



Director's Letter

Dear Students and Parents

Welcome to the Summer 2016 issue of the North Bristol Post 16 newsletter and a very warm welcome to our potential new Year 12 students and parents. We are fast approaching the end of another busy year at the Centre and preparations are in place for the start of the new academic year. In the final few weeks of term the Centre has been busy offering transition sessions for our incoming new Year 12 students. Earlier this term we offered a number of taster days to our Year 10 partner secondary school students, who will no doubt be starting to think about their Post 16 options, as they move into Year 11 in the next academic year.

Our current Year 12 students have just completed their Future 18s week, covering topics to do with the university application process, student finance, gap year choices and alternatives to higher education. During this week a number of universities and local employers visited the Centre to talk to students at both learning communities. These ranged from Edinburgh and Bristol University, as well as Year-in-Industry representatives. All of our students enjoyed this week and were able to discover the opportunities that are available after Post 16 study. Students also used this week to hold a well-being day. Our students practiced mindfulness, learnt about keeping safe, as well as issues raised from the Prevent guidance for young people.

Finally, we would like to wish good luck to our students who are going on trips to Indonesia and Borneo. The students have held a number of fundraising activities and we wish them well in their community projects.

We would also like to say thank you to our student ambassadors who have played a key role in supporting both learning communities during our taster and experience days. Feedback from the days have highlighted that our students are friendly, helpful and supportive of potential new students. More importantly, ambassadors were a model of our ethos at the Centre.

Staff at both learning communities have worked hard again this year to ensure that students have been fully prepared for the external examinations. There have been a plethora of additional activities that have been organised, from Saturday morning revision, holiday revision sessions and revision sessions during study leave. We know that our students have worked hard to achieve their potential and we now wait for their results. Results day will be on Thursday 18 August where we will be giving out results to A2 students from 9.00am, and AS students from 1.30pm. Centre staff will be around after the examination results to give further advice and support if needed, but more importantly to celebrate our students' success.



Director's Letter cont.

This has been another big year for the North Bristol Post 16 Centre, which has included some good 2015 AS and A2 results, as well as the on-going commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. Next year we will continue with this aim and will achieve by continuous self-evaluation, high expectations and investment in our students.

At the end of the summer we sadly say goodbye to a number of staff from Cotham and Redland Green School.

From Cotham learning community who have taught Post 16:

- Aimi Potter will be going on maternity leave at the start of the academic year. Ms Elieen Quirke will be acting Assistant Headteacher for Post 16
- Christine Ansell – Deputy Headteacher is retiring
- John Heayberd – Assistant Headteacher is retiring
- Ben Jose – Teacher and Leader of Music
- Lucy Mitchell – Teacher of English – will continue to a short term maternity cover until October
- Catherine Tildesley – Teacher of Ancient History, Classics, Latin
- Aliya Fleming – Data Manager Post 16
- Catherine Stevens – Science KS3 Co-ordinator moving on to be Head of Science at the UTC in South Gloucestershire
- Muna Abdi – Science Teacher – moving to teach overseas
- Emily Dawe – Teacher of PE – moving to Oasis Brightstowe

Leavers from Redland Green who have taught Post 16:

- Emily Dixon - New teaching post Fullhurst Community College, Leicester
- Mark Little - New teaching post at a school in Bath
- Aliya Fleming – Data Manager Post 16

We wish all the staff that are leaving us good luck in their new posts and a happy retirement to others.

The Centre wishes you a restful summer break, and looks forward to welcoming our new students as well as our Year 13 students back in September 2016. Enjoy the summer.

A gentle reminder that Year 13s can now enrol online. Please see recent instructions we sent to you.

**Marian Curran, Director
North Bristol Post 16 Centre**



Key Dates

21 July 2016	End of Term 6 for Students
18 August 2016	09:00 to 13:00: A Level Results
18 August 2016	13:30 to 15:00: Year 12 Results
19 August 2016	09:00 to 12:00: UCAS and Year 12 Surgery
24 August 2016	09:30 to 12:00: Year 12 Surgery
25 August 2016	10:00 to 16:00: GCSE Results and Enrolment
26 August 2016	10:00 to 14:00: Year 12 Enrolment
30 August 2016	Final Year 12 and Year 13 Enrolment
1 September 2016	INSET Day RGS and Cotham
2 September 2016	INSET Day RGS/Cotham
5 September 2016	Year 12 Induction
6 September 2016	Year 12 Induction
6 September 2016	1.30 – 3.00pm Year 13 Induction
8 September 2016	Lessons start

Swimming Gala Success

Great post 16 success at the inter-schools swimming gala with both senior girls and senior boys teams qualifying for the finals gala. Senior girls finished 2nd in both the freestyle and medley relays and the boys finished 3rd in both their relays. Well done all.





