



May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Future Plans Week

I would like to take this opportunity to explain our exciting plans for Year 12 Future Plans Week and, in particular, to invite you to the Post-18 Options Evening on Monday 22 June (please see below).

Future Plans Week : Monday 22 to Friday 26 June 2026

There are sessions running throughout the week to help your child with their plans for when they leave school next year. Attendance in school will be **compulsory** for all students. We feel it is important for students to keep an open mind about all possible options at this stage, as in our experience, many students change their plans during their time in the Sixth Form. The programme for the week is as follows:

- **Monday 22 June, Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June:** Students are required to be in school from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm, when they will participate in a range of activities related to Future Plans.
- **Monday 22 June (Evening) – ‘Post 18 Options’:** Our Post-18 Information Meeting for Year 12 parents/carers (not students, as they will receive this information during the week) will take place in the Sixth Form Theatre at 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to hear about Post-18 Options and the timeline for applications, as well as to understand how to best support your young person throughout this process. Even if you have previously attended such an evening with an older child, we would ask you to attend as processes do change yearly
- **Tuesday 23 June – Visit to the University of Bath (compulsory):**
Students need to meet at 9am in the school coach park before setting off for Bath University. The visit will include a tour of the campus and talks on Higher Education. We will return to Backwell School at approximately 3.00 pm. Due to time constraints, all students will need to bring a packed lunch for the visit. **There are students with nut allergies on this trip so please avoid bringing food containing nuts.**

Please can all parents/carers pay a contribution of £10 towards the cost of coach transport.

Please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system **by 12.00 pm on Friday 05 June** to give your consent and make payment. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on finance@backwellschool.net. In cases of financial assistance, please contact the Finance Team, who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

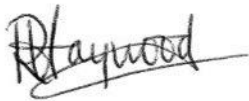
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- **Friday 26 June – Work experience:** In order to help them make informed decisions and to support their applications for Post-18 options, students have been asked to organise the equivalent of three days of work experience before the end of term 6, and they should try to arrange work experience on Friday 26 June if possible. If students are unable to find work experience for this day, they can use it as a study day in lieu of any time that they take off school to complete work experience. Students should preferably undertake in-person work experience, for which they need to complete online forms using Unifrog, which will then allow both the school and parents/carers to approve their placement. Virtual work experience placements are also acceptable and do not require approval. Students have had an assembly providing guidance on how to find work experience placements and we strongly advise students and parents/carers to keep up to date with the weekly careers bulletin as this provides information about a number of opportunities.

If your child will not be in school at any point during this week for an approved absence, such as a medical appointment or university visit, please contact us as soon as possible by emailing rhaywood@backwellschool.net. We'd really appreciate your support in ensuring that your young person attends all the activities we have organised and therefore request that they do not arrange activities such as driving lessons during this week.

Continuation of A Level Courses: Normal teaching resumes on **Monday 29 June**.

Yours sincerely

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R Haywood
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form