - Won 20-9, player of the match was Ellie-Mae

Year 8 - Won 17-8, player of the match was Alex

Year 9 - Won 15-12, player of the match was Carys

U16 - Won 36-15, player of the match was Rosie

Well done, girls, that was our last league game of the season. U16 are unbeaten and therefore will definitely progress to the county play off final. All other teams have had an outstanding season and depending on other results may progress further. We will inform teams as soon as we receive the information on further fixtures.

Miss Winter & Miss Ellis

Senior maths challenge

14 Year 12 and 13's took part in the Senior Maths challenge. In Year 13, Aiden Bulmer gained best in the year and a bronze certificate. Shannon Stewart and Matthew Hellen also received bronze certificates. In Year 12, Tobie Parsons received best in school, best in year and a silver certificate. James Dibble and Sam Vines received Bronze certificates. Well done to all who took part.

Sample question

On a training ride, Laura averages speeds of 12 km/h for 5 minutes, then 15 km/h for 10 minutes and finally 18 km/h for 15 minutes.

What was her average speed over the whole ride?

A 13 km/h

B 14 km/h

C 15 km/h

D 16 km/h

E 17 km/h

Mathematical Olympiad for girls

Alexia Clifford and Katie Salvage from Year 10 both recently took part in the mathematical Olympiad for girls. Both received participation certificates. Well done for taking part.

Sample question

. Each of 100 houses in a row are to be painted white or yellow. The residents are quite particular and request that no three neighbouring houses are all the same colour.

(a) Explain why no more than 67 houses can be painted yellow. (4 marks)

(b) In how many different ways may the houses be painted if exactly 67 are painted yellow? (6 marks)

Maths revision guides

Revision guides for Years 9,10 and 11 are still available to buy on ParentPay and then to collect from the maths office. They are an excellent source for revision and we encourage all students to have them. Please speak to your maths teacher if you are unsure which level to order.

Maths lunch time drop in

Need some homework help?
Struggling to understand a skill from a lesson?
Pop in and ask a maths teacher – Tuesday M2 or Friday M4

Sixth Form News

On Wednesday 14th November a group of Year 11 students attended a KS4 Conference at Bristol University. The students started in the impressive Wills Memorial Building hearing an aspirational talk about the *Benefits of attending University and Making their Choices Post year 11*. This was followed by a tour of the Bristol University Campus to see a variety of the campus buildings. In the afternoon the students attended either an STEM lecture on Astrophysics or a Non STEM lecture on Medieval French literature.



The students who attended the day had a really informative time and were given the opportunity to talk to current university students about their courses and university life.

Sixth Form Open Evening took place on Thursday 15th November; it was a really excellent evening where we saw lots of our current year 11 students and the discussions about their future studies and next steps were excellent. Thank you to all of the students who have returned their course choice forms so far, the deadline for returns is Monday 3rd December.

We have made recent appointments of Ambassadors in the Sixth Form and all students who applied had an interview with a school Governor and employer. I am delighted to say the students have been appointed and congratulations to Sophie Greenslade and Nick Davidge who have been appointed as Lead Ambassadors, Joe Melling and Emma Vandeleur as PR Ambassadors, James Keeping links with Houses in school, Shannon Stewart Charity and Hannah Doidge IT and Sixth Form. The Ambassadors have already represented the Sixth Form at the Year 11 Information Evening, where they spoke about their experiences of Sixth Form life and at the Open evening. During the course of this academic year they will be representing us at a variety of events.

New York 2019 has been launched to all Year 11 and 12 students and we have had a number of students sign up for this trip so far. Should you require any further details please see Mrs Boyce or myself.

Finally congratulations to all of our Year 13 students who have submitted their UCAS applications and their offers are coming in fast.

Gill Hilleard
Head of Sixth Form

Renishaw Information Evening

On the evening of 28th November, Renishaw are hosting an information evening at New Mills, for students in years 11, 12 & 13 who are looking for a career path in engineering, design, technology, computing, maths or science.

Renishaw will be outlining all of the different pathways they offer, including: starting an apprenticeship straight after GCSEs, joining after A levels, or starting as a graduate after university. Due to high demand for this event in previous years, Renishaw we will be running two sessions from 17.00 – 18.30 and 19.00 – 20.30. Tickets must be booked.

To find out more information and book tickets please visit the Renishaw page:

<https://renishawinformationevening2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

History House Competition

2018 marks 100 years since the Representation of the People Act was passed in Britain, giving (some) women the right to vote. To mark the '100 Years of Women's Suffrage', we are running a history competition to pay our respects to the women that have positively changed our world.

Students can make, bake or describe (in the form of an article, essay, poster, story, song, poem etc...) which woman in history they think has made the greatest impact. Students can work individually, in small groups or as a whole tutor group. All year groups can enter. Entries in by 7th December. Please bring entries to H5 or the Humanities Office.

If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Gray.

Prizes – HOUSE POINTS!

1000 for the winning house, 750, for 2nd, 500 for 3rd and 250 for 4th.

5 house points for special recognition.



Celebrating sporting achievement - Lily Greenslade

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate the sporting achievements of Lily Greenslade.

Lily is an exceptional football player reflected in the fact that she currently competes for both the girls and boys football team at Chipping Sodbury. She has been playing at Bristol City for the past 4 years and during 2017 was invited to attend both regional and national training camps. Following on from this already monumental achievement, in August of this year she was selected for the U15 Women's England squad.

As part of this selection process, Lily has since attended 2 three-day training camps at Loughborough and Warwick Universities. It takes hard work and determination to balance her sporting commitments alongside her academic studies and Lily is a shining example of how to do this successfully. We wish her continued success in her future training with the England team.



This year has seen a very successful start for the Chipping Sodbury football teams. Attendance to training has been excellent, which has been reflected in our results. The Year 10's have been the standout team, having won all of their league games comfortably, and progressing through to the 3rd round of the national cup.

League Round 1

Date	Opposition	Year	Result	Score
Tuesday 25th September	Marlwood	7	Draw	3 v 3
Tuesday 25th September	Marlwood	8	Win	6 v 2
Tuesday 25th September	Marlwood	9	Loss	7 v 1
Tuesday 25th September	Marlwood	10	Win	3 v 1
Tuesday 25th September	Marlwood	11	Win	3 v 0

League Round 2

Date	Opposition	Year	Result	Score
Thursday 11th October	BGS	7	Win	6 v 2
Thursday 11th October	BGS	8	Win	3 v 0
Thursday 11th October	BGS	9	Win	5 v 1
Thursday 11th October	BGS	10	Win	2 v 1
Thursday 11th October	BGS	11	Win	3 v 0

League Round 3

Date	Opposition	Year	Result	Score
Tuesday 16th October	YIA	7	Win	6 v 1
Thursday 18th October	YIA	8	Lost	2 v 1
No Game	YIA	9	Win	3 v 0
TBC	YIA	10	TBA	-
Thursday 18th October	YIA	11	Lost	2 v 1

Year 10 English School Football Association Cup

Round 1: Home vs Bristol Free School 3-1 Win

Round 2: Away vs. Brimsham Green School: 4-0 Win

Round 3: TBC

Congratulations to Sophie Greenslade who gave a fantastic performance on her flute at the Avon Young Musician of the Year competition. Sophie will be performing one of her pieces at the school Christmas concert next month.



Thank you to all parent/carers who have returned the annual consent forms, data collection sheets and home/school agreement forms.

If you have not already done so, can you please complete the forms and return them as soon as possible?

Thank you