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Dear Parent/Carer,

Season's greetings from the two of us.

We have had an eventful and very positive start to our new academic year, especially our new Year 7 cohort who have had a successful transition. Many potential future parents and carers visited the Academy for our open events during the first part of this term and we are proud to announce that early indicators suggest that we will again be oversubscribed in the next academic year. We very much appreciate the support, trust, and confidence the community have had in the both of us, and we hope our families can see that our journey of sustained improvement is ongoing.

Many of our young people have had the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of trips, visits, and extracurricular activities as well as our annual careers fair; an event which is well supported by local and national organisations and training providers. We have had lots to celebrate as an academy community, much of which is evident in this newsletter.

We would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Regards,

Nat Robinson

Dr Ina Goldberg

Natasha Robinson & Dr. Ina Goldberg
Acting Heads of School

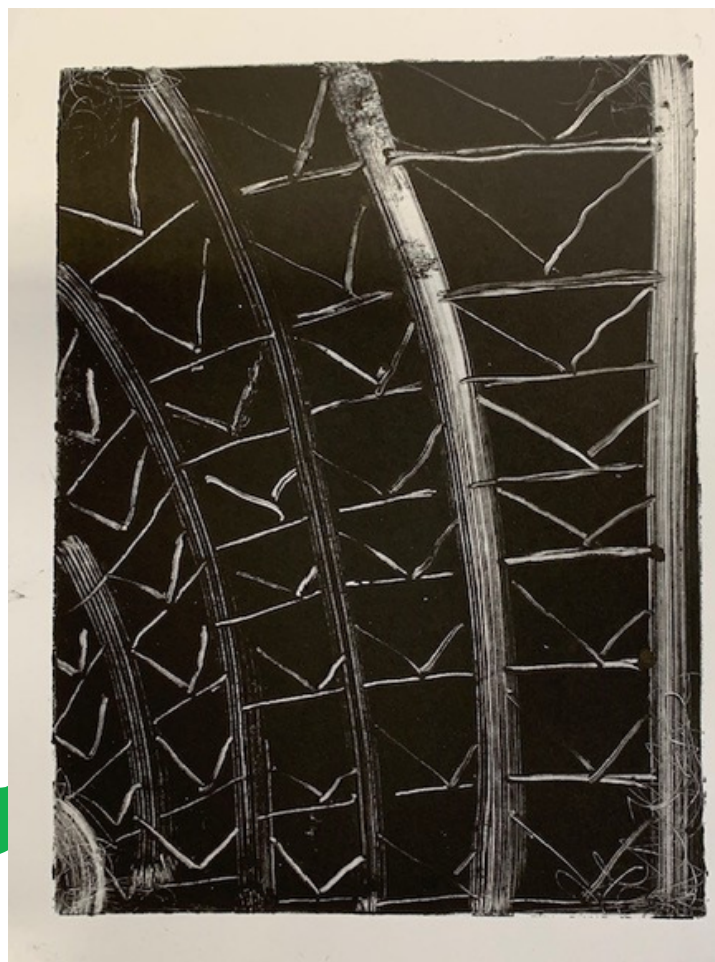
Professional Printmaking with Local Artists

Year 10 GCSE Art students had the opportunity to work with an amazing professional printmaker named Jemma Gunning in November. Jemma began the day with a talk about her artistic practice and a display of her beautiful prints. She then led two exciting mark-making activities which explored different **mono-type** approaches. Students became more confident and increasingly experimental as the day progressed. The resulting body of work explores the built environment in expressive and dynamic looseness as well as highly detailed architectural images. This workshop was made possible by another local and well known artist Luke Jerram.

Monotype is a unique print, typically painterly in effect, made by applying paint or printing ink to a flat sheet of metal, glass, or plastic.

-Museum of Modern Art

<https://www.moma.org/collection/terms/monotype>



Print work from a student

by Ingrid Loxterkamp



Jemma Gunning

Coursework Reminder !

