

## Sixth Form Bulletin

For your information, please see below some of the things that are happening in school for our Sixth Form students ...

### ... next week (Week 2):

Monday 6 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Photography Trial Exam</li> <li>• Peer Educator drop ins at lunchtime in LB1 Quiet Zone</li> <li>• Film Club at lunchtime in LB2</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Photography Trial Exam</li> <li>• Sixth Form Committee at breaktime in SF4</li> <li>• Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Creative Day at Chew Valley School from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm</li> <li>• Sports Day for Years 7 to 10: <b>PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS FOR YEAR 12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8.45 am to 9.05 am Tutor Time (as normal)</li> <li>○ 9.05 am to 9.55 am Period 1 (as normal)</li> <li>○ 9.55 am to 10.45 am Period 2 (as normal)</li> <li>○ 10.45 am to 11.10 am Break (as normal)</li> <li>○ (Diversity Committee at breaktime in SF4)</li> <li>○ 11.10 am to 12.00 pm Period 3</li> <li>○ <b>12.00 pm: All Year 12 students must register in tutor bases</b> before you leave for home study, although you are welcome to stay for lunch until 12.25 pm (the Sixth Form Canteen will remain open until then)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Thursday 9 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH</li> <li>• Year 12 Art and Textiles Trial Exams</li> <li>• Chemistry Club at lunchtime in SC13</li> <li>• Christian Union at lunchtime in M3</li> </ul>
Friday 10 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Rainbow Day" to raise awareness of Pride month (see below)</li> <li>• Chess Club at lunchtime in MA8</li> <li>• Creative Writing Club at lunchtime in LB1</li> <li>• Sixth Form Paarlauf at lunchtime on the field – sign up your teams of 4 or 7 on the noticeboard to run/jog around the track as many times as possible in a relay for 20 minutes (less running for teams of 7)</li> </ul>

### ... and for the rest of Term 6:

Monday 13 July to Wednesday 15 July	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons
Tuesday 14 July	A Level Art Show 5.30 to 6.45 pm
Thursday 16 July	Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious Sports Award Evening at 7.00 pm in DTH
Saturday 18 July	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award route planning day in school
Monday 20 July	Year 12 Rounders House Matches during periods 3 and 4 on the field
Tuesday 21 July	Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term
Thursday 13 August	A Level and AS Level Results Day

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

**School Emails:** Please check your school emails every day.

**Rainbow Dress-up Day on Friday 10 July:** Dress up in your assigned colour to raise awareness and spread acceptance! £1 donations via ParentPay, cash or card, for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum.

12-1 RED	12-4 GREEN
12-2 ORANGE	12-5 BLUE
12-3 YELLOW	12-6 PURPLE

North Somerset LGBT+ Forum is a charity working out of Weston-super-Mare since 2017, who organise affordable community events to create a space where everyone feels welcome. They run drop-ins and wellbeing activities to ensure people can fully express themselves. They are an independent charity completely run by volunteers and funded by donations and grants.

**Year 12 Future Plans Week:** As we were unable to deliver the full programme for Future Plans Week due to the school closure on Wednesday and Thursday, we are looking at how we will deliver aspects of the programme going forward. For now please:

- Ensure you have collected a physical copy of the UCAS Guide from your tutor
- Continue with your UCAS applications and research post-18 options. Even if you aren't planning to go to university, you should complete the personal details section – in our experience, students often change their minds at the last minute!
- Get started on your Personal Statement in Unifrog, if you haven't already done so. Help and guidance is available via Future Plans and Applications on Frog – Post-18 Options.
- Complete the [Year 12 Intended Future Plans 2026 form](#) to help the Sixth Form Team know what further support you might need and how urgently. This will also help us to write your personal reference.
- Complete the [Y12 Future Plans Week: Personal Statement Masterclass or Apprenticeship talk – Fill in form](#) as soon as possible to choose whether you will be attending the Personal Statement Masterclass or the Apprenticeship Talk
- A reminder that you should complete at least three days of work experience before the end of this term. Please remember to log your placement on Unifrog and complete a planned absence form.

