

# Bulletin for Ansford Families



Issue 7: 19th December 2024

## Message from the Headteacher Mr Powell

Dear Families

I still cannot get that 'A little bit naughty' song out of my head. What a great performance. If you missed it, you missed a treat. Genuinely a really fantastic show and a huge well done and a thank you to all staff involved and particularly Mr Newbury for his sterling work. There was a huge amount of additional time given up after school and at weekends by staff and students and that commitment clearly paid off in a real community event.

Mostly however, a huge congratulations to the students who took part - although Noah's Trunchbull will be burnt in my memory forever - they absolutely showed their full commitment and passion for the performance. I know they were very proud of what they achieved and they absolutely should be. Next step is the West End.

We had a good turnout for our Meet the Headteacher evening last week and it was a really positive and forward looking discussion. Mr Musson and I were delighted to hear how much parents value the school and the hard work of its staff, and there were numerous stories about how Ansford had 'been the making of my child'. Interestingly there was a generally strong feeling to go further on uniform - pleated skirts were suggested. This suggested to me that we should carry out a parent survey of students in the near future to look at uniform, and how we want to present ourselves as a school. It has been a while since this has been discussed so it's a good opportunity to do so.

And on that note, can I please refer you to my letter sent out this week in which I set out a reset on uniforms as well as other important information going into January 2025. Please look on our website for the letter if it was not received or contact the school for a copy.

Feedback from the Meet the Headteacher also wanted to praise the increased targets for students and how supportive and aspirational they were. One parent said that they were very glad the school 'was setting such high expectations', while another said that her son was 'beaming' that the school thought he could achieve a Grade 7 and this had entirely motivated him to work harder. Again, there was a real sense of a community school and how



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much the parents wanted, and relied on us, to help drive their own expectations and aspirations for their children. Many thanks to all who came and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

This week at Ansford has been a fantastic start to the holiday season. We started with our Year 7 trip to the panto (oh no we didn't), which was enjoyed by all; quickly followed by our Christmas jumper day which showed what excellently bad taste some staff and students have - although there were a few rather tasteful ones slipped in which I think rather misses the point of what a good Christmas jumper should be. Our Christmas lunch on Wednesday had more attendance than ever before and it was a genuinely lovely experience to see our students eating Christmas lunch together, pulling crackers and singing carols. Many thanks to all staff who supported in serving and clearing away. Again another really lovely community event for our school.

We end our week with our celebration assemblies sharing all the achievements and success of our students and rewarding all those who have put in that extra effort and commitment to their school and their own education. This is a really lovely opportunity for the year group to share their achievements but also for us as staff to see our students' ambition and drive, and hopefully take a little pride for our part in that. My hope is that across the year, every student has their name read out for some achievement and I want to challenge every student to meet that ambition - 'When will you be next?'

Finally for me, just a sign-off for the moment as I will be handing over writing these articles to Mr Musson as our new Head of School. I know he is delighted about taking on the role and has lots of ideas and plans to help move the school forward. As I say in my letter, I will still be heavily involved in the school as Executive Headteacher and look forward to continuing to work and enjoy my time at Ansford and I am very likely to contact you in that capacity over the next few weeks and months.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a very enjoyable new year.



<b>Assembly Rota</b>		
16th - 20th December	<b>ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Subject/Tutor Group winners</li> <li>● Top 5 girls boys</li> <li>● Tutor group winners</li> <li>● Individual accolades/achievements</li> </ul>	Heads of Year
Christmas Holidays		
6th - 10th January	<b>Headteachers address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome back/celebration of last term</li> <li>● Setting new goals/resolutions</li> <li>● How to reflect on personal gains/failures</li> <li>● Key expectations/re-sharing the vision</li> </ul>	Mr Powell
<a href="#">World Religion Day</a> (15 January) <a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day</a> (16 January)		
13th - 17th January	<b>Effective Learning Behaviours - Kindness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understanding the role and value of kindness</li> <li>● Exploring scenarios where kindness was the cure</li> <li>● How can we show kindness within a school setting</li> <li>● The power of random acts of kindness</li> </ul> <p>Yr 9 Options assembly</p> <p>Year 10/11 - ASK Apprenticeships - Tues 14th January (she needs 30 mins so 9-9.30)</p> <p>Year 11 - Post mocks - closing the gap (feedback/responses) / evaluation. Next steps, structured learning in and out of school.</p>	To be confirmed   Mr Musson  Visiting speaker   Mr Musson



