



#### Welcome Back!

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year at Digitech Studio School! We are excited to embark on another journey of learning, creativity, and growth for all our students following a successful summer of outcomes for the school.

We kicked off the term with a warm welcome to all students and in particular our new students in years 10 and 12 who have made brilliant start to life at Digitech.

Term 1 has been packed with activities, learning and achievements. Here is a look at what we have been up to:

**Recognition Assembly Winners** - Each term students are nominated by their class teacher for their achievements and attitude to learning in their lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and recognise some of the magnificent work our students are doing in their learning. Please see below the list of term 1 winners:

#### Year 10 -

Art - Amie, Seddon & Isla

Business – Liam R & Erin

Creative Digital Media – Theo & Jack T & Addison

English – Amira, Ellie, Liam C, Sam M, August, Silver, August, Amie & Sam B

E-Sports – Theo, Liam B, Cody & Louis

Games Design - Buddy

Music - Kian & Isla

Graphics – Amie, Louis, Ellie, Jack T

ICT - Reece, Tessa, Cary

Maths - Oscar, Sean, Reigan & Emily

Photography – Erin & Jake

Science – Rares, Addison, Erin, Eden, Daniel & Ben

PE – Erin, Seddon, Marshal & Naite

Spirit of Digitech – Kai & Erin





### Year 11 -

Art - Makayla, Ahsan & Charlie

Business - Cain & Oscar E

Creative Digital Media – Bonnie, Sophie B & Ahsan

English - Kay, Iona, Ahsan, Henry, Leyton, Morgan, Abbie, Matthew M & Felipe

E-Sports – Jay S & Connor H

Games Design - Abby

Music – Kay & Abby

Graphics – Ricardo, Sophie C, Ebony & Jayden

ICT - Miya, Willow & Gilbert

Maths - Cain, Willow & Oscar E

Photography – Sophie C & Ava

Science - Enzo, Bailey, Tegan & Archie

PE - Ricardo, Cain and Rhylee

Spirit of Digitech - Daisy S & Alex P





**Extracurricular Activities -** Our extracurricular clubs are in full swing! We encourage all students to participate and explore their interests. Please see below our extra-curricular club timetable:

Digitech Enrichment Timetable	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI
	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only
BREAK	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 13 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 12 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 10 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 11 only	Gaming Club CR5 Year 12 + 13 only
	Young Carers Intervention Room	Mental Health Discussion Group Every 3 weeks Intervention Room	Global Majority Discussion Group Every 3 weeks Intervention Room	WEX / Careers Careers Office	LGBTQ+ Club AD3
	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only	Hub - Quiet Space Invite only
LUNCH	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 13 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 12 only	Gaming Club CR5 Year 10 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 11 only	Gaming Club <b>CR5</b> Year 12 + 13 only
			Music Club CR3		Garden + Eco AD1
	Science Catch-up CR1 until 4:30	English Catch-up CR1 until 4:30	Dungeons and Dragons	Maths Catch-up CR1 until 4:30	THE TANK
AFTER	Graphics Support AD1 until 4:30	Art Support AD3 until 4:30	Hűb	Photography Support AD1 until 4:30	
	Music band Speak to Sam	Music band Speak to Sam		201 01111 4:30	
	Homework Club CR1 until 4:30	Homework Club CR1 until 4:30	Homework Club CR1 until 4:30	Homework Club CR1 until 4:30	

**Houses at Digitech** – Following a piece of work, led by the student council last year; we are pleased to announce that we have launched our new house system. Students followed a democratic process to vote for house names and will be affiliated to either 'Banksy', 'Picasso' or 'Kusama' house. Students and will be able to represent their house and earn house points in a variety of house activities and competitions over the course of terms two to six.







## What your Child will be learning in Term 2 at Digitech:

	Year 10	Year 11
English	Poetry Anthology – Power and Conflict     A Christmas Carol first teaching     Fiction and Creative Writing	An Inspector Calls first teaching     Poetry Anthology – Revision     Unseen Poetry
Science	<ul> <li>Chemistry Topic 2 – Key concepts</li> <li>Biology Topic 2 – Cells and Control</li> </ul>	Biology Topic 7 – Animal Co-ordination Chemistry Topic 7 – Fuels and Earth Science Physics Topic 7 - Matter  Physics Topic 7 - Matter
Art	Formal Elements – Colour, Texture, Pattern, Form and Mark Making Materials and Skills - Wet Media – Ink, Watercolour, Acrylic	Component 1 – Identity Project - Outcome
Business	Putting a business idea into practice  Business Finance  Aims and objectives  Costs revenue and Profit.	Making operational decisions  Working with suppliers  Business operations  Managing quality  The sales process.
Esports	Teams and Tournaments  Features of successful, high performing teams  UK and Global teams  Local Area Network (LAN) and online tournaments	Different streaming software Characteristics of streamers Creating a streamer profile
Games Design	Designing a Game Creating Concept art Game design Storyboarding Animation techniques	Designing a website Further develop understanding of design tools. Design a website, including layout and navigation. Create website based on design profile
Graphics	Poster Design     Colour Psychology     Conceptual	Component 1 Merchandise Artist Research





	Typography	Merchandise Designs		
ΙΤ	Creating Digital Graphics  Creating digital Graphics  Testing and refining  Reviewing  The Digital World  Online Services  Online Documents  Online Communications	Digital Animation  Features of digital animation  Audience and Purpose of digital animations  Planning a digital animation.  The Digital World  Online Services  Online Documents  Online Communications		
Media	Unit 203/1.2 Practical Skills, Canva, photoshop, drawing tablets, graphics, typography, target audience, brands, branding, products and advertising, formats social media	Unit 220/ 1.1 - 1.2 Research Campaigns Social media Platforms, target audience Generational marketing Seasonal marketing, hashtags and algorithms research, generate ideas		
Music	Music sequencing and production  Automation – Volume & Panning Quantisation Editing Audio Data Insert & Send Effects	Organising a music event Technical Skill Development – Audio/P.A. equipment Technical Skill Development – Lighting Christmas Event Planning Christmas Event		
Photography	Still Life and Advertising Project     Commercial Photography Skills     Researching and responding	Component 1 Outcome		

	Year 12	Year 13
Multi – disciplinary art	Unit 1 Art and Design in Context Unit 10 How Artist and Designers use 2D Materials Techniques and Processes	Unit 12 Planning, Researching and Developing Ideas for a specialist Art or Design Brief Individually Chosen Unit A
E - Sports	The Esports Industry structure – how has it become so successful?  Esports teams' analysis and performance  Esports tournaments.  Explore how physical, social and psychological wellbeing affects the performance of esports players  Investigate methods of health and wellbeing assessment for esports players	Explore how physical, social and psychological wellbeing affects the performance of esports players     Investigate methods of health and wellbeing assessment for esports players     Explore how physical, social and psychological wellbeing affects the performance of esports players     Investigate methods of health and wellbeing assessment for esports players
Digital Music	Composition and production.	Coursework – composition and production.     Event planning considerations
Creative Digital Media	Product development     Logo creation     Consideration of marketing	Coursework – development of product

### **Upcoming Events**

Y11 Parents Evening Careers Fair – Wednesday 4th December 2024

Y11 Mock Exams – Details and Dates below.

## **Stay Connected**

Stay updated with all the latest news and events by following us on our social media channels <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DigitechSchool/">https://www.facebook.com/DigitechSchool/</a> <a href="https://www.twitter.com/digitechschool/">https://www.twitter.com/digitechschool/</a> and <a href="https://www.instagram.com/digitechschool/">https://www.twitter.com/digitechschool/</a> and checking our school website regularly. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes,

Chris Ballard



#### **Term Dates 2024-25**

Term 1 Monda	y 2 <sup>nd</sup> Se	ptember – F	riday 25 <sup>t</sup>	h October 2024
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Term 2 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
Term 3 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025
Term 4 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025
Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April 2024 - Friday 23rd May 2025
Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## **Inset Days**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (CLF Summer Conference) Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

You will be informed of other key dates throughout the academic year for Parents' Evenings, Open Evenings and Exhibitions of Work.

Please also look out for key dates on our website www.digitechstudioschool.clf.uk



Last week in assembly we launched work experience for year 10. The dates for this academic year are **Tues 8**<sup>th</sup> - **Fri 11**<sup>th</sup> **July**. (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> optional for students as it is an inset day)

Students are required with the help of parents / carers to find their own placements. Preferably, placements will be found within the industries we represent here at Digitech (creative, digital and Technology) but if this is not students will be encouraged to find placements outside of these sectors, e.g. school / cafe/ garage / shop.

