



BACKWELL SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Families, and Friends,

It has been another inspiring week at Backwell, with the first of our two summer concerts on Tuesday evening, the Year 10 French exchange students returning with tales of learning and fun from their week away and with culmination of the public examinations for Year 11 and 13.

I would like to start by saying how incredibly proud we are of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they reach the end of their public examinations, marking a significant milestone in their school journey—and for many, the end of their time at Backwell. Throughout this period, they have demonstrated impressive focus, resilience and maturity in the way they have approached their exams, conducting themselves with real determination and purpose. We now look forward to celebrating their achievements when results are released in August, as well as sharing in the joy of their respective end-of-year Proms in the coming weeks. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to families for their unwavering support, your children are a real credit to you and to the wider community, and we wish them every success in the next stage of their journey.

We were delighted to host the first of our two Summer Concerts on Tuesday evening – and what a wonderful evening it was! The concert showcased an impressive range of performances from students across all year groups, highlighting the depth of talent and commitment within our school. It is particularly pleasing to see the number of performers continuing to grow year on year. This is a real testament to the inspiration, encouragement and expertise of our Performing Arts team and our dedicated peripatetic music teachers, who work tirelessly to nurture students' confidence and passion for performance. From ensemble pieces to individual performances, the evening was filled with energy, skill and enjoyment – a true celebration of music and the arts at our school. If you haven't yet experienced one of our concerts, I would strongly encourage you to come along to the next one. You certainly won't be disappointed!



We were thrilled to welcome back our Year 10 students from their recent French Exchange, and it has been a pleasure to hear them enthusiastically regaling us with stories of their experiences. They clearly had a fantastic time with their French partners and host families, fully immersing themselves in daily life and culture. Highlights included visits to iconic locations such as Mont Saint-Michel, exploring local markets, attending school, and sampling regional food and traditions. Beyond the memorable trips, the exchange has given our students a valuable opportunity to build confidence, develop their language skills, and form lasting friendships. These are the kinds of experiences that stay with students for life—creating memories that are incredibly important and shaping their perspective long beyond their time at school.

I would like to take the opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the Chair of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust, Adele Haysom, for the tireless commitment and support she has shown to Backwell during our time within our Trust. The work of Trustees and Governors often goes unseen, yet it is absolutely vital in ensuring the effective running and continued success of our school. As Adele steps down from her role, we are incredibly grateful for the impact she has had and for her dedication to improving outcomes for all young people. We are proud to be part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, whereby working collaboratively with other local schools we are able to provide the very best education for your children, rooted in shared expertise, strong values, and a commitment to excellence.

Next week promises to be an exciting and memorable Enrichment Week, with a fantastic programme of activities both on and off site. Year 7 will be heading to Mendip Activity Centre, Year 8 to Mojo Active, Year 9 to PGL on the south coast, while our Year 10 students embark on their work experience placements and Year 12 engage in Future Careers Week. Alongside these visits, there will be a wide range of activities taking place in school—from baking to the chance to get up close with exotic animals! We would encourage all students to fully embrace the opportunities on offer. As always, they should be guided by our school values: being kind and supportive of one another when facing new challenges—whether climbing, paddleboarding, building a raft, or even holding an exotic animal! Be curious, have a go, and most of all be ambitious in everything you do throughout the week. We look forward to sharing the stories and successes from the week in our next newsletter, which will no doubt be full of photos and highlights from the many adventures. Here's hoping the sun shines and the laughter flows!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we ensure that 'we are Backwell'.



Will Penny
Headteacher



Additional Music Concert Evening – Tuesday, 07 July at 7pm

With the sheer number of bands and soloists who want to perform at our events, we've put on an additional music concert for Tuesday, 07 July at 7pm.

This will give opportunities to more students who want to get up and showcase what they can do.

Tickets for this event will be available soon on ParentPay. We will send confirmation out when these can be purchased.



Sports Awards Evening – 2026

Tickets will be available to purchase via your ParentPay account

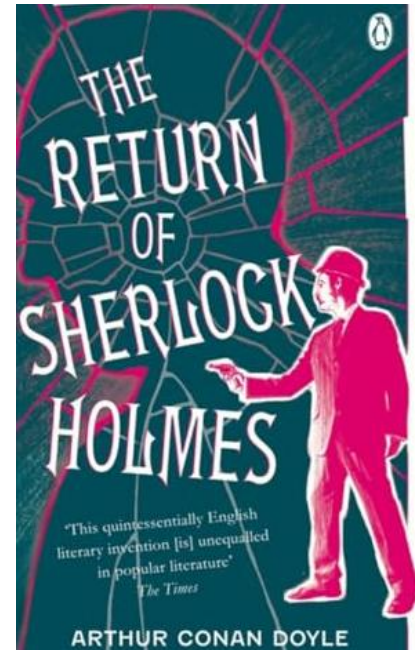


- Tickets for the annual Sports Awards Evening will go on sale on **Thursday 25th June**.
- Letters inviting students to this event will be sent out over the coming week.
- Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from **Thursday 9th July**.
- Tickets for this event usually sell out quickly, so we encourage you to purchase yours early to avoid disappointment.

