



Diary Dates

SEND & The Nest Parent Evening	21st May
Last Day of Term	23 rd May
Bank Holiday	26 th May
Pride Month	June
Back to School	2 nd June
Autistic Pride Day	18 th June
Yr 11 Leavers Breakfast	19 th June
Yr 11 Prom	20 th June
Women in Engineering Day	23 rd June
National Writing Day	25 rd June
Inset Day	27 th June
Year 9 Vaccinations	9 th July
Year 7 Student Progress Evening	10 th July
Moon Landing Anniversary	16 th July
Last Day of Term	18 th July
Inset Day	21 st July
Inset Day	22 nd July

>>> DEAR PARENT/CARER,

As we draw to the end of Term 5, I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I had some really exciting news at the end of Term 4 - Oasis Academy Brislington is one of the 'Happiest Schools in England & Wales' according to a recent Times and Sunday Times report. Our academy was listed as one of the top schools enjoying a high 'Happiness rating' according to OFSTED & Parent View. As you can imagine, this was a delightful read at the end of a busy term. I thought it was a great testament to the hard work of our students, the commitment and dedication of our staff (past and present) and the support of our parents and carers.

With our Year 11 'Class of 2025,' we now approach the home straight. The feedback from them on the examinations completed so far has been positive and reassuring. It has been good to see how well they have tackled the various exams and the pressures placed upon them. Further into the newsletter you will see photographs of some of their Food Technology work - it has been a pleasure to see the high quality work displayed in the various practical courses - we really have a very talented group of young people in Year 11! I wish them well for their remaining exams.

Our students who participated in the recent netball tour had a fantastic time and had some well-deserved success on the netball courts. A big thank you to Hannah Dury and the staff team for taking time from their weekends to run the tour.

As the start of Term 6 approaches, we will shortly welcome our new Year 7 cohort to the school which is, of course, exciting for us, and for them too! It's hard to believe that our current Year 7s are soon to be in Year 8 - how time flies! I am pleased to report that we will have a full cohort again this coming September.

So as the term draws to a close, my thanks go to our students for all their hard work plus, of course, to our staff for providing an amazing array of opportunities for them.

Thank you too, our parent/carer body, for your support across the term. Wishing you a lovely break!

