

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 24th May 2024

It was lovely to applaud our Year 11's today, thank you to all our staff & students who joined us in saying goodbye to them as they begin their study leave after half-term. We wish them the best of luck in the rest of their exams. Happy Half-Term! Best wishes, Mrs Matthews



### BEP Update From Court Fields



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Polly Matthews  
Headteacher

I am thrilled to share an update on a vibrant and eventful few months at Court Fields School. This term, we celebrated Mental Health Week, emphasising the importance of well-being among our students. Our sports teams have had an impressive season, participating in football, netball, athletics, rounders, and cricket fixtures. Our students visited the University of Bath to explore STEM developments, igniting their passion for science and technology. We have also been actively recruiting for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, fostering leadership and adventure skills. A special mention goes to our team that secured a stunning first place in the Esmoor Challenge. Fundraising efforts have been in full swing, supporting Comic Relief and our Madagascar Fund, which this year has contributed to building a new pre-school for the community in Antananariva. Our assemblies focused on personal development through our Court Fields Experience, in addition to impactful sessions from 'Stand Against Violence', addressing knife crime. A highlight of the term was our production of 'The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe', which played to a full house across two nights. Our first whole school production for 6 years was a spectacular success and testament to the creativity and dedication of our students and staff. Our alumni continue to excel, with Iddi B securing an offer from St Peter's College, Oxford, George W winning a prestigious



South West catering competition, Ernie P awarded Level Apprentice of the Year, and Brooke A in the running for Bristol City Women's football team 'Champion Moment of the Year'. Our preparation for further education and employment continued with this year's successful Year 10 Mock Interview Day. Our staff have also been recognised for their excellence, with Charity Hunt highly commended and Adam Etherington shortlisted as a finalist in the Pearson Teaching Awards 'Unsung Hero' category. Looking ahead, we are excited about the significant developments to our site, including the construction of an all-weather multi-use 3G pitch and securing funding for a new canteen and kitchen extension. These improvements will enhance our facilities and support our commitment to providing an excellent educational experience. As Year 11 students prepare for their final exams, we wish them the very best for their exams, their Prom, and their results in August. Please join us for our Quiz Night on 14th June at 6pm, raising money for the development of our performing arts facilities. Details are on our Facebook page. Thank you to our parents, families, and community for their unwavering support, and to students and staff for their hard work and dedication.



### Chess Competition Results!

We had a great chess tournament this week. Grahame Woodward came in present the children with their awards and say bye to our Year 11, which was lovely. Well done all!



### Year 7/8 Joint winners

Caleb M  
Tyler J

Runner up  
Nicole C

3rd Place  
Luca C  
Oscar G  
Bailey P



Year 10/11  
winner  
Aiden I

Runner up  
Isaac P

3rd Place  
Oliver M



Special  
certificates for  
attending since  
Year 7  
Sam V  
Oliver M  
Callum H  
Charlie W  
Isaac P  
Bruce C



### Amazing Art Work

Here's a small selection of some of our wonderful Year 10's art work. What a talented bunch!



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## Feedback From Parents

Thank you for the letter I received, it reduced me to tears. Court Fields really does seem to be going from strength to strength and I'm so very pleased that there are so many different things on offer for those who really love to tackle a challenge - Year 10 parent.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Court Fields for their hard work, enthusiasm and encouragement – our daughter is really thriving and has built strong relationships with her teachers who are such inspiring and supportive role models - Year 9 parent.

Please do take a moment to thank our wonderful school staff at Court Fields School. Site staff, canteen staff, cleaning staff, teaching staff and support staff can all be nominated and all play a massive part in our team and your child's education. 5 minutes of your time would mean so much to one of our team...



## Thank you for all your support so far this year!



## DIARY DATES

- 10th May-19th June
- Year 11 GCSE exams
- 24th May
- Last day of term
- 3rd June
- Return to school
- 14th June
- Quiz Night
- 22nd-30th June
- Spain trip
- 24th June
- Aspiration, Inspiration, Destination Fair
- 24th-26th June
- Enrichment Week
- 27th & 28th June
- Inset Days
- 1st-5th July
- Work Experience Week
- 5th July
- Year 11 Prom
- 22nd & 23rd July
- Activity days
- 23rd July
- Last day of term
- 24th July
- Inset Day

## HOW AUDIO PROMOTES LITERACY

**BENEFITS OF AUDIO TO LEARNING HOW TO READ**

The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.

**INCREASES READING ACCURACY BY 52%**

**IMPROVES COMPREHENSION BY 76%**

**TEACHES PRUH • NUHN • SEE • YE • SHUN EXPANDS VOCABULARY**

**INCREASES READING SPEED**

**IMPROVES FLUENCY**

**85%** of what we learn, we learn by listening.

**TEST SCORES INCREASED 21%** when engaged in multi-modal learning versus single-mode.

**2 GRADE LEVELS** Students can listen and comprehend 2 grade levels above their reading level.

**INCREASES MOTIVATION BY 67%**

**27%** of the K-12 population are auditory learners.

Combining print and audio increases recall 40% over print alone.

Children who are better listeners are also better learners.

Sources available at [soundlearningapp.org/docs/bibliography.pdf](https://soundlearningapp.org/docs/bibliography.pdf)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to former student Esme P, who won an award at the BTC Apprenticeship and Placement Awards ceremony, at The McMillan Theatre, recently. We are all so very proud of you!



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