Book of the week

The Return of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

Three years have passed since Sherlock Holmes and his nemesis Moriarty vanished into the abyss of the Reichenbach falls. In that time the criminals of London have been able to sleep safe in their beds. But with the appearance of a dangerous individual with an air gun, the capital has never been in greater need of its protector. And so it is that Dr Watson meets a mysterious deformed man who reveals the truth behind the fateful final conflict between Holmes and Moriarty and paves the way for the extraordinary return of the world's greatest sleuth in thirteen new tales of mystery.



SUMMER READING
Challenge

@Backwell School Library

TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER 2026 READING CHALLENGE

1. COLLECT THE SUMMER CHALLENGE WORKSHEET FROM THE LIBRARY
2. READ OVER THE SUMMER
3. TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU READING
4. SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO THE LIBRARY BY FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

**PRIZES FOR: BEST BOOK REVIEW
BEST READING PHOTO
BEST BOOK BINGO SHEET**

Year 11 and 13 leavers - Reminders


If you have a credit balance remaining on your ParentPay dinner money account, please complete the following form, before **Tuesday 30 June 2026**: [Dinner Money Refund or Transfer Request Form Summer 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Please fill in this form, to organise a refund or transfer to a sibling's dinner money account. Any queries or issues, please contact the Finance team via their email: finance@backwellschool.net


SWAP YOUR CALCULATOR FOR A BAR OF CHOCOLATE!

Once you are finished with your old calculator, bring it to the maths office to swap it for a bar of chocolate before Friday 3rd July (Y12 transition day!).


Do not swap if you plan on doing one of the following subjects:



- A Level Maths*
- Core Maths*
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Geography



*You MUST HAVE a special calculator to study both A Level and Core Maths. Either the Casio FX-991CW (it has a GOLD button) or the old-style Casio Classwiz 991ex. So you may want to swap your old one.



Summer 2026 Exam Information

Results Days

A Level, AS & Level 3 qualifications – Thursday 13th August 2026

- Year 13 – students can collect results from 8.00am
- Year 12 – students can collect results from 9.00am

GCSE & Level 1/2 qualifications – Thursday 20th August 2026

- Students can collect results from 10.00am

Results will be given out in the Sixth Form Theatre.

If you arrive late, you can collect your results from the Exams office.

All students will be given access to their results electronically at 2pm on their designated results day. An email will be sent to your school email address, or you can sign into the **Exam Portal** to view your results. Within the portal you can download, print or share your results with parent/carers.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are abroad on results days, you will not be able to access your school email. You should make sure you know your portal log-in details to be able to access your results.

We are NOT able to give out results over the phone or send them to personal e-mail addresses.

If you are unable to collect your results in person and wish someone else to collect them on your behalf then please email exams@backwellschool.net. Your email must tell us the name of the person you authorise to collect for you and should be sent from your school email account. Alternatively, your nominated person can bring in a signed letter of authority from you on results day. Please be advised that the nominated person will need to bring a form of ID (ideally photographic) to collect your results. Your results will be placed in a sealed envelope.

Post Results Services

It is possible to request reviews of marking should you have any queries about your results. There are strict deadlines set by the Exam Boards and these are not negotiable.

Details about the services available can be found in the information sheets on the school website (under the “Results Days 2026” tab of the Exam Arrangements page) or at these links:

- [A Level, AS & Level 3 Qualifications](#)
- [GCSE & Level 1/2 Qualifications](#)

The table below sets out a summary of the strict deadlines:

Post-Results Services	Deadline
A Level/Level 3 Priority Review of Marking (if you have a university place at risk)	Wednesday 19 th August – 2pm
All other qualifications Review of Marking	Friday 18 th September – 2pm
Access to Scripts	Friday 18 th September – 2pm
APPEALS following a ROM outcome (Preliminary appeal). Please note the price for all options includes a £100 non-refundable admin fee. Please see page 6 of the Appeals policy for full details Backwell School Internal Appeals Policy 25-26	7 calendar days from date of notification of ROM outcome

Term 6 - Personal Development

In Personal Development at Backwell School, we work together to nurture the whole child, preparing them to be responsible, respectful, active citizens for life in modern Britain, focusing on character, resilience, wellbeing, and developing readiness for the next steps in education, training, or work. Students complete some of this work in specialised timetabled sessions and in tutor time. To help guide parents in their conversations with their children on these topics we are now including an outline of the areas that your child has been talking about at school in the Newsletter.