We would like to take this opportunity to remind Year 11 GCSE Art and Design, Photography and 3D Design students that all coursework units need to be completed by Christmas. Students will receive their exam papers during the first week back in January and will begin the 'externally set' aspect of the qualification.

by Ingrid Loxterkamp

To stay up to date on student projects, check out **@oasisbrislintonart** on Instagram!



Matilda the Musical!



Rehearsals are underway for Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical coming to Oasis Academy Brislington on **Wednesday 6th** and **Thursday 7th March 2024**. The cast are working super hard to learn choreography, songs and lines by attending Drama Club weekly.

The Matilda cast also had an exciting opportunity to go and watch the academy award winning show at the Cambridge Theatre in London. This helped to inspire and motivate students to perform and emulate the much-loved production. The students described the show as "Hilarious", "Moving" and "The Best Show Ever!"

Tickets for The Matilda performances will be available from January 2024 - this is another show not to be missed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Chapman:

Ebony.Chapman@oasisbrislington.org

by Ebony Chapman

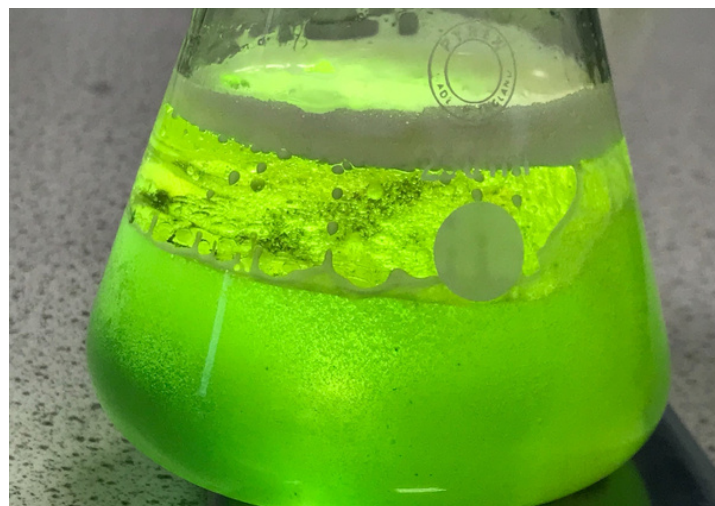


Stage of 'Matilda' at Cambridge Theatre

Science Extra-Curricular Activities

During the autumn term the Science department has been running extra-curricular activities to support our students love of science and academic progress. For Key Stage 3 students, Mr Standen's Science club runs each Tuesday and offers an opportunity to go beyond the curriculum and engage with some hands-on science.

So far this year the club has worked at designing the best paper aeroplanes, modelled parachutes to safely



deliver eggs from the top floor to the ground as well as making a Skittles rainbow by separating out all the colours.

To support our Key Stage 4 students with preparations for their GCSE exams, Brislington Tutoring in Science has been running each Wednesday. There are separate groups for students sitting Triple Science, Higher Combined Science or Foundation Combined Science. These sessions will continue in the Spring Term and will focus on preparing students for the upcoming Mock 2 exams.

by Andrew Tamkin

New History Club

This academic year has seen the launch of our new History Club! Every Tuesday after school keen historians gather in room 113 to delve deeper into the past! The club is open to all students from Y7-11.



Napoleon Crossing the Alps (1801-1805) by Jacques-Louis David
(<https://www.rawpixel.com/image/8627683/image-watercolor-art-vintage>)

So far this year the club has been learning about Napoleon Bonaparte. We have discovered the story behind his rise from relatively obscure Corsican beginnings to the French throne. We have also uncovered the tactics behind his greatest victories. Next term the club will diving further into the past to learn more about the ancient world!

by Joseph Gallagher

Careers Fair

We hosted our annual Careers Fair in November which was supported by providers from local colleges, universities and workplace organisations. Students from Years 8-11 were provided with opportunities to learn about a wide variety of potential career paths and help them identify possible career interests. The fair was a great success and providers were keen to express how engaged and inquisitive the students were!



The providers present were:



Preparation for Maths GCSE

This term, Year 11 have been working hard to prepare for their GCSEs. Their results in the Mock Exams have really impressed the department and we feel confident in their ability to maintain their hard work throughout the year - keep up the good work Year 11!

