

Sixth Form Bulletin

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

... during 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:

Thursday 3 September	INSET Day: Students do not attend
Friday 4 September	INSET Day: Students do not attend
Monday 7 September (Week 1)	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.

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

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>