



Ski Trip to Italy



Diary Dates

Last Day of Term	4th April
Good Friday	18th April
Easter	20th April
Easter Monday	21st April
Back to School	22nd April
Earth Day	22nd April
St George's Day	23rd April
Early May Bank Holiday	5th May
SEND & The Nest Parents' Evening	21st May
Last Day of Term	23rd May

>>> DEAR PARENT/CARER,

As we draw to the end of the spring term, I hope this newsletter finds you well - I am sure like our students and staff, you are ready for some well-deserved rest.

On Wednesday morning, I had the pleasure of attending the annual prefect 'changing of the guard,' where Year 11 prefects were thanked for their contributions to the academy and the new prefects were inaugurated. It was a lovely occasion, full of positivity, applause, balloons and cake! It's great to see our young people contributing to the culture at Brislington in such a positive way. My thanks to Ms Olschner, Assistant Principal, for her organisation of the event and making it so memorable for our students.

Just a few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to watch the production of Shrek and was mesmerised by the performance of our cast. Wow - what an incredible performance! I can't tell you how proud I felt as I was entertained by our talented students who performed as if they were on a professional stage. My thanks to Ms Chapman and her amazing team for their collective hard work on this year's production.

Our success on the sports field continues at pace, with a series of excellent victories against local schools in football and on the rugby field. A group of 40 students have also just returned from the ski slopes of Italy, having had an amazing time. My thanks to our PE team for all the fixtures they have organised in this busy spring term.

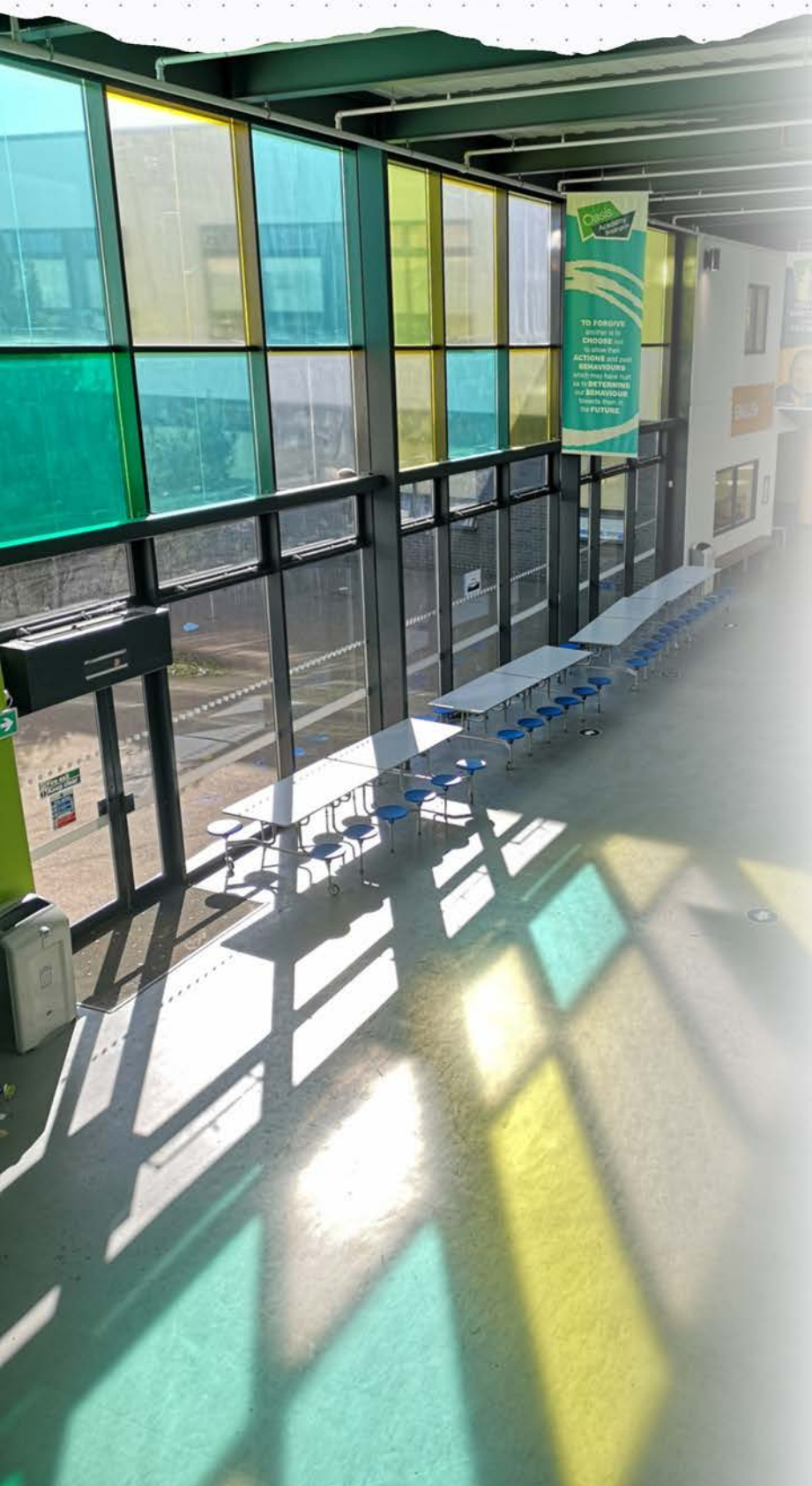
So, as the term draws to a close, my thanks go to our students for all their hard work, and of course to our staff for providing an amazing array of opportunities for our students. Thank you too, to you, our parent/carer body, for your support across the term. Wishing you a lovely break.

