



13 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Remembrance Day 2020**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to gather as a whole school in our usual way on Remembrance Day this week. However we still managed to mark this solemn occasion; Governor, Mr Parker, made a video which was watched by the whole school on Wednesday morning. The video contained footage from the service at the Cenotaph as well as the Last Post and Reveille and an excerpt from *For the Fallen*. It also contained a two-minute silence which was observed incredibly well by our students. It was very moving to walk around the school site and hear the haunting notes coming from our classroom. The School has also placed a memorial cross, as usual, at the war memorial in Backwell.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 19 November**

Our virtual Sixth Form Open evening will be available to view on the school website from 4.00 pm on Thursday 19 November. This will include an introduction and key information from the Head of Sixth Form, Rose Haywood and the Head, Jon Nunes. There will be video presentations for each of the Sixth Form courses on offer, with input from both staff and students, as well as FAQs.

The deadline for applications for a place in the Sixth Form in September 2021 is 4.00 pm on **Thursday 10 December**. More detail, including links to the online application form can be found on the [Sixth Form Admissions and Courses](#) page of the school website. You can also download an electronic copy of the Sixth Form Course Booklet 2021-23 by clicking [here](#).

### **Year 13 In-class Mock Exam Assessments: Students in Self-isolation**

As you are aware, a number of Year 13 students are currently self-isolating and will not be in school for the Year 13 Mock Exam Assessments next week. Please be assured that these students will be completing their assessments under remote teacher supervision via Microsoft Teams at the same time and under the same conditions as students taking the assessments in school. Please can parents of those students who are self-isolating support us with this process by ensuring that students understand the instructions that have been sent to them by Mr Lewis, Head of Year 13, and their subject teachers.

## **Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 26 November**

On Thursday 26 November we will be holding our Year 11 Parents' Evening. Normally this would be held in face-to-face meetings, however, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, this will be undertaken via video call. You can read all about how this will happen in the [Year 11 Parents' Evening letter](#), which contains instructions for booking appointments and information on how to attend an online appointment.

The online booking system will open at 6.00 pm on Thursday 19 November, when you will be able to access the system to book your appointments.

## **Careers Bulletin**

Please find below a link to the Careers Bulletin on our school website. This bulletin includes a section on online and virtual careers resources, including the school's online careers platform, Unifrog.

[Current Careers Events and Opportunities \(13 November 2020\)](#)

If you have any queries regarding future plans Mrs Ball can be contacted on her school email [cball@backwellschool.net](mailto:cball@backwellschool.net).

## **Upcoming Events**

Thursday 19 November	<a href="#">Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening</a> , from 4.00 pm
Thursday 26 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 18 December	Last day of term. Non-school uniform day in aid of the local food bank.
Monday 4 January	Back to school!

## **LETTERS HOME ...**

[Sixth Form Bulletin \(w/c 16 November 2020\)](#) – Parents/Carers of Sixth Form students

[Year 11 Parents' Evening: 26 November 2020](#) – Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

[Important Letter to all parents: Update for the school community \(10 November 2020\)](#) – All Parents/Carers