

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 21st June 2024

This week we celebrated thank a teacher day, highlighting the work of all school staff to support young people. We were thrilled that two of our staff had been particularly highlighted for recognition: Charity Hunt was highly commended in the unsung hero category and Adam Etherington achieved the Silver award in the same category. This is a fantastic achievement and highlights the dedication of our staff. Adam now will go through to the final judging and we will keep our fingers crossed for him. The two superb West End comes to Wellington evenings this week also highlighted the work that our team do for the young people in our community. Over two nights we saw a fantastic standard of performance and of course support from staff to pull the shows together. Next week we look forward to 3 days of enrichment experiences for our students, providing them with activities to complement our curriculum and support their learning.



Have a lovely weekend, hopefully with some sun! Best wishes, Mrs Matthews

### Chance to Shine Cricket

What a cracking day and unforgettable experience for our under 12 and under 15 cricketers who played in the Chance to Shine Cricket Finals at Somerset County Cricket Club this week. Both teams did superbly, coming 3rd overall. Well done to all involved. A great achievement to get this far.

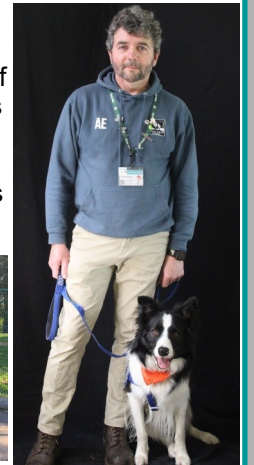


### National Thank a Teacher Day and Pearson Teaching Awards

On Wednesday we celebrated National Thank a Teacher (and school support staff) Day. To add to the celebrations, we were very proud to announce that our wonderful team member, Adam Etherington, has won a Silver Award for Unsung Hero in the Pearson National Teaching Awards, selected from thousands of nominees.

Science Technician, DofE Coordinator and an integral part of the Court Fields School team since 2006, Adam is more than an educator – he's an unsung hero whose impact resonates throughout the school community. His dedication to students is palpable through initiatives such as the highly popular 'Bug Club', which he leads. Attracting over 50 students weekly, the club not only fosters scientific curiosity but also provides a supportive environment for personal growth and friendship. Adam's involvement in outdoor education, including the Exmoor Challenge and DofE programmes, instils resilience and leadership skills in students and his commitment extends to the introduction and training of therapy dogs Spot and Flint, who offer invaluable support to students dealing with anxiety and trauma. Adam's selflessness is evident in projects like the creation of the school's living willow shelter and running 'Wellbeing Wednesday' for staff, showcasing his genuine care for the entire school community. His passion for creating a nurturing learning environment sets him apart, making him a beacon of inspiration and influence.

Mr Etherington is one of 102 deserving teachers, lecturers, leaders, support staff and institutions named as Silver winners in this year's Awards. He will now be in the running for the coveted Gold Award, which will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony later in the year.



### Congratulations Sofia!

We are absolutely delighted that Sofia S-W has been successful in her Exeter Scholars residential application. The Exeter Scholars programme provides the opportunity to find out more about university, develop a passion for a chosen subject and gain first-hand experience of student life at the University of Exeter. Competition for places is extremely tough so we couldn't be more proud, well done Sofia!



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## Feedback from BTC



"Please can you thank each one of your amazing students who were all absolutely outstanding yesterday. They were all a joy to have on the campuses and represented Court Fields School to the highest standard. Your students conducted themselves so maturely throughout the day and across the campuses. The amazing feedback from all BTC curriculum areas and support staff about students with green wristbands has been overwhelmingly fantastic. They were all a credit to your school and BTC are extremely excited about your year 10 cohort and potentially welcoming your students to the college next year."

Bridgwater & Taunton College

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## Donations needed!

If you have any unwanted school uniform that is clean and wearable, we would be very grateful of donations. Our pop-up uniform shop will be open from 1st-5th July and we're hoping to have it fully stocked. Donations can be brought to the school office any time now. Thank you in advance for your support.

**POP-UP UNIFORM SHOP**

**1st-5th July**  
31 Fore Street, Wellington

Please bring any uniform donations to the School Office

## DIARY DATES

- 22nd-30th June  
Spain trip
- 24th June  
Lunch break returns to normal
- 24th June  
Aspiration, Inspiration, Destination Fair
- 24th-26th June  
Enrichment Week
- 27th & 28th June  
Inset Days
- 1st-5th July  
Work Experience Week
- 1st-5th July  
Pop-up Uniform Shop
- 5th July  
Year 11 Prom
- 8th July  
Year 10 Richard Huish Taster Day
- 11th July  
Sports Day
- 12th July  
Creative & Performing Arts Non-Uniform Day
- 22nd & 23rd July  
Activity days
- 22nd-24th July  
Year 10 Residential
- 23rd July  
Last day of term

## Register to vote

Research shows that groups of people who don't use their vote, become less of a priority for Government. Make your voice heard. Register to vote now. We'll also be teaching our students about the history and importance of the vote, with assemblies, hustings, and our own in-school election on the 4th July!

### FIND YOUR POLLING STATION AND CANDIDATES:

Where to vote  
Who you can vote for

### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Register today and ensure you're ready for the election!  
Learn more on the Electoral Commission website.

Find the links in our caption.

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VOTER REGISTRATION CHAMPIONS

## Safer Streets For All

Year 9 had a very informative assembly from Mark, Paul and Steve at Collaborative Digital on making our streets safer for all on Wednesday. Some students then worked on podcasts to educate their peers.



## in the mix project

### THE HIVE SEND YOUTH CLUB

TAKE PART IN OUR NEW MONTHLY YOUTH CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES. PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME

JOIN US EVERY 3RD SATURDAY · 10:00AM-1:00PM  
FOR AGES 13-25 · £2 WEEKLY SUBS  
@ THE HUB CENTRE, WIVELISCOMBE TA4 2NE

PLEASE CONTACT US TO DISCUSS A PLACE FOR YOUR YOUNG PERSON, FULL DATES PROVIDED

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**Creative and Performing Arts Non-Uniform Day**

**12th July**

**£1 Payment**

## OPEN EVENTS

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TAUNTON CAMPUS  
Wednesday 19 June | 6pm - 8pm

BRIDGWATER CAMPUS  
Thursday 20 June | 6pm - 8pm

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