

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 19th April 2024

As you know, I am so proud of the staff team we have at Court Fields, who are without doubt, the best group I have ever worked with and I am thrilled to announce some wonderful news this week regarding two of our staff. I am delighted that Adam Etherington has been shortlisted as a Finalist in the Unsung Hero category in The Pearson National Teaching Awards 2024 and Charity Hunt was Highly Commended in the same category. This is a stunning achievement and recognises the outstanding work that Adam and Charity do for our community. Adam now goes through to the Finals later this term and fingers crossed, may even be a Gold Award winner. We wish Adam the best of luck for the final judging. We will be proudly celebrating Adam, Charity and all our colleagues on National Thank a Teacher Day on 19th June, when all the results will be announced. What a lovely way to end the week!! Have a great (hopefully sunny!) weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews

Year 10 Mock Interviews

We were so proud of all of our Year 10 students who attended their mock interview on Wednesday. Their prompt attendance and mature approach demonstrated that they were ready to face the challenge, which for many was quite daunting. All our students said that, no matter how nervous



or worried they may have been beforehand, they left their interviews with a real sense of achievement, many looking much taller than when they arrived and the smiles were good to see.

Awards were given to 32 students, all recognised for an interesting or engaging interview, or for overcoming their initial nerves and holding a conversation. Milly H was this year's overall winner, scoring maximum points for her answers, appearance, preparation and interaction with her interviewer. "Everything about this young lady was so wonderful, I hope she enjoyed the interview as much as I did." Liam B and Zedrick V were just behind Milly on points so worthy runners up.



We have already received lots of positive feedback from our interview panel. We are so grateful to them for taking the time to support our students. From both the private and public sector, from local to national organisations, the business community have made a lasting contribution to the future of these students.



A huge thank you to all of those that got involved, we look forward to welcoming you back to Court Fields School for Mock Interviews 2025. If you are interested in supporting our Careers Curriculum, please get in touch with Charity Hunt, via email at chunt@courtfields.bep.ac.

Madagascar Week

22nd-26th April

Our Madagascar Week starts on Monday and we have a range of activities planned to help raise money. These images are from the pre-school that has recently been opened, following our previous fundraising.



Whole school fundraising :

- Tutor group penny jar challenge. Collect as much change as possible in a jar!
- Tutor group sponsored silence.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 26th April (£1 donation to be paid in advance via Scopay by Friday 19th at 4pm or in cash to tutors/finance by Tuesday 23rd April).
- Cake sale at break time on Friday 26th April.



Bronze Medal winner!

Congratulations to Jessica V who has won a European Bronze Medal for Gymnastics, after recently competing in Portugal with the GBR Junior and Senior squad.



She has also been selected on to the British Gymnastics Performance Pathway, plus she's been asked to be an Ambassador by Milano Pro Sport - one of the UK's largest leotard and GBR kit supplier! Well done Jess.

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Stand Against Violence and Somerset Road Safety

We have been fortunate to secure funding for guest speakers from Stand Against Violence and Somerset Road Safety to deliver assemblies to Year 8, 9 and 10 this half term. On Thursday 25th April Year 9 and 10 will attend the session on anti-social behaviour and knife crime. This links with the arrival of the Knife Angel being displayed in Taunton during April. On Monday 29th April, Year 8 and 9 will attend the road safety session.

The content covers all aspects of road safety & anti-social behaviour, including knife crime. This is an excellent opportunity to further educate our students in line with our PSHCE curriculum and safeguarding commitment. The assembly may include some hard-hitting content, but all is checked to be age appropriate.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact swestwood@courtfields.bep.ac.

Golf Championships

A big well done to talented year 7 golfer George H who competed for Court Fields in the Somerset Schools Golf Championships recently. George competed against students from Year 7 to Year 11. George finished an amazing 8th out of over 70 competitors. Well done George!



Save the date!



Please join our next meeting



Junior South West Chef of the Year

Entries for the Junior South West Chef of the Year are now open and we would love for all the year 10 Food Tech students to enter. We will complete the entries in school, but clearly with a competition of this nature, parental/carer support is important and we know that your child would welcome your opinion and thoughts when considering what dishes to enter.

The Year 10's have certainly developed their practical skills this year and it would be brilliant if they all entered! We will work through their chosen dishes in school to support the students and we will leave it up to them to decide if they want to submit an entry or not. Find out more at <https://www.southwestchef.co.uk/how-to.../junior-chef-entry/>.

Entries for South West Junior Chef of the Year 2024 are open! (aged 11-16) southwestchef.co.uk



Entries close 21st May 2024

Prom tickets!



Don't forget to buy your Year 11 prom tickets, available on Scopay now! This year, prom will take place on Friday 5th July, with arrivals from 6pm. Tickets are £34, including a welcome drink, food, entertainment, photo booth and awards ceremony.

DIARY DATES

- 20th April**
Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk
- 22nd-26th April**
Madagascar Week
- 25th April**
University of Bath trip
- 26th April**
Dress down day for Madagascar
- 3rd May**
Year 10 Reports to parents
- 4th May**
Exmoor Challenge
- 6th May**
Bank holiday
- 10th May-19th June**
Year 11 GCSE exams
- 14th May**
Parent & Community group meeting
- 8th May**
Year 8 Parents evening
- 24th May**
Last day of term
- 3rd June**
Return to school
- 22nd-30th June**
Spain trip
- 24th-26th June**
Enrichment Week
- 27th & 28th June**
Inset Days
- 5th July**
Year 11 Prom
- 22nd & 23rd July**
Activity days
- 23rd July**
Last day of term
- 24th July**
Inset Day

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