Please start enquiring NOW as many companies are willing to take students and opportunities will be filled early.

Once a placement is found please report to <a href="mailto:emma.dodd@clf.uk">emma.dodd@clf.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:jane.morgan@clf.uk">jane.morgan@clf.uk</a> so that the appropriate paperwork can be completed and the placement confirmed. Please note that students will not be allowed on placement without paperwork from parents / carers and employers.

#### Key dates:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - all placements to be reported to Emma or Jane **Friday 23rd May** - All paperwork completed and placements confirmed.

<sup>\*</sup>Should any of the above dates be rearranged we will inform parents/carers.





# October Update

#### THE HUB - AN INTRODUCTION

Hi all! This is a little update from The Hub at Digitech School. The Hub is a space for SEND student support, a place for interventions, a listening ear and a calm place to regulate

### YEAR 10 - AMAZING START

A massive well done to all our new Year 10s who have made a fantastic start to life at Digitech. Students have settled into lessons and are producing some fantastic work. Well done Year 10!

#### YEAR 11 - TOP MOCK PREP

The Year 11s are currently deep in revision mode for their upcoming GCSE mocks.

They are all using some good revision strategies to help make sure they are fully prepared for the exams. Go Year 11!

### LINKTREE

We have set up a Linktree for The Hub, which is a single point of contact for us to share useful links and resources with you, including local SEND events (eg holiday clubs, coffee mornings, training etc.), Bristol/South Glos Support Groups and advice services such as the Bristol Autism Service. Check out the link (or scan the QR code) on the right hand side of tthis newsletter.

## Who's Who

We will be introducing staff fully over the coming newsletters but here's a quick who's who of the Hub Team!

SENCO: Carolyne Goh Deputy SENCO: Sam Eason

**TA Team:** Carol Clarke, Charlene Evans, Ian Goodband, Alice Hunter, Dawn Martin, Chris North, Tracy Roberts, Calum Simpson, Kim Thomas

## Visit our Linktree!

Scan the QR code or visit the URL to access our amazing Linktree full of useful links and resources



linktr.ee/digitechthehub

# **Upcoming Dates**

Term 1 ENDS - Weds 23rd Oct

INSET DAYS - Thurs 24th, Fri 25th Oct

Term 2 BEGINS - Mon 4th Nov

Term 2 ENDS - Fri 20th Dec

INSET DAY - Mon 6th Jan

Term 3 BEGINS - Tues 7th Jan





## Update from the English Department -

This term, students in Year 11 have been studying the play *An Inspector Calls* for the first time, and we wish them good luck with their mock exams for Language Paper 1 and Literature Paper 2. Students in Year 10 have explored a range of creative writing workshops and five of the poems from AQA's *Power and Conflict* collection, which has allowed them to discuss some big issues like the school curriculum and the environment. We hope students have noticed staff displaying their current reading choices, and as ever, we encourage students to read widely outside of school! A recommended reading list will be shared in Term 2, with awards in place for students who engage well. Ash and Laura would like to thank students for their work this term, and Ash thanks everyone for making him feel welcome at Digitech.



### Update from the Art's Department -

Sketchbooks from Year 10 art - amazing outcomes from recent lessons! Graphic design recent designs using multimedia collage and Photoshop edits.













## Update from the Art's Department -

Some fantastic photography work produced by our Y10's and Y11's























## **Enterprise Reminder -**

We offer two after-school catch up sessions: Monday in CR5 with Lily and Tuesday in CR4 with Karl. These sessions provide essential support to students who are behind in their coursework, helping them get back on track. Additionally, they are a fantastic opportunity for students aiming to achieve a distinction grade. Students who have not submitted their first assignments will be invited to these sessions in Term 2. Letters will be sent home to inform parents if their child has missed a submission.

## Esports -

The esports programme has had an electrifying start, sparking immense interest and excitement across all participating year groups, students from Y10 to Y13 have embraced the gaming club with enthusiasm, creating a vibrant competitive environment. Each day, the club is buzzing with activity as students hone their skills, strategize, and collaborate with their peers. The diverse range of games and inclusive atmosphere have made it a popular break and lunchtime hub, bridging friendships, and fostering a sense of community among the students. This initiative has not only bolstered school spirit but also highlighted the talent and passion for esports within the student body.

