



24 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Starting next week, our fantastic school library is hosting a school 'read-a-thon'. Students and staff will be encouraged to pick up a sponsorship card and bookmark from the library and read as much as possible for one week. Pupils can choose whatever they like to read – stories, comics, non-fiction, newspapers, or even recipes and ask friends and family to sponsor them - per page, per chapter, per book or for every ten minutes they spend reading.

Please encourage your child to take part: all the money raised is sent to children's hospitals across the country, providing them with new books and even author visits. This video explains all:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOlq78OD5TM>

Yours sincerely

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher

MESSAGES

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 parents' evening went live for bookings yesterday evening. The evening will take place online on Thursday 30 November. If you haven't yet made your appointments, you can do so by clicking [here](#). You can also find further information in the letter sent home:

[Year 10 Parents' Evening letter and instructions](#)

Sixth Form Production of 'Alice in Wonderland'

Our Sixth Form students proud to present this year's sixth form production ... they will be staging 'Alice in Wonderland' from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 January. Produced and directed entirely by students, performances will take place in the main school theatre starting at 7.00 pm. Over the next few weeks, they will be performing



short excerpts from the show in assemblies across the school to promote the event.

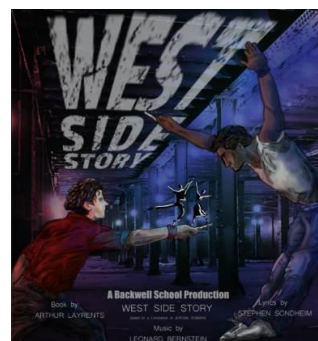
Tickets are now on sale and cost £8.00 for adults and £6.00 for concessions (under 18s and senior citizens). Proceeds of ticket sales from the show will go to support [1625 Independent People](#), a Bristol-based charity which works with young people who are either homeless, leaving care or at risk of homelessness in Bristol and the South West.

Tickets can be bought via [Your Box Office](#).

“Well, I’ve often seen a cat without a grin” thought Alice, “but a grin without a cat! It’s the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life!”

Whole School Production and Exciting Opportunity for Local Businesses

Backwell School are excited to announce that our upcoming whole school production which will be performed in February 2024 is **West Side Story**. It will take place over four nights from Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 February 2024.



Rehearsals are underway and going very well. We cannot wait to showcase the incredible, talented individuals we have in school.

We are looking for sponsorship from local companies/businesses to support us towards purchasing our own set of professional, wireless headset microphones. In return, we can offer advertising space in our show programme. The programmes will be on sale at each of the four shows and we anticipate reaching an audience of more than 1200.

The programme will be: A5 and in full colour. Advert costs would be as follows:

¼ page - £40

½ page - £60

Full page - £100

(All prices are excluding VAT)

If you are interested, we would require a PDF of your business information and logo/PDF copy of a business advert/flyer.

Please email: mailbox@backwellschool.net for further information.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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 - 24 November 2023](#)

Please visit our dedicated Careers website to read all about our Careers programme, including information on work experience, careers guidance, mock interviews and post-16 and post-18 study options. Careers website: <https://lspcareers.org.uk/backwell-school-2/>

If you have any queries regarding the future plans Mrs Ball can be contacted on her school email cball@backwellschool.net

Backwell School Association

As everyone starts to go about their Christmas shopping, the BSA would like to remind all parents/carers that you can shop AND raise funds for the BSA at the same time by shopping via EasyFundraising. This helps to generate funds that will be put towards projects that benefit Backwell School students. Please click on the link below to find out more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/backwellschoolassociationbsa>

Something to Shout About!

The Year 7 boys' football squad have made a great start in the English Schools' Football Association, Under-12 Playstation 9-a-side Schools' Cup.

In the three matches played so far, they've worked hard as a team under guidance of Mr Budd and have scored **23 goals** and kept **three clean sheets**. The team are now through to Round 5 which means they are now one of the last **64 teams** in England, from a total 599 school entrants. Great work! Anyone who is interested in tracking their progress can do so via the following link:

<http://www.esfa.co.uk/competitions/?page=317C70BA33ED2084&season=2023>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 29 November	Student Council Meeting, 8.50 am in the Conference Room
Thursday 30 November	Year 10 Parents' Evening , 4.00 – 6.45 pm online
4 – 7 December	Year 13 Trial Exams
Tuesday 5 December	Year 8 House Match (Rugby/Netball)
Wednesday 6 December	Years 10 and 11 House Matches (Rugby/Netball)

Thursday 7 December	Year 11 GCSE P&R trip to sacred places, Bristol Year 7 House Match (Football/Netball) Year 9 House Match (Rugby/Netball)
Friday 8 December	Year 11 trial exam results issued.
Thursday 14 December	Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4.00 – 6.45 pm online
Tuesday 19 December	A Level Certificate Presentation , 5.30 pm in 6th Form Theatre Winter Concert, 7.00 pm in the main theatre
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Term 2 and non-school uniform day in aid of the foodbank
Thursday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
10 – 12 January	Sixth Form Production of 'Alice in Wonderland' Tickets on sale here .
Thursday 11 January	Year 9 Parents' Evening

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 27 November](#) - Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

[A Level Certificate Presentation Evening](#) – Parents/Carers of student who were in Year 13 in 2022/23

[A Level PE trip to University of South Wales: 31 January 2024](#) – Parents/Carers of Years 12 and 13 PE students