



20 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The last week of term has seen no let-up in activity here at Backwell. We hosted the 20th and final tour of the school for Year 6 students and prospective parents/carers today and there were two other important activities this week that I would like to tell you about.

As you know, today was a non-uniform day in aid of Breast Cancer awareness. We have not yet totalled the donations, but I would like to thank all parents and carers who sent their children in with their one-pound coins and especially those who ensured that at least one pink item of clothing was on show. This display of solidarity for the cause will mean a lot to many members of the school community, not least to Alfie in Year 11, whose idea it was to support Breast Cancer Awareness this year and whose informed and moving assembly to Sedgemoor pupils today was so powerful.

Yesterday after school, the school theatre stage was full of Year 7 students. With great support from a talented band of older students, Year 7 pupils sang a range of songs from artist such as Katy Perry and Coldplay and from show like Moana and the Jungle Book. We clearly have some wonderfully talented and enthusiastic singers – I hope and expect to see them on the stage again before too long in one of our many musical groups such as the Gospel Choir or 'Backwell Voices'. Many thanks to all carers and parents who attended and to our wonderful Music Department!

Yours sincerely

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher

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Flu Vaccination Reminder

On Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November we have the school nurse team in school to administer the nasal flu vaccine to students in Years 7 - 11. If you haven't yet done so, please could you complete the electronic consent form, even if it is to say that you do not want your child to have the vaccine. The online consent form will **close at 9.00 am on Friday 3 November**.

Click on the link to open the consent form: <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If for any reason, your child missed having the vaccine in school, ie if they were sick or no consent form was returned, Sirona will be offering community catch-up clinics. Further information on how to book these additional clinics will be issued in due course.

Careers Bulletin

Please find below a link to the Careers Bulletin on our school website. This includes a section on careers resources, events and support, including the school's careers platform, Unifrog.

[Current careers events and opportunities – 20 October 2023](#)

[Careers Support at Backwell School](#) (Letter sent home in September 2023)

If you have any queries regarding the future plans Mrs Ball can be contacted on her school email cball@backwellschool.net at please take a look at the following webpage for details on the careers programme at Backwell School: <https://lspcareers.org.uk/backwell-school-2/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30 October	First day of Term 2 (Week 2)
Thursday 2 November	Sixth Form Open Evening 5.00 – 7.00 pm All welcome. No need to book!
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 – 11) Link to consent form below. Deadline for completion: 9 am Friday 3 November. https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23
Wednesday 8 November	Year 10 Performing Arts trip to see 'Peter Pan Goes Wrong'
13 – 17 November	Year 11 Trial Exams
Thursday 16 November	Ski Trip Parents' Meeting , 6.00 pm in the Sixth Form Theatre
Friday 17 November	Children in Need – Non-school uniform day
Wednesday 22 November	Inset Day – School closed to students.
Thursday 30 November	Year 10 Parents' Evening

4 – 7 December	Year 13 Trial Exams
Thursday 14 December	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19 December	Winter Concert
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of term and non-school uniform day in aid of the foodbank

For further trips and events, please see the [‘Calendar’ page](#) on the school website.

Quick link to [Parents’ Handbook 2023-24](#).

LETTERS HOME

[Sixth Form Bulletin for week commencing 30 October](#) - Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

[Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Enrolment 2023-24](#) – Parents/Carers of students Year 12 students who expressed interest in taking part.

[Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Enrolment 2023-24](#) – Parents/Carers of students in Years 10 and 12 who expressed interest in taking part.

[Year 12 Drama and Theatre Studies Trip to see ‘Metamorphosis’: 15 January 2024](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 12 Drama and Theatre Studies students

[Year 7 Enrichment Week 2024](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 7 students