

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

**23rd January 2026**

This week has been a busy one with our Staff & Year 11 Netball Match (a narrow win for the student team despite the best efforts of Mr Seaton!!), our Youth Speaks Teams doing so well, the latest Parent & Community Group Meeting, the Year 11s working through their 6-week run-in to the second PPEs, and of course, Year 9's Futures Programme, preparing them for their forthcoming options choices.

Thank you for everything you do to support, from collecting from fixtures to prompting revision, as it all makes a real difference! Have a lovely weekend, stay warm and dry! Mrs Matthews

### Youth Speaks

Huge congratulations to our Youth Speaks competitors! On Saturday 17th January, two talented groups of students represented our school at the Youth Speaks Competition at Wellington School — and they were outstanding.

After weeks of preparation, rehearsals, and refining their speeches, all six students delivered their ideas with confidence, clarity, and real passion. Their hard work truly shone through.

A massive well done to Olivia, Aimee, and Reiniel, and to Beatrice, Nicole, and Oscar from Year 9 for speaking so brilliantly and representing the school with such maturity and enthusiasm.

We are incredibly proud of you all!



### Sports News

1) It was great fun for the Year 8 B team footballers who enjoyed a CVL at Castle against the other local schools, last week. The boys did superbly, winning lots of games, scoring lots of goals and bringing a fantastic attitude. Thanks to Miss Cridge for taking the boys!

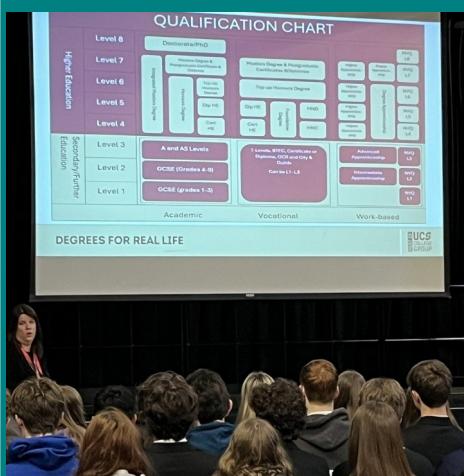


2) Great wins for both our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams this week vs Pyrland. Well done to all involved!

### UCS College Talk

Jenna from UCS College Group talked all things Higher Education (HE) to our Year 11s this week.

With a key focus on the main differences between the HE apprenticeship and university route, students got an understanding of the exciting opportunities available to them IF they take the time to find them.



### Fencing Qualifiers

On Sunday, Will C, Jess M, Elsie G, Kai D & Harrison S, all competed in the South West England Fencing Qualifiers for the British Youth Championships, held at Millfield School. William and Jess took 3rd place medals in their categories and Elsie 7th in a tough competition. All are now going forward to compete in the British Youth Championships in Sheffield in May. Well done all!



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**WISE UP WORKSHOPS**  
Empowering Parent Carers to succeed

**Numbers Unlocked: A Parent's Guide to Dyscalculia**

Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 18.30-20.30 - Online

This workshop will help you understand what **Dyscalculia** is, how it can affect learning daily life and provide supportive strategies to help your child thrive. You'll gain a deeper understanding of maths-related learning difficulties and leave with effective strategies to support.

An accessible, hands-on workshop for parents, packed with proven strategies to help children develop confidence in maths.

**Details:**

- Practical activities.
- Engaging games.
- Useful resources that make numbers less daunting and everyday maths more manageable.

These sessions are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.

**Book now:** [www.somersetparentcarersforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshop/](http://www.somersetparentcarersforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshop/)

## Author Visit

We are thrilled to announce that local author Emma Betteridge will be visiting our library at lunchtime on Tuesday 27th January, Tuesday 3rd and 10th February.

Emma will be sharing her journey as a writer and leading a story and book club for Year 7 students. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire a love of reading in our students.

We're excited to be welcoming Emma and hope to see plenty of students coming along to meet her and join in the sessions!




**WE ARE HIRING**

**BLACKDOWN EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**  
PART OF SOUTHERN TRUST

### Job Opportunities

We're recruiting for a Design and Technology Technician and a Cover Supervisor!

More details and applications can be found here:  
<https://www.eteach.com/careers/courtfields>

### Big Schools' Birdwatch

The RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, that was meant to be taking place on Wednesday has been postponed due to the weather!

Eco Club students will instead take part in the Birdwatch next Wednesday, 28th.

**Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026**

Big Schools' Birdwatch is back for 2026! Join thousands of other schools to find out which birds visit your school grounds. Together, we can make it count.

[Sign up >](#) [Submit your results >](#)

## Diary Dates

**24th-31st January**  
Ski Trip

**27th January**  
Hinkley Point C trip

**4th February**  
Trip to Oxford University

**5th February**  
Plymouth Aquarium trip

**Battle of the Bands**

**5-6th February**  
Year 11 College Interviews

**9th February**  
Trip to Exeter College

**Somerset Sustainable Futures Event**

**11th February**  
Prefects Assembly

**12th February**  
Year 9 Futures Evening

**16-20th February**  
Half term

**23rd February**  
Return to school

Find all term dates here:  
[www.courtfields.net/term-dates.htm](http://www.courtfields.net/term-dates.htm)

**COURT FIELDS SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS** **2026**

THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEB

6PM DOORS OPEN  
6:30PM SHOW STARTS

**Tickets:**  
Adult: £3  
Child: £2  
Family: £8

**SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS**

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/COURT-FIELDS-SCHOOL/](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/court-fields-school/)

## PARENT WELLBEING

HOW PARENTS CAN CONNECT MORE AND WORRY LESS ABOUT THEIR TEENAGERS





**RACHEL KELLY**

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**  
2PM - 3PM

**THE KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB**  
4 HIGH STREET  
WELLINGTON

Join us for a free drop-in session with bestselling author and mental health advocate Rachel Kelly.

A relaxed and welcoming space for parents and carers to hear Rachel's story, ask questions, and connect over shared experiences.

**HOT DRINKS INCLUDED** **WELCOMING SPACE FOR FAMILIES** **BOOK RAFFLE FOR ATTENDEES**

**NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST DROP IN!**

Questions? [taurus@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:taurus@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk)

## YOUTH FORUM

# Your Voice Your Future

Are you 11-18 (or up to 25 with SEND) and live in Somerset? Join the Somerset Youth Forum - your space to share ideas, speak up, and shape change on what matters most to YOU.

Youth Forum meets on Microsoft Teams at 5.00-6.30pm

The next three Youth Forum meetings are:

Wednesday 28 January	Wednesday 25 February	Wednesday 25 March
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For more information and to sign up, scan the QR code opposite or send us an email at [participationmailbox@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:participationmailbox@somerset.gov.uk)



## SAVE THE DATE

# PROM 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026  
Details to follow!

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