



8 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find below messages for your information, together with the calendar of upcoming events and details of letters sent home during the course of the last week.

Please click on the link to open the letter on the school website. Please note that all current letters, including those from previous weeks, can be found on the [Letters Home page](#) of the school website

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## MESSAGES

### Year 12 Parents' Evening

Our Year 12 parents' evening will take place online next Thursday 14 December from 4.00 pm. The appointment booking system opened last night, so if you haven't yet booked an appointment, you can do so by clicking on the following link: [SchoolCloud - Backwell School](#)

You can read the letter sent home by [clicking here](#). This also includes instructions on how to book and attend online appointments. We look forward to seeing you next week.

### Year 11 Trial Exam Results

Year 11 student have been given the results of their trial exams this morning in Tutor Time. Parents/Carers will also be able to see them on the Parents Portal. The Parents' Portal can be accessed on Frog via: <https://frog.backwellschool.net/app/os>, and the results can be found on the dashboard under 'My Child', 'Reports', then click on the cog wheel to select your child (or children) accordingly.

You can find out more about how to access your Parent Portal account in the document '[A Guide to Accessing the Parent's Portal](#)'. In it we detail how to activate your account, if you haven't already done so.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Backwell School's Olympic Torch Relay

With the summer Olympic Games in Paris next year, the PE department would like to create Backwell School's very own Olympic Torch Relay. We have several small inflatable torches that we would like students and staff to take all over the country, or world, and take a picture of themselves holding the torch. For example, pictures at various locations around the UK such as famous landmarks, sporting events, concerts, or anywhere in a different country. Staff and students have already taken these to many far-flung places around the world! If you think you may have a photo opportunity over the Christmas holidays and would like to take a photo with the torch somewhere, please see Mr Moore in the PE Department or in the Sixth Form.

## Book your tickets ...!

Don't forget, we have two events taking place in the next couple of months. Firstly, the [Winter Concert](#) on Tuesday 19 December and then our Sixth Form production of '[Alice in Wonderland](#)' from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 January.

The Music department's Winter Concert will be a showcase for our choirs and instrumental ensembles, featuring performances from students from Years 7 to 13; A really lovely way to start the Christmas festivities! Then after Christmas we have our Sixth Form students' production of Alice in Wonderland. Rehearsals are in full swing, and the show will bring some much-needed post-Christmas cheer to January! One not to be missed!

Tickets for both events are available to buy from the school's online ticket-booking website [Your Box Office](#)

## Year 8 HPV Vaccination Programme: Information and Online Consent Form

All Year 8 students are being offered the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine which works to prevent the most common types of HPV-related cancers, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the genitals. As of 1 September 2023, the vaccination will be given as one injection in the upper arm (students used to receive two doses; one in Year 8 and the other in Year 9). The School Nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 17 January 2023 to undertake the vaccinations.

Please find below a letter from Sirona Healthcare which contains a link to an online consent form for the vaccination. Also in the letter there is a link to a leaflet about the NHS vaccination programme.

### [HPV Consent Letter](#)

Please read the letter carefully. If you have any questions please contact Sirona directly: [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or call 0300 1245515.

Please note that the **deadline** for completion of the consent form is **Sunday 14 January 2023**.

## 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 – 8 December 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](mailto:cball@backwellschool.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 13 December	Year 10 and 11 House Matches (Rugby/Netball) ( <i>rearranged due to weather</i> )
Thursday 14 December	Year 7 House Match (Football/Netball) ( <i>rearranged due to weather</i> )  <a href="#">Year 12 Parents' Evening</a> , 4.00 – 6.45 pm online
Tuesday 19 December	<a href="#">A Level Certificate Presentation</a> , 5.30 pm in 6th Form Theatre  <a href="#">Winter Concert</a> , 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.  School will finish at 1.35 pm.
Thursday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
10 – 12 January	Sixth Form Production of 'Alice in Wonderland' Tickets <a href="#">on sale here</a> .
Thursday 11 January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 15 January	<a href="#">Year 12 Drama/Performing Arts trip to see 'Metamorphosis'</a> in the Bristol Old Vic
Wednesday 17 January	<a href="#">Year 8 HPV vaccinations</a> Deadline for completion of consent form: Sunday 14 January

Monday 22 January	GCSE and A Level Art Textiles trip to the V&A Museum
Thursday 25 January	Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 31 January	<a href="#">A Level Sports Science trip</a> , to University of South Wales. Year 11 Parents' Information Evening, 6.00 pm

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 11 December](#) - Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

[Year 8 Enrichment Week 2024 – Introductory Letter and Ts & Cs](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 8 students

[Year 8 HPV vaccination consent letter](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 8 students

[A Level Psychology Teaching](#) – Parents/Carers of A Level Psychology students in classes 12C/Py and 13E/Py