



2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Open Evening and Morning Tours for Potential New Students

Open Evening took place on Thursday 24th September and we had many visitors walk around the school. We have also welcomed many of them back this week on the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to tour the school whilst our current students are at work. On both occasions we have received so many positive comments which have been great to hear.

Assemblies this Week

Assemblies this week have covered Black History Month. It is important for our students to be aware of the role of different communities in building the history of our country. Year 9 students study the Bristol Bus Boycott in History which is something which happened very locally to us but had a lasting impact on how we respond today.

European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages took place on Thursday 24th September. We witnessed some amazing cakes being brought in to represent various countries which was wonderful to see. Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

Apprenticeship Fair at Ashton Gate

Students from Years 11, 12 and 13 attended the recent fair at Ashton Gate where information on a variety of different apprenticeships was showcased. Thank you to the staff who accompanied them on this visit.

Parking

Can I continue to ask parents and carers who drop their children at school to work with us with regards to pick-up and drop-off. Please do not stop or park on the zig-zag markings outside the school and give priority to school buses as they arrive before 8.30am. To help students make a positive start to the day, we ask that they arrive on site by 8.30am. The school gates close at 8.35am, and students should be seated in their tutor base by 8.40am. Where possible, we encourage families to use the Rugby Club for drop-off and collection, enabling students to enjoy some fresh air on the short walk to school along Chew Lane, while also helping to reduce congestion at the school entrance.

Information Evenings

With Year 11 and Year 9 Information Evenings taking place in the last few days, parents and carers from all years from Year 7 to Year 12 have had the chance to come in and hear about the year ahead. Many of these evenings were well attended, however we are aware that some people were not able to be there so we have looked to make sure that any resources used have been shared with everyone electronically. If you do have any questions then please do come back to us.

Roadworks in The Valley

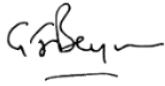
Can I thank everyone for their perseverance over the past two days linked to the roadworks and closures which have taken place in the Winford direction. We are aware that this has caused significant congestion at times.

Winter Illnesses

As we move into the winter months, we know that coughs, colds and other seasonal illnesses become more common. Regular attendance remains important, and we encourage families to send students to school where they are well enough to attend. NHS guidance advises that children can usually come to school with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or cough, unless they have a high

temperature. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please refer to the NHS guidance at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>. If your child does need to be absent due to illness, please inform the school as soon as possible. Please report all absences through the MCAS app or website <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>.

As I write this on Friday morning we are looking forward to the whole school taking part in the fun run around our site this afternoon; the sun is shining at the moment. Can I wish you a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Beynon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher