



Dear Parents/Carers,

What glorious weather we have been having for the last few weeks. I sincerely hope that we haven't see our "summer" yet just as our young people and families are gearing up for some quality time together.

Another year passes. Another cohort of Year 11 have left us, successfully prepared for the next stage of their journey. I wanted to publicly thank them for their efforts this year and wish them every success on 22nd August when they open their long awaited results envelopes. They really deserve great outcomes as they have all worked diligently and tirelessly this year. As we say goodbye to Year 11 we are preparing to welcome our next group of Year 7, all 225 of them. This signifies the largest cohort of students ever to enter Bristol Met, a real show of community belief in the Academy and thank you to every family that has helped continue to strengthen our reputation as educator of choice in the local area.

I know the Summer break is also a time when many of us have to kit out our young people in new uniform. Before you do buy new items please take a moment to check carefully the guidance in our recently published Parent/Carer Handbook which was sent out in the post and is also available online. Please do not rely on shops calling their range "Back 2 School". 'Initially Yours' (in Soundwell) is our approved supplier so you can be assured that anything bought from them is acceptable. You are welcome to buy from other outlets but please take time to check properly that it will be acceptable. We don't want to start the new Academic year in conflict with our young people about uniform but we do believe in high standards.

We have also just had our latest Student Leader Elections and it is with real pride that I can announce that our Senior Student Leaders for the year ahead are Justina T and Jamie H. Our Deputy Senior Student Leaders are, Patrycja S and Tomek S. Our Chairperson is Shezadi A. These students were nominated (either by themselves, peers or staff) then were interviewed by senior leaders and finally made a manifesto video which was then viewed and voted on by every student in the Academy. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself in this position in the first place so not only a massive well done to these students but also to every student who put themselves forward and/or have become part of the wider student council.

A plea from me for September for those who come by bike. We secure the bike sheds from between 9am and 3pm. We have to have the sheds unlocked as students arrive and then to allow them to leave. Given the size of the academy it can take a staggered time period for students to exit site so sometimes bikes are in an unlocked bike shed for upwards of an hour. Unfortunately we get the odd stolen bike which is always disappointing for us and upsetting for students and families. Please can I urge that good quality bike locks (D-Lock is recommended) are purchased as they are almost impossible to break. Unfortunately lower end bike locks are very easy to force open in seconds which results in upset.

As well as the above there have been lots of other things happening in the Academy over the last term. You can read about many of these in the newsletter that follows.

I wanted to wish all of our community a great and safe 6 weeks. Please do take the time to talk to your young people about keeping themselves safe over the Summer. In particular about safety in and around the roads, railways (particularly as local rail lines are now electrified) and any bodies of

water, particularly in the hot weather where there is added attraction. It is also a good time to remind young people about 'stranger danger' especially when out on their own.

We will see our new Year 7 and new Year 11 (current Year 10) on Tuesday 3rd September at **8:35am**. All other year groups start back on Wednesday 4th September at 8:35am.

Yours sincerely



Cameron Shaw
Principal

We continue to work on implementing a streamlined electronic communication system. Therefore, if you **didn't** receive the newsletter in your email inbox it suggests we don't have your email address in our system. We would be grateful if you could email us at info@bristolmet.net with your name and the name of your student(s) so we can add your email to our system. It will only be used for relevant parental communication and never shared outside of the organisation. If you don't have an email address we will continue to upload important communication to our website and text out links to view. If you would like any help in setting up a free email account then pop into our Reception during Academy hours (8am to 4:30pm) and a member of staff can help you set up a free email account.



Academy re-opens for Term 1 on Tuesday 3 September 2019 for Years 7 and 11 only. On Wednesday 4th September all students return

As always, please ensure your child arrives in full uniform and equipped with their timetable, a pen and pencil and their ID card.

Please notify the Academy as soon as possible if your child will be absent for any reason (illness/medical treatment) by telephoning our absence line:

0117 3772071 option 1.

It is important that you inform us for each day of your child's absence. Please ensure that you give us details of their illness as unwell or sick is insufficient information for our records.

INFORMATION

TERM DATES SEPTEMBER 2019 – JULY 2020

Term	Dates	Inset
Term 1	Tuesday 3 September 2019 - Wednesday 23 October 2019	Monday 2 September 2019 Thursday 24 October 2019 Friday 25 October 2019
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2019 – Friday 20 December 2019	
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2020 – Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 6 January 2020
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2020 – Thursday 2 April 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2020 – Friday 22 May 2020	
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2020 – Friday 17 July 2020	Friday 3 July 2020 Monday 20 July 2020

Year 11 Prom

Prom was a great success as we said a final goodbye to our Year 11's whom were a credit to the school. And Excellent night was had by all who attended.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Half Price Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Half Price Book Fair took place from 24th June - 28th June held in the library by Mrs Harman. The Book Fair had amazingly priced books from as little as £1.49 with Tom Gates, Macbeth and Fing being our top books sold and amazing offers on all stationery. I would like to thank everyone who came along and purchased books from the Book Fair which raised over £70 in commission for our Library. There were competitions to enter and the lucky winners each received £5 to spend at the Book Fair.

