

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

Term 4 has been as busy as ever with some remarkable achievements and memorable events taking place across the school. Some of the highlights have been

- Enterprise Week: Our have students showcased their entrepreneurial skills and engaged in workshops with industry professionals gaining insight and experience of enterprise and the workplace.
- First Football Fixture Victory: We celebrated our first-ever win in a football fixture, beating Kings OAK academy 7-5, demonstrating teamwork and determination throughout.
- Bristol Bears T1 Tournament: Our students participated in the Bristol Bears T1 tournament, gaining valuable experience and showcasing their sportsmanship.
- Digifest Music Festival: We hosted our first-ever music festival, 'Digifest,' which was a huge success. The event featured live performances, food stalls, and activities, all organized by our talented Year 11 students

We look forward to building on these successes and making Term 5 equally rewarding.

Chris Ballard

Principal

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 5 **Tuesday 22nd April 2024 - Friday 23rd May 2025**

Term 6 **Monday 2nd June 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025**

Inset Days

Friday 4th July 2025 (CLF Summer Conference)

Monday 7th July 2025

*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



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Now the warmer weather is arriving, and the sun is starting to shine, here is a gentle reminder of the school dress code below.



Dress Code

At Digitech Studio School, we value your individuality and believe it is important for you to express yourself through your appearance. However, we also aim to prepare you for professional environments, which often have formal dress expectations. Therefore, we have established the following dress code to create a conducive learning atmosphere:

No revealing clothing: This includes any attire that exposes the midriff or shoulders.	Appropriate length for bottoms: Shorts, dresses, or skirts should be no more than two inches above the knee.
Avoid extreme fashion: No nightwear, clothing with offensive messages (words, logos, or images).	Classroom attire: Coats or jackets must be removed upon entering the classroom.
Headwear: Hats and hoods are not allowed inside the building.	Jewellery and makeup: Permitted as long as they meet health and safety standards.
Footwear: Must adhere to health and safety guidelines no high heels, flip-flops, sandals, sliders, or Crocs.	

PE Kit

While there is no specific Digitech Studio School PE kit, students are expected to wear appropriate sports attire. This includes trainers, tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a t-shirt, and a sports top. Additionally, students should bring a long-sleeved top and a waterproof layer for outdoor activities, especially in cold weather.

Jewellery and piercings: Must be removed before PE lessons.

Hair: Any hair chin-length or longer must be tied back.

Footwear: Should provide adequate grip and ankle protection. Shoes and boots are not suitable for PE.

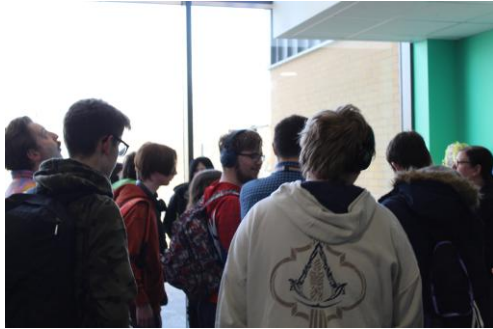
For any questions regarding PE, please contact the PE Team at Simone.Ryan@clf.uk or Jack.Riley@clf.uk

We reserve the right to determine and address any dress code violations and expect full cooperation from students and parents. Our goal is to ensure everyone feels comfortable, and discussions about attire are meant to promote a respectful and considerate environment. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and for your courtesy towards the school community.

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CLF Big Bake 2025

Digitech students took part in some amazing baking activities this term as part of the “CLF Big Bake” (celebrating Cabot Learning Federation’s 15th year Anniversary)”



Polite Reminder

This is a polite reminder for all parents to remember that reception staff, as the first point of contact in school, will always try their best to resolve any queries, pass on messages and contact members of staff on your behalf as soon as they are able. Due to the busy nature of the school day immediate responses are not always possible and we would kindly request that any frustrations you have are not directed at reception or admin staff. Thank you.



In a thrilling Digitech v Kings Oak encounter, Digitech secured a 7-5 victory, with Fin's extraordinary five-goal performance leading the charge. Reece "the Rock" and Logan, displaying Lazarus-like resilience, consistently rose to the challenge, keeping our Kingswood neighbours at bay. Despite being two goals down, a full team effort brought immense joy and entertainment to the backroom staff in attendance. Special recognition goes to Jack B for his impressive saves, while Freddie and Logan also contributed crucial goals.

