

Weekly Communications to Parents & Carers 11th September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our students back to Bristol Cathedral Choir School for the new academic year. The school has quickly come back to life, and it has been particularly lovely to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students as they begin an important new chapter with us. We have been impressed by the way they have settled in and embraced the opportunities of the new year.

We have also enjoyed our first Collective Worship of the year. It was wonderful to hear our Year 7 and 8 students singing *Be Thou My Vision* together in the Cathedral – a lovely reminder of the musical tradition and sense of community that are such an important part of our school.



Over the summer, we have made a number of improvements across the school site. These include the refurbishment of the Trinity block classrooms, additional security measures and gating, improvements to the Lower Quad play area (see picture), a new Student Services area (where students can pick up missing equipment or uniform before school) and improvements to the Sixth Form study space. Together, these changes are helping to make our school safer, calmer and an even better place to learn, work and spend time.

This year we are building on the strong progress made last year, with a continued focus on improving our enrichment opportunities, including clubs and trips, strengthening our reward structures and giving greater prominence to our House system. We are excited about what we can achieve together and look forward to seeing our students learn, flourish and make the most of all that school life has to offer.

As always, I am providing opportunities for parents to meet me if they feel they would like to discuss anything about the running of the school. These opportunities will be available weekly on Friday mornings. If you would like to book a slot, please click [here](#). We will shortly be publishing our Michaelmas newsletter.

With Kindness, Courage and Hope,



Dr Nottingham
Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 15th September	UCAS Evening (Y13) for Early Entries
Tuesday 15th September	Sister Act Auditions (Y9 - 13)
Thursday 17th September	Y7 Open Event 1
Friday 18th September	Sister Act Auditions (Y9 - 13)

Helpful Links

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Whole School Messages for This Week

Year Teams 2026/27	Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Leader
	7	Miss Brewer abrewer@bristolcathedral.org.uk	Ms Louise llouise@bristolcathedral.org.uk
	8	Ms Saunders msaunders@bristolcathedral.org.uk	Awaiting appointment
	9	Mr Murphy kmurphy@bristolcathedral.org.uk	Mr Darlington zdarlington@bristolcathedral.org.uk
	10	Mr Frost jfrost@bristolcathedral.org.uk	Ms Walker kwalker@bristolcathedral.org.uk
	11	Mr Welch ewelch@bristolcathedral.org.uk	Mr Donoghue jdonoghue@bristolcathedral.org.uk
Arbor Pay 	From September we will no longer be using ParentPay*. Instead, all school payments will be set up and paid for via Arbor. New year 7 students will be sent login details at the start of September (we are not able to do this in advance of the school year). All existing families should already be able to access Arbor, but please contact the school office if you need help logging in. *Y11 and Y13 leavers will be able to make payments for GCSE re-takes, if required, via ParentPay.		

Lanyards	Lanyards must be worn by students on site as part of their uniform. Replacement lanyards are available and can be ordered via Arbor - if you add the lanyard card and strap to your basket and pay for this then our reception team will print a new lanyard ready for your child to collect at break or lunchtime. Please remember to add funds to the card via Arbor Pay. Please contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you have any queries.
PE Kit on PE Days	Students will wear their PE kit + lanyards to school on their PE day. They will remain in their kit after their PE lessons. Mondays = Year 10; Tuesdays = Year 7; Wednesdays = Year 8; Thursdays = Year 9; Fridays = Year 11 and Sixth Form This means students can come to school in kit and stay in PE kit all day if they want to. If they would prefer to wear your uniform and change at Failand, that is fine. The PE kit expectations: ○ BCCS PE top (Polo or Rugby) and BCCS all weather top as required. ○ Plain black joggers, leggings, skort or shorts. ○ Sports trainers/school shoes. ○ Lanyard ○ Sport specific equipment as required (boots, gum shield, shin pads etc.) ○ Long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed/taped. The PE team needs your support to make this work and to maximise lesson time. ● Students must wear the correct PE kit for the full day. ● Students must also wear their lanyards throughout the day. ● If it is a rainy day, students must either bring an extra pair of black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms or their uniform to change into after the lesson and wear their all weather tops! ● If it is a cold day, we encourage students to wear additional layers underneath their BCCS PE top, bring gloves, hat etc as appropriate for participating in PE. ● We will give students time to change after the lesson before we head back to school on cold/wet days.
Extra Curricular Offer - PE Winter Term	Students have a link to a google form in their emails for expressing their interest in representing Bristol Cathedral Choir School in various sports this term. We intend to arrange fixtures, attend tournaments and festivals and attend one off events for the following sports: ● Year 7 Rugby Boys (U12) ● Year 8 Rugby Boys (U13) ● Year 9 Rugby Boys (U14) ● U18 First Team Rugby Boys ● Girls Rugby (Years 7, 8 and 9) ● Year 7 Netball

- Year 8 Netball
- Year 9 Netball
- Year 10 Netball
- Year 11 Netball
- U18 First Team Netball Girls
- U14 Basketball - Girls
- U16 Basketball - Girls
- U14 Basketball - Boys
- U16 Basketball - Boys
- Bristol Cross Country Competition

Students have until **Friday 18th September** to express their interest - please remind your young person to complete the form as soon as possible.



School musical!

We're so excited to launch the 2027 school production "Sister Act"!

All information can be found in the Sister Act [google classroom](#) - class code kyz37stv.

Students will need to complete this [form](#) (from their school email address) to register their interest in the show in being involved in the show in whatever capacity: as a performer, musician, set design, costume design, stage management and more - there are lots of ways to take part.