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## Academy Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

Week	Date in December	Event Details	Location/ Timing	Staff Contact
1	Friday 20th	Last Day of Term - School Closes 1pm		
Week	Date in January	Event Details	Location/ Timing	Staff Contact
2	Monday 6th	Inset Day - School Closed to Students		
2	Tuesday 7th	School Opens to All Students		
2		Exeter Maths Circles (Hotel) - Years 7 & 8 - details to follow		Mrs Withers
1	Monday 13th	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exams - Group 1 - details to follow		Miss Voit
1	Tuesday 14th	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - details to follow		Miss Fulton
1	Wednesday 15th	Youth Speaks Senior Competition - details to follow		Mrs Hardy-Stewart
1	Thursday 16th	Year 9 Options Evening - details to follow		Mr Musson
2	Monday 20th	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exams - Group 2 - details to follow		Miss Voit
2	Wednesday 22nd	Tag Rugby Tournament - details to follow		Mrs Grove
2	Thursday 23rd	Year 9 Parents Evening		Miss Macey
2	Friday 24th	Inset Day - School Closed to Students		



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# Notices

## Highlights of Our Term!!

Some of our staff Tutors have shared some of their tutor group highlights!!

### 7LR

It was so lovely receiving emails from all of my tutor group in their first IT lesson, telling me about how they're settling in at Ansford. They also worked so hard together to create our Christmas window.

I have loved hearing students read aloud with enthusiasm and a range of brilliant accents!

### 10JM

#### Winning the Christmas Window Competition

10JM's highlight is winning the Christmas window competition! Big shout out to Amelie D, Amelia P, Sahara H, Isobel D, Lucy W, Harvey H, Oscar M, Oscar H, George F, Jasper W, Alfie M, Joe C, Beth W, Maddie J and Maisy P for their effort on their windows! - In particular Isobel D, Sahara and Maddie J who came to do their window almost every break and lunchtime for two weeks!

See photos below!

### 9PHS

#### Christmas Window Competition

Creating our Tutor Base windows - even though we didn't win, Ella S and Verity M came in every day to add to the decorations - it was wonderful.

#### Mrs Hardy-Stewart's personal highlights

Playing netball for the staff team - this was the first time in years I have played and really enjoyed it. It was amazing to see Mrs Wood flying around the court and hear Dexter trying to keep up with the netball moves!

A real highlight so far this year has been the Inspector Calls performance on Open Evening on the English corridor with Year 10 and 11 actors. It was absolutely incredible this year- they threw themselves into it and read for 2 hours!



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## Highlights of Our Term!!

### 9PW

#### 'Malcolm' the Year 9 Tutor group bear

One of our highlights was winning 'Malcolm' the Year 9 Tutor group bear, awarded for having most positive points collectively as a year 9 Tutor group for the first term!!

#### Christmas Window Competition

The group also made fabulous efforts in decorating the tutor room for the Christmas Window competition - they did a great job.

#### Mrs wither's personal highlight

Being awarded "woman of match" in Teachers v Year 11 Netball.

### 7NK

We have many highlights to shout about! I am very proud of my tutor group who won the Interform this autumn. They have also had the highest score of achievement points two terms in a row! Well done to Ella-Mae M, who was an ambassador for Open Evening and did a wonderful speech.

Also, shout out to Sonnie S who used the words misogynistic in the PHCSE debate, to Tommy C who wrote an entire text in French, and to David F for his French Reading Exam.



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## From Mr Karl Musson, Deputy Headteacher

### Start the New Term with Full School Equipment

We ask families to ensure that students start the new term with fully replenished equipment upon returning to school in January. We know that being equipped enables students to feel successful, prepared, and ready to learn. It is also part of our home Academy Agreement that students come to lessons with the correct equipment.

The equipment listed in our 'Equipment Checklist' is the minimum standard requirement for all students. We recognise that some families may require some support with this, if this is the case please get in touch.



Reminder following our letter from Mr Mitchell that a fiction reading book is an essential item of equipment that students should bring to school each day. See the letter issued to families [here](#).