As Term 2 kicks off, we are thrilled to announce the formation of official Digitech Esports teams in Overwatch 2! This marks an incredible opportunity for students to dive deeper into the world of competitive gaming, highlighting their skills and teamwork on a larger stage. If your child is enthusiastic about esports and wants to be part of this exciting journey, please encourage them to email or speak with Karl to register interest. Let us make this session one for the history books!







As part of the Wildscreen ARK festival 10 P16 students had the opportunity to speak to people working in the natural history career field



At the time of printing, we are still awaiting confirmation regarding works to the road and bridge next to the school. Our latest update suggests that there may be changes to entry/exit points in early 2025 and not before, and we will update as soon as we can or if anything else changes.









Dear Parent/ Carer

# Flu Vaccination Programme

We are offering your child (Reception to Year 11) a free flu vaccine at school this autumn.

Please complete the consent form as soon as possible:

# https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3

Flu can be an unpleasant illness, and some people can get very unwell; some children even end up in hospital because of flu.

## Why get the vaccine?

The flu vaccine helps protect your child and your family from getting flu, reduces the spread of the virus in winter, and keeps them in school learning.

## How is the vaccine given?

The flu vaccine is usually given using a quick and easy nasal spray, this is the best flu vaccine for children. If your child cannot have the nasal spray due to the porcine gelatine content or for medical reasons, you can consent for your child to have an injection instead. If we cannot offer the injection at your child's school, you will be able to book a clinic appointment.

## Are there any side effects?

Most children do not have any side effects after the vaccine; however, some might get a blocked or runny nose, lose their appetite, feel tired or get a headache, this will not last long.



# Important deadlines:

- The consent system closes 2 working days before the vaccination session at school.
- If you complete your form after the deadline, we may not be able to see your child at the school session

### No internet access?

If you can't access the internet, ask your child's school for a paper consent form, or call us for help on 0300 1245515.

What if I do not want my child to receive the vaccine?

Please complete the form to let us know

Date of Flu Vaccination - Friday 29th November 2024

What if my child misses the session?

Catch-up clinics will be available for children who miss the school session. Your child's school will send information about these clinics after the school session.

Want to learn more?

Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Questions?

Contact the School Immunisation Team: 0300 124 5515 or email <u>sirona.schimms@nhs.net</u>

Yours faithfully,

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Karen Evans

Head of Specialist Services for Children and Sirona Integrated Immunisation Services

QR code link to consent form







# Post 16 External & Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable October & November 2024

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	ET Finish	Exam
Tue 22 Oct	09:00	10:45	11:12	Y11 English Language P2 Mock
Wed 23 Oct	09:00	10:30	10:53	Y11 Mathematics P1 Mock
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Mon 4 Nov	09:00	11:15	11:49	Y11 English Literature P1 Mock
Tue 5 Nov	09:00	10:45	11:12	English Language GCSE P1 Exam
Tue 5 Nov	09:00	10:00	10:15	English Reading FSKL Exam
Tue 5 Nov	13:30	14:30	14:45	English Writing FSKL Exam
Wed 6 Nov	09:00	10:30	10:53	Mathematics GCSE P1 Exam
Wed 6 Nov	09:00	09:30	09:38	Mathematics FSKL P1 Exam
Wed 6 Nov	13:30	15:00	15:23	Mathematics FSKL P2 Exam
Tue 5 Nov	09:00	10:45	11:12	English Language GCSE P2 Exam
Fri 8 Nov	09:00	10:30	10:53	Mathematics GCSE P2 Exam
Fri 8 Nov	13:30	14:40	14:58	Y11 Biology Mock
Mon 11 Nov	09:00	10:30	10:53	Mathematics GCSE P3 Exam
Tue 12 Nov	09:00	10:30	10:53	Y11 Mathematics P2 Mock
Wed 13 Nov	09:00	10:10	10:28	Y11 Chemistry Mock
Thu 14 Nov	09:00	10:30	10:53	Y11 Mathematics P3 Mock
Fri 15 Nov	09:00	10:10	10:28	Y11 Physics Mock







# Come And See Your School Nurse

# Get confidential advice and support about:







Mental health and anxiety Healthy eating management

**Healthy Relationships** 









LGBTQA+

Drugs, alcohol and smoking

Dental health.

Sexual health







Sleep

Physical health concerns

Toileting troubles

When: Wednesday 12:50—13:20

Where: upstairs in the Intervention room

You can also text our anonymous ChatHealth service using 07312 263 093: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. For more info visit: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/journal.org/">bit.ly/ChatHealthCCHP</a>

Your school nurse is: Jane



### Your confidentiality

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we are concerned about your safety, but we



School Nursing Service – Children and Young People's Services (sirona-cic.org.uk)





School Nurses work with children, young people, parents and carers to maximise health and well-being.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more, or call one of our locality teams using the numbers below:



**Bristol East/Central:** North Somerset: 0300 125 6980 0300 125 6798

Bristol South: 0300 125 6277 South Gloucestershire:

Bristol North: 0300 124 5816 0300 125 5151

Secondary school aged children can also use our

confidential text messaging service ChatHealth. Use the OR code to find out more.















WHO

WHEN

WHERE

Year 10-13 Under 15-18 Wed 30th Oct 14:30-16:30 City Academy 3G BS5 9JH

APPLY NOW





**SCAN ME** 

















# **Bristol Autism Parent/Carer** support in Primary – Post 16





https://forms.office.com/e/G24cnAZYC2



To find out more please visit the local offer page:

Autism support -Bristol's SEND Local Offer - bristol.gov.uk











# **Exam Invigilators Required**

Digitech Studio School are seeking to appoint Exam Invigilators to join our friendly team in the running of all public and internal examinations at the school throughout the academic year, with our main exam season in May and June. This is a casual contract and working hours will vary for each exam season.

The post would be ideally suited to applicants who are highly organised, enthusiastic, vigilant, reliable, and are passionate about helping young people. In addition, you should be able to remain calm under pressure and be flexible to be called in at short notice.

Duties include supervising pupils taking public and internal examinations, preparing exam rooms, distributing and collecting exam papers in accordance with the JCQ regulations. Full training will be provided.

If you, a family member, friend or neighbour would be interested in joining the team, please contact our Exams Officer Kerry Fisher on 0117 9927100 or email kerry.fisher@clf.uk in the first instance for an informal chat and application form.



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# PARENTS PLUS Childrens Programme

An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 5 to 11 years.

An 8-week course taking place every Tuesday From 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (excluding half term break)

It will take place in Cadbury Heath Children's Centre from 10am - 12:30pm. The course will be facilitated by family support workers from the Families Plus 5-18 Team

For more information, or if you would like to make a referral, please contact our Compass team through Access and Response on 01454866000



Parents Plus is an Irish chanity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.

www.parentsplus.ie





# PARENTS PLUS Adolescent Programme

An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years.

An 8 week course taking place every Thursday from 26th September 2024 to 21st November 2024 (excluding half term)

It will take place in Staple Hill Children's Centre from 6pm – 8:30pm

The course will be facilitated by workers

from Families Plus Team

For more information, or if you would like to make a referral, please contact our Compass team through Access and Response on 01454866000



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# South Gloucestershire youth board

The South Gloucestershire Youth board is a group where young people are able to voice their opinions and make changes to things that affect the communities they live in.

Members will create young people projects based on local issues. Members are involved in consultations and shaping young people services. This is an opportunity to have your say.

Members of the board are representative of all areas within South Gloucestershire and are aged between 13 – 18 years old.

We are now meeting fortnightly Tuesdays in South Gloucestershire Council, Badminton Road Office, Badminton Road, Yate, BS37 5AF 6.00-8.00pm.

Young people will take part in the following activities:

- Create projects based on the real issues for young people
- · Research, consult peers, plan and deliver projects
- · Learn to chair a meeting, minute take or present to professionals
- · Complete recruitment training and recruit council staff
- · Participate in Children's Commissioner Take Over Day
- Attend the annual British Youth Council (BYC) conference plus participation in BYC's Make your Mark campaign
- Opportunities to achieve a Shadow a Councillor Award
- · Achieve a volunteering award
- Fun stuff Meet new people, debate, games, pizza

We are always looking for new members so contact us if you would like more information.

You can contact us by email youthparticipation@southglos.gov.uk