Extra revision sessions take place every Tuesday afterschool in 126, 127 and 1B7.

Additionally, Miss Guerrini is leading an ambitious group of Year 11 students to push themselves with Further Maths Level 2; this is a course that prepares students for A Level Maths and Further Maths. We're very proud of their progress and dedication to learning this more advanced curriculum.

In the next two terms we have a number of great maths events lined up - the AMSP Roadshow will be returning for Year 9 students, and we will be taking of Year 7 students to a Bristol Team Maths Challenge. We look forward to giving you more updates in the next issue of the newsletter!

by Willem Ovink

Check out @oabscience on Instagram!



Culture Shift

As of January 2024, we will be implementing a culture shift within the academy which will establish new systems to better support our student population.

The majority of our students strive every day to be the best version of themselves. However, with a growing student population, we have had to review our behaviour systems and processes to accommodate and support the students who sometimes make the wrong choices.

- These culture changes include the following:
- ‘5 minute early’ cards will be replaced by ‘collect food’ and ‘leave first’ cards
 - ‘Out of lesson’ passes will be implemented
 - iBase for students who are disengaged from learning
 - Suspension for iBase refusal
 - Lunchtime reflections will begin
 - New sanctions for lateness

For more detailed information about the culture shift changes, please refer to [this letter](#).

Click me!



by Natasha Robinson and Mia Flinton

Check out [@OABT.V](#) on Instagram for information on events and school council activities



Feed a family for £5

Discover a quick, easy and affordable recipe complete with step-by-step recipe card instructions and a helpful cooking video. Get cooking a show stopping meal that you and your family of 4 will love.

Plus, there's a scrumptious vegetarian option and zero-waste tasty snack!

You can find the recipe on the final page of this newsletter. Click [here](#) for a link to the instructional video.

From our food service provider, Aspens



Black History Month

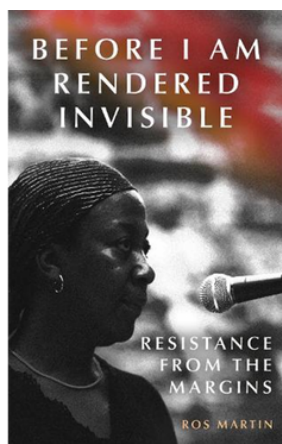
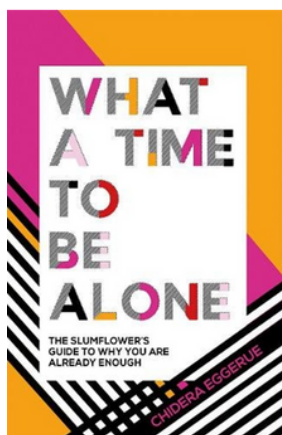
Black History Month is devoted to acknowledging and commending the immeasurable contributions of Black people to British society. In spite of these countless contributions to society, from fighting against oppression, leading social justice movements and paving the way for change, the accomplishments of Black people have too often been disregarded or ignored. That is why, this year, we wanted to celebrate the exceptional achievements of Black women throughout history, and the crucial role they have played in shaping our history, building communities and inspiring change.

As part of this year's celebrations, students received assemblies in line with this year's theme 'Saluting Our Sister' illuminating the incredible contributions and unwavering spirit of Black women. Additionally, our halls were adorned with informational posters apprising our students about some of the inspirational Black women who have helped shape our society.