Shockwaves were sent through the community as the San Marino of the CLF registered victory on this occasion. Many thanks to Kings Oak Academy; both teams played in a spirited yet commendable manner. It was wonderful to see our students playing and having fun, and we look forward to sharing the field again in the future. Next up, Digitech Y10 will face Y11 in what promises to be another exciting match. Well done to all involved!



Bristol Bears –

Our students had a great time at the Bristol Bears yesterday. They represented our school incredibly well; they showed a great ability to support other younger students and involve them within the sessions. They finished the day with a T1 tournament, having merged with Lime Hill School they managed to beat Trinity school in a fixture. A great experience at a world class facility.



Y10 Work Experience

Dear parents / Carers

As you are aware we launched the year 10 work experience expectations back in term 2. Quite a few students have secured a placement, and we are in the process of getting the paperwork complete. However, there are still many students yet to secure a placement and so this email is sent as a reminder that all students need to be looking for a placement to take place during the week Tues 8th - Fri 11th July 2025. *(students can opt to do Mon 7th if they wish but as this is a school inset day there is no expectation from us that they work the Monday)*

The deadline for reporting placements and paperwork to be completed has now been extended to Friday 27th June 2025. This is just a few weeks before the placement week and therefore gives students plenty of time to get something organised.

Work experience offers a great opportunity for students to experience the world of work and all that will mean, it is a key part of our careers programme here at Digitech and so it is our expectation that all students will take part in some way. If finding a whole week is a challenge, please consider a couple of days.

I have been running a drop-in session every Tuesday lunchtime in the canteen for students to come with any work experience related questions or to report placements and I will continue to do this in term 5 and 6. Please encourage your child to come along. As a school we do not have a list of placements or the capacity to find those placements but can certainly help with giving ideas or showing how to contact employers.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself on jane.morgan@clf.uk or Emma Dodd on emma.dodd@clf.uk



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Rewards Assembly Term 4 Year 10



Ellie T, Carys M, Erin S & Sophie-Levina K,



100% Attendance for Term 3

Emily C, Taylor H, Addison H, Amie L, Erin S, Reece H, Isla N, Issac S, Dyllon B, Kian C, Reigan H-C, Tessa S, Ben C & Alex M



Most Improved Attendance from Term 3 to Term 4

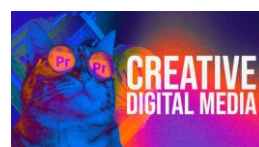
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Erin S, Sophie-Levina K & Seddon L



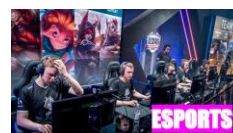
Jake S & Jet A



Addison H, Jake S, Jack B, Jack T, Isla N, Theo H, Keira W & Oliva P



Taylor H, Bryce P, Liam B, Daniel H, Olivia P, Amira M & Noah D



Hayden S-P H, Teddy A & Amira M

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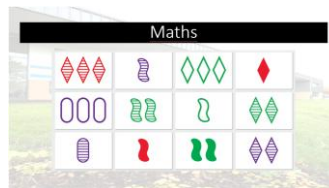
Louis M & Naite F-W



Carys M, Connor H, Isaac S &
Isla N



Lucas J-W & Liam R



Lillie-Jean H, Taylor H, Darci H,
Liam B, Naite F-W & Jake S

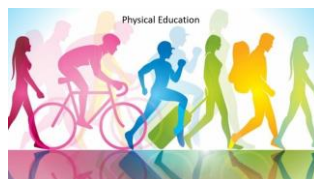
Photography



Emily C, Lillie-J H, Frankie T,
Isaac S, Daniel H & August F



Isla N, Erin S, Logan S, Noah K,
Ben C, Sam B & Harry G



Amie L, August F, Isla N, Jet
A, Reece H & Freddie M



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Rewards Assembly Term 4 Year 11



Abby W, Sophie B, Lana B &
Keira M



100% Attendance Term 3

Harry H, Daisy S, Miya S, Josh B, Sara B, Ben F, Jack
H, Charlie P, Tyler-Jay S, Ethan T, Ahsan U, Jay Y,
Oscar E, Charlie G, Keira M, Alex P, Stan B, Cain B,
Ainsley K & Ellis S