Please do contact us via the school email - mailbox@backwellschool.net - if you would like to discuss any aspect of our Personal Development Curriculum in more detail.

All students have taken part in tutor time sessions about Water Safety and how to remain safe around open water areas including streams, lakes, canals, rivers and our coastal areas. This is particularly important for young people in times of sunny, warm weather.

What is happening in Term 6:

Year 7 - are continuing to look at Health and Wellbeing including the importance of exercise for physical and mental health as well as the importance of a healthy diet and the impact of healthy choices on mental wellbeing.

Year 8 – are talking about Healthy Lifestyle Choices, and the influences upon this, including how to ascertain whether information is accurate and unbiased.

Year 9 - will be looking at Basic First Aid.

Year 10 - in tutor time will be focussing on Preparing for Work Experience Week and then following up on what they learn during that week. In SMSC Year 10 will be looking at the British Value of Diversity – focussing on diversity in society, preventing extremism and the rights to protest

Sixth form:

During Year 12 tutor times learning is centred around careers - job applications, negotiation skills, resilience skills. The centrepiece is Future Plans week (during enrichment week) where they will be focussed on careers/university related activity.

Quick Links

- [School Uniform and Equipment Guidance](#)
- [Financial Support](#)
- [Backwell School Careers Bulletin - June 2026](#)
- [Sixth Form Bulletin](#)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22 – Friday 26 June	Enrichment Week / Y10 Work Experience / Y12 Future Plan Week
Tuesday 30 June	Year 6 – 7 transition day at Backwell School
Thursday 02 July	Year 10 Parents' and Carers; Evening (online)
Tuesday 07 July	Additional Music Evening 7:00pm in DTH
Wednesday 22 July	Last Day of Term 6 Students finish school at 1.15pm. School buses will depart at 1.30pm





Are you a parent of a child aged 14–18? (or have had a child this age in the last 2 years)

Take part in our study to help us understand what to include in school-delivered digital tools to support teenagers with their mental health!

Can I take part?

- ✓ A parent of a child aged 14–18 years or have had a child in this age range in the last 2 years.
- ✓ Your child must be attending (or had previously attended) a UK school.
- ✓ Living in the UK

Although disadvantages are not expected, some questions may feel sensitive. Support information will be provided after each survey and you can stop the survey at any time.

What does it involve?

- ✓ Completing 2 or 3 online surveys, spaced around 2–3 weeks apart. Each will take around 30 mins
- ✓ Surveys will ask you to :
 - Rate how important it is to focus on different **wellbeing challenges** (we'll explain them) in these digital support tools
 - Rate how important it is to include different **delivery features** in these digital support tools.

Like to take part?
Scan the QR code
for the first
survey



Interested in finding
out more/have any
questions?

Email the study
researchers Mia Morgan
and Dr Melissa Atkinson:
(BOOST@bath.ac.uk)



This research has received ethical approval from the
University of Bath

**RAVENS ACADEMY
TASTER SESSION
WITH GEORGE TAYLOR**



**THURSDAY
JULY 2nd**

7pm

@N&BRFC

**ALL 17/18yr OLD
PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR
2026/27 SEASON
INVITED**



LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

IT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Join our Central IT Team as an IT Technician Apprentice while undertaking a Level 3 Information Communications Technician Level 3

(with Network pathway to potentially extend to level 4 Network Engineer Apprenticeship)

We're excited to offer an IT Apprenticeship Opportunity for a Year 13 student from one of the four secondary schools within the Lighthouse Schools Partnership.

Start Date: September 2026

Location: Across our four secondary schools

Contract: Fixed-term (for the period of the apprenticeship with the potential for extension or permanent role)

You'll work alongside experienced IT professionals, with project work as well as supporting staff and students across the Trust. You will have the opportunity to assist in the maintenance and monitoring of school computer networks systems, computers and associated equipment and to contribute towards technology developments which will improve IT provision and service delivery across the Trust.

What we're looking for:

- ✓ At least 3 GCSEs at Grades 4 or above (including English and Maths)
- ✓ A strong **interest in technology** (operating systems, networking, hardware, software etc)
- ✓ The ability to establish **positive professional relationships** with students and colleagues
- ✓ A commitment to the **Trust's vision, values and school improvement agenda**
- ✓ A **commitment to data security** and confidentiality

We'll offer you:

- ✓ A fantastic opportunity to develop your **skills and career**
- ✓ An environment that really **cares about your progression**
- ✓ A **supportive** working environment
- ✓ Apprenticeship pay (with a recognition of costs associated with travel between sites) and employee benefits package

*Please note that this apprenticeship may not be compatible with some sixth form areas of study

Find out more:

If you'd like to find out more or discuss the role further please contact Kirk Perrin, Head of IT. We look forward to hearing from you.

✉ kperrin@lsp.org.uk

☎ 01275 841396

Apply now:



