

## Newsletter Term 2 | 24 November 2023

### Term Dates 2022-2023

**Term 2** Monday 30 October 2023-Friday 15 December 2023

Term 3 Wednesday 3 January 2024-Friday 9 February 2024

Term 4 Monday 19 February 2024-Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15 April 2024-Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3 June 2024-Tuesday 23 July 2024

### Inset Days/Bank Holidays

Monday 1 January 2024 (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 2 January 2024 (Inset Day)

Friday 29 March 2024 (Bank Holiday)

Monday 15 April 2024 (Inset Day)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Bank Holiday)

Friday 5 July 2024 (CLF Inset Day)

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

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](http://www.digitechstudioschool.clf.uk)



### Year 11 Leavers Hoodies -

Leavers Hoodies are now available to order. Your child will be given an order form. The cost of the Leavers Hoodie is £22.00 and the deadline to place an order is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Please order by this date to avoid disappointment. Once ordered, the hoodies will be delivered to school. If your child missed the assembly, please ask them to come to reception for an order form. Payment can be made via cash or cheque, cheque payable to "Digitech Studio School". Please ensure your child's name is printed on the reverse of the cheque.



## Year 11 Parents Evening –

Parents Evening will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm-6pm**. You can make appointments through the ParentApp.

If you are having problems with this, please email [info@dssb.clf.uk](mailto:info@dssb.clf.uk)

There will be representatives from local 6<sup>th</sup> forms, colleges, and apprenticeship training providers for you to talk to with regards your child's plans post GCSEs. Please do take this opportunity to speak to them and hear all about what they can offer.

Jane Morgan our careers lead will also be available should any of you wish to speak to her about your child's future.

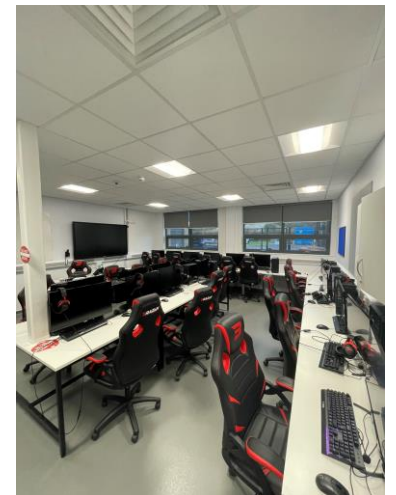
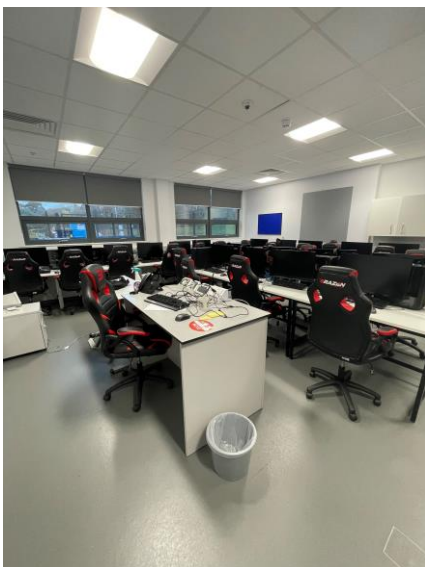
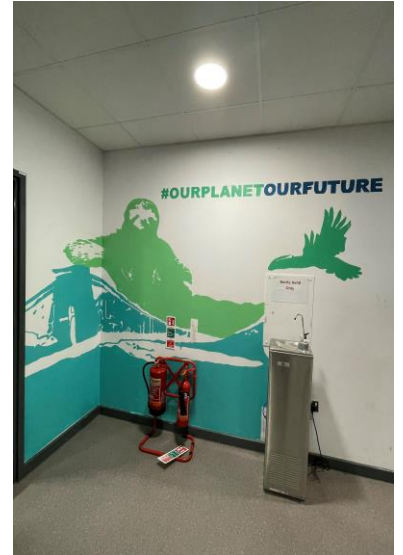
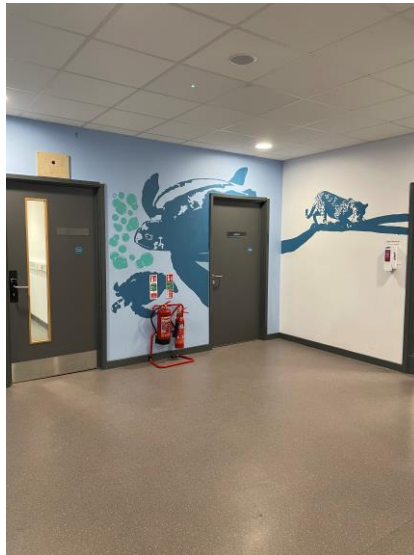
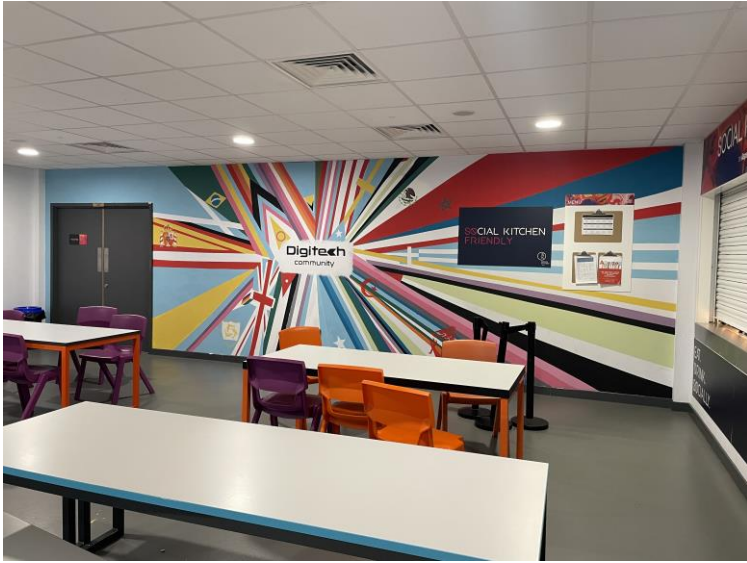