The winners of the £5 were:

Cameron E

Farah A

Ria D

Issi W

Chelsea C

Accelerated Reader

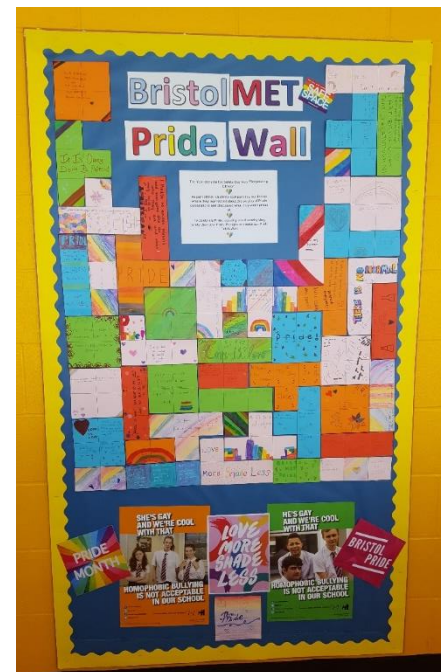
Please keep reading and quizzing over the summer holidays, I would like to know where you have read/quizzed on your books on our return in September - Remember Top Quizzers and Millionaire Readers all receive prizes at the end of each school term as well as gaining Zone Points for the House Cup!

Pride Month at MET

Please take a moment to have a look at the photos to show how we marked Pride at MET.

The Year 8s took part in a Pride workshop with Mrs O'Sullivan and myself where they learned about the origins of Pride/Stonewall Riots and wrote out their own Pride pledges of kindness - the display board is up by the HUB so please go and have a look!

Also a group of students baked and brought in cakes, cookies and doughnuts to give away last Friday lunchtime as an act of kindness to mark Bristol Pride - they were all gone in 10 minutes so must have been good!



Mock Interviews



We celebrated our eighth annual mock interviews and employability day with Year 10 students on the 18 June. With over 30 employers supporting us during the day it was a chance for students to shine and celebrate the school career to date.

Good careers guidance was offered throughout the day and many employers commented on how lovely and professional Bristol Met students were, suggesting if they had a real job to offer many would have been successful.

Airbus



A group of 20 pupils took turns at the controls of a light aircraft during a special day of flying lessons at Gloucestershire Airport on Thursday 11 July 2019.

The pupils were taking part as an award for successfully completing the Airbus Foundation's Flying Challenge programme. This was a 20 week programme that took place at Airbus' site in Filton. This was a great opportunity for them to gain an insight into the aviation and aerospace industries.

To see a video of the students flying look on the [@AirbusintheUK](#) twitter account.

Year 11 GCSE Art and Photography

Below a few examples of the amazing work produced by our Year 11 students in their exams.



SPORT NEWS

Cheerleading

On Sunday 16 June 42 cheerleaders travelled to Winterbourne to compete in their first competition of the season, for 22 of them it was their first ever competition.

Level 1, made up of mainly Year 7s, did a great job with only a few minor errors. They came second to a very well drilled club team.

Our level 2 team **WON** with an amazing performance full of determination, grit and sass.

They competed against some very experienced older teams and did us very proud.

A big THANK YOU to Mr Heesom for your help and Ms Lavery for coming to support.



We had two very good runs with Level 1 gaining 95.42% and Level two achieving 91.69%. Both categories were VERY competitive, level 1 competed against 8 other schools and level 2 competed against 6 other schools.

We are bringing home two new shiny trophies, with both teams placing 3rd in the country. Both teams narrowly (0.35% and 0.57%) missing out on second.

They were all amazing and a great representation of our school.

I'd like to thank you all for your support of

the Storm Angels this season. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Donna and Mary, without them the trip to nationals wouldn't be possible!

Fencing

On the hot Saturday morning of June 29th two JCA students and five BMA students journeyed to Oasis Brightstowe to compete in the last Bristol White Eagle Teenager Competition of the academic year.

In the U15's Jamie H BMA, narrowly missed out on a medal.

In the U13's Briony H, BMA, gained Silver in her last match against Chiara N, BMA, who had to settle for for Bronze, losing by 1 point.

Seth R, Holly D, BMA, and Ilyas B, JCA, also fought bravely in the competitions and gained some valuable experience against some experienced opponents.

Basketball Achievements

Over the half term period the international basketball players gained no less than 5 international honours. This is an incredible achievement and pretty much unheard of from any other schools in the country.

Louie T - England U15s in Paris (Top Scorer for England!!!)

Kacey C - Great Britain U16s in Nottingham (recalled to next camp after GCSE's)

Cameron W - Scotland U16s (recalled to next camp this weekend)

Nathan S - Wales U18s



The Bristol Met Basketball Program made history by not only defending the U14 National Schools Competition Crown but adding the U16 title in successive days. Met have now made the National Final 5 times in 3 years and have 3 titles in the past 2 years.

An incredible amount of hard work has gone in by families, school staff and the players over a number of years to achieve these amazing accomplishments. I would like to personally thank everybody who has supported the program over the past 5 years but also the fans who travelled to the arena over the weekend. I believe on the Saturday we had more fans than almost all the other schools combined and certainly made far more noise.

The players were a credit to the school and their families over the entire weekend making Met a power house on the national stage.

Let's go MET!



TRIPS



Future Quest Trip London

Jacob Rees-Mogg may not get many mentions in these pages but we did see him stalking along the pavement towards the Houses of Parliament. Kerry McCarthy tweeted her disappointment at missing us in the Lobby - but we had a great time in the House of Lords, learning about the great and the good and appreciating Pugin's sumptuous interiors, so rich it is thought they sent him mad. Then we hit the river, cruising under Tower Bridge and boarding HMS Belfast where we checked every one of the six decks. Our interests ranged from the boiler room to the dentist's

surgery, from the kitchens to the chapel: a floating town. Just when energy was dipping, Future Quest produced sustaining ice cream which sent us back upstream and then up motorway (with time-out at the delightful Reading Services) very happily enthusiastic about getting back to London again whenever possible. Experience widened!

Future Quest public-speaking awards

On the stage once occupied by Charles Dickens in Bristol University's Victoria Rooms, Rowan C and Jasmine J collected certificates for their excellent speech-making. They were judged to have spoken most effectively in a day of intensive oratory training in the cricket pavilion of Clifton College as part of Future Quest's partnership with the Speaker's Trust.

Barcelona

A group of student and staff went on a trip to sunny Barcelona for 4 days. They went to see all the city had to offer and all that went had a lovely time.



Big Trip

11 students from Bristol Met travelled to North Wales along with 22 students from BBA and CAB on the first ever Big Trip!

The students were impeccably behaved and all learnt that they were capable of pushing themselves to their limits and beyond along with the importance of teamwork.

Monday afternoon had them Scrabbling over the mountainside overlooking the Centre.

Tuesday they went Canoeing and Gorge Walking/ Climbing.

Wednesday and Thursday had them go on an expedition followed by 'Wild Camping'.

Friday they went Slab Climbing.

A few students were nervous of going on the trip but once there enjoyed the experience. They all did every activity during the week despite facing personal challenges. One student even stated they 'didn't want to go home but knew they had to'.

It was a long but profitable week of experiences and memories that could change lives and attitudes.



OTHER NEWS

Drama

It's been a very busy final two terms in the drama department. Our Year 10's have just returned from a superb work experience at The Bristol Old Vic and The Tobacco factory where they learned all about the theatre industry. There were two absolutely fantastic performances by Yr 8 Drama enrichment 'The Play That Went Wrong' and Yr 7 drama enrichment 'Annie'. Both shows were a huge success with raving reviews. The cast of Sister



Act also made their first public performance at the local community event 'Party In The Ponds' and the audience cannot wait to see the production in November 2019. Our local church St Mary's on Manor Rd allowed us to film our promotion film within the church and the outcome is brilliant. We then went on to perform Sister Act extracts at Briarwood Primary on 11th July and at Begbrook festival on July 19th. Watch this space for the production in November.

Music – Battle of the Bands

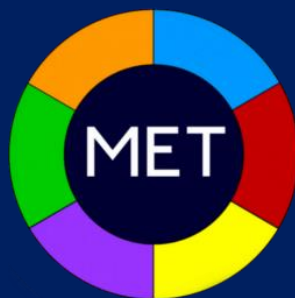
Bristol Met put in 2 fantastic performances this evening at City Academy. Both acts were highly commended but special praise went to Faith for her rendition of Killing me softly, alongside Sidney, Mica and Mo. So impressed were the judges they awarded them a respectable 3rd place in the overall competition.



We are so proud of everything that we have achieved at Bristol Met over the year.

As you can see above each term there are so many great opportunities for our students to take part in.

If you would like any information on any of our policies please visit our website (www.bristolmet.bristol.sch.uk).



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