Most improved attendance from Term 3 to Term 4

Violet A, Bam C, Sophie C, Enzo C, Evie E, Phoebe E, Leo E, Ashton G, Callum H, Morgan H, Connor
H, Dylan J, Daisy K, Willow L, Aine L, Edgar M-S, Ava M, Nathan M, Jess N, Esme S, Cosmo S-M,
Jordan S, Jayden S, Lani S-R, Leyton S, Abby W & Felipe Z-D-L



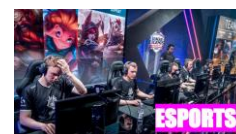
Sara B & Bailey R



Ava M, Charlie P, Callum H,
Ben F, Tyler-Jay S, Abby W,
Abbie F & Leyton S



Stan B, Leyton S, Keira M, Ben F,
Daisy S, Jordan S, Felipe Z-D-L,
Sara B, Willow L, Callum H,
Abby W & Nathan M



Rhylee M-P & Ashton G

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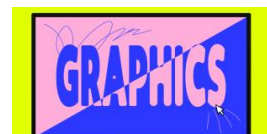


Oscar E & Callum H



Y10
Music

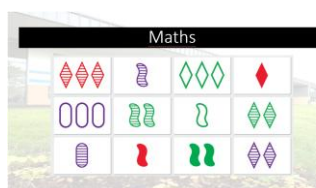
Eli B, Abi W & Lana B



Jess N, Ahsan U, Oscar E
& Callum H



Ainsley K



Gilbert M-T, Lana B & Sara B

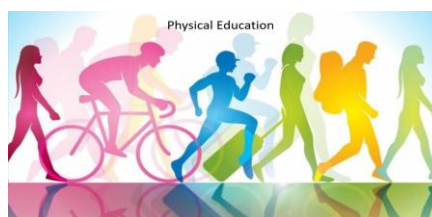
Photography



Ellis S, Bailey R, Sophie C,
Leyton S, Osana W &
Morgan H



Cosmo S-M, Eli B, Henry W, Enzo
C, Onyx H & Charlie G



Connor H & Corey H-W



GCSE Boost –

Year 11 took part in GCSE Boost an interschools event which took place under the Concord at the Aerospace Museum. They heard from key speakers around Mental wellbeing, Nutrition and exam technique all with the aim of helping students to prepare well for their upcoming GCSEs. About 30 Year 11s came along on the trip and found it be a beneficial event to their GCSE preparation.



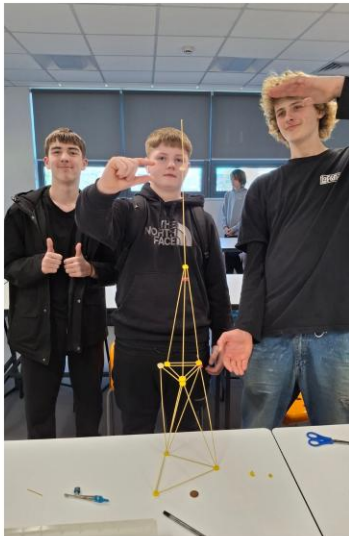
Skills & Enterprise Week –

Year 10 have been participating in Skills and Enterprise week and have taken part in a wide variety of sessions to grow, develop and highlight awareness of skills and knowledge needed both for the world of work and life in general. They have had input from a wide variety of employers and providers as well as some tailor made inhouse sessions. The students have heard from ITV, HSBC and Access Creative, they have learnt CPR from Great Western Ambulance Service, Basic first aid from our very own Simone and Jack and taken part in a social enterprise challenge where they had to create a new tech product to solve a social issue in their community. A highlight of the week has been seeing students build towers from spaghetti and mini gems in our in-house STEM challenge. It has been a fantastic week and a lovely end to term 4.



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Skills & Enterprise Week –



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Digifest 2025

We had an amazing time at Digifest 2025, and it was fantastic to see everyone come together to celebrate. Here are a few select photos from the night – capturing just a glimpse of the fun! If you would like to see more, be sure to visit our Digitech Facebook page after the half term.



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This term 10 of our students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Willmott Dixon, a leading construction company in the Southwest. The visit was part of their Envision project, which helps students develop essential skills through real-world experiences.



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Young Carers at Digitech Studio School Bristol

We know that for some students, there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.

We think in every class there could be as many as 2 pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students Young Carers.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons:

- They might be providing support to a parent/carer with a physical illness such as fibromyalgia or ME, they could be cooking, fetching shopping/collecting medication, helping with siblings.
- They might be helping a parent/carer with