Finally, we had the pleasure of running a poetry competition which welcomed participants of all backgrounds. Entrants were tasked with writing a poem which captures the spirit of Black History Month and duly honour the profound contributions of Black women. We are so proud of all our entrants. In keeping with the theme, the four winners were able to choose their prize from the following four highly recommended books written by inspiring Black women:



by Josephine Lambert-Gorwyn

Student Academy Council Projects in Terms 1 & 2

This term our SAC representatives have been involved in a number of projects, including:

- **Supporting Open Evening** - this involved taking prospective future students and their families on guided tours of the Academy.
- **Raising £1284.70 for our local charity, Empire Fighting Chance** - on World Mental Health Day we helped raise awareness of the important work the charity does in supporting young people in our local community. Three of our prefects were also asked to speak on the breakfast show of BBC Bristol to share the work they have been doing in raising the awareness of mental health.
- **Christmas caroling at Arbour Residential Care Home** on Hungerford Road with 14 students and 6 members of staff. Thank you Ms Evans for organising this!
- Our **first Live Lounge of the year**, showcasing performers across all year groups, sharing and celebrating the creativity of our young people with the rest of the student body.
- **Christmas jumper day** on the last day to celebrate the upcoming festive period.



OAB_Tv LIVE LOUNGE

Christmas Jumper Day



Upcoming events in Terms 3 & 4:

- The Environment strand will host their first **Wildlife Week**
- Year 10s will be able to **apply to become a Prefect** (Ms Olschner will provide details on how to apply in an assembly after February half term)
- **Red Nose Day** on 15 March 2024
- **Live Lounges** at the end of terms
- And many more!

by Maria Olschner



Spotlight: Brislington's Talented Musicians



We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on two excellent musicians whose talents transcend boundaries and captivate audiences around OAB.

Meet Seb Ford the virtuoso violin player/Classical Guitarist and Nathan Paslawski the piano maestro who you may have seen around dominating the Music department.

When Seb and Nathan join forces, the result is a symphony of brilliance that transcends individual artistry. Their collaborative performances are a testament to the power of musical synergy, where the violin and piano harmonize to create something truly magical navigating the way through a repertoire that spans genres, eras, and emotions.

Seb and Nathan will be performing with other Oasis Academies around the country to bring you an epic performance at Oasis Academy John Williams on **22nd February 2024**, you don't want to miss it!

Finally a huge shout out to 8bMu1 who have completed a series of exceptional ensembles demonstrating high levels of technical control on the Piano, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Ukulele and Electric Guitar.

by Euton Peters

**Well done Seb, Nathan
and 8bMu1, amazing job!**



Find us at **Oasis Hub Brislington** on
Facebook for updates on local
events and news!



Streetwise Assembly

Year 7 had a fantastic assembly on Road Safety with Performance in Action and Bristol City Council.

'Streetwise' was an engaging 1-hour theatre presentation focusing on the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and risk-taking behaviour around roads. Our students were fantastic and engaged really well with the theatrical performance. It was amazing to see so many ask interesting questions at the end too.



by Jasmine Hughes

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on Instagram!



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UK Disability History Month

Each year, from 16th November – 16th December, UK Disability History Month takes place. The aim is to provide opportunity for open conversation between organisations, their staff and the people they serve about the struggle for equality and human rights that people with disabilities face. Disability History Month also aims to spread awareness, educational resources and celebrate the achievements of the differently abled.



Source: <https://ukdhm.org/>

We believe that nurturing an awareness of the issues people with disabilities face in their daily lives helps to bring about a culture of compassion and inclusivity. Creating a space where everyone feels a sense of belonging requires a common understanding of the history and lived experiences of the differently abled.

Disability History Month is a great opportunity for us to educate and spread awareness of all kinds of disability including invisible disabilities; this month we have dedicated assemblies to doing just that. We know there is a lot of misconception about disability in society and that large inequalities in employment and public access still exist.

As a school, we will continue to challenge this through educating our staff and students, examining our policies and challenging all kinds of discrimination where it emerges.

The UK Disability History Month website provides a broadsheet with more information that you can find [here](#).

by Josephine Lambert-Gorwyn



Student Academy Council

The Student Academy Council for 2023-24 was elected after students completed their election campaigns in October. Every tutor group in every year group is represented by at least two representatives. The full Student Academy Council is divided into four committees:

- Community
- Culture
- Fundraising
- Environment



All SAC students were very excited to receive their blue ties in the first strand meetings after the October half term.

The number of SAC representatives for each year group is as follows:

Year 7	21
Year 8	29
Year 9	27
Year 10	22

by Maria Olschner

Diversity Club



Diversity Club will be back on the REACH programme after the holidays! Mx Miles will be running this club Thursday's after school in room 036.