Mr B Ash
Principal

Meet your Head of House

We've been sorted into houses and had our first House Assemblies but how much do you know about your House Head? I interviewed them all to find out.

Aardman House E. Player



Miss Player, why did you want to be a Head of House?

As cliché as the answer sounds, I have always wanted to be a Head of House. I loved mine at school – he was such an inspiration and I want to channel that into the new system. I love the pastoral side of my 360 role with how well I know the students within my year group; and I would very much like to be more involved with other students in the school across the year groups supporting them throughout their journey, celebrating the great things that they achieve.

What is going to make your House the best?

There are two things that will make my house the best house – firstly, the students. The house system solely revolves around them, and I have a great cohort of students! The second thing is me. I am determined, enthusiastic and extremely competitive. Watch out everyone, Aardman house are here to win!

What is the last book you read?

The last book I read was Wallace and Gromit – Vengeance, Most Foul!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

If I could have any superpower, I would love to be invisible, wouldn't that be fun?

Mr Advani, why did you want to be a Head of House?
I'm passionate about building a strong sense of identity and teamwork. I've seen first-hand how humour, mutual respect, and resilience can drive success – and I want to bring that to my house.

What is going to make your House the best?

We are already the best! But through creativity, teamwork, and pride. Using art, performance, and cooking, we'll showcase our identity and create a strong, supportive community where everyone feels valued.

What is the last book you read?

The Hobbit – a true lesson in courage, friendship, and unexpected adventures!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

To be able to fly – imagine the freedom and the views!

Mr Melhuish, why did you want to be a Head of House?

The reason I wanted to be a Head of House was because I was interested in building a culture in school that was focused on being positive and building a sense of belonging within a house system. I also wanted to be involved with creating a fun environment where students can get involved in house competitions and events to showcase how talented they are.