Student Wins Gold at Judo Championships

Congratulations to Alan England who recently won the Gold medal at the British Schools Judo Championships. The competition was at the English Institute of sport in Sheffield earlier this year. Alan is the 2016 British Schools Champion at Under 81kg and has been invited to join the England Judo Squad.



EU Debate at the Post 16 Centre

The Post 16 Student Leadership Team held an 'in-out' EU debate for students earlier this year. Invited speakers were Julia Reid (UKIP MEP) speaking for the Leave campaign and Stephen Williams (MP for Bristol West 2005-2015) speaking for the Remain campaign.

Both candidates were invited to make opening speeches and then faced challenging questions from a room filled with Post 16 students. The student leadership team were keen to host an event that would offer insight and understanding of the EU referendum for the first time voters at the Centre.

The event was organised as a follow-on from last year's Democracy Week, which was hosted prior to the general election, with a regional MP hustings, student mock elections and a key note talk from the then Green Party leader Natalie Bennett.

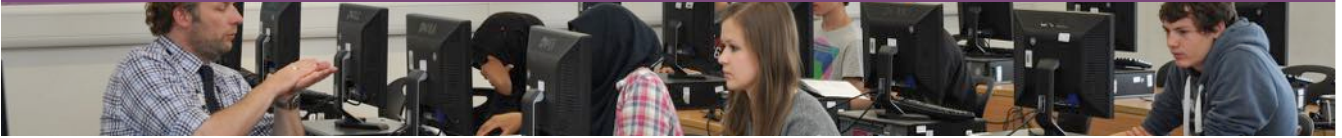
We Will Inspire!

Earlier this year a group of Year 12 students took part in a workshop, which was designed to tackle the issues relating to self confidence and healthy relationships for Muslim girls. Poet and activist Shagufta Iqbal, and author and co-director of the women's NGO 'Inspire' Kalsoom Bashir were invited in to lead the afternoon's activities.

The students were given a safe and honest space to raise questions and tackle misconceptions about their roles and expectations as women in society. The Year 12 students acted in the capacity of mentors and the afternoon culminated in the writing and performing of poetry to express the dialogue of the day.

Shortly after the event, Shagufta tweeted "Had an incredible afternoon with the lively and awesomely talented young women...(at Cotham learning community). Can't wait to read their poems!" Click on the link below to read a selection of the student's poems:

<http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/News/We-Will-Inspire/>



Student secures MoD Higher Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Abi Bowring (Year 13 student), who has secured a place on the Ministry of Defence Higher Apprenticeship Programme.

Abi is one of a rising number of students choosing the higher apprenticeship pathway over the increasingly expensive university route. She will be working in the Procurement and Supply department for two years whilst she completes her apprenticeship. After this she is likely to be offered a promotion within the MoD (along with an impressive salary). Well done, Abi!

Historian talks to A Level Historians

Cotham learning community alumnus Lauren Johnson came in to talk to A Level historians about her new book, 'The Tudor Dynasty', problems with sources, about the forgotten people in history, and what it's like to have a career in historical interpretations.

Following her degree and MA at Oxford, she is now a research manager for a company specialising in historical re-enactment at sites like Hampton Court Palace and Dover Castle. The students found it really informative, got some useful hints about UCAS and volunteering, and Lauren was very impressed with their knowledge and confidence in the subject matter. Special mention needs to go to Year 11 Christabel Robinson, who technically hasn't even started A Level yet, but still came along because she was interested!





Post 16 Students work with Avon & Somerset Police

Following on from the 'Only Yes Means Yes' talk delivered as part of our Futures 18 Wellbeing Conference, a small working group recently met at the North Bristol Post 16 Centre to discuss next steps.

Post 16 students Issie, Simran, Kizzie, Jacob, Hettie and Elise met with members of the Post 16 leadership team and Avon and Somerset Police to consult on the issues surrounding consent and how these are communicated to the young people of Bristol. Force lead for rape and sexual assault, Marie Wright, came to meet with students to hear their feedback and take guidance on how to move forward with their 'This is not an Excuse' campaign work in the city.

Our students were proactive in their contributions to discussions, requesting clarity over the definitions of rape and sexual assault, as well as guidance for the LGBT community, support with how to have conversations about consent and how to meaningfully engage young men in discussions about the issue.

Collaboratively, students, police and NBP16 staff are planning a series of events for the new school year to keep a positive dialogue around consent amongst students and to tackle misinformation. These events are due to launch from September.