If you have any questions, queries or would like to speak to someone about any EDI matters, please contact Ms Olschner at:
maria.olschner@oasisbrislington.org

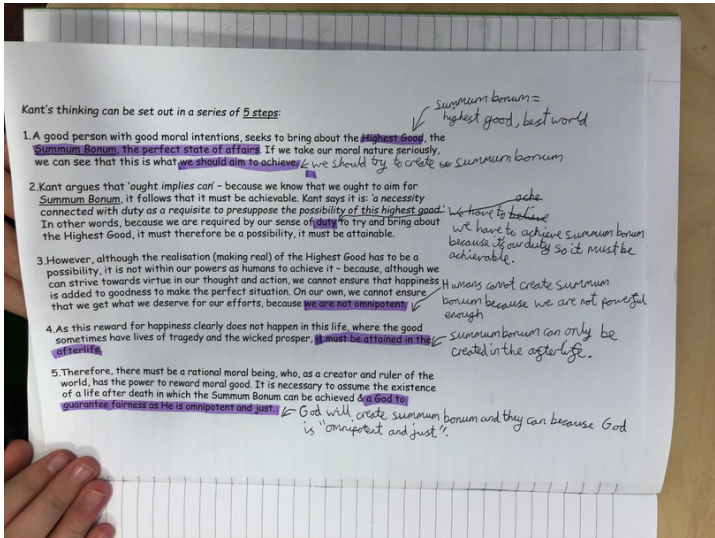
by Maria Olschner

Check out
[@oabgeography](#) on
Instagram!



RPE Curriculum: Annotating Documents

Our ambitious RPE (Religion, Philosophy & Ethics) curriculum sees students tackling documents that require a high level of fluency. Using guided questioning and some gorgeous highlighting our young people are engaging with and understanding texts that are 100s of years old, translated from other languages or written for academic audiences.



We are really impressed with our students resilience and desire to work hard to learn more.

by Megan Reynolds

'Perfect Plate' Club

This term students from the Resource Base have been attending 'Perfect Plate' REACH club. Over the past few weeks students have made a number of delicious recipes such as sausage rolls, homemade beef burgers, Jam sponge and pancakes. Both students have a real passion for cooking and baking and really enjoy attending each week.



It is great to see our Resource Base students socialising and participating in activities alongside their mainstream peers. All students attending the Perfect Plate club are a credit to the academy and I look forward to seeing what other tasty treats they cook up next term.



by Stacey Walsh

Check out [@oab_mfl](#) on Instagram!



MFL Revision Tips

We would like to give a shout out to Year 11s who have just done their French and German speaking exams! It has been great to see them showing what they can do and developing their confidence in speaking.

Have you tried Duolingo? It is a great way to practise your French, German or any number of languages! A little revision everyday can make a big difference! There are even some podcasts to practise your listening skills.

For more revision ideas, please see the next page:

Revision

You need to revise little and often.

Try different strategies to find out which is most effective for you.

Some ideas: Mindmaps, brain dumps, flashcards, self-quizzing

Look, cover, write, check for key vocab/structures. Use online resources, revision guides and Duolingo. Remember the more vocabulary you know, the more you can access in all 4 types of skills.



You can use Duolingo on phones, tablets or PC. To check out the desktop site, click [here](#).

For French learners, Duolingo also does a great French podcast which you can check out [here](#).



BBC Bitesize also has great resources for [KS3 French](#), [GCSE French](#), [KS3 German](#) and [GCSE German](#).



How to download revision guides on your iPad:

1. Open self service
2. Search 'Pearson revise' (not the OCL one!)
3. Install the app
4. Open the app
5. Login using the Microsoft single sign in
6. Select all the subjects you are studying (make sure you choose AQA)

by Elizabeth Reppold

Bristol Aerospace Museum Trip

Year 8 Discover Maths Programme students went on an interesting journey through time at the Bristol Aerospace Museum. The museum showcases many aviation achievements in Bristol as well as displaying a range of vehicles from the beginning of powered flight to cutting-edge modern technology. This includes: planes, helicopters, engines, satellites and missiles.