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## From Ms Hirst, Deputy Headteacher: Welfare and Inclusion

### End of Term, Advice for Families

Many of us are very excited about the Christmas break especially after such a busy term. However, as the holidays approach, it is important to be aware that this can bring anxiety for some young people, often due to spending more time than usual on social media – but there's lots of help still available!

Please find below some links to help you over the Christmas period. The team would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy festive break and New Year!

Find financial support for Somerset households [here](#).

Advice on how to help manage mental over Christmas can be found [here](#).

Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224

Police on 101

NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

If you are seeking help and support as a parent of a young person around Emotional Health and Wellbeing, please use the links to our website to help direct you to a range of external agencies who can provide help and support at this time:

Young People click [here](#).

Parents click [here](#).

### Primary School Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations! Our winner is.....

Name: Surf W-C

Year 6

School: Countess Gytha Primary School



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### Supporting our Young People with Emotional Resilience and Managing Conflict

Some great tips from The National College for parents/carers:

[Supporting Children to Manage Conflict Effectively](#)

[Supporting Young People to Build Emotional Resilience](#)

### Kooth End of Term Letter

Please find [here](#) a letter from Kooth, a resource we have mentioned in previous Bulletins.

### REMINDER: Household Support Fund

You may be eligible for support from Somerset Council and the Household Support fund, see details [here](#).



### REMINDER: Koothtalks Webinars

From KoothTalks; We're pleased to invite you to our upcoming KoothTalks webinars for professionals and families on Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and emotionally supporting young people with SEND/ASN and Neurodiversity scheduled for December 2024.



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## From Ms Hirst, Deputy Headteacher: Welfare and Inclusion

See full details [here](#).



### **REMINDER: Kooth - Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young People**

Please find below a letter from Senior Engagement Lead from Kooth:

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware by school or a professional of a service called Kooth. It provides a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners for ages 11-18+ (up to 25 if care leaver/SEND).

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Kooth also has an online wellbeing team from 12pm- 10pm on weekdays and 6pm- 10pm on weekends offering 1:1 text- based online counselling via live chat or messaging.

Kooth is free to access via any internet- enabled device. Your child simply needs to visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) and click 'Join Kooth'. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth will be working with all schools and professionals across 93% of the UK and growing to support students' mental health and wellbeing, both in and out of school. Alongside this, Kooth provides parent sessions, so keep in touch with the school or agencies to find out when the next ones are. I have pre recorded 2 sessions for you to watch. The 5 minute overview can be found [here](#) and a more in-depth 15 minute recording can be found [here](#).

I have also included a selection of parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please address them to the school. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com).



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## From Ms Hirst, Deputy Headteacher: Welfare and Inclusion

Kind Regards  
Lauren Finn  
Senior Engagement Lead



### REMINDER: Important Information - Online Safety

Please find [here](#) a letter relating to fake online accounts and online safety.

## From Mrs Wood, SENDCO

### National Autistic Society - Christmas Tips for Autistic People and their Families

Christmas is fast approaching, and although this is an exciting time for many, it can also be a challenging time, particularly for students with Autism.

Below is a link to some useful advice from the National Autistic Society around managing this time of year:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips>.

### REMINDER: The Children's Autism and Outreach Team (CAOT)

The Children's Autism and Outreach Team (CAOT) offer support for families of students (age 5-14 yrs.) with an Autism diagnosis or who are on the pathway awaiting assessment, Please see information about their coffee mornings and activity days below:

[CAOT Info and Activity Dates](#)

[CAOT Coffee Mornings](#)



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## From Mrs Comyns, Business Manager

### URGENT INFORMATION - MEASLES OUTBREAK

As per our email to families this week, we have been asked by Public Health to share with you this important information regarding an outbreak of Measles in Somerset.

Please see attached Information sheet [here](#).

### Christmas Windows ..... and the Winners Are.....

Best Window Overall goes to Miss Mascall and 10JM in SC2 - a mind-blowing array of brilliant pictures - my favourite was the Die Hard window 🎉 Well done 10JM.

Best Themed Window goes to Mr Wright in EN5 with 7MW - fantastic quintessential retro/handmade paper decorations.

Most eco-friendly window - a split decision here... (luckily I purchased an extra prize)... to Mrs Thomas in the Science Tech Lab with her eco tree and traditional Christian message and also to the Administration corridor - in particular the Data and Exams Office with their recycled Christmas stars made from dis-used exam papers and the Finance Office with their recycled books.