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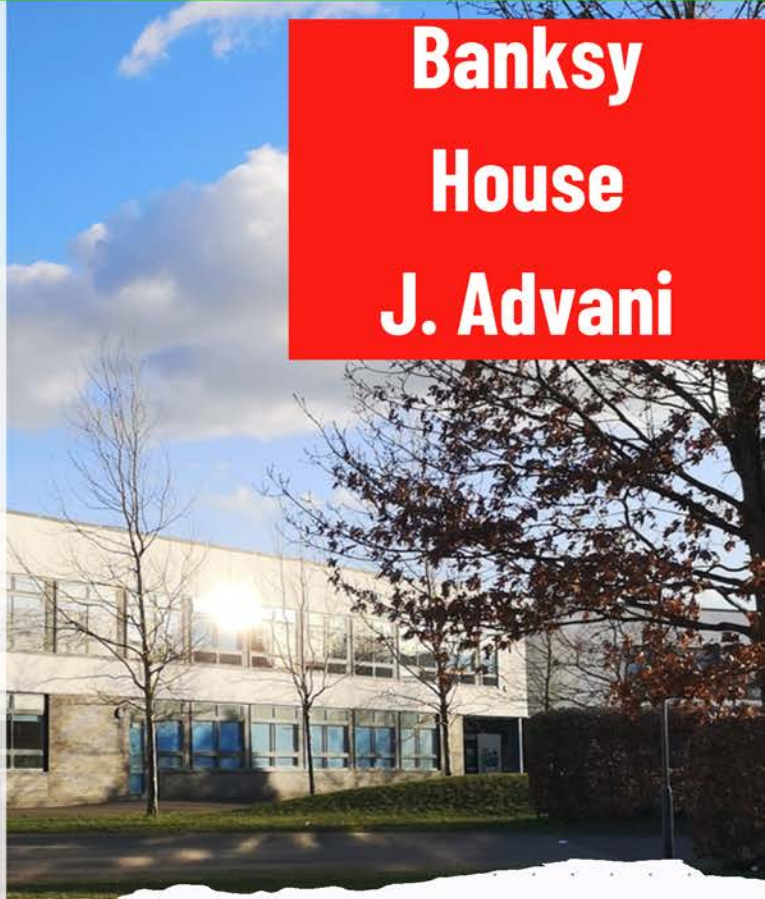
I mean this is an obvious answer...because I am the best so I will have the best house. In all seriousness I think we will have the best house because of the students, I think Brunel House is going to win all the events and get involved in everything we can. I am also ultra-competitive so I will want to be the best and will be aiming for that the whole time!!

What is the last book you read?

Oh, I would love to say it was something intellectual or philosophical, but it wasn't, the last book I read was How to be the Best Head of House, interestingly this was written by me!

Banksy House

J. Advani



Brunel House

G. Melhuish

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Great question, I think if I could have any superpower, it would be the ability to teleport: Instantaneously travel from one location to another. I could just take myself off to a lovely hot country and chill in the sun. Or I would like the ability to read people's minds, so I can see when students are lying to me about their behaviour.

Why did you want to be a Head of House?

I have always been very passionate about the pastoral role that teachers can play in assisting students take ownership of their school community. I enjoy supporting you lot outside the classroom in various competitions and performances (Shrek- so much TALENT?!!).

I love that I have the chance to contribute to the beginnings of a source of fun, engagement and enjoyment in our school community.

What is going to make your House the best?

Apart from the agreed fact that More is the best, I envision us as the house where we will challenge ourselves and each other to be better, kinder, braver and more together! Oh, and we are going to win every competition!!!

What was the last book you read?

I was with my nephews over the weekend, who are obsessed with reading - my favourite from the huge stack we whizzed through was one called 'Every Little Hippo Can'- an empowering story about a little hippo who discovers that success often requires a little patience, and simply trying can bring its own unexpected rewards. Adult Miss Paton wise- I am currently halfway through my fifth re-read of the Shardlake series (a Tudor murder mystery).

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

What an excellent but tricky question! I would control time - to be able to re-live some fantastic memories, or speed up a long meeting, or even give myself more marking time. Would be loving life if I could wear Dr Strange's Cloak of Levitation too!

More House

R. Paton

Hackett House

S. Jones

Why did you want to be a Head of House?

I wanted to be a head of house so I could get involved in school competitions and build pride and house spirit in my students. I wanted to help build something every member could feel they belonged and feel proud of. I also get to help students find what they're great at and give them opportunities to shine - which is why I became a teacher.

What is going to make your House the best?