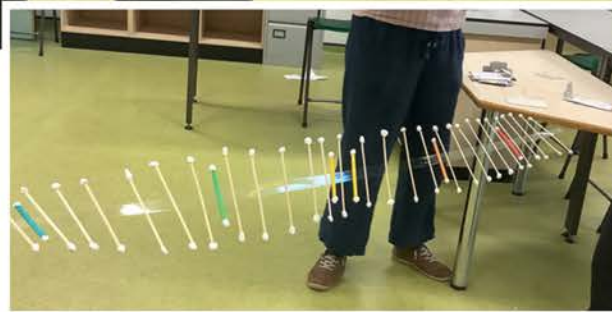
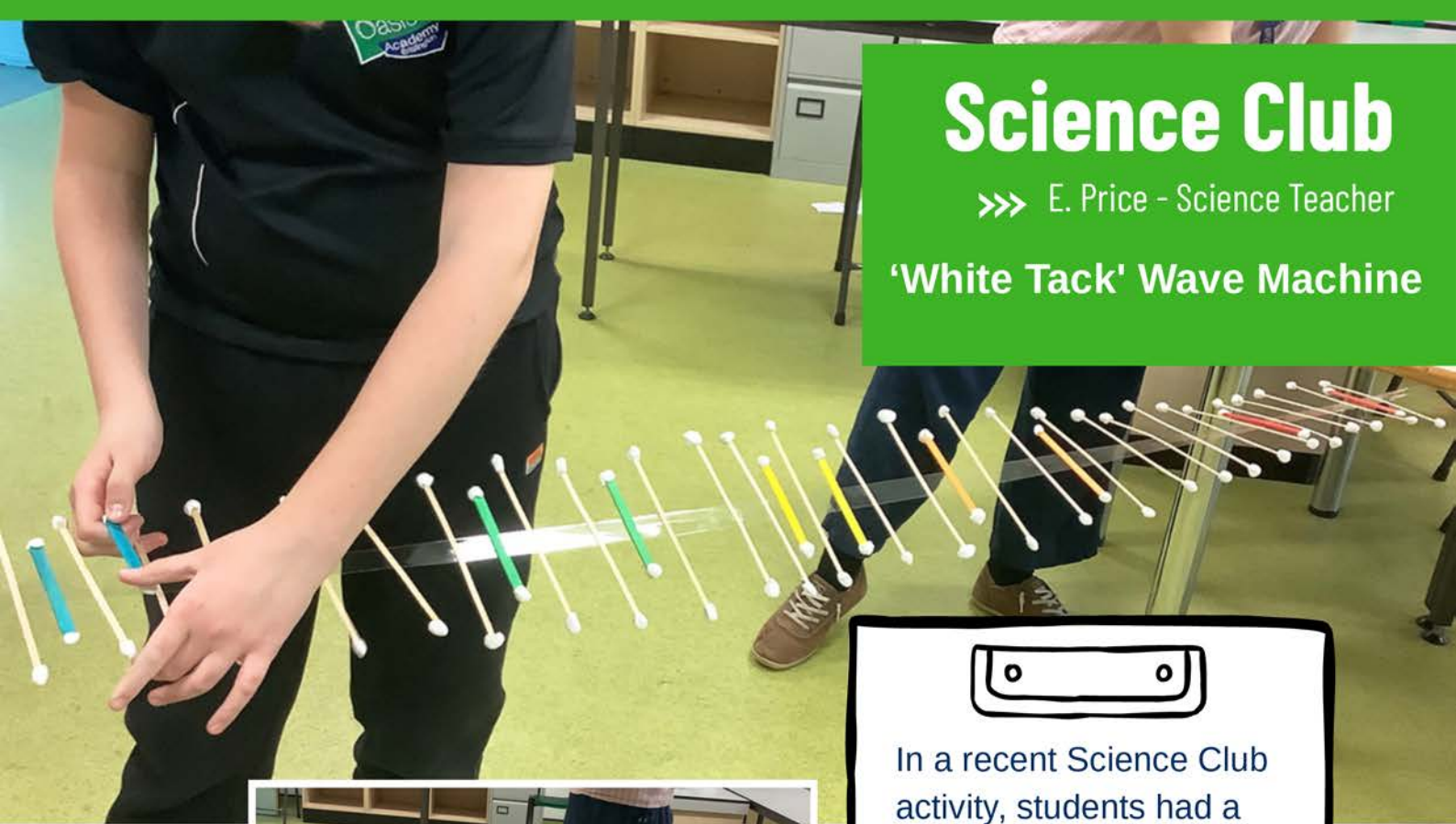


Mr B Ash
Principal

Science Club

>>> E. Price - Science Teacher

'White Tack' Wave Machine



In a recent Science Club activity, students had a blast combining physics with a bit of fun by creating a White Tack Wave Machine.

The goal was to explore wave motion using an unexpected material: white tack.

The students began by setting up a long string stretched across a board. They attached white tack at regular intervals along the string. To create the wave motion, they plucked or pushed one end of the string, sending vibrations through the cord and causing the white tack to wobble, jump, and sway as the wave passed through.

This hands-on experiment helped students understand key wave properties like frequency, amplitude, and wavelength. They also saw how waves transfer energy without the medium itself moving. The activity was a fun way to bring abstract physics concepts to life while also adding a bit of humor—watching the white tack bounce was both educational and entertaining!

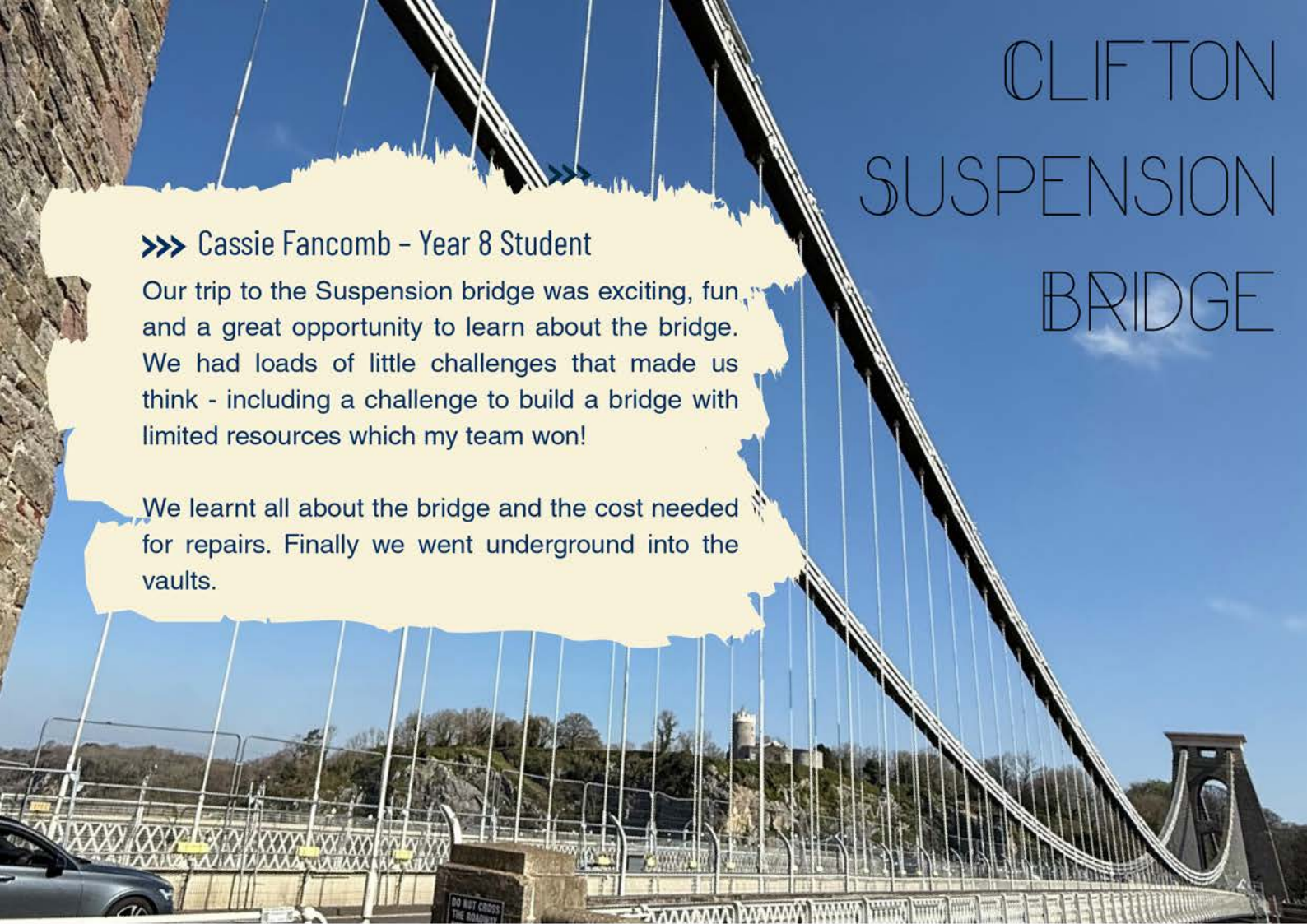
Overall, the White Tack Wave Machine was a creative and engaging project that allowed students to learn about wave dynamics in a memorable and enjoyable way.

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

>>> Cassie Fancomb - Year 8 Student

Our trip to the Suspension bridge was exciting, fun and a great opportunity to learn about the bridge. We had loads of little challenges that made us think - including a challenge to build a bridge with limited resources which my team won!

We learnt all about the bridge and the cost needed for repairs. Finally we went underground into the vaults.



>>> Photos by T. Franklin - Careers Co-ordinator



>>> E. Chapman - Drama Teacher

**THEY'RE CREEPY AND THEY'RE KOOKY.
MYSTERIOUS AND SPOOKY.
THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER BOOY.
THE ADDAMS FAMILY!**

The wait is over – Oasis Academy Brislington is thrilled to announce our next musical production: The Addams Family! Auditions are already in full swing, with an incredible turnout of both returning performers and enthusiastic newcomers. From aspiring actors to behind-the-scenes creatives, it's fantastic to see so much energy and talent coming together for what promises to be a spectacular show!



Student Council



THE COMMUNITY STRAND OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ARE JOINING LIZ ROSE (COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKER) ON REGULAR TRIPS TO ROBINSONS HOUSE CARE HOME ONCE AGAIN THIS TERM!

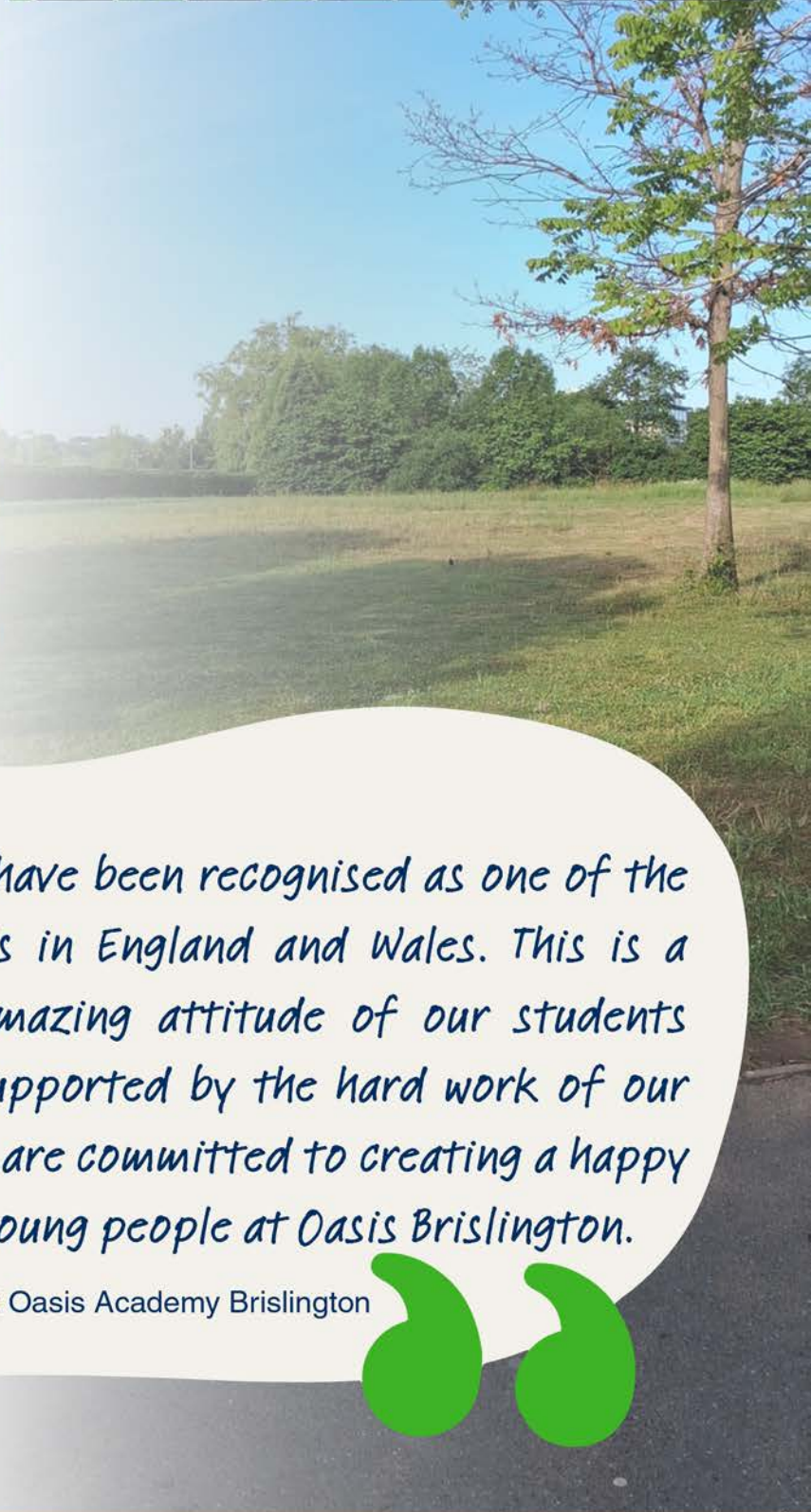
RUBY MOORE, FLO SMART, GLORIA SPENCER (YEAR 7), TYLER HALLETT (YEAR 8).

Oasis Academy Brislington is one of the 'Happiest Schools in England & Wales' according to a recent Times and Sunday Times report!

Ofsted Official surveys show that 95 per cent of parents agreed, or strongly agreed, that their children were happy at Oasis Academy Brislington, giving it one of the happiest ratings nationally.

At OA Brislington, we focus on creating a secure and supportive environment for students to thrive and "The Brislington Way" has played a huge role in that. By fostering emotional well-being and a strong school culture, students feel safe expressing themselves, building resilience and a sense of pride in who they are.

Alongside this, all students in each year group have the opportunity join a student leadership pathway that helps to shape the culture of the Academy. All students can share feedback and add their voice to Academy development through a range of different means, both digitally and in-person. All students feel seen, valued and supported.



We are incredibly proud to have been recognised as one of the happiest schools for pupils in England and Wales. This is a great testament to the amazing attitude of our students towards their education, supported by the hard work of our passionate staff team, who are committed to creating a happy and secure culture for our young people at Oasis Brislington.

Mr B Ash, Principal at Oasis Academy Brislington



Year 11 Exams



>>> J. Advani - Head of Food Technology

Our Y11 Food Preparation students did incredibly in their exam at the end of last term!

They were super organised, calm, and collected throughout the day, cooking three dishes aimed at making takeaway foods healthier. Everything was cooked from scratch, including fresh pasta, homemade bread, mayonnaise and other sauces - the students even deboned the chicken!

Photos by the photography students.

>>> A. Bennett - Director of The Nest

All Y11 students in The Nest have now finished their GCSE Photography course and have created the following work for their final pieces. They worked hard and took great care with their pieces over the two days.



»» Mrs Loxterkamp - Art Teacher

We are pleased to announce that the Visual Arts Department has been awarded a grant by internationally renowned, Bristol based artist, Luke Jerram.

This is the fourth year that Luke Jerram has supported the arts at Oasis Brislington enabling us to finance the purchase of new equipment as well as artist-run workshops and trips.

This year, we will be using our award to re-equip our photography darkroom so that all GCSE Art and Photography students can have the opportunity to develop their own images in a professional environment.

Thank you Luke Jerram!

Luke Jerram Art Fund 2025



Luke Jerram's installation 'Gaia' at Bristol Cathedral last Autumn
Photo by E. Jordan.

Since it was agreed with Skanska that we can set aside some land for the Student Academy Council Environmental Strand to manage, it has thrived.

In giving it back to nature this significant space is now free from pesticides and is largely undisturbed.

Deer and foxes have been spotted enjoying the space recently, whilst birds of prey have been sighted above. Our wildflower meadow is beginning to flourish again, and our native tree saplings (planted by students in November) are establishing. With a bit of gentle management from our students, this space is beginning to rewild.

I. Partridge - Geography Teacher <<<

Student Council



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION SUCCESS!

»» C. Turner - Student's Parent

Following the National Schools Snowsports Association finals, held in Gloucester on Friday 25 April 2025, Luca Giannitti has been crowned the winner of the Under 14 Male category.

Finalists are invited, having competed in a series of regional heats throughout the country, and obtaining the top 3 fastest race times in each region.

Luca's times at the Gloucester heats rewarded him with an invite to the finals, where he raced the top 3 finalists from the other 5 regions.