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From Mrs Comyns, Business Manager



### Student Christmas Lunch

We had an amazing time yesterday serving the students their Christmas lunch. We had two sittings; Years 7 & 8, followed by Years 9, 10 & 11. A team of staff members served the students their two-course meal.

The students sang along to festive songs whilst eating and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere. We commend the students on their impeccable manners and excellent behaviour.



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From Mrs Sweetlove, Pastoral Support Leader - Attendance Intervention & DDSL

REMINDER: Attendance Information - Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example, two siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

### 5 consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence

(within 3 years from the date of issue of first penalty notice)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence

(within 3 years from the date of issue of first penalty notice)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.



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## From Mr Darby, Teacher of PE

### Sporting Achievements

#### Football

Congratulations to the U12 girls' football team who won the first area tournament of the girls' football season, scoring 12 goals and conceding none! Girls' football continued with an U12 and an U14 tournament.

#### Basketball

Boys' basketball fixtures start quickly on our return after the Christmas break, as well as the 7-a- side annual football tournaments held at Gillingham school. All of the details remain on the fixture board outside of the sports hall entrance for students to view.

#### Cross Country

Also a big well done to all of the Ansford students involved in the cross country championships held at Kings Bruton. We had 4 students qualify for the county championships in 2025. Well done to Mia, Poppy, Skye, and a big congratulations to Ruby S, who won the event for her age category!

We look forward to seeing your achievements continue in XC in January.



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## From Mr Davis, Teacher of PE and Head of Year 7

### Jack and the Beanstalk Panto - Monday 16th December

On Monday, sixty Year 7 students took the short journey to watch Jack and the Beanstalk in Westlands, Yeovil. The students eagerly boarded the bus, full of excitement and enthusiasm! As we took our seats and waited for the show to start the students were happily singing along to the Christmas songs!

The pantomime was full of laughs, participation and we even got wet!! The students were fantastic and really got into the pantomime spirit - well done Year 7's.



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**From Ms Evans, Teacher of Horticulture and Forest School**

**REMINDER: The 12 Dips of Christmas!!**

I'm going to be doing the 12 Dips of Christmas Challenge this December to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page.

[Fund-raising for Cancer Research UK.](#)

# 12 Dips of Christmas Challenge



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## From Mrs Grove, Head of PE

### Santa Run

The students had a truly fabulous time during the Santa Run yesterday, doing a circuit around the Academy Site in their Christmas jumpers, hats and some very novelty festive items!!



The Results are.....



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Position	Team Colour
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yellow
4 <sup>th</sup>	Red

.....well done blue team!!

Boy and girl winners in each year group; well done to...

Year 7 – Ruby S and Owen W  
 Year 8 – Finlay P and Mia S  
 Year 9 – Poppy S and Jamie W  
 Year 10 – Dan B and Rachel H  
 Year 11 Eliza K and Joe S



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## Handball

We played our first girls handball fixtures last week against a strong Westfield team. Despite losing, Ansford showed lots of promise and put the team under pressure, which they were not expecting!! We are now in training ready for fixtures after Christmas.



Well done girls for your resilience and great performance!



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**REMINDER: PE KIT**

Now that the weather has turned colder please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for PE lessons. We are outside for most of our lessons so students need to dress appropriately. This includes the Ansford Hoodie only and black tracksuit bottoms. If they would like to wear a beanie hat or gloves then this is also ok, but coats and scarves are not permitted in PE lessons.

Can we also check that we have not gained any extra PE kit, as the PE department is running low on PE tops which were fully stocked at the beginning of the year! Please can we clearly name PE kit as it is extremely difficult to find lost kit that is not named!

**From Mrs Hardy-Stewart, Teacher of English and Oracy Co-ordinator****Youth Speaks and ESU teams update**

The Youth Speaks Intermediate team consisting of Ella S, Ella-MM and Josh B performed incredibly well at St Dunstan's School in Glastonbury. They had to face no less than 5 St Dunstan teams and a long wait before they spoke fifth out of six on their subject of 'Should schools put more practical skills on the curriculum'.

