

Weekly Communications to Parents & Carers 25th September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see so many students return to school settled, positive and in the right frame of mind to work hard. Since the start of September, students have earned more than 39,000 Reward Points, with around half awarded for consistent effort, excellent work and thoughtful contributions. Bishops House currently narrowly ahead, with Abbots and Priors hot on their heels.

The House competition is already proving competitive – we are preparing for our interhouse music competition, with all entrants set to earn House Points. Remember that individual Reward Points feed into our House system too, with the leading Houses receiving additional House Points at the end of the half term. More to follow soon.

This week we will be nudging some families on the importance of good attendance. Good attendance is one of the simplest things students can do to support their learning. A student with 90% attendance misses around 19 days of school – almost four weeks of learning – over the course of a year. At 85%, this rises to nearly six weeks. Regular attendance is also strongly linked to better educational outcomes, as students have more opportunities to keep up with the curriculum and build their knowledge. We know that illness and other genuine circumstances sometimes make absence unavoidable, but we ask all families to support their children to attend school every day they can.

I would like to congratulate the following students for achieving over 30 reward points in the last week – Ivy (12P9), Keibron (12B4), Etana (10A), Rahaf (11B), Reece (10A), Beatrice (8C) and Lords (7C).

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 29th September	Y12 Induction Trip – Ashton Court
Wed 30th September	Y11 Information Evening
Thursday 1st October	SEND Y7 Parent Workshop

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Whole School Messages for This Week

KS3 Interhouse Cross Country in PE	Students have their first major interhouse event of the year in PE this week: Cross Country! The cross country run will begin and end at Failand with students completing a course that includes some areas of the Ashton Court estate. All students will be completing the course to the best of their ability to contribute to the success of their house. Every individual's position counts towards the final house score. Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 require trainers for their PE lesson this week (WC 28th September).
Fixtures and Results	This week saw the first tournaments for BCCS students with Year 11 going to their Area Netball Tournament and Year 8 boys Rugby competing in the QEH 7s competition. Both teams enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other local schools with the highlight of the Year 8 boys rugby team being Stirling's 4 tries in a 5-4 victory over Oasis Brislington. Congratulations to Ellie, Nancy and Cece for getting players of the tournament in their final Netball tournaments. Upcoming fixtures: Tuesday 6th October - 5x Netball matches vs Oasis Brislington Thursday 8th October - Year 8 Rugby vs Oasis Brislington Thursday 8th October - Year 10 Area Netball Tournament
BCCS Team Kit - Sponsors needed!	The PE department are looking for support to purchase school team kits for Rugby, Netball, Basketball and Football. If you or your employer may be interested in sponsoring a team kit, please contact Mr Oaten. Benjamin Oaten

	Work experience opportunity of the week! Burgess Salmon Law Firm - click here for more information
PTA	The PTA warmly thanks all parents and staff for their support last year. New joiners from all year groups are most welcome. Email pta@cathedral.org.uk to be added to our Whatsapp group. Even sporadic volunteers are very much appreciated. Please go to Bristol Cathedral Choir School - PTA for more detail from our 25-26 year.
Details of our fantastic Inter House Music Competition "Bristol's Got Talent" can be found here.  BRISTOL'S GOT TALENT INTER HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 2026 <i>Can you sing or play an instrument?</i> Sing a song of your choice or perform a piece of music on any instrument Performances will be on 6th and 7th October to your friendly music teachers Whether you are a beginner or expert musician, this is for you! All styles welcome! DON'T MISS OUT! <i>Get involved! Get House Points! Win prizes! Let your talent shine!</i>	