## School Improvements –

As mentioned in the July Newsletter, we have had some school improvements, see below pictures of the new mural's we have around the building and our new computer suite for gaming.







Prom 2024 -

# Prom Wear Hire



£10 per item

*Dresses available in a range of sizes and styles*

*Shoes and suits also available*

*Speak to Digitech Reception Staff for more info!*





**Digitex is getting ready for Christmas -**



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonline.org.uk](https://nationalonline.org.uk) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself, from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as homework or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'weed out' an enemy. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest action would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 15 years in the industry, previously the editor of [TechRadar](https://www.techradar.com). She is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



#WakeUpWednesday





We support parents and carers of children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), with or without a diagnosis

### Are you feeling confused, frustrated or isolated on your child's SEND journey?

Our Community Base at The Kingswood Centre is a place where you can come for support and information. There's no need to book - just turn up on a Thursday between 10am-2pm (term time only), where you'll be welcomed by our friendly community support team.

### Is online support easier?

Have a cuppa and a catch up with other parent carers at one of our online support groups.

### Sign up to our FREE workshops

On a range of SEND themes, including: ADHD, autism, self-harm, mental health, behaviour, communication, tics and Tourette's.

### Have your say!

We share your views with the decision makers so that we can improve SEND services.

### Want more information?

Visit [www.sgpc.org.uk](http://www.sgpc.org.uk) or scan here.



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# WINTER WELLBEING AT THE FARM

for girls and young women aged 13-16



**Are you interested in  
finding ways to support  
your mental health and  
wellbeing in nature?**

Come and join us at the farm. Make friends, share a meal and learn new skills including crafting, growing and animal care in a warm and supportive space.

**TASTER SESSIONS 4TH AND 11TH  
DECEMBER 4-6 PM  
ST WERBURGHS CITY FARM  
FREE!!**

Referrals only- To refer a young person or  
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# COMMUNITY COOK UP

for 11-16 yo on free school meals



## Do you love to cook?

Come and join us for our community cook up to meet some other young people and cook and serve a free three course meal to our local community, including your family and friends.

**18TH, 19TH AND 20TH DECEMBER**  
**ST WERBURGH'S CITY FARM**  
**11AM-3PM**  
**FREE!!**

This is only for young people on free school meals. To book on please email ro at [childandyouth@swcityfarm.co.uk](mailto:childandyouth@swcityfarm.co.uk)



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### **Notice of proposed changes to the Olympus Academy Trust Admissions Arrangements for the academic year 2025/2026**

The Olympus Academy Trust is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/26.

The consultation will be open from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Full draft arrangements for all schools can be read at <https://www.olympustrust.co.uk/Admissions/>  
Paper copies are also available on request.

The main changes are as follows:

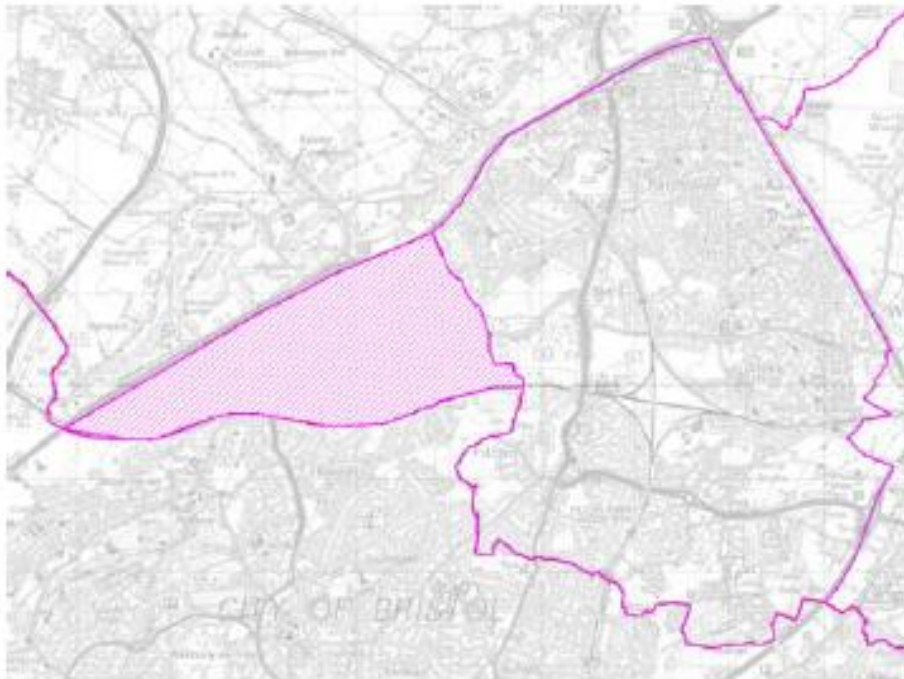
1. Abbeywood Community School is proposing to increase its Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 from 180 to 240, following a firm commitment from the Local Authority to fund extra accommodation on site.
2. Abbeywood Community School is also proposing to remove the Year 10 point of entry, as the extra students in current Years 7 to 9, and the increased PAN from 2025 will mean we cannot continue to take in more students at Key Stage 4.
3. Olympus Post 16 Centres propose to reduce their Year 12 PAN for external candidates from 25 students to 5, based on increased uptake from internal candidates and ensuing Health and Safety considerations.
4. As part of a Local Authority review of Areas of Prime Responsibility (APR) across the county, Olympus has been requested to extend to the East the existing Shared APR for Abbeywood Community School, Bradley Stoke Community School and Patchway Community School. The existing Shared APR, and the proposed extension, are shown on the map below.



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The current Shared APR (outlined in pink) is defined by the M5 motorway to the north, the M4 motorway to the east, then west along B4057 until the B4427 at the Stoke Gifford Civil Parish boundary, then southwards along the Stoke Gifford Civil Parish boundary until Hambrook Lane, then east along Hambrook Lane until the M32 motorway, then southwards along the M32 motorway. At South Gloucestershire Council's administrative boundary it then tracks westwards and northwards along South Gloucestershire Council's administrative boundary until the railway line south of the former Filton Airfield, then northwards along Patchway Civil Parish boundary until the M5 motorway.

The hatched area currently falls within Marlwood School's APR, but it is proposed to move it into the Shared APR for Abbeywood, Bradley Stoke and Patchway Community Schools.



Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be addressed to:

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