



SBL Academy

On the Radar



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. I would like to start by wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

You will no doubt be aware that we have a new praise and reward system at SBL Academy which looks to recognise and reward students when they go above and beyond in their school work or home study. The Praise Points system encourages students to be active and engaged in their learning and also creates a little bit of healthy classroom competition! The Student Council played an important role in developing the system and we have prioritised what rewards they think SBL students will value.

Students are able to gain praise points in every lesson, points can be given for the following reasons each of which are important characteristics that we look to develop in our students here at SBL Academy:

PRAISE & REWARDS Points in the classroom >>

Persistence

Responsibility

Attitude

Independence

Speaking

Extra effort



At various points over the course of the school year we look to see the top ten students who have received the most praise points in each year group. During the recent celebration assemblies, these students received SBL Academy fridge magnets and key rings.

At the end of Term 3 there will be a food

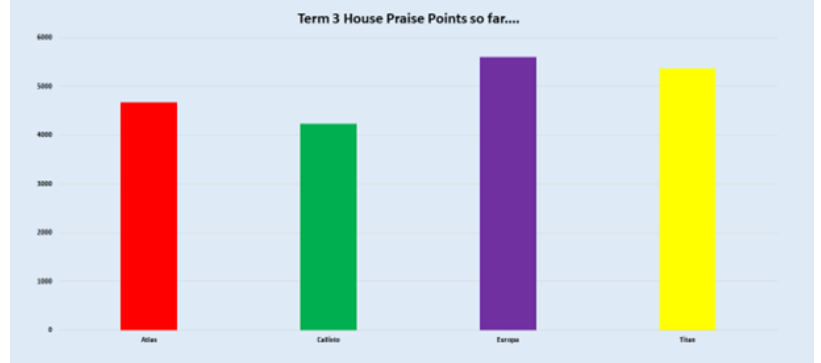
reward given to the Tutor group with the highest amount of points this term and this will be delivered to their Tutor classroom that break time.

The winning house at the end of the year will also be rewarded with a movie afternoon, complete with popcorn!

Mr Knowles

Assistant Principal

Term 3 Praise Point Leader Board so far.....



Key dates

Friday 3 February: Year 8 HPV immunisations

Tuesday 7 February: SEND parent/carer evening

Thursday 9 February: Y11/12/13 Art trip to the Tate Modern

Thursday 9 February: Last day of term 3

Friday 10 February: Inset day (school closed to students)

Monday 20 February: First day of term 4

Wednesday 22 February: Post-16 trip to Parliament

W/C Monday 27 February: Year 11 internal exams begin

Football at SBL

Before Christmas, I really enjoyed watching the World Cup and it was amazing watching one of the England group matches at school with friends when we won 6-1. It's something I will definitely remember for a long time and would love to happen again in the future. Also, the Year 7 and Year 8 football teams have been doing brilliantly recently. Unfortunately, the Year 8s lost recently in the cup but they have done us all proud.

Teddy, Year 7

Parking on North Street and in the SBL Sports Centre

We want to make it as easy as possible for students to be picked up and dropped off for school each day. This makes the lives of students and parents easier and (in theory) safer. Most of the time parents/carers do this with great care and courtesy.

Sadly, a small number of adults are not so courteous and park and/or drive in a way that causes concern and potential danger to adults, staff and student pedestrians alike.

In order to help provide clarity to road users we will be making some improvements shortly to the road markings in our sport centre to indicate where road users can park safely. We would also ask road users to obey the requested speed limits and crossings when driving near our school and when on our premises.

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and hopefully we will be able to keep the sports centre car park open for parents. If road use and parking does not improve then we will strongly consider closing access to our car park for drop off and pick up purposes.

Many schools have taken the decision to close access to spaces such as our sports centre car park due to unsafe driving but we hope and believe that this won't be necessary with the full co-operation of our community.

Future decisions will be strongly influenced by how drivers use the areas around our school in the days and weeks ahead. Hopefully no action will be necessary and we will keep you updated on how things progress via this newsletter.

Mr S White
Head of School

Game Donations

Dear Parent and Carers

We are asking for donations of games, jigsaws, board games, card games etc. that are still in good condition (no missing or broken parts for example) but are no longer needed or played with.

If you have some games like this in your cupboards at home, we would very much appreciate it if you could donate them to our SEND Lunch club.

Please ask the students to drop your donations to G32.

Thank you in advance for any donations we receive.

SEND Team

Inter-House Competition (December 2022)

Just before we broke up for Christmas, we had our first inter-house sports competition of the year. The girls took part in bench ball and the boys took part in a Futsal Street (4v4 football) competition. The atmosphere was amazing and all of the students took part with great energy and enthusiasm. The winners from each year group and overall are below:

	Boys	Girls
7P	Atlas	Atlas
7S	Atlas	Callisto
8P	Europa	Titan
8S	Titan	Europa
9P	Atlas	Atlas
9S	Titan	Titan
10P	Callisto	Atlas
10S	Callisto	Atlas

Overall winner was: **Atlas**

Sports Council



We had a fantastic number of applications to be part of the sports council this year and following elections by their peers, we are pleased to introduce the SBL sports council for 2023. These students will be working alongside the PE department to help drive changes that will make the experience of all students better, both inside and outside the classroom. Well done to you all and we cannot wait to start working with you.

