



Dates to remember

- 2nd November - Start of Term 2
- 5th November - Exams start
- 12th November - Year 11 tutor evening
- 18th November - Year 9 PLAN Black Country visit
- 19th November - Year 9 parent information evening
- 24th November - Ski presentation to parents
- 26th November - Year 9 ETS Black Country visit
- 27th November - End of exams

A reminder that a senior member of staff is available every morning between 8.00am - 8.30am to speak to parents, without the need to make an appointment.

Year 11 Tutor Evening - 12th November

Letters will be coming home shortly with details of the Year 11 Tutor Evening. Students should make appointments direct with their Tutor so please try to keep this time free as it is very important for you and your child to attend

Sir Bernard Lovell School News

Dear Parents

International Enterprise Hub



Our new International Enterprise Hub was officially opened on 9th October. Students will now be able to talk to and see students around the world at the touch of a button with the opening of the new Communication Centre, which is designed to link the school with other schools around the globe in countries like Taiwan and Tanzania. The state-of-the-art video conferencing suite was unveiled in front of Taiwanese dignitaries, students, South West MEP Graham Watson and local businesses.

The Sir Bernard Lovell School is at the forefront of 14-19 education in the country and has been recognised with the full International School Award. We have also received the British Council Link2Learn competition for secondary schools. Funding for this will enable us to develop our links with India for work on astronomy.

SWINE FLU

Important Notice from the Health Protection Agency

Do you think your child has swine flu?

Do they have a **high temperature** (38°C or above) and **two or more** of the following symptoms:

Cough or shortness of breath, loss of appetite, aching muscles, chills, runny nose/sneezing, diarrhoea/vomiting, tiredness, limb or joint pain, sore throat, headache?

If so, please do not bring them in! Please take your child home and contact either:

The National Pandemic Flue Service: www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk

Tel: 0800 1 513 100/minicom: 0800 1 513 200

Or your GP if

- your child is under 12 months old
- your child has underlying health problems
- their condition is still getting worse after five days
- their condition suddenly gets much worse at any time

Swine flu is generally mild and most people recover at home. For more information on swine flu visit www.nhs.uk or www.hpa.org.uk

Young Carers

Is there someone in your family looking after someone who is sick or disabled? www.youngcarers.net is an organisation set up to chat, for advice, information and support.

Change4Life

How many ways are you changing to lead a healthier, happier life? Here are 8 suggestions to help you eat well, move more and live longer.

1. **Sugar swaps** - I'm swapping sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice
2. **Meal time** - I'm eating 3 meals a day - including a healthy school lunch

3. **Me size meals** - I'm eating meals that are the right size for my age - not as big as a grown up's
4. **Snack check** - Lots of snacks are full of fat, sugar and salt, so I'm eating healthy snacks!
5. **5 a day** - I'm trying to eat 5 portions of fruit and veg every day
6. **Cut back fat** - My family are changing how we cook to make our meals more healthy
7. **60 active minutes** - I'm spending at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day
8. **Up and about** - After I've been sitting still for a while, I'm jumping up and doing something more active

Want more tips to help you stay healthy? - go to www.Change4Life

Students who cycle to School

It is good to see more students cycling to school, but it has been noticed that very few are wearing cycle helmets or reflective clothing, which could be dangerous as the evenings get darker. Could we ask parents to consider providing this equipment to keep students as safe as possible. We are hoping to provide some after-school cycle training in conjunction with South Glos Council. If your son or daughter is interested in attending a course, please email Mrs Higgins whiggins@sblonline.org.uk and she will contact you when we have more details.

If you would like the monthly newsletter to be e-mailed to you, please forward your e-mail address to:
swren@sblonline.org.uk **and we will add you to our mailing list.**

PTA NEWS

LONDON SHOPPING TRIP

Fancy a trip to London? Shopping in Oxford Street instead of Kingswood? Or Harrods instead of the Galleries? Or a stroll along the Mall with Buckingham Palace at the end of it and a visit to the many attractions? All this can be yours for just £13 if you join the PTA London Trip on **Saturday, 28th November**. You should have received a letter home via your son or daughter, giving all the details and a return booking slip. We would advise booking your place as quickly as possible, as these always sell out quickly.



QUIZ NIGHT



The PTA Quiz Night is another of our very successful events and will take place this year on **Friday, 4th December** from 7 - 10.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people. Tickets are available from Student Services and the cost is: £2.00 for adults; £1.50 for students aged over 16 and £1 for students aged 11-16.

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology we are planning to run an extra-curricular activity for young engineers (Years 8 and 9). If any students are interested, please could they pass their names to their D&T teacher.

Parents' Questionnaire

Earlier this year we sent round a questionnaire for all parents, asking for their views/comments on all aspects of the school. We have set out overleaf the responses received from 112 parents.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS RESULTS 2009

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree
	1	2	3	4
1. I am happy with the values and attitudes developed at the school	8%	85%	7%	
2. The school sets good standards of behaviour	15%	75%	10%	
3. Discipline at the school is good	13%	71%	13%	3%
4. The school works well to ensure good attendance	26%	73%	1%	
5. I believe that holidays should not be authorised during term time	18%	29%	35%	18%
6. Newsletters to parents are informative	23%	72%	5%	
7. The organiser is an effective means of communication	15%	66%	16%	3%
8. General communication with parents is good	11%	62%	22%	5%
9. The school is keen to receive views/comments from parents	18%	74%	8%	
10. The school replies quickly when contacted	20%	50%	24%	6%
11. The school is keen to address matters of concern with parents	22%	60%	15%	3%
12. I feel welcome when I visit the school	35%	65%		
13. The buildings, decoration and furniture are in good condition	20%	62%	15%	3%
14. I am happy with the school's assessment and reporting systems	22%	69%	10%	1%
15. I am satisfied with arrangements made for Parents' Consultation Evenings	15%	65%	18%	2%
16. I am happy with the school dress code	25%	71%	3%	1%
17. I am happy with the range of subjects taught	26%	64%	8%	2%
18. The school provides appropriate teaching and learning for my child	24%	68%	8%	
19. I am satisfied with the standard of work expected of my child	20%	72%	8%	
20. I am satisfied with the work given to my son/daughter to be done at home	9%	57%	30%	4%
21. The school provides good care, support and guidance	15%	73%	12%	
22. The school provides a wide range of extra curricular activities	10%	60%	25%	5%
23. The school is keen to work in partnership with the community	17%	80%	3%	
24. My daughter/son is happy at the school	24%	65%	12%	

1BigDatabase

1BigD - 1 big database holds information about events and organisations that offer help and support to parents and carers living in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath & North East Somerset.

Information includes:

- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Play and leisure activities
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Money matters
- ❖ Community groups
- ❖ Drugs information services
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Family support

You can log on to 1BigD at: www.1bigdatabase.org.uk

Physics Lecture

The recent Year 10 visit to the Institute of Physics Lecture entitled 'Exploring the Universe' at Kingsfield School was a great success. Our 30 delegates represented the school in exemplary fashion. The lecture promised to be about 'telescopes, time travel and extra terrestrials' and students reported that it was interesting and enjoyable. Thank you to parents and students for their support of this activity.

Science Revision Guides

Strongly recommended for all students in Years 10 and 11. Written specifically for:

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| Year 10 GCSE Science | - | cost £4.00 |
| Year 11 GCSE Additional Science | - | cost £4.00 |

The Year 10 Guide is especially useful for any Year 11 students retaking any Year 10 module test in November. These guides can be purchased from the Science department at school.

Beat the Credit Crunch!

If the guides are returned by the purchaser in very good condition, the purchase price could be refunded.

Attention Year 11 science students

The **retakes** of Year 10 GCSE Science module tests for some year 11 students will take place on **Friday 20th November**. Those students involved in these retakes will have been notified individually. These are in addition to the GCSE Additional Science module tests that all year 11 students will be taking on November 16th and 18th.

These tests all carry valuable GCSE marks. Students should be revising small sections of work for short periods of time each evening and at weekends. Regular short revision sessions are more useful than one or two longer sessions.

Attention Year 10 science students

Year 10 students studying for GCSE Science will take the first of their GCSE module tests on Friday 20th November. (This does not involve students following the BTEC Applied Science route). Most students will take two multiple choice tests at this time, each lasting 20 minutes and each worth 10% of the total GCSE marks to be gained. Revision for these tests should be underway. Regular short periods of revision (20 minutes revision followed by 10 minutes rest followed by 20 minutes revision) should be completed on most evenings and at weekends. PLAN what you intend to cover in a session so that you revise all of the key ideas before the test date.

If difficulties arise during revision SEEK HELP from your science teacher. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!
After-school revision sessions will be scheduled. Ask your teacher for details.