Our students put their maths skills to the test by designing their own cabin and pricing their own ticket classes. At the end of the day they finished off onboard the Concorde! This is the world's fastest passenger jet and students had a chance to explore the vessel including peeking inside the cockpit!

by Corinne Winter-Alsop



Oasis 9 Habits: Hopeful & Joyful

Our students have been learning about this term's habits of being Hopeful and Joyful as part of the tutor programme. This includes how we can incorporate these habits in our daily lives to help us become the best versions of ourselves.



Researchers found that hopeful individuals are better able to cope with stressful situations, leading to a range of positive outcomes including **increased determination, greater achievement and longer life spans**, to name a few.

Additionally, research into the link between joy and well-being have established that joy seems essential for 'the good life'. Joy reinforces our important relationships with others, and our social bonds are strengthened.

In addition, our 9 Habits Ambassadors in Years 8 and 9 have been working with an external design agency to develop the 9 Habits signage on our Atrium. The 9 Habits Ambassadors would like to thank everyone in the Academy for their feedback regarding which individuals we would like to have representing the 9 Habits on the signage. The signage will be displayed along the Atrium and in our Resource Base. Keep an eye out for this in the coming months!

by Maria Olschner

Anti-Bullying

A recent anti-bullying survey revealed that while the vast majority of students have not heard or witnessed disablist or racist behaviours in school, there were a small number who had. Of these students, many indicated that they did not report this for reasons such as 'not wanting to be thought of as oversensitive', 'not being believed' and 'being called a snitch'. We understand these concerns, and as a result we have set up an anonymous reporting process so that students feel safe in reporting all incidents of discrimination. As always, we will continue to educate our young people on the impact and consequences of discrimination on individuals, communities and wider society. We hope that our students will challenge all forms of discrimination they might encounter in school.

If you have any comments or questions about the work and agenda of the Equality and Diversity team at OAB, please email:

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- Danielle.Miles@oasisbrislington.org or
- Maria.Olschner@oasisbrislington.org

by Josephine Lambert-Gorwyn

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion



There are a number of important dates and events that we observe as part of our inclusive culture. We learn about these dates through assemblies, tutor slides, Atrium slides and specific activities and experiences. Here are some of those dates:

- October Black History Month
- 2-8 October Dyslexia Awareness Week
- 10 October World Mental Health Day
- 12 November Remembrance Sunday
- 13-17 November Anti-bullying Week
- 16 November UK Disability History Month begins
- 19 November International Men's Day

We will continue to observe important dates surrounding equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the year.

by Maria Olschner

Check out @OABrislington
on twitter for more
updates on school
events!



Spotlight: Exceptional English Effort

This term our enthusiastic Year 7 English scholars have been learning all about the Greek tragedy of Antigone. In particular we have looked at how Antigone went against expectations to defy a tyrant, and how her character has influenced many powerful women in history and in real life. We challenged our writers to imagine themselves as the protagonist, Antigone, who has just been sentenced to death.

You will find below just a selection of fabulous examples. Keep an eye out for the **outstanding** vocabulary!

Dear Diary,

Here I am, sitting on a wooden bench, looking out at the iron bars of this tragically prison. Think about what I have done, feeling proud and rejoiced of my actions. I feel like a towering mountain watching my body being prepared to be buried. It's just me and my soul leaving my body. Nothing can now hurt me. I am free.

Everything started with me burying my brother. However, that was against Creon's law. Once Creon had found out he sentenced me to death. Haemon tried to convince Creon to let me live but he refused. My uncle thinks I am hubristic and selfish, when I am just trying to make sure my brother rests well after death.

Dear diary,

Here I am, sitting on my lonely throne looking at a picture of Haemon and Eurydice. Scrutinising my decisions, I can't help but feel so desolate when I look at my city from the top of my palace. ★

Everything started with me wanting to burying Antigone alive but instead she hanged herself and die when I was about to gree her. Then I gind Haemon ~~at~~ dead because he staked him-self.

