

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

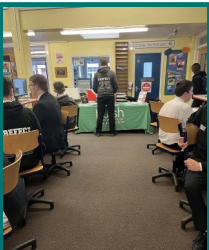
Thank you, as always, for your support this week, especially during a challenging Thursday with the weather. I'm delighted to share photos from our Year 12 Presentation Evening held last week, where we welcomed our 2024 leavers back to school to celebrate their achievements. Today, we also had the pleasure of presenting Reminiscence Learning with the donation we raised. Wishing you a fantastic weekend! Mrs Matthews

Friday 22nd November 2024



College Visits

Jo from Richard Huish was kept busy last week, supporting our Year 11 students with their college applications ... thanks for all the support.



It was a busy lunchtime on Monday with Year 11 students popping in to speak to Nicola about all things BTC, they also completed their college applications too!

The Pearson National Teaching Awards

We're so excited to be attending The Pearson National Teaching Awards next week. So proud of Mr Etherington who is now in the running for a Gold Award, having already won Silver in the summer for being an 'Unsung Hero'. We're keeping everything crossed and look forward to celebrating once more at the UK Ceremony!



Year 12 Presentation Evening Continued



Miles for Mind

Court Fields school has today launched their Miles for Mind Charity Fundraiser. The interhouse Cross-Country competition is a whole-school event, aiming to raise as much money as possible for Mental Health Charity Mind.



The running event will take place on Friday 13th December 2024, with students and staff aiming to accrue as many house points as possible as well as having fun and, most importantly, raising money for the amazing Mind charity.

The easiest way to donate is via the Court Fields School Just Giving page below:
www.justgiving.com/page/court-fields-school-1731593028590

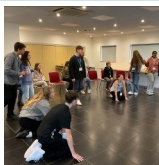
Alternatively, students can collect a sponsorship form from their Tutor, or they can set up their very own Just Giving page. Students will need to send details of this to Mr Conway.

To add to the fun, there will be competitions running, with prizes and certificates for the top three for girls and boys from each year group. Plus, there will also be a prize for the best fancy dress in each year group!

For every pound raised, children will earn points for their School House, Tutor Group and as an individual, with prizes available. So, let's get fundraising!

As ever, thank you so much for your support

Communication with Confidence Workshop



A great start to this new programme, with students getting actively involved in the Communication with Confidence workshop this week. Students said: "I enjoyed today, it was fun to talk to people I don't normally socialise with, and fun to join in with different tasks that aren't part of my daily schedule." "Mark was really funny and Rachel from South Bristol Youth and fun and nice."



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Parent Survey

Please find the link to our Parent Survey here: edurio.com/teacher/poll/8VoYPf.

We want to learn more about how we can help our school and Blackdown Education Partnership to improve parental engagement. There will be questions about the communication between carers and school, confidence in the school's strategy and other aspects. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes and your time and support are very much appreciated. The deadline for completion is 4th December 2024. Thank you.



Temporary Change To School Lunch Break

We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School from Wednesday 20th November to Tuesday 3rd December inclusive. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Wednesday 20th November to Tuesday 3rd December, lunch will be 12.35 – 13.15 (instead of the usual 13.35 – 14.15).

All other times will remain the same.

DIARY DATES

22nd November
Year 11 PPEs begin

26th November

Somerset Sustainable Futures Event

27th & 28th November
Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

28th November
Year 9 Hinkley Point C Tour

5th December
Year 9 Parent's Evening

11th December
Christmas Carol Theatre Trip (Exmouth)

13th December
Christmas Themed Non-Uniform Day

17th December
Pinocchio Brewhouse Trip

18th December
Battle of the Bands

20th December
Last Day of Term, early finish 12:45pm

23rd Dec 2024-3rd Jan 2025

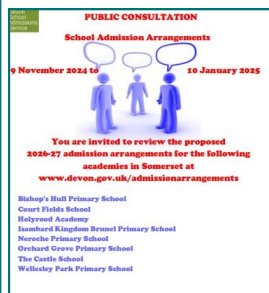
Christmas Holidays
6th January 2025
Back to School



Admission Policy

We are consulting on our admission policy for 2026-27. The proposed policy can be viewed on Devon County Council's website at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. A

summary of any proposed changes can be found on our trust website at <https://www.bep.ac/>. The consultation runs from 9 November 2024 until 10 January 2025. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing Blackdown Education Partnership at admin@bep.ac.



Fundraising Update

We raised an amazing total of £904.91 for Children In Need, from in school activities and non-uniform day.



Raffle Tickets

Have you entered our raffle with SpokeUp to win a bike, yet? Tickets cost £5 and all proceeds will go towards a bike repair station to allow children to pump up tyres and do basic maintenance at school.

Plus, we'd like to invest in more outdoor tables for social areas. The bike was kindly donated and has been worked on by two of Court Fields' finest bicycle enthusiasts, in collaboration with SpokeUp. Head to our facebook page for more details!



Thursday 21 November 2024 was Carers Rights Day and this year's theme was recognising your rights. Every day, 12,000 people become unpaid carers for a partner, family member or a friend – many of whom don't see themselves as carers, often unaware of their legal rights and what they're entitled to in terms of support and benefits. This year's theme is 'recognising your rights' – and our aim is to help carers recognise and understand their rights, and to access the support available to them, whenever they need it. As a carer, knowing your rights empowers you with information about what you're entitled to. This helps you feel confident asking for what you need, as well as challenging things when your rights are not being met – whether that be in the workplace or education, in accessing health or social care, or when interacting with other professionals or at home.



3G Pitch Bookings

Please email 3gbookings@courtfields.bep.ac should you want to enquire about booking a slot on our 3G pitch.

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