

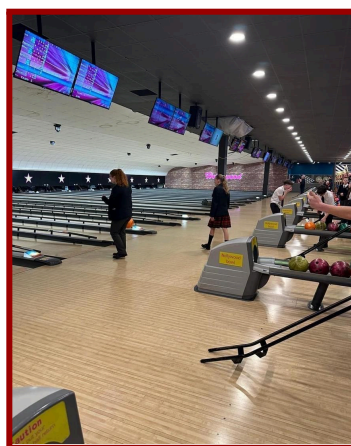


## Weekly Letter

**Friday 9th February 2024**

Dear Families,

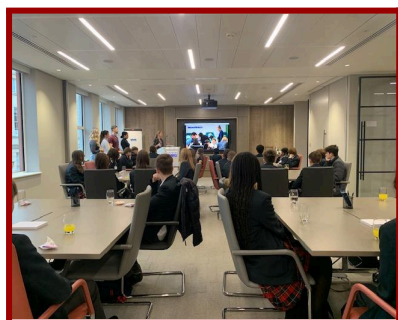
I hope you are well. We have had a great end to term 3 this week with our reward events and a variety of trips taking place. Our gold reward students had a fun morning bowling, silver rewards enjoyed our cinema experience and bronze got to enjoy a pizza party. A huge well done to all our students for their hard work this term!



On Tuesday year 10 completed their DHL logistics challenge and presented their solution to a 'Dragons Den' panel from DHL (Branch Manager, HR Manager and Area Manager). They utilised all the skills they have learnt over the past 3 sessions. They were excellent, articulate and able to answer some tricky curveball questions around their solution, thinking quickly on their feet and sounding knowledgeable. They were also rewarded with a dominos treat and have all gone away with areas of excellence and areas to work on moving forward into next term.

Wednesday saw Ben Brown, a singer songwriter from London visit all of year 7 and 8 in the sports hall and perform some of his music and lead a discussion on 'online safety' and how to keep a healthy mind.

Thursday 35 year 9s visited the offices of KPMG in Bristol. where they met with senior managers and graduate apprentices, learning about the financial service industry and the different pathways into this industry. They were tasked with identifying a solution for improving technology for patients en route to hospital. They worked in teams of 5 to prepare a presentation to the KPMG staff and were then quizzed on the aspects of this. They were outstanding and really highlighted how this term's focus on 'turn and talk' in lessons has boosted their confidence in public speaking and sharing their ideas. The staff were very impressed and as a result have offered to come and speak at the school with more of our students in the coming months. So thank you Year 9!





### Year 11 Prom:

The Year 11 prom will be held on Friday 12th July at Eastwood Park, Falfield. Students can arrive between 6.30-7pm and the prom will then run from 7pm- 10.30pm. More details will follow next term!

### Voice and Choice Update:

**VOICE & CHOICE**

**YOU SAID...**

- Spin the Wheel - 2 Spins per Year group
- PE Choices - More options for Girls
- Science Corridor - Less Congestion

**WE DID...**

- Spin the Wheel - 2 spins per Year group
- PE Choices - Fitness Club (Girls Only)
- Science Corridor - Removal of the single door to create less congestion

### PE Updates:

Having won the South Gloucestershire round this week, year 7 girls and year 8 boys went to UWE to compete in the West of England Sportshall Athletics finals competing against the best schools from Bristol, Bath, and North Somerset. Some excellent individual performances from students particularly Michael in the Shot Put and Adan in the 4 lap race winning their individual events. Michael has since been selected to represent Avon Schools Athletics at the South West Championships in Paignton in March.

This week was our first full round of football fixtures with a full fixture card against Winterbourne. Year 7 and 10 played in two very close games which could have gone either way, with Winterbourne just coming out on top in the final few minutes of the game. Team of the week went to the year 9 team winning 2-1.



Attendance at Rugby, Basketball, Netball and football clubs has continued to be really high. Just a reminder that students can just turn up to any clubs. On Tuesday's it's year 7 & 8 Rugby with Yate Rugby and all years Netball. On Thursday's it's year 7 and 8 Football, Girls Football, Year 8-10 Basketball with Bristol Flyers.

**MCAS Reminder:**

Please can we ask that any outstanding lunch money is paid via the MCAS app before the start of next term.

**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Friday 9th February</b>	Last Day of Term 3
<b>Monday 19th February</b>	Inset Day
<b>Tuesday 20th February</b>	Start of Term 4
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	Year 9 In Person Options Evening 16:30 - 19:00

With very best wishes

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