



Bankside School

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Visible Consistency, Visible Kindness

This week has proved as productive as ever with lots of hard work, visits and visitors.

On Monday, a group of youngsters when canoeing on the River Severn and had a thoroughly engaging and fun time. Enjoy the photos below!

College held an 'Employers' Evening' on Wednesday night, which involved lots of local businesses attending to learn about the School and College and what we offer our young people. The aim was not only to educate local business people but to open up opportunities for work experience for pupils both from the College and school. The evening was a huge success and we received lots of positive feedback.

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of our Community Officer coming into school to meet and chat informally with our pupils. They enjoyed answering questions during break time, bouncing on the trampoline when requested, as well as giving some of our older pupils the opportunity to take part in engaging activities.

We also had the opportunity to host the OFG 'Big Meeting' on Thursday, when OFG Central Services and lots of representatives from other schools and sections of the organisation come together to discuss key issues. We received lots of compliments about our learning environment and the behaviour and welcoming attitude of our pupils.

Word of the Week

As a school we continue to follow our 'Word Aware' focus. Each week we pick a word and explore it's meaning to extend vocabulary and to develop understanding of more complex words.

Next week, our Word of the week will be "Diversity".

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** School, we have a number of pupils who have allergies, this includes for some pupils, coconut allergy, please be mindful of pupils using sprays or body lotions as they can be sensitive to this.

Important Dates

Summer Term

Friday 20 th June	-	Annual reports to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 24 th June	-	Bennett's Working Farm trip
Wednesday 25 th June	-	Parents' and Carers' Evening
Thursday 26 th June	-	Whole School Transition Day
Friday 27 th June	-	Cricket Trip to WCC
Thursday 17 th July	-	Last day of term

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This Weeks Recognition...

- Bryan, Zena & Millie S – For completing their GCSE's - Well done! What an achievement!
- Laura and Dawn's English groups for embracing the 'Lit in Colour'. Making a poem from The British by Benjamin Zephaniah and rapping to Ramesh.
- Sylvie - For effectively reflecting and making good choices as a result of this. Very proud of her!
- Zak and Tom N - For their amazing engagement and enthusiasm in science this morning. It was a lovely lesson and they both worked really hard throughout.

Special Mention

Ollie V and Tom N – For their exceptional animations created using Blender.

Sports

Worcestershire Cricket Foundation are holding Super 1s at Barnards Green Cricket Club every Monday from 5-6pm.

You can read more here:

<https://www.lordstaverners.org/how-we-help/charitable-programmes/super-1s/>

<https://worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk/disability-cricket/super-1s-hubs/>



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Options Autism Podcast – Autism Unpacked

There are now 9 episodes available to watch/listen to discussing different topics around Autism. Please follow the link and you can see what each episode covers.

[Autism Unpacked Podcast - Options Autism](#)



Bankside College Employer Event

The college held an Employer event this week. The event was a great success and had a great turnout. We had some really positive feedback from employers on the presentation and tour of the college. Individual meetings have now been arranged to discuss exciting work experience opportunities for both Bankside School and College.



Visit from our Police Community Officer

This Thursday, our school partner PCSOs Karl and Peter visited Bankside School, to meet with leadership to facilitate collaborative work to support the school's safeguarding curriculum through workshop sessions and learning activities in relation to relevant key statutory content surrounding the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills our young people need to keep themselves safe.

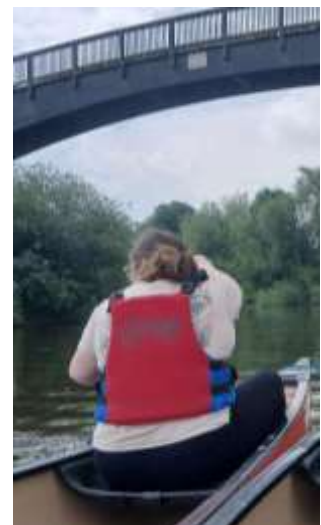
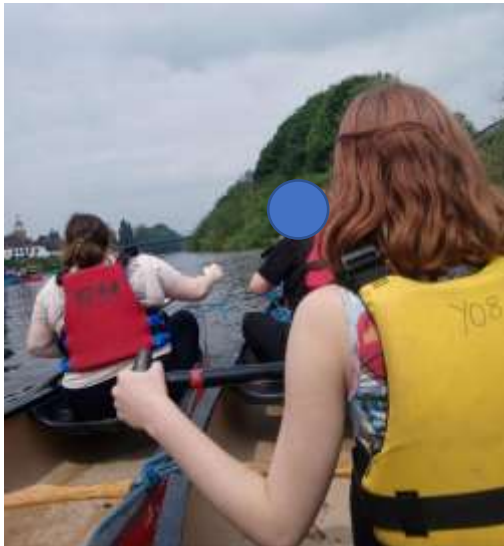
The visit was also an opportunity to strengthen the school's community ties and for the Officers to spend time with the young people at breaktime to answer their questions about the role of the Police in the community, their experiences and careers within uniform services, and even have a 'kick-around'.

Many of our young people engaged with this opportunity and were a credit to the school, asking relevant questions and showing a keen interest in the Officers' fascinating stories and engagement tools, including 'visual impairment goggles' that simulate the impacts of substances and medicines whilst driving!



Boundless – Canoeing

We had a really positive visit last week when canoeing on the River Severn down at Upton Marina. We had lots of fun and got very wet!



Taekwondo

This week, we were also very lucky to have an expert Taekwondo coach come into school and teach us some moves! Pupils engaged really well and got involved in developing their own personal abilities and skills.

