



22 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Charity

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to 'Red Nose Day' last week – the current total of donations stands at £1,462.

Taking an active part in charity work is something that is highly valued at Backwell and there are several more opportunities next week.

The Sixth Form Charity Committee has set up a 'RAG week' for the last three days of term with the aim of supporting three different causes. On Monday a staff-student Benchball match is taking place at lunchtime to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund; on Tuesday there is a food-themed quiz in the library in aid of 'Fareshare South West'; and on Wednesday a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition will support "Autism Awareness".

In addition, as Wednesday is the last day of Term 4, we have a further non-uniform day in aid of a charity selected by the student council: "Bridges for Communities". (Please donate through [Parent Pay](#)).

Thanks in advance for your support for these charitable initiatives chosen and organised by Backwell pupils.

Thank you.

Jon Nunes
Headteacher

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MESSAGES

Year 11 Revision Programme

Well done to all the Year 11 students who are working hard on their revision and using the plan to help them organise what and when to revise. The revision programme runs throughout the Easter holidays to support students to keep revising and balance this with time to relax and enjoy the holidays. Year 11 students also have an additional trial exam for English on Friday 19 April.

Exam information and policies

A reminder that the exams arrangements page on our school website has important exams information for the upcoming summer exams, how to access the exams portal for your child's exam timetable as well as our updated exam policies for your reference. Please click on the following link to view the [Exams page on our website](#).

Year 11 Applications for Sixth Form

If your child has applied to Backwell Sixth Form and has not yet replied to their conditional offer via the link sent to their school email address, please ask them to do so **by Wednesday 27 March**. You can view a [generic copy the offer letter on our website](#). Individual copies were posted out to home addresses a couple of weeks ago.

Year 13 Hoodies

Last chance to order a Year 13 Leavers' Hoodie! The deadline to order and pay is **midday on Monday 25 March**; we are unable to accept any late orders or payments. You can find the letter on the school website by clicking on the following link: [Year 13 Leavers' Hoodie](#)

Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, we would like to draw parents and carers' attention to the fact that we have accumulated a lot of unclaimed lost property in Student Services. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to come to Student Services to take a good look. Anything of value, such as glasses, purses/wallets, jewellery and phones, are held in the PA's office. Any items that remain unclaimed by the end of the term will have to be disposed of over the holiday. We strongly recommend naming all items so that in the event anything gets lost, we can reunite it with its owner.

Inset Day and Non-School Uniform Day

The last day of term, Thursday 28 March, is an inset day and school will be closed to students. So, for students their last day will be Wednesday 27 March. As mentioned above, this will be a non-school uniform day, raising funds for [Bridges for Communities](#), a charity selected by the students. Students can wear non-school uniform in return for a minimum donation of £2. We are currently exploring the best option for online payments and so this time, parents will be able to pay via [ParentPay](#). As always, we would ask that clothing is suitable for a school setting and that no hair dye is worn. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

HAF Activities for Easter

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please click on the link below to find out more about activities available to book during the second week of the Easter holidays (08-12 April only).

[Easter Holiday Activities for students in receipt of FSM](#)

You can find out more about the HAF programme by visiting the website: [Holiday, activities and food \(HAF\) programme | North Somerset Council \(n-somerset.gov.uk\)](#)

Please note: You will need to know your child's URN in order to book on to the activities. If you have forgotten or not previously received a URN code, please email: HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk confirming

your child's name and the school that they attend. A return email will be sent containing the URN you need to use.

HAF also have a further offer for young people. The Hangar located on Rectors Way in Weston, are offering sessions for young people to learn skills in trade development such as carpentry, brick laying, plumbing, it is also offering early training for PT instructing.

These sessions are open to young people who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Please circulate the link below to the young people in your schools who would benefit.

[The Hangar Sessions](#) all Holiday Activity and food sessions are available in one place for families to see <https://eequ.org/northsomerset haf> or use the QR code.

Year 11 Vaccination Catch-Up Clinics

Sirona Healthcare, North Somerset's school nursing team, will be running some HPV vaccination catch-up clinics for those Year 11 students (girls and boys) who have not received a dose previously. The HPV vaccine protects against several types of cancer. You can book an appointment via: [Sirona care & health \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](https://sirona-cic.org.uk).

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation team directly on 0300 1245515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Spring Music Concert - Tuesday 26 March

Last chance ... there are still tickets available for the music department's spring concert which is taking place next Tuesday 26 March starting at 7.00 pm. The evening will be a showcase for our choirs and instrumental ensembles and will feature performances from students from Years 7 to 13 and will be a lovely way to end the term for the Easter holidays.

Tickets, priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions, are available to buy from Your Box Office via the following link : [Buy tickets here](#).

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 – 22 March 2024](#)

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

Something to Celebrate ...!

'Felicitaciones' to our three Year 7 students who took part in the Regional Final of the Modern Foreign Languages Spelling Bee earlier this week. You can read more on the [News page of the school website](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

18 – 25 March	French Exchange – French students in Backwell
Monday 25 March	Year 11 GCSE Drama Showcase Deadline for ordering a Year 13 Leavers' Hoodie (midday)
Tuesday 26 March	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP vaccinations <i>Consent portal is now closed. If you missed it and would like your child to receive the vaccination please complete the form attached and bring on the day or hand in to Student Services.</i> Spring Concert at 7.00 pm in the main theatre
Wednesday 27 March	Last day for students - non-school uniform day in aid of Bridges for Communities
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Term 4 Inset Day – School closed to students
29 March – 5 April	Ski trip to Folgarida
Monday 15 April	First day of Term 5
Tuesday 16 April	Year 12 Product Design trip to Artichoke School of Furniture
19 – 20 April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice expedition
19 – 27 April	German Exchange students in Backwell
22 – 26 April	Year 12 Trial Exams
Thursday 25 April	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 26 April	Year 13 Ball – Deadline for selecting menu choice today
Saturday 27 April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award route planning day at school
Monday 29 April	The Great Big Dance Off competition
Wednesday 1 May	Year 10 GCSE PE/Sports Studies trip to Mendip Activity Centre

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 25 March](#) – Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

[Year 12 Mathematics exam preparation material](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 12 Maths students

[Year 13 Mathematics exam preparation material](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 13 Maths students

[Year 10 GCSE PE Field Testing trip to Bath University: Tuesday 21 May](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 10 GCSE PE students

[The Great Big Dance Off Competition: 29 April 2024](#) - Backwell School Years 8 and 9 Dance team

Meningococcal group ACWY Vaccine and Tetanus, Diphtheria/Inactivated Polio Vaccine (Td/IPV)

Student First Name	Student Surname	Ethnicity	Date of Birth
Home Address		Daytime Contact Telephone Number	
Postcode		1. 2.	
School and Year Group		Gender:	

Please COMPLETE fully and SIGN the consent box below

Must be completed by **Parent or Legal Guardian** only

I give consent for my child to receive the following immunisations					
Meningococcal group ACWY	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 10px;">YES</td> <td style="padding: 10px;">NO</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Circle as appropriate</p>	YES	NO	Signature	Relationship to Student
YES	NO				
Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV)	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 10px;">YES</td> <td style="padding: 10px;">NO</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Circle as appropriate</p>	YES	NO	(Must be signed by Parent or Legal guardian) Name (Print)	Date
YES	NO				

Please complete the important health questions below

	Yes (Please give details/dates)	No
Does your child have any medical problems?		
Is your child taking any regular medication?		
Does your child have any bleeding disorders to take any anti-coagulant medication?		
Does your child have any severe allergies?		
Has your child ever had a reaction to previous vaccinations?		
Has your child received the Meningococcal ACWY immunisation at your GP Surgery/Travel Clinic in the last 4 years (Note: This does not include the Meningitis C only vaccine)		
Has your child received the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio vaccination in the last 5 years at your GP surgery or in A&E/Hospital?		

For office use only:

Vaccine	Date/Time	Site of 0.5ml IM injection	Batch No/Expiry	Signature	Print name
Meningococcal Group ACWY		L Delt R Delt			
Td/IPV		L Delt R Delt			

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Privacy Statement

Keeping your personal information safe and secure is important to us – so we've updated our privacy notice to reflect the changes in data protection laws. For more detailed information on how we protect your information, you can read our Privacy Notice on our website (www.sirona-cic.org.uk).

If you have any queries about how your personal information is used or your rights, please contact our Data Protection Officer:

Post: Sirona care & health, Kingswood Civic Centre (2nd floor), High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 9TR
Email: sirona.governance@nhs.net

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IMMUNISATION CHECKLIST	YES	NO
Details correct on consent form/consent given?		
Well today?		
Any medical problems?		
Any medication/treatment?		
Any known allergies?		
Any reactions to previous vaccinations?		
Any possibility of pregnancy?		
Checked on CHIS list?		
Advice on possible side effects and their management?		
Advice sheet given?		

Pupil Consent: The immunisation check list has been discussed with me and I consent to this immunisation.

MenACWY	Pupil Signature and date:	Td/IPV	Pupil Signature and date:
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