They all spoke really well and I commend them for resilience and courage on this, their first Youth Speaks. Elle-Mae was publically commended twice for her speech being so powerful especially for a Year 7. We narrowly missed second place to two very experienced, very confident St Dunstan's teams. A hearty well done.

The next day Tegan S, Ronnie B and Noah C had an online contest in the English Speaking Union first round. The caretaker passed the classroom at about 6.30 and would have seen four people intent on their computer screens either taking part as chair and questioner or standing up to perform their speech to a screen audience. This last was none other than the extraordinary orator Noah C who spoke on whether the reason aliens have not contacted us is because they think we are weird. Cue Star Trek and ET references and lots of mind-blowing facts and theories.

Tegan chaired with great confidence and wisdom and Ronnie took to the role of questioner effortlessly. There were six teams for them too and...they got through to the next round!

If you have been following this story, you will be thinking what about the Youth Speaks senior teams? Their event



## From Mrs Hardy-Stewart, Teacher of English and Oracy Co-ordinator

has been postponed and is now happening at Ansford on the evening January 15th. We have two teams competing: the Ansford Originals (Noah C, Liam H and Tom G) and To be or not to Be (Tegan S, Will R and Maddie J) speaking respectively on Prisons and Euthanasia.

I will report on their competition in the next instalment....

## From Mr Newbury, Head of Year 11

### Visit from Ansford Alumni

Year 11 were lucky enough to receive a talk from two ex Ansford Students this week about the process of going to University.

The Year 11's were able to ask questions and get a feel for how they want to move forward in their own futures.

We hope this has given them some inspiration and food for thought!



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## From Mrs Rice, Head of English

### Goat Tales - Edition 6 - December 2024

A new editorial team has been working on the latest edition of G.O.A.T. Tales. It's hot off the press and you can read it [here](#).

# G.O.A.T. Tales

## Winter Edition December 2024



## From Reception

### Return of Borrowed Uniform

Over the course of the autumn term, we have loaned lots of uniform in the form of ties, blazers, skirts. We are now at a critical low of uniform (particularly blazers and ties) to loan out. Please may we ask that all borrowed items be returned so our stocks can be replenished.

We will now keep a log of borrowed uniform - if borrowed uniform is not returned we will charge the cost of the item from our Second-hand Uniform Shop.



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## From Miss Voit

### Sweet Tubs calling!

It's that time of year again!!!!

If any families have any sweet tubs (Hero's, Swizzels sweets etc.) and you don't need them anymore please can I have them for students to take their food home in! Do drop them into Reception.

## From Wendy Watson, Careers Advisor

### Ansford Own - News from our Alumni...

Lilija Andrews – Class of 2023 is in the second year of her Education T level at Strode College. She explains the benefits of studying a T level...

I chose a T level because I liked the sound of practical study mixed in with theory, this also meant that some of the work and assessments would also be done practically and not be all written. Part of the course is a regular industry placement, which gives a real feel of what a career would look like. Although when I started the T level I wasn't sure if I wanted to be a primary school teacher, my work placement at a primary school has confirmed this is what I want to do and is providing me with lots of real life experience which is supporting my university application and interviews.



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From Wendy Watson, Careers Advisor

**STRODE**  
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**Education & Early Years T LEVEL**

**Meet Lilija**

I'm really enjoying my T Level, and my work placement at West Pennard School, they are really supporting me. I love seeing what I've learned in the classroom come to life during my placement. It's confirmed that I want to be a primary school teacher. I really enjoy making a difference, and one pupil even said, 'Thank you for making me like school again.' I'm hoping to go to University next year to study Primary Education with QTS.

Good luck with your University applications, Lilija!

Want to find out more about T levels? <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>.

#### Post 16 Applications and Next Steps for Year 11

All Year 11 student families have been sent a letter this week with an update on the Post 16 process, it is also on our website under the 'Letters Home' area [here](#).

#### Somerset Sustainable Futures Launch Event

A group of students from Years 7-9 attended the launch event for Somerset Sustainable Futures at Taunton Rugby Club recently. It was aimed at Children and Young People who want to make a difference to the future of Somerset and who recognise the impact of Climate Change and want to find out more about exciting careers and insights that can enable change.

