



20 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a typically festive end of term at Backwell. Last night's fabulous Winter Concert set the tone with a wonderful range of high-quality performances from musicians from all year groups. Today, pupils enjoyed celebratory end of year assemblies in the morning and ended the day at lunchtime, eating together in their year groups and House blocks, resplendent with Christmas decorations, jumpers and hats.

Next term starts on Thursday January 4 and is a Week 1. Staffing changes at Backwell mean that there will be timetable changes for some pupils next term. This means that, if students check their timetable on FROG before the start of term, they might see a change. However, we will re-issue all timetables on Monday 8 January so that all pupils have a new hard copy.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I want to wish all of the Backwell community a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2024. We are particularly mindful that, for some people and some families, this is always a difficult time of year: made even more so this year because many of us are struggling with the cost of living. We are pleased to have made a small contribution by raising money for local foodbanks and charities through today's non-uniform day and also by organising over 100 food 'hampers' for local families.

Best wishes

Jon Nunes
Headteacher

MESSAGES

Following a wonderful, sell-out Winter Concert last night, this is just a reminder to get your tickets for our Sixth Form students' production of '[Alice in Wonderland](#)' sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment! This is taking place from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 January at 7.00 pm in the main theatre. Tickets cost £8.00 for adults and £6.00 for concessions and can be bought via the school's online ticket-booking website [Your Box Office](#)

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 – 15 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

We are recruiting ...

We are currently recruiting for couple of positions:

Invigilators to join our invigilation team. If you have a keen eye for detail and would like to support our students during their examinations, then this flexible role might be ideal for you.

Class Supervisor ... we are seeking someone who has experience of working with young people, with good communication skills and initiative to supervise classes of up to 32 students.

Teaching Assistant ... We are looking for an excellent communicator, with strong IT skills , to support students with additional learning needs.

Full details on all three roles are available to view on our Vacancies page:

[Careers at Backwell School - Backwell, United Kingdom, BS48 3BX | eteach](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
10 – 12 January	Sixth Form Production of 'Alice in Wonderland' Tickets <u>on sale here</u> .
Thursday 11 January	<u>Year 9 Parents' Evening</u>
Monday 15 January	<u>Year 12 Drama/Performing Arts trip to see 'Metamorphosis'</u> in the Bristol Old Vic
Wednesday 17 January	<u>Year 8 HPV vaccinations</u> 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
Tuesday 30 January	GCSE Music trip to Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Event
Wednesday 31 January	A Level Sports Science trip , 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](#).

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[Sixth Form Bulletin for week commencing 18 December](#) - Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