Dear Diary,

Here I am, sitting on the floor, looking at bars. I am ~~also~~ stuck behind thinking if I actually made the right decision, feeling desolate and depressed, seeing it Creon. My uncle, because he is killing me even though we are related.

Everything started with Creon finding out I disowned him and buried my brother (Polynices). Then I got locked up because I got buried soon. Now I am on the floor, ~~feeling~~ ~~all~~ if I made the right decision.

I feel feeling too horrible by I saw she has just left me didn't can help me. Even though I am still alive, I am a prisoner, a ghost, who is disappearing minute by minute and becoming forgotten day by day. I can't get apart of this world anymore. I already feel dead.

I want to die from tomorrow I will be proud of what I have done. I done the right thing, burying polynices, and Creon is in the wrong for killing me because of it. I will die proud and I will be proud in ~~of~~ because of my actions.

by Emily Warren Ballard



Painting by Sebastien Norblin, 1825

(<https://www.worldhistory.org/img/r/p/1000x1200/8527.jpg.webp?v=1682451003>)

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different subject curriculums, you
can find more information at:
<https://www.oasisacademybrislington.org/curriculum/the-oasis-curriculum>

Netball For All

OAB Netball players have had an excellent season with the main focus being participation. Over 80 girls have represented the school across all five year groups since September. We have played over 40 matches against 13 schools, and in all five South Bristol Schools Netball festivals.

We are eagerly waiting for the result tables to be finalized to see if any teams have progressed through to the next round which will be to represent South Bristol Schools in the WESPORT competition.



Year 7 team



Year 8 team



Year 9 team



Year 10 team

by Hannah Dury



More sport updates
can be found at [@OAB_PE](#) on
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BBQ PULLED CHICKEN LOADED CHIPS



INGREDIENTS

Main Ingredients	Cost £	Veggie Switch	Cost £
400g Chicken Breast Fillets (Frozen)	1.70	Jackfruit in water can 400g	1.75
500ml Diet Cola	0.16		
100g Classic BBQ Sauce	0.21		
1 x Brown Onion	0.12		
3 x Garlic Cloves	0.14		
1 tsp (2g) Smoked Paprika	0.04		
4 x Large Baking Potatoes	0.84		
1/2 Iceberg Lettuce	0.38		
2 x Carrots	0.18		
1/4 Red Cabbage	0.20		
100g Sour Cream	0.35		
1/2 Bunch of Spring Onions	0.25		
TOTAL COST	4.57		4.62

Prices correct at time of printing and may vary. All items available from leading supermarkets.

Please observe the allergen information on the product packaging.

Based on a family of four.

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PULLED BBQ CHICKEN

1.

Defrost the chicken in the fridge over night. Place the chicken fillets into a deep dish. Dice the onion into chunks & chop garlic add to the chicken.

2.

Mix the cola, bbq sauce & paprika together and place over the chicken, cover with foil tightly and cook at 180c in the oven until pull apart tender (60 to 90 mins).

3.

Once cooked pull the chicken apart with 2 forks and if you like the sauce a little thicker simmer on a stove until reduced and thickened.

VEGGIE SWITCH

For a great veggie version, switch out the chicken for Jackfruit. Just cut the cooking time to 30mins.



4.

HOME BAKED CHIPS

Peel and chop the potatoes into chips, place in a pan of cold water and bring to the boil, simmer for 3 mins.

Drain and drizzle with a little oil before baking at 180C until golden & cooked through (approx 30-40 mins in the oven).

♥ - Good for you

♻️ - Good for the planet

5. CRUNCHY SALAD

Shred the cabbage & lettuce. Peel & grate the carrot & toss together.

ASSEMBLE THE MEAL

6.

Place the chips in a bowl & top with the pulled chicken, sour cream & some sliced spring onions.

7.

Serve with the crunchy salad on the side & enjoy your fakeaway!

ZERO WASTE

Keep your potato peelings to make crisps! Drizzle your peelings with a smidge of oil and bake into crispy snacks!



Cook the chicken & chips at the same time to save on the running costs of the oven.