

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 1):

Monday 13 July	- Deadline to complete survey on Frog for fancy dress theme on final day of term via Frog or here: Sixth Form Dress Up Theme - Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons - Final Peer Educator drop in and certificate presentation at lunchtime in LB1 – all Peer Educators to attend - Sixth Form Committee at lunchtime in SF4 - Film Club at lunchtime in LB2
Tuesday 14 July	- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons - Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7 - A Level Art Show 5.30 to 6.45 pm
Wednesday 15 July	- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons - Charity Committee at breaktime in SF4 - Diversity Committee at breaktime in SF1 - Maths Club at lunchtime in MA9 - Pride Club at lunchtime in H1
Thursday 16 July	- Year 12 Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH - Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious - Chemistry Club at lunchtime in SC13 - Christian Union at lunchtime in M3 - Backwell School Sports Award Evening at 7.00 pm in DTH
Friday 17 July	- Deadline to complete Year 12 End of Year Survey form via Frog or here: Year 12 End of Year Survey 2026 - 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) - Chess Club at lunchtime in MA8
Saturday 18 July	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award route planning day in school

... and for the last week of Term 6:

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 6 Sixth Form Fancy Dress – theme to be confirmed (see above). Please donate £2 via ParentPay and/or cash/card in school to raise Sixth Form funds Timings for all Year 12 students: 8.45 am: Tutor Time 9.10 am: Period 1 lesson 10.00 am: Period 2 lesson 10.45 am: Break 11.30 am: Tutor Time in bases 12.30 to 13.10 pm: Year 12 Assembly in New Sports Hall 1.30 pm: Students leave
Thursday 13 August	A Level and AS Level Results Day

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

School Emails: Please check your school emails every day.

Parking Permits:

- Year 12 parking permit holders, please keep your permit safe over the summer, as you will need it to renew in September.
- 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.

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.

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.

See virtual and physical university events and open days here:

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

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-](https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/#youngminds-crisis-messenger)

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

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

[www.kooth.com](https://giveusashout.org/get-help/)

[https://www.bdp.org.uk](https://www.kooth.com)

[https://www.childline.org.uk](https://www.bdp.org.uk)

[https://www.otrbristol.org.uk](https://www.childline.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>