

# Newsletter

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Welcome to our latest newsletter – the term is properly underway now, with so much going on and so many important things to know. Hopefully this newsletter helps you to keep track of these things and gives a rich flavour of the inspiring experiences that are so important to our school community.



### Year 7 & 8 Activity Days



All of our Year 8 pupils took part in their term 1 Activity Days this week. On Tuesday, a number of organisations came into school to run a Careers Day and

This was followed by a trip to Ashton Court for team-building and adventure on their High-Ropes and zipline course.

The activities were designed to improve their team building skills, but also to place them outside of their comfort zones. There was a lot of apprehension at the beginning, but every pupil dared to give it a go. It was amazing to see how they empowered and inspired each other when they were taking part.

The feedback from the providers was amazing, they stated that BLC was one of the best groups that they had ever had. The coach drivers also thanked the year group for their respectful behaviour whilst travelling to and from the venue. We are very proud at how the students embraced the challenge and showed our Bridge Values.

#### **Year 7 Activity Days - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October** **Reminder**

It is the turn of our Year 7s in two weeks' time. Just a gentle reminder for families to complete the permission slip and payment of £10 via Arbor. Please could payments be made by the end of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to support us finalising plans for the trip.

### Year 7 Settling-In evening - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Year 7 families can now book appointments via Arbor for our Settling-in Evening – when you will have the chance to meet your child's subject teachers. Please book as many appointments as possible with all of your child's teachers.

If you have any questions or require any support with bookings, please contact Ms Lee or Ms Smith.

## Other progress meetings this term:

Nursery: Monday 20th, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Reception to Year 6: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Please sign up to these evenings on Arbor.**

## KS2 trip to the City Museum



Y3 – Y6 children had each had a wonderful day at the Bristol Museum. They know so much information about the Ancient Egyptians from our Opening Worlds curriculum already and it was fantastic to embed that knowledge further with a visit to the Egyptians exhibition.

They also enjoyed an Egyptian workshop where we got to investigate different artefacts from Egyptian times!

The children had great knowledge and guessed quite a few of the artefacts correctly!



## Wear Red Day – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

We will all be wearing something red (with our uniform) on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October as we [Show Racism the Red Card](#). The number of distressing events that have happened across our country in recent days and weeks is a horrible reminder that the need for robust anti-racism education is more crucial than ever. **Show Racism the Red Card** recognises the complexity and difficulty when teaching anti-racism and when promoting anti-racism within educational settings. We are proud to be anti-racist and we will show our support as a united community against racism next Friday.



We are inviting all students to take part by wearing a red top or a red item of clothing to school on the day. **Please note, this is not a full red outfit or costume day.** The rest of their clothing should be school uniform. We are kindly asking for a 50p donation - all funds raised will go towards supporting anti-racism education and initiatives.

## Secondary Uniform amendment

As communicated to parents/carers via email, there will be a small change to the school uniform policy from **Wednesday 5th November**, shaped by pupil and staff voice.

- Pupils are now required to wear **either** a school jumper **or** a blazer, along with their shirt and tie.
- There are **no other changes** to uniform.

### Why this change?

This update comes directly from pupil and staff feedback. Many pupils told us they wanted:

- **More choice** in what pupils wear each day (jumper or blazer).
- A uniform option that feels **comfortable** in all seasons.
- An approach that keeps uniform **affordable** and accessible for families.

Thank you for supporting this at home and for ensuring your child arrives at school with their full uniform every day.

## Farewell from me!

As I hope you are all aware from the recent letter to parents/carers, this will be my last term here at BLC. I will add a little more in my last newsletter in a fortnight's time, but I wanted to acknowledge today the genuinely warm response I have received from the pupils here, as this news has emerged. I have been a Headteacher here for just over seven years and it is the amazing pupils who have made it such a special place to work.

However, it is now time for a change (and a rest!) – I will be exceptionally sad to leave but sometimes the right decisions to take can be the hardest decisions to make. The Trust are putting plans in place for the interim leadership of the school and this will be shared with you in due course. Whatever this solution will be, please be reassured that it is all of the brilliant staff here that ensure your children experience the best, safest, happiest education on a daily basis. These staff will still be here next term and will still be going the extra mile (and more!) for your children. Please continue to give them your full support.

## Additional Staff Training Day

A reminder that there will be an **additional staff training day on Tuesday 4th November**. With a training day already scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, this means that **all pupils will return to Term 2 on Wednesday, 5th November** after the autumn holiday. Alongside the staff training, this will also give the interim school leaders the opportunity to work with the staff and ensure everything is ready for the new term.

We acknowledge any inconvenience that this may cause for parents/carers and thank you for your understanding as we continue to ensure BLC provides an excellent education for all pupils.

With best wishes,

Mr Maule



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- One-to-one emotional wellbeing and counselling via live chat or messaging
- Signposting to further support when needed

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