Having competed in 2 timed runs, Luca achieved the fastest time across the line, resulting in 1st place!



Mrs Loxterkamp - Art Teacher <<<

Oasis Academy Brislington is proud to be taking part in Gromit Unleashed 3!

Students of Aardman House will have the opportunity to design and decorate our very own Norbot sculpture in Term 6. Our completed Norbot will then be displayed as part of the schools' exhibition in early Autumn before taking up permanent residence at OAB. Keep your eyes peeled for further information.



Inspired by 7CLO and 10RPA's perennial sunflower projects, 9PHU has recently decided to have its own pea-growing competition.



Give Peas a Chance

>>> P. Hunt - RPE Teacher

Each pupil received a small flower-pot, a pea-seed and some compost, and then were left to their own devices. Every pupil decided to take part – although two who went rogue and grew dahlias – and set to work with vigour.

It wasn't as easy as some thought: one pupil learnt the hard way that orange juice isn't as good for peas as it is teenagers, while others swamped theirs with excess water.

However, within a few days, the tutor-group was in full swing and everyone had a germinated pea-plant. It is a tight-run race with Isabel Robert's plant a few millimetres in the lead at the time of writing, but there are many weeks left yet...



>>> E. Chapman - Drama Teacher

OAB students had the incredible opportunity to produce an original song with the Welsh National Opera during a recent workshop.

With the guidance of the opera singers, our students created the song including writing lyrics, singing and speaking about the important topic of HIV. Their creativity, enthusiasm and dedication was truly inspiring.

The WNO team was so impressed by our students' efforts that they would like to return to OAB to do more workshops - and our students have been invited to attend an Opera this September!



>>> E. Worgan - History Teacher

In History podcast Club, students researched and spoke about the Holocaust. They followed the journey of the famous Anne Frank and discussed the reasons behind the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism. Next episode will centre on some Medieval History - the Wars of the Roses. You can listen to the episode [here](https://www.oasisacademybrislington.org/curriculum/curriculum-overviews/history/hunting-history-podcast)





Sport at OAB



>>> Tiggy Limbrick-Luke - Year 8 Student

We're now going into the summer sports!

PE lessons will be taken outside a lot more to enjoy the warm sunshine and clear blue skies. Cricket, rounders and tennis classes are being taken outside as we come into much nicer, summer weather.

Rounders club is on a Tuesday after school if people are interested to get out and enjoy the sun as well as play games competitively with other schools!

>>> E. Bidgood - PE Teacher



U16 Girls' Football Team Crowned Bristol Champions!

Last term, our U16 Girls' Football Team made us incredibly proud by reaching the final of the Bristol League in an exciting North vs South showdown. In a thrilling and hard-fought match, the team emerged victorious with a 4-3 win, showcasing outstanding teamwork and scoring some truly impressive goals.

This fantastic result secured their place as the best team in Bristol, completing an undefeated season—an exceptional achievement! Their success earned them the honour of representing Bristol in a regional match against a school from Gloucestershire. Although they narrowly missed out on a win in that game, their determination, skill, and progress have been inspiring.

We're excited to see what the future holds for this talented group of footballers, who continue to grow stronger with every match- we go again next season. Well done, girls!



Sport at OAB



»» H. Dury - PE Teacher

PGL Netball Tour – Torquay

Last weekend, our netball teams set off for an unforgettable adventure on the PGL Netball Tour in Torquay – and what a weekend it was!

The students enjoyed competitive games of netball, where winning matches kept the energy high. When they weren't on court, they embraced a wide range of adventurous activities including climbing, zip line, high ropes, team-building games, and even a disco – plus plenty of time to explore the picturesque town of Torquay.

A special shout-out goes to the Year 8 netball team, who proudly achieved 3rd place in the tournament. Equally, our Year 9/10 team was awarded the prestigious “Team of the Tournament” by the organisers and umpires – marking a historic, unanimous vote in recognition of their sportsmanship, empathy, patience, and creative play.

Well done to all involved for making this trip both fun and a fantastic learning experience!



