

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... for the last week of the academic year (Week 2):

Monday 20 July	• Year 12 Rounders House Matches during periods 3 and 4 on the field • Sixth Form Committee meeting at lunchtime in SF4
Tuesday 21 July	• Year 12 Biology visit to We The Curious • Sixth Form Committee at breaktime in SF4 • Physics Club at lunchtime in SC7
Wednesday 22 July	• Last day of Term 6 • Sixth Form Fancy Dress – theme: <i>Musicians through the decades</i>. 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 the school site

... for the summer:

Thursday 13 August	AS Level and A Level Results Day – collect from A Levels from 8.00 am and AS Levels from 9.00 am (students will also receive them via school email at 2.00 pm)
Thursday 20 August	GCSE Results Day – collect from 10.00 am (students will also receive them via school email at 2.00 pm)

... and for the start of Term 1 2026/27 (Week 1):

Thursday 3 September	INSET Day: Students do not attend
Friday 4 September	INSET Day: Students do not attend
Monday 7 September	Registration Day for new Year 12 students Year 13 students 2026/27 do not attend
Tuesday 8 September	First day of school for Year 13 students 2026/27 (normal lessons from period 3)

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

School Emails: Please check your school emails every day.

Year 12 End of Year Survey 2026: If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so here by the end of term: [Year 12 End of Year Survey 2026](#)

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:

The Wellbeing page on Frog has been updated with tips for looking after your wellbeing during the summer holidays.

- 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

<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>