

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 29th November 2024

This week has been a busy one, with our Year 11 students undertaking their PPE exams. They have certainly acquitted themselves well as a group, and this, along with their high standards of behaviour and attendance as a cohort, is why we will be starting the allocation of Leavers' Hoodies from 6th January, rather than the customary date at the end of February. Well done to them! We also had fantastic news this week, announced on The One Show, that Mr Etherington was confirmed as winning the Unsung Hero Silver Award (more information below). What a wonderful reflection of his work with students and staff. Please note that our Christmas Jumper Day has been moved to Thursday 12th December so that it doesn't clash with our Miles for Mind event on Friday 13th. All proceeds will still go to Save the Children. Thanks for your support as always. Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Matthews

Unsung Hero Mr Etherington

Court Fields School is thrilled to announce that Adam Etherington, our dedicated Science Technician and Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Coordinator, has been honoured with a Silver Award in the Unsung Hero category at this year's prestigious Pearson Teaching Awards.



The announcement of the final winners was made live on The One Show this week.

Mrs Matthews commented; "We are absolutely thrilled that Adam has won the Silver Award. The Unsung Hero Award is perfect to underline the highest levels of dedication and hard work of Adam's work to support students and staff. To be recognised with a Silver Award in such a prestigious national initiative as the Pearson Teaching Awards, is fantastic and absolutely deserved. Well done, Mr Etherington, our Unsung Hero!"

Lorraine Heath, CEO of the Blackdown Education Partnership, said "We would all like to congratulate Adam on his 'Unsung Hero' award which is so well deserved. Schools thrive on members of staff who go above and beyond and without doubt Adam is an exceptional example of a colleague who makes an exceptional contribution. We are incredibly grateful to Adam for everything he does for staff and students at Court Fields School. We know how lucky we are to have him."

COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

10.12.24

Christmas CONCERT

A MAGICAL EVENING OF MELODIES AND STORIES TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

Doors open: 6pm
Starts: 6:30pm

Tickets

Adult: £4
Child: £2.50
Family: £10

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/court-fields-school/t-rpogyqa>

Somerset Careers Hub

Our Careers lead Charity Hunt represented Court Fields School at the Somerset Careers Hub meeting this week, to discuss the transition of students to Apprenticeships and Technical Education in the context of Somerset. Thank you for all your hard work!



Attention Year 11

YEAR 11 CUPPA & CAKE

Monday 2nd December

15:15-16:00

Year 11 Common Room



All Year 11 students are invited to join Mr Redwood and Charity this coming Monday, who will be available to support with the stress of exams and college applications. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

#ThisIsCourtFields2024

Achieve | Belong | Participate



Wellington Abilities Football

Wellington Abilities, a branch of Wellington Football aimed at children and adults of all ages with various disabilities, are looking for new players to join them. They have secured Court Fields 3G Pitch moving forward, on a Sunday afternoon. For more information please email wellingtondisabilityfc@gmail.com, or speak to Mr O'Hara at school who is part of the coaching team.

Ski Trip 2026

We have five places left for the 2026 ski trip - please contact Mr Keitch for more info or deposits can be made via Scopay.

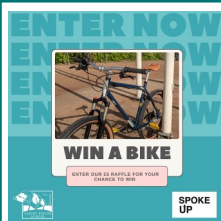


Year 10 Rugby

Fantastic work from our Year 10 rugby team who went unbeaten at this week's area finals. The boys demonstrated fantastic teamwork and tries throughout. Results;
Court Fields 5-0 Castle
Court Fields 3-3 Kingsmead
Court Fields 4-1 Monkton Wood
Player of the Tournament - CJ

Raffle tickets

Don't forget to enter our £5 bike raffle! Head to our facebook page for more details and the link to buy tickets!



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.



EDF - HINKLEY POINT C
Apprenticeship Information Evening

Thursday 5th December 2024 | 17:30 - 19:00
HPC Induction Centre, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4FJ

Meet Hiring Managers from EDF Early Careers and find out about the following exciting apprenticeship opportunities:

- Chemistry Level 6 Degree
- Cyber Security Level 6 Degree
- Health Physics Monitor Level 2
- Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician (MOET) Level 3
- Nuclear Engineering (NEDA) Level 6 Degree

Applications will open on 27.12.24 for a September 2025 start!

You will also have the chance to hear from some of our current apprentices and ask any questions you may have.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AND SPACES ARE LIMITED!


[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

YOUNGHPC Apprenticeships EARLYCAREERS



Support this Winter

If you or someone you know is struggling, call 0300 322 2224 or visit bit.ly/help-through-winter



Support for Somerset households with food and energy bills this winter

You may be eligible for support from Somerset Council and the Household Support Fund.

We're distributing the money through our communities so that there is support available for everyone in Somerset.

However, there are some elements of our offer which are means-tested, which means that you need to earn below a certain amount to be able to claim them.

We encourage you to check our website to find out which support you are eligible for, as there are lots of different offers available.

Additional support this winter includes:


- Libraries** All Somerset Libraries have been designated as Warm Welcome Spaces, which means anyone in the community is welcome to come and spend time in the library. You do not need to be a member of our libraries to use them.
- Help4All** There is further information and advice, including food support for families and residents, parenting support, support with disabilities, and more on the Connect Somerset website: www.connectsomerset.org.uk

Support includes:

- Help with managing money, such as providing vouchers towards your gas and electricity or food bills, providing loans or grants via our Somerset partners to help purchase furniture such as white goods, mattresses and carpets, and more.
- Funding for existing community hubs via Somerset Community Foundation. This includes financial support for food banks, grants for activities that you can enjoy with your family, and seeking designated Warm Spaces in your community open for those most in need.

All support available and how to apply is on our website.

Scan the QR code or search bit.ly/help-through-winter to find out more.



DIARY DATES

- 2nd December Year 11 Cuppa & Cake
- 5th December Year 9 Parent's Evening
- 10th December Christmas Concert
- 11th December Christmas Carol Theatre Trip (Exmouth)
- 12th December Christmas Themed Non-Uniform Day
- 13th December Miles for Mind Charity Run
- 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

Parent Survey



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

The deadline for completion is 4th December 2024. Thank you.



Miles for Mind Charity Run 2024

Don't forget to donate to our Miles to Mind fundraiser on 13th December. The easiest way to donate is through our Court Fields School Just Giving page below: www.justgiving.com/page/court-fields-school-1731593028590

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