Mr Shiells

Year 7 Humanities trip to Bristol

Bristol – the place where we live and work and one of the UK's most vibrant and thriving cities with a rich and varied history. It's no surprise then that the city is really important in our learning across the Humanities subjects (History, Geography and Values and Beliefs) here at SBL. So with that in mind Year 7 headed out from the academy to do some learning about the city during the Year 7 Humanities trip and here's what we got up to...

First it was a visit to Bristol Cathedral to link in with our Values and Beliefs learning about Abrahamic religions. The Cathedral is one of Bristol's most recognisable buildings and inside we toured the building, looking at monuments and important items used for Christian worship, such as the altar and font. We had time to sit in the nave – the main part of the building – and look up at the roof and to admire the stained glass windows. There has been a Christian place of worship on the site of the cathedral since 1148 with the current building dating from 1539. The cathedral is also home to some of the finest Norman architecture anywhere in the world (in the Chapter House) dating from the Norman Conquest.



Just across the floating harbour is the M Shed Museum, built in a former warehouse and dedicated to the people's history of Bristol. Here we had the chance to see an original Lodekka bus built in Bristol, view a second world war air raid shelter and see an infamous book made from human skin. We explored the rich and varied History of Bristol told through the people of the city and the neighbourhoods where they live. Knowing that much of Bristol's development was due to its use as a port, next we had a walking tour of the floating harbour to link with urban development and renewal work in Geography.

A theme running through the day was Bristol's link with slavery. Often controversial, clues of past links to slavery can be found around the centre. We looked at the plinth where the statue of slave trader Edward Colston stood before it was pulled down. This was a great opportunity to see first hand what's in our curriculum as all students get the chance to learn and reflect on Bristol's links with slavery in the KS3 History curriculum. More links were found back in the Cathedral where work is under way to fund and design a memorial to slavery victims. We also saw displays and exhibitions dedicated to slavery as well as a plaque on the outside of the M Shed.



Mr Hill and the Humanities Department

How is Bristol covered in the KS3 Humanities curriculum?

Learning about Bristol and the local community is key theme running across the KS3 Humanities curriculum.

Here's how:

History

- The Norman Conquest
- Life in Medieval Bristol
- Bristol and the Slave Trade
- Bristol and The Empire

Geography:

- Bristol and urbanisation

Values and Beliefs

- Places of worship in Bristol
- Sikhism in Bristol and the UK



Extra Curricular Clubs

Monday:

CT	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
Library	Chess and Scrabble Club	All	Monday	Lunch-time	Library
MFL	French - Cultural Awareness	7	Monday	Lunch-time	A G28 B G29
MFL	Spanish - Cultural Awareness	7	Monday	Lunch-time	G 27
Science	Science Home Study Club	All	Monday week A	Lunch-time	M42
Other	DoE	9	Monday	3:05 - 4:05	M90

Tuesday:

CT	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
PE	KS4 Badminton	10,11	Tuesday	3.05 - 4.05	Sports Hall
PE	KS3 Netball	7,8,9	Tuesday	3.05 - 4.05	Courts
PE	Year 11 Football	11	Tuesday	3.05 - 4.15	Astro
PE	Year 9 Football	9	Tuesday	3.05 - 4.15	Astro
PE	Post-16 Football	12, 13	Tuesday	3.05 - 4.15	Astro
C&M	Year 8/9 Art Club	8,9	Tuesday	3.10 - 4.10	G61
Comp	Computing Club	7,8,9	Tuesday	3:10 - 4:10	M53
DT	Product Design club	7,8,9,10	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15	M37
DT	Fashion Designing	7,8,9	Tuesday (Term 2 only)	3:15 - 4:15	M51
DT	Experimental Art Textiles	7,8,9	Tuesday (Terms 3 and 6 only)	3:15 - 4:15	M51

Wednesday:

CT	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
Computing	Computer Games	All	Wednesday	Lunch-time	M53
PE	Year 8 Football Girls Football		Wednesday	3.05 - 4.30	Astro
PE	KS3 Badminton	7,8,9	Wednesday	3.05 - 4.05	Sports Hall
English	Poetry and Creative Writing	All	Wednesday, week A	3.05 - 4.00	E4
English	KS3 Home Study Club	7,8,9	Wednesday	3.05 - 4.00	E5
C&M	Theatre technician training	All	Wednesday	3.05 - 4.15	M90
C&M	Year 8/9 Media Club	8,9	Wednesday (term 2 on-wards)	3.10 - 4.10	G61
Computing	Programming Club	10,11	Wednesday	3:10 - 4:10	M53
C&M	Uke Box! (Ukulele Group)	All	Wednesday	Lunch-time	M93

Thursday:

	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
PE	KS4 Netball	10,11	Thursday	3.05 - 4.05	Courts
PE	Year 7 & 8 football	7,8	Thursday	3.05 - 4.05	Astro
Science	STEM Club	7,8,9	Thursday week A	3:10 - 3:55	M42
Hums	Debate club	All	Thursday week A	3:05 - 4:05	G21
Hums/Sci	Sustainability Club	All	Thursday	3:05 - 4:05	wk A – M44 wk B – G58
C&M	SBL Band	All	Thursday	3:05 - 4:15	M93
MFL	Home Study Drop In	7,8,9	Thursday	3.05 - 3.45	G 30
DT	KS3 Engineering club	7,8,9	Thursday (term 1 only)	3:15 - 4:15	Workshop
DT	KS3 Engineering club	7,8,9	Thursday (term 5 only)	3:15 - 4:15	Workshop

Friday:

CT	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
Library	Book Club	All	Friday (Term 2 onwards)	Lunch-time	Library
Library	Board Game Club & MakerSpace	All	Friday (Term 2 onwards)	15.05-16.05	Library
Other	LGBTQIA+	All	Friday	Lunch-time	Library
C&M	Choir	All	Friday	Lunch-time	M93

Additional new clubs starting up soon

CT	Extra-curricular club	Years	Day	Time	Location
Science	MedSoc@SBL	10,11,12	TBC (starting in Novem-)	3:15 - 4:15	M32
C&M	Year 8/9 Photography Club	8,9	TBC (from term 2)	3.10 - 4.10	G61
C&M	SBL Production – Songs/ scenes from the shows	All	TBC (from term 3)	tbc	M90/M93
DT	KS3 Welding club/metal fabrication	7,8,9	TBC (from term 2)	3:15 - 4:15	Workshop



Kingswood Foodbank
Bourne Christian Centre
Waters Rd
Bristol BS15 8BE

2nd January 2023

The staff, pupils and their families
Sir Bernard Lovell Academy

Dear All,

KINGSWOOD FOODBANK

I write on behalf of the Kingswood Foodbank team to thank you, your staff, the pupils and their parents for yours and their support during the calendar year 2022.

The Kingswood Foodbank first opened in November 2013 but I hold records dating back only to 2017. In that year we fed 1,177 people. In 2019, the last full year before Covid, we fed 1,405. In 2020 we fed 3,083 and in 2021 it was 3,571. But last year we fed an incredible 4,485!

Luckily for us and those people, donations have also increased and we have always been able to meet the demand. Your school and its supporters have played an important part in this with your recent donation totaling over 415Kg.

Once again, thank you ever so much for your support.

Best wishes,

Peter Shears

SCOPAY

Dear SCOPAY User

We have been working on improving your customer experience to make it easier for you to check out when paying for items in SCOPAY. There are two noticeable changes:

Any saved card information that you had previously stored will have been lost so you will need to re-save your card information if required. The checkout screen has now changed and will look slightly different. We hope you enjoy the changes that we have made and how easy it is to pay by SCOPAY.

Best wishes

SCOPAY



Music workshop with.....

Classico Latino

Do you play **Strings, Piano, Percussion** or **Sing** at grade 2-5 standard? If so, come and join us for a Latin music workshop.

For more information and to sign up visit:

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Come and play Latin Style Music with Classico Latin on 10th or 11th March 2023

Concert 11th March 2023 at 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Wrington

Classico Latino was born in 1998 following a chance encounter between Colombian pianist Ivan Guevara and English cellist Graham Walker. Ever since, the group has developed its uniquely powerful blend of Classical finesse and Latino flair, releasing five studio albums and entertaining audiences from Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London to the foothills of the Colombian Andes.

This exciting ensemble will be joining us to run workshops for young instrumentalists playing at grade 2-5 level who would like to experience Latin Music and the excitement of this style (no exams need to have been taken). Following the workshop, on Saturday March 11th you will be invited to perform with Classico Latino at their evening concert taking place at All Saints Church, Wrington at 7.30pm.

This is a really exciting and rare opportunity. Sign up below before places disappear!

Join us if you play:

- Piano
- Percussion
- Strings (violin/viola/cello/double bass)
- Singer

When: **Friday 10th March 2023: 5pm-7pm**
at St. Gregory's College, Combe Hay Ln, Odd Down, Bath BA2 8PA

OR

Saturday 11th March 2023: 10am-12noon
at Backwell School, Station Road, North Somerset BS48 3BZ

Concert: 11th March, 7:30pm-9:30pm, All Saints Church, Wrington BS40 5FL

****Tickets can be purchased at a reduced rate for parents/carers of students attending the concert. Please email holly@churchillmusic.org.uk to purchase.****

For more information about Classico Latino, visit classicolatino.com. Classico Latino will also be joined by special guest international violinist Harriet Mackenzie (harrietmackenzie.com)

You can contact us at musicservice@southglos.gov.uk
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Flu vaccines still available



For children in
Reception to
Year 9

If your child is in Reception to Year 9 It is not too late for your child to receive their Flu vaccine.

Community clinics are still running offering both nasal flu and the injectable (gelatine free) vaccines and can be booked at imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2022/bookflu or by calling **0300 124 5515** or emailing sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net



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- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Eating disorder awareness
- Dental health
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