

17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know I wrote earlier in the week with my "final" letter of the term but since then there have been a few 'Nice News' stories which I just wanted to share going into the Summer break:

The Community Development Group (CDG), which was formed this year by some staff volunteers, members of Academy Council and volunteers of the community, have published their 2nd Newsletter. You can read it here http://bristolmet.bristol.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/NewsLetter-Issue-2.pdf

The CLF are running a 'Big Bio' competition. Details can be found here https://clfwellbeing.wordpress.com/2020/07/07/the-big-bio-summer-competition/

In essence, we want to know **your story**. (student, parent or staff). Entry can be using many formats so have a read of the link.

Several of our students submitted entries to a competition for the Royal Academy Summer Show with one of our students (Savia) being selected for the Royal Academy's Young Artists Summer Show. You can find this on the Royal Academy's Website

 $\underline{https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2020/search?utf8=\%E2\%9C\%93\&query=the+last+green+tree&button=$

Congratulations to all of those who entered pieces.

Three of our students were also selected to complete a week's work experience with the Royal West of England Academy where they curated an online exhibition called 'Hope in the Darkness'. You can explore this here https://shop.rwa.org.uk/collections/hope-in-the-darkness

Thank you to all of the students and parents who have written or sent other messages of support, particularly over the last week. I apologise if we haven't responded in person but the last week of term is always busy with this one no less so. They have however all been read and very much appreciated by staff at this time. We are really looking forward to getting back to some form of 'normal' in September.

Speaking of September, a final piece from me. We know the last few months have been difficult for many families. Uniform is one thing that adds to the pressure of return in September. We were thinking it may be helpful if any families have items of uniform that are in good useable condition but just no longer fit their child(ren) then they could be donated to the Academy Reception in a plastic bag where will then launder them and add them to our Uniform store. We can then gift items to students who may be missing a piece in September. If you feel you do have anything you are able to donate (particularly blazers and ties) then they would be gratefully received.

We will write to you around the end of August with exact details of the reopening plans. We will endeavor not to change the days and times of Inductions as communicated earlier this week but details around particular entrance doors and routines will be confirmed.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Shaw Principal

