

## Weekly Letter

Monday 30th June 2025








Dear Families,

I hope you are well and had an enjoyable weekend. This week is an incredibly important week in the school calendar as we invite all of our year 6 students into school for transition days on Wednesday July 2nd and Thursday July 3rd. We are really excited to meet them and their families.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June interested students from year 8 attended UWE for a day of insights to the careers possibilities within the cyber security industry. Each student attended workshops delivered by a variety of companies including BAE systems, Leonardo, SW Police Cyber Crime Unit and IBM systems. The workshops enabled students to gain hands-on experience of life as a cyber security professional. The cyber police workshop showed the students how to follow and crack a cyber trail left by hackers, using a black light and key code cyphers to follow the trail. It was a superb event which has opened up the world of careers to our students. They were all outstanding and adopted a very resilient approach which made sure they got the most out of the day. Well done year 8!

### Sparx Update:

We have a new leader this week. Congratulations to Park House who came top of the leader board!

Week Set 16/06/2025	Maths	Science	Reader	Sparx Average	Position
 Brunel	95%	95%	93%	94%	4
 Carpenter	94%	91%	95%	93%	5
 Park	94%	96%	99%	96%	1
 Beckford	95%	96%	97%	96%	2
 Stephenson	96%	96%	95%	96%	3

### Sparx Reader Leaders:

<u>KS3</u>		<u>+Y7</u>		<u>Y8</u>		<u>Y9</u>	
Amy	M	Megan	H	Amy	M	Bella	C
Adam	Z	Abigail	G	Adam	Z	Lexie	J
Megan	H	Tobias	P	Natalie	S	Aimee	B

### Sports Update:

Hannah W has recently competed in the Avon Schools Athletics Championships in Exeter and delivered a fantastic performance. As a result, she has been selected to represent Avon Schools at the English Schools Track & Field Championships, taking place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. This is a remarkable achievement, as Hannah is one of only six Junior Girls to meet the required standard and be chosen across all athletics disciplines from Avon and the only girl from South Gloucestershire schools to take part in this prestigious national event.

Well done, Hannah—we are incredibly proud of you and wish you the very best of luck at the Championships!



Last week 10 of our Y7 and 8 girls combined their rounders teams together to play a mixed year fixture against Bradley Stoke School. Despite not having played together as a team before, they all played fantastically and demonstrated some brilliant striking and fielding skills and tactical awareness which was evident when in the first inning they managed to get the whole opposition team out. Performance shout outs go to Nancie W for excellent fielding and Amelia A and Oliva R for strong batting.

### After school club's reminder:

Mondays: Cricket  
 Tuesdays: Athletics  
 Wednesdays: Rounders  
 Thursdays: Basketball

### Important Dates:

Tuesday July 1st	Yr 11 into 12 Transition Day
Tuesday July 1st	Big Pit Trip 1
Tuesday July 1st	Barcelona Information Evening
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr11 Prom
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Big Pit Trip 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	GLT Rounder Tournament
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr9 HPV Vaccinations

### UPCOMING PARENT EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR DIARIES:

Academic Review Day - Year 7, 8 & 9 - Wednesday 9th July  
 Y10 Parents Evening - Thursday 10th July

With very best wishes

**Eddie Rakshi**  
 Headteacher

**SUMMER  
FUN  
MORNINGS**

- THU 31ST JULY
- THU 7TH AUG
- THU 14TH AUG
- THU 21ST AUG



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THU 31ST JULY

CREEPY CRAWLIES

THU 7TH AUG

OUR HELPERS

THU 14TH AUG

WATER GAMES

THU 21ST AUG

BUILD ZONE





# WELLBEING

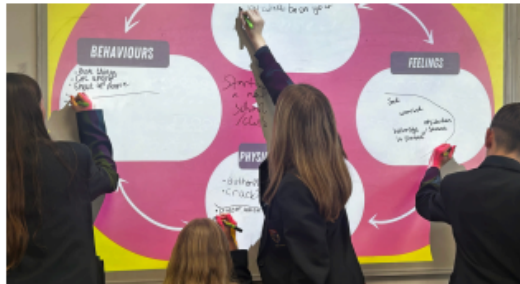
## STUDENT WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Our students have access to a variety of supportive opportunities designed to enhance their well-being and academic success. Last year, we introduced the Resilience Lab a program inspired by Off The Record's support workshop, specifically geared towards KS3 and KS4 students. This initiative received positive feedback and provided valuable tools to help students build emotional resilience.

With the addition of our new Educational Mental Health Practitioner, we've also launched anxiety workshops for Year 7 students.

These engaging sessions have been well received, and we look forward to expanding them across more year groups and topics in the future.

Students can also access daily support through their Heads of Year or speak to our Safeguarding Team for any safeguarding concerns. Where needed, we can signpost students to external specialist services for further support.



## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

- Ms Beckett - DSL & Deputy Headteacher  
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- Mr Rakshi-Headteacher & DDSL
- Ms Barber - SENCO & DDSL

## HOW EMOJIS ARE SHAPING THE WAY YOUNG PEOPLE COMMUNICATE

In today's fast-paced digital world, young people are transforming how we use language—especially through emojis. These once-simple icons now carry complex meanings, from sarcasm and inside jokes to group identity. For example, a 🙄 might hint at betrayal, while a 🌈 can show pride or positivity, depending on context.

The Netflix documentary Adolescence explores this shift, showing how emojis and online slang help young people express themselves and build connections in the digital world.

But as this new language grows, it can be a struggle to keep up. To support in decoding this new language and promoting digital well-being Smoothwall has created a helpful resource hub. It offers tools and insights to help adults understand online language and support young people's digital wellbeing.

Visit [smoothwall.com/adolescence](https://smoothwall.com/adolescence) to learn more and access these free resources.

## SUPPORT LINKS

**Kooth** [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

A free safe and anonymous counselling service. Available for young people every day until 10pm

**Off The Record** [www.otr.org.uk](http://www.otr.org.uk)

A mental Health movement for young people in Bristol and South Glos. Various services available—Check website for current workshops.

**School Health Nurse** <https://sirona-cic.org.uk>

Provide weekly drop in sessions for students at school every Wednesday Lunchtime in reception

*If you have a concern for a child's immediate safety, please contact 999.*

*If you have a concern for a child's wellbeing outside of term time or school hours, or would like to speak to South Gloucestershire's Access and Response Team (ART) directly, please contact:*

*01454 866 000 - Monday to Thursday, 9am - 5pm  
01454 866 000 - Friday, 9am - 4.30pm*

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# Creative Arts Club

For ages 11-16

**No cost!**

Young people must be eligible for Free School Meals. Find out more on our booking page.

Learn creative skills and meet new people this summer!

## WHEN

Fridays 25th July, 1st, 15th, 22nd August  
Monday 11th - Thurs 14th August

## WHERE

Various schools in Bristol & South Gloucestershire.  
See link for details.

## FOOD

Free hot lunch, dessert and snacks

## TO BOOK

Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://eequ.org/uniquevoice>



## ACTIVITIES

- Performance
- Games
- Multi media arts
- Photography
- Drawing

## Questions?

Call/Email  
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