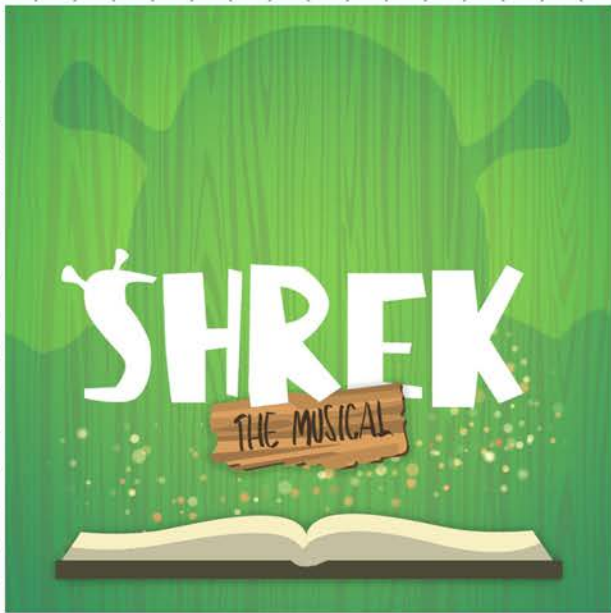
Other than myself, we have a fantastic house captain and great vice-captains. Hackett will also be the house with the best teamwork and the ones having a blast through every competition we compete in. I don't want to mention the other houses, but we are going to leave them losers in the dust!

What is the last book you read?

The Deed of Paksenarrion by Elizabeth Moon. One of my favourites and a trilogy I return to frequently when I'm in a book slump.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

100% teleportation. I would be waking up at 8:10 every morning and still get to work on time! Teleportation would also be great for solo travelling in the holidays.



>>> E. Chapman - Drama Teacher

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support throughout our journey with "Shrek the Musical".

Thanks to the support of our whole school community for their encouragement and involvement, we had an incredible turnout and successfully sold out both performances! We are immensely proud of all our students, whose hard work and dedication resulted in an outstanding show. It has even been described as "Bristol Hippodrome worthy," which is a testament to their talent and effort.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of **£2,100**, which will be reinvested into the Drama Department for opportunities.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT MUSICAL COMING 2026!



>>> L. Rose - Community Project Worker

The Student Academy Council - Community Strand became Active Travel Ambassadors earlier this year. They prepared a project presentation around the benefits of active travel, hindrances to active travel around the school area and thought of ways we can change this. They then had the opportunity to present their ideas in front of a panel of judges at City Hall.

Their ideas included: a Park and Stride initiative, shortening the pedestrian waiting time at the traffic crossing on Bath Road near the school and Clash of the Classes – a competition between tutor groups to see which class is the most active (with a pizza party for the winners).

We are so proud of the students involved after all the hard work they put in and the way they presented and projected their ideas. Their efforts paid off when they were awarded the £200 to fund their project!



SCIENCE WEEK

During science week we got to do fun and interesting things at lunchtime and after school.

For example, there was one afternoon where we looked for microscopic organisms such as tardigrades, and another where we did some really cool chemical reactions like the elephant's toothpaste experiment.

Ava hunting for Tardigrades



Daphnia



Ava Bargery - Year 10 Student <<<

We also got to do a Q&A with scientists online, where we asked them questions about the different fields of science they work in.

Year 10 students also got to do a careers event with some scientists, and learnt about what they do for work, what their jobs were like and what paths we need to take if we want to work in similar jobs in the future.



Robo hand lab



Exploring Taxidermy



Mr Standen demonstrating some cool chemistry

Sport at OAB

»» A. Cunningham - PE Teacher

The football season was busy as it always is with OAB football teams competing at the highest level. Our success stories came from our Year 10 boys who are currently in the final of the Bristol Cup AND semi final of the historic Woodcock shield- keep an eye on OAB PE for updates. Our U16 girls football have also made it to the finals of the Bristol Cup.



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On Monday 24th of March our U16 girls' rugby team went to the world famous Rosslyn Park schools rugby tournament, matching themselves against schools from all over the world - they incredibly got to the semi finals of the plate - only losing to schools from Dubai.

H. Drury - PE Teacher <<<

🏏 U13 Indoor Cricket Team Shines at County Finals! 🏏

Our U13 Indoor Cricket team put in a fantastic performance at the County Finals Day, finishing 4th overall!

They showcased their skill and determination, securing victories against Denmark Road and Cleeve School in the pool stage. In a closely contested 3rd place playoff, they narrowly lost to Collegiate by just 4 runs.

Huge congratulations to Tiggy, Freya, Loretta, Charlotte, Teigan, Daisy, Dottie and Lily for their hard work and success!



>>> H. Drury - PE Teacher

U12 Football Team Shines at South West County Finals!

A huge congratulations to our U12 Football Team for their outstanding performance at the South West County Finals in February, finishing as runners-up! 🏆👏

They battled through a tough competition, securing victories against Mangotsfield, Balcarras, KLB, and Newent School to reach the final. Despite a strong effort, they fell 4-1 to a talented Cleeve School side.

Special shoutouts to Phoebe for her incredible goalkeeping and Daisy for her fantastic shooting! ⭐

Well done to the whole team for an amazing achievement! 🎉

Team - Kamira, Phoebe, Monique, Daisy, Dottie, Bella, Iyla, Maisy



>>> E. Jordan - Librarian

Oasis Brislington hosted a Scholastic Book Fair this term that was enjoyed by students and staff. A team of enthusiastic students volunteered to help, capably explaining how the ordering process worked and offering suggestions and help.

A big thank you to Aaron Conway, PJ Finlayson, Thomas Humpage, Ava Bargery, CJ Fothergill-Mason and Maddie Derbyshire for helping out!

If you missed the book fair, remember the Library has a wide variety of books to borrow (for free!) including new fiction, comics, fantasy, horror and popular non-fiction.

The library is open to browse and borrow books, from 8:30 before lessons, break, lunchtime and after school till 16:20.



The ski trip to Bardonecchia, Italy, was an unforgettable adventure which wouldn't have been able to happen without help from the incredible Miss Dury, alongside staff members Mr. Scullion, Miss Hudson, Lucy, and Mr. Jones! Teachers, year 9 and 10 students experienced a week of snow and fun-packed activities!

Despite a 1:00 am flight from Gatwick to Turin, we were greeted by breathtaking mountains and sunny blue skies in Bardonecchia.

We progressed from the nursery slopes to confidently tackling some challenging red runs by the end of the week.

Away from the slopes, the thrilling ride on the alpine rollercoaster proved to be a firm favourite, while Crepe Night provided a delicious midweek treat. We all let loose at the Friday night disco, dancing away the final evening of an incredible trip. As we returned home with new skills, lasting memories, and perhaps a few aching legs, one thing was certain—Oasis Brislington's ski trip to Bardonecchia was a resounding success!



Ski Trip

- L. Skeates - 360 Team Manager
- H. Drury - PE Teacher and Trip Leader
- P. Scullion - PE Teacher
- Martha Robinson - Yr 9 Student
- Beth Rodolfi - Yr 9 Student



Reflecting on the experience, Miss Dury praised the students for their perfect behaviour and expert skiing skill "It was a phenomenal experience to have had the privilege to watch my students (Martha especially) skiing with ease down the red slopes towards the end of the week. The students' energy and teamwork made the trip truly special. I feel very moved by their perseverance and natural talent."





>>> E. Jordan - Librarian

OAB raised over £1000 for Comic Relief by celebrating Red Nose Day with a non-school uniform day! We also held a Talent show to mark the occasion. Organised by Mr Cunningham, Mr Peters and the tireless Student Academy Council, it was a huge success!

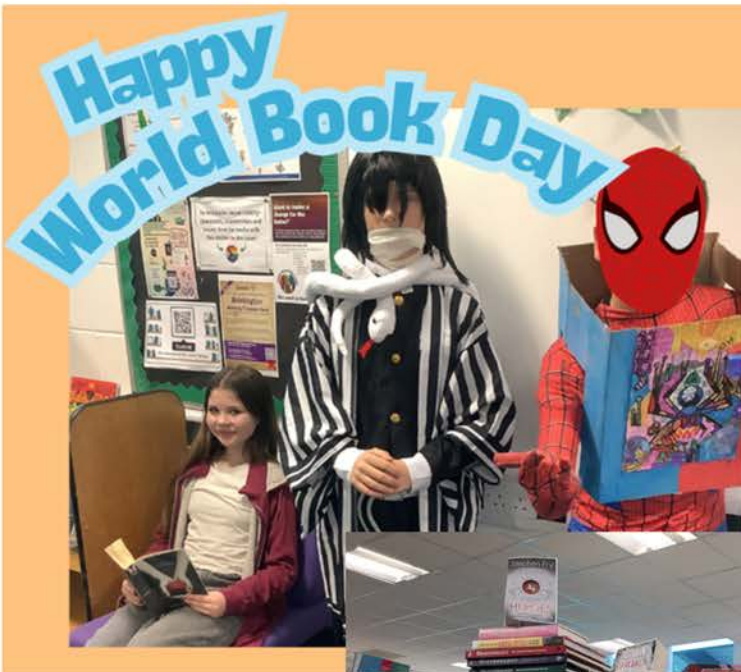
The main hall was packed with students and staff who were amazed by the incredible talented musicians and singers.

A band of Year 8 students won, impressing the judges with their cover of Teenage Dirtbag by Wheatus which got most of the staff singing along.

Special thanks to the OAB's Got Talent Judges: K. Reed, E. Player, P. Hunt, music prefect Nathan Paslawski and drama prefect Joseph Hooper.



Special Mention to Mr Cunningham, Mr Dorber and Mr Melhuish for kicking off the show with an enthusiastic rendition of 500 Miles by the Proclaimers.



>>> Loretta Barratt - Yr 8 Student

This year's World Book Day took place on Thursday 6th of March with the theme of fantasy and fairytales. The global theme for World Book Day was 'Read Your Way' which represents the idea of being able to read for pleasure.

At Oasis Brislington, we were encouraged to dress up as a character from a fantasy book or a fairytale.

Many people came into school dressed up in fantastic costumes and even some of the teachers dressed up too!



➤➤➤ Isabel Porter - Yr 11 Student

We were invited to attend a workshop at a law firm in Bristol, surrounding the topic of careers.

We started off with a tour, getting the chance to view a snapshot of day to day life in their offices, briefly viewing each department and seeing the wide range of jobs which law has to offer.

After looking round the office, they gave us a CV writing workshop. We discussed the do's and don'ts of making a CV from those working in recruitment. Mock interviews followed, which were really useful. We received feedback on how to improve so we can go into any future interview feeling confident in our ability to perform well. There were also panel discussions from different employees surrounding what they enjoy most about their jobs and the benefits of working for the company.

Overall, it was a great experience. It taught us life skills which will be useful for us - not just now as we start to think about what career we would like to do, but also later on in life.



➤➤➤ PG Hunt - RPE Teacher

Eagle-eyed readers will remember that last year, we ran a school-wide election that saw Samuel and Neve elected to Bristol City Youth Council.

Excitingly, since then, Neve has been elected to the UK Youth Parliament, delivering a powerful speech in the House of Commons in late February that was broadcast live by the BBC. This is an increase honour for Neve and the school, since the only other people allowed to speak from those benches are the Members of Parliament themselves. Well done!



Year 8 have just started using OAB's new printing press to make collagraph prints for their unit on fish.



OAB was pleased to welcome Oasis Community Learning's CEO John Barneby to the school at the end of March. He praised our "incredible staff, amazing students, and a real sense of community".

Year 10 Maths Feast

We recently took part in a series of four rounds of puzzling mathematical challenges. These were designed to test our logical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

One of the most exciting (and frustrating) part was Round Two, which really pushed us to think outside the box. Some questions were very visual, which made them quite different from what we're used to in a normal maths paper.

At times, we found them baffling, but by working as a team and persevering, we managed to tackle them. It was fun to engage with problems that weren't necessarily part of our usual lessons, as it helped us stretch our mathematical thinking in new ways.

Overall, it was an incredibly enjoyable experience, and we would love the opportunity to do something like this again. Being in a situation where we didn't immediately know the answers forced us to think deeply and creatively, which made the challenge even more rewarding!

-Yasheika Lewis, Ava Bargery, Gregory Raddon-Greenway and Seb Ford

D. Veeranna - Maths Teacher

January afforded us the opportunity to enter our students in the **Intermediate Maths Challenge 2025**, The challenge, organised by UKMT, encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think.

The challenge is an excellent platform for our students to apply the skills they acquire and develop in the daily curriculum to new and varied situations. This enables them to stretch their mathematical abilities beyond the classroom requirements and to develop creative mathematical thinking.

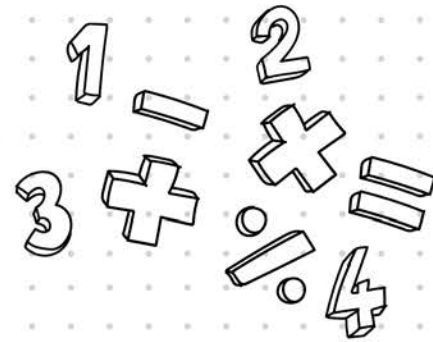
We entered 30 year 9 and 10 mathematicians. Every student was awarded a Certificate of Participation while those students with notable achievements were awarded special certificates. 8 Bronze certificates, 7 Silver certificates and 2 Gold certificates were awarded to our students.

The two Gold Certificate achievers were invited to participate in stage 2 of the challenge, the Grey Kangaroo Challenge.

PJ Finlayson (Y9) – Gold Certificate
Beth Rodolfi (Y9) – Gold Certificate.

The Mathematics department at OAB congratulates all the students who participated in the challenge and is proud of their achievements.

Department of Mathematics



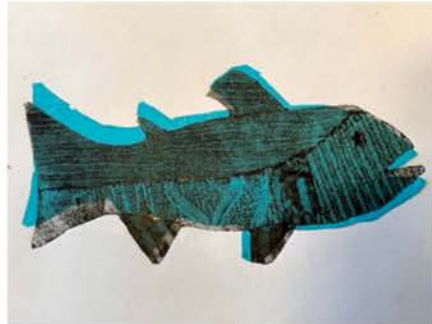
>>> PG Hunt - RPE Teacher

Fifty-four lucky pupils from Years 7 to 9 got the chance to learn to ride horses for free this term.

Weekly trips go on an exciting journey through the Somerset countryside to Urchinwood, an historic Jacobean manor house. There, each pupil received a professional lesson, starting with the basics of riding, before advancing to more complex techniques of horsemanship, a unique opportunity that they loved.



Thank you to the supervising staff and to British Horse Society for its generous grant that has made this possible. Trips are planned into next academic year at least, so this should be an enjoyable fixture in the school calendar for terms to come!



Year 8 collagraph prints.

Thank you

**SEND Coffee
Morning - A
Success!**

>>> J. Barr - Assistant Principal

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our recent SEND coffee morning.

It was fantastic to hear how much you value the keyworker support for your children and to see the strong partnerships that have been built between our keyworkers, students, and families. The discussions around homework and access arrangements provided us with valuable feedback, helping us to better support our students.

A special thank you to the parent who suggested a dedicated SEND newsletter - watch this space as we bring this great idea to life!

To ensure as many parents as possible can attend future coffee mornings, we will be sending out a poll to gather your preferred time slots. We truly appreciate your engagement and look forward to continuing these important conversations.





»»» Have you spotted *Jemima* and *Trevor* yet?

A pair of mallard ducks have decided to settle at Oasis Brislington! Often seen near reception in the morning, greeting students and staff, we're hoping they'll decide to stay!

Photo by L. Skeates - 360 Team Manager

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