Year 10 Work Experience

>>> Neve White - Year 10 Student

Year 10 went on work experience on the week commencing the 28th April.

Students have the opportunity to be in a work environment for a week and record their experiences. As a year group, we found this time valuable to gain knowledge of career paths that we may want to pursue in our future.

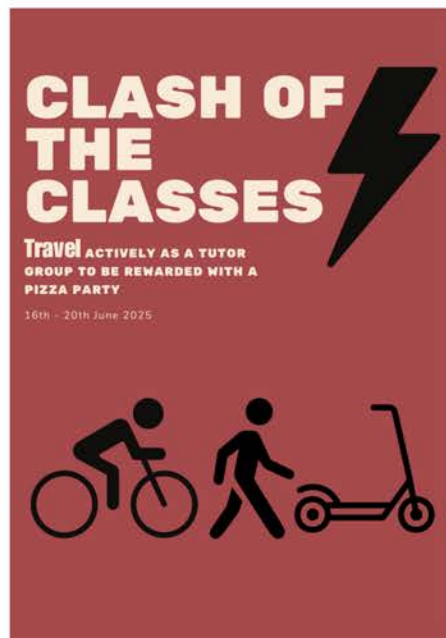
Some of us worked alongside teachers in the school. While doing this we were able to learn more about a subject that may help us after we leave school.

Others that worked outside of school had varied experiences; proving that this opportunity was different for everyone and students have such diverse ideas on what they want to do in the future.

Student Council



In the Community Strand, we have been working on a way to motivate teachers and students to come to school actively including scooter, cycling, walking and park and stride. We will be holding a competition next term to encourage this.



The winning tutor of all the whole school will win a pizza party while the the winning tutor of each year will get active travel badges.

This campaign will be between the 16th - 20th of June. A letter was sent out about the campaign and look out for posters around the school. When the time comes get involved and have fun!



>>> E. Jordan - Librarian

While Year 11 GCSEs are underway and Year 10's mock exams are on the horizon, we know you're busy revising. If you're fed up with looking at an iPad screen, there is an up-to-date selection of GCSE revision books curated by prefects Neve White and Ava Bargery (Year 10) in the library.

Don't forget, you can also find the iPad chargers up in the library now.



Quick Wins for High Attendance

>>> E. Jordan - Librarian

Don't miss out rewards for good attendance!

The SPL Team arrange an exciting programme of **Quick Wins** each term. Students with high attendance might find themselves winning sweets, taking part in cookery classes, watching movies and more! Attendance Quick Wins slides will be shared in tutor or check the atrium screens to find out what you could win!

Last term students coming to school every day for the last three weeks of term were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt!



>>> E. Chapman - Drama Teacher



Each year at Oasis Academy Brislington, we strive to bring high-quality theatrical productions to our community, and this year is no different. We are currently preparing for our upcoming performance, *The Addams Family the Musical*, and we are reaching out to local businesses and community leaders to help us make it a success.

We would be thrilled to feature your business as one of our official sponsors, this will be by naming your logo on our playbills, shoutouts, complimentary tickets and recognition during the show as well as promotional materials (this is something that could be discussed).

If you're interested in partnering with us, we'd love to discuss sponsorship opportunities further. Please can you complete the following form below which could provide the school with more information:

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May Holiday Activities
WITH OASIS SOUTH BRISTOL
AGES 8-14 YRS

**Oasis Community Hub,
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TUESDAY 27TH
11AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY 28TH
THURSDAY 29TH
9.30AM-12.30PM

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A reminder that term 5 ends at the end of Friday 23rd May 2025.
Term 6 resumes at the normal start time of 9am on Monday 2nd June.

Please note that this might be different from other local primary and secondary schools.

PLEASE NOTE

Some of our news articles contain information and details of 3rd party clubs and organisations that are not affiliated with the school. We are not responsible for their offerings and/or services and do not assume any liability for them.

Every effort is made to ensure all times and dates of upcoming events are accurate at the time of publication. However please refer to our website for all up-to-date details.

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