### Parking Permits:

- Year 12 students can apply for a Parking Permit on passing their driving test. Please collect a form from the Sixth Form office. All applications are reviewed on an individual basis, with priority given to those living furthest away.
- Students may only bring a car or motorcycle onto the school site with a valid permit.
- If you drive to school and don't have a permit, you must park off site. Please do so sensibly and give consideration to Backwell residents. Do not park in narrow roads, such as Russett Close and Mulberry Close, as this blocks access for emergency vehicles

**Lessons when teachers are absent/subject study:** Please ensure you take a register to the Sixth Form office if no one has come to register you after 30 minutes. You should be remaining in the room to complete the work/study except in Science rooms – a lot of you are getting unauthorised absences as you are not in the room when the register is taken!

**Home Study:** Most Year 12 students are now allowed extended Home Study privileges on a Monday and Friday, periods 1 and 2 (when you don't have lessons). Please let your tutor know if you intend to take Home Study – if you have lessons periods 1 and 2 on these days, you are still expected to attend tutor time.

**Warm weather:** Please remember to dress appropriately for a school/work environment.

- No clothing that is too revealing, such as crop tops, low tops, shorts that reveal the majority of the thigh, etc.
- No 'beachwear', such as surf shorts or flip-flops.
- Don't forget to apply suncream and keep hydrated.

Your tutor and/or the Sixth Form Team have the final say on what is appropriate. You may be asked to go home and change if you do not dress reasonably.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING:**

Check the Wellbeing page on Frog for updates, tips and links to online support. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, please talk to someone:

- At home – talk to friends or family, use wellbeing online resources (Kooth, YoungMinds, etc).
- At school – see/email Mrs Hobbs who can arrange a time to talk or signpost students to various support networks. You can also talk to/email your Tutor, Head of Year or Teachers.
- Anonymous and confidential support – there are many support agencies who make time to talk:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/#youngminds-crisis-messenger>

<https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support>

<https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

<https://www.bdp.org.uk>

<https://www.childline.org.uk>

<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk>

For more tips on talking to others and looking after your own mental health, go to the Wellbeing page on Frog, which is regularly updated by Mrs Hobbs.

- **"Practise self-care"** [What Is Self-Care? | Self-Care And Mental Health | YoungMinds](#)
- [Student Health Guide](#) for lots of helpful advice
- **Sexual Health Advice:** Talk to a trusted adult, the School Nurse or your GP or visit:  
<https://www.brook.org.uk>  
<https://yunosexualhealth.co.uk>

## **FUTURE PLANS**

**Careers Bulletin:** Please see the 'Future Plans and Application Support' page on Frog for the latest Careers Bulletin, resources, events, support and the school's careers platform, Unifrog. If you have any queries regarding future plans, please contact Ms Farr at [jfarr@backwellschool.net](mailto:jfarr@backwellschool.net).

**Future Learn:** FREE online short courses. Ideal for students wishing to broaden study around a subject or research an area of interest. They only take up to a couple of hours a week; you can sign up at any time. Useful when applying to university to enhance your personal statement. Visit <https://www.futurelearn.com>

**University Open Days:** Where possible, please attend open days on Saturdays/at weekends, rather than on a school day. You are allowed a maximum of five days' absence to attend open days throughout Years 12 and 13. You must submit a planned absence form in advance of any open day you wish to attend (not the day before or after the event!) to allow time for approval/permission by teachers and the Sixth Form Team.

Please see below a selection of virtual and physical university events and open days coming up – find them all at <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Saturday 4 July

Arts University Bournemouth  
Aston  
East Anglia  
Leicester  
Manchester

Middlesex  
Portsmouth  
Sheffield  
Winchester  
Wolverhampton

Thursday 9 July

Cambridge

LSE

Friday 10 July