The event saw exhibits and activities presented by local employers promoting Green Careers including Somerset Earth Science Centre, Wessex Water, National Trust, EDF, Agratas, UKHO (Hydrographic Office) and the



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## From Wendy Watson, Careers Advisor

Environment Agency. Students also had the opportunity to engage in a Youth Voice event and hear from a young Keynote speaker who is a Youth Climate Action Campaigner.

Year 9 student, Jane, said she enjoyed the event and hearing from the speakers about Green Careers and learning more about sustainability and climate action. She especially enjoyed making the rotors to run a windmill – and exceeded the highest score!



Are you interested in finding out more about Green Careers?

<https://www.greencareershub.com/> or <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/green-careers>.

## From Mrs Martin, Finance Manager

### Prom Committee Fundraising

We had an amazing hot dog sale last Friday, we sold out which was fantastic, raising a total of £72.00.

In addition, our Christmas Cake Sale this Tuesday was great fun, we offered everything from mince pies, to Christmas cookies and chocolate cupcakes. We raised a total of £114, which was fabulous.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with our fundraising efforts so far, watch this space for more events



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**From Mrs Martin, Finance Manager**

to come, including our popular quiz night.

**Non-Uniform Day**

Our non-uniform day on Friday 13th December raised £393.00. This is going towards Crisis at Christmas, which is the charity chosen by our Student Council - a very worthy cause.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

It was wonderful to see so many students wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday - we have raised £302, which will go to Save The Children.



From Mrs Clements, PFSA

Sound Lab Taster Session - Music Group for Neurodiverse Young People



**Sound Lab**  
**Taster Session**

MUSIC GROUP FOR NEURODIVERSE  
YOUNG PEOPLE



 **WINCANTON**

Join our **Sound Lab** taster session to collaborate, express your inner musicality and have fun through improvisation, songwriting, music technology, instrumental performance & games.

**When:**  
4.15-5.45pm on Tuesday  
Jan 14th

**Where:**  
The Balsam Centre,  
BA9 9HB

To book your place, contact:  
[mark@evolvemusic.org.uk](mailto:mark@evolvemusic.org.uk)



**Sound Lab Yeovil** is a weekly after-school creative music programme for young people aged 14+ with ASC and/or additional learning needs. No prior musical knowledge or experience required.

Sessions will take place **4.30-5.45pm** on **Tuesdays** from **Westlands Entertainment Venue (BA20 2DD)**. Starts **January 21st**

Contact [mark@evolvemusic.org.uk](mailto:mark@evolvemusic.org.uk) for further details

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**REMINDER: MHST (Mental Health Support Team)**

Self-care Advent Calendar from MHST.

# SELF CARE ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

Print your copy [here](#). Accompanying resources [here](#).



**From Caterlink, Canteen**

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will resume on Wednesday 8th January. Do be advised that there will be no Breakfast Club on the first day back in the new year.

Breakfast club is available from 8.30am - includes free porridge and other breakfast items for £1 or less (e.g. Bacon roll, Tater tots, Cereal & milk).

**REMINDER: Spending Limits**

If students have a daily spend limit on their account they will not be able to go over this, there are no exceptions. If you require an increase to the daily spend limit please contact Mrs Martin in Finance who can get this changed.



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## From Our Student Community

### Sarcoma Shining Star Awards, London

A huge well done to Mia in Year 8, who attended the Sarcoma Shining Star awards last week in London Mansion House. Mia was a runner up in the young voice award for her fundraising back in January where she raised £12,451!!



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## From Our Community

### Yeovil Town Women Youth

Yeovil Town Women Youth are looking to expand their girls section, and with this in mind are holding open training sessions in January.

They offer the chance for all girls to learn and play football in a fun and safe environment, with qualified and licenced coaches.



### Castle Cary Cricket Club Youth Section

Castle Cary Cricket Club Youth Section are offering winter training in the New Year!



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## Castle Cary Cricket Club Under 14s (Years 7 to 9) Winter Training

**Commences:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and then every other week  
(23<sup>rd</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April)

**Time:** 5pm to 6:30pm

**Venue:** Ansford Academy Sports Hall, Maggs Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ

**Cost:** £3 per sessions (first session free!!)



ECB Qualified Coaches



All Equipment provided



Team entered for summer league cricket

INTERESTED - PLEASE CONTACT STEVE MAYBURY ON  
[smaybury702@btinternet.com](mailto:smaybury702@btinternet.com) or 07715 966793



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