

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 26th November 2021

Thank you as always for your support this week. We have had a very busy week with Year 11 PPEs taking place. Our students have worked hard to prepare and sit the exams, and we have been very impressed with their commitment. Our students have also been taking part in events to support others and highlight our commitment to a supportive and diverse community: Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need and Football Shirt Friday, and we look forward to Rainbow Laces Day in two weeks. Despite the absences due to ongoing Covid isolations we raised £572.15 and counting for Children in Need. We are still collating the money raised for the Bobby Moore Foundation via Football Shirt Friday.

We have such a wonderful community, and I'm very grateful for your support and hard work in keeping our school improving. I hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews



### Rainbow Laces Day 2021

This year's Rainbow Laces Day will be held on Wednesday 8th December. Communities are stronger when everyone feels welcome, and it's down to all of us to make that happen. That's why we, alongside sports performers, teams and organisations across the U.K. stand alongside Stonewall in promoting equality and diversity. We'll celebrate the impact that sport has on LGBTQ+ people, and the impact that LGBTQ+ people have on sport, share stories and consider how we can all play our part in making sport everyone's game. Find out more about the #RainbowLaces movement and buy your laces here: [www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/rainbow-laces](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/rainbow-laces)



### College taster days - dates for your diary



February will see an opportunity for students to visit BTC and attend a taster session, so if your child is **Year 11** and has applied to BTC, why not attend and start familiarising yourself with your new surroundings? Or, if your child is undecided they can go and take a look! For Year 10 this is a great opportunity to start looking at what's available on your doorstep.

**Taunton Campus** - Wednesday 23rd February 9.30am - 2.30pm

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/february-school-leavers-taster-day-taunton-campus/>

**Bridgwater & Cannington Campuses** - Thursday 24th February 9.30am - 2.30pm

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/february-school-leavers-taster-day-bridgwater-cannington-campuses-2/>

### Sign up to receive careers alerts direct!

Many employers are providing careers insights via online platforms during the COVID-19 outbreak. These range from useful video content to interactive workplace engagement across many industries. To ensure you are aware of the latest opportunities that may be of interest to your child, please sign-up for careers information alerts at [www.somerset-ebp.co.uk](http://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk).



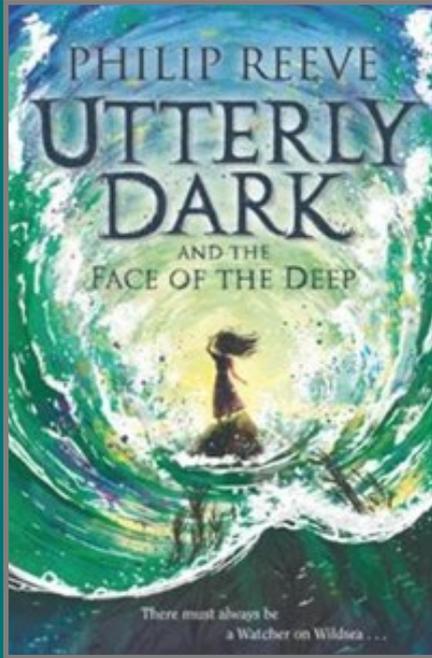
### Chess Club

The Chess Club Christmas party is on Tuesday the 7th of December, this is in our normal chess club time and is to celebrate with our regular members. We are now almost full on a Tuesday due to an increase in new members, which is brilliant!

I have had requests to start a Year 7 Chess Club so we will be looking at starting this after the Christmas break. If you have a Year 7 student at home who is interested, then please remind them to check their emails next week as there will be information sent to them on their school account.

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**Book of the Week: Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep By Phillip Reeve**



The Watcher of Wildsea has always been a Dark. But when Andrew Dark drowns, there is no obvious successor. His brother is away in London and has been out of touch for years so, although he is sent for straight away, it falls to Mr Dark's ward, Utterly, to keep watch until he arrives. Determined to do the best job she can, Utterly goes looking for answers to explain the last few strange entries in Mr Dark's log but all she finds are more questions. Do the myths and legends that influence daily life on Wildsea exist because the island-dwellers have attempted to explain extraordinary natural phenomena? Or could the stories of the Gorm and its wrathful destruction be true, after all? In this tense and exciting supernatural thriller, readers are immediately immersed in the magic and mystery of a community with its own superstitions, customs and odd inhabitants. The sea is an ever-present threatening entity. The beaches are dangerous and the water harbours secrets and unspeakable monsters. It's not immediately clear who the "good guys" are in this story, which makes it a great edge-of-seat adventure for those who like a book to keep them guessing to the end.

Don't forget courtfields.net has lots of links, including to our Reading Cloud, Accelerated Reader and SORA for eBooks. Post your reviews and you can still do your quizzes. Remember your logon for Reading Cloud and Accelerated Reader is the same as when you use the school computers, and your password is your date of birth.

**Electronic data collection**

We are rolling out our annual data collection electronically this year as part of our drive to reduce unnecessary paper communications. Links have already gone out to our Year 11 parents and will follow to Year 10 – 8 over the next couple of weeks . Our Year 7 students have already completed new student packs, so will not need to do this. The aim is to make this a much simpler system for parents to check information we hold is correct, and to give the consents we need for routine activities. If you have issues accessing IT, then a paper booklet can be made available for you. This is a new system for us so please do contact the school office if you have any issues. Thank you for your support. The Front Office Team

**Celebrating student success**

Last weekend Jessica V and Honey M (last year's Court Fields student) attended an England DMT squad training camp at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, the home of British Gymnastics.

The girls have been on squad for the last 2 years and train at Lilleshall 5 or 6 times a year. Current World Champion on trampoline Bryony Page, the Olympic gymnasts and all elite gymnasts train at Lilleshall.

Jessica is aiming to compete for England next year in Sweden and Portugal and is also hoping to step up to the GB squad in 2022.



**Reminder - temporary change to School lunch break**

Year 11 students will be taking exams in school from Tuesday 23rd November to Friday 3rd December.

During this time we will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School. This change is to support Year 11. **From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00** (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00).

All other times will remain the same.



**Forward Diary Dates**

17th December - Last day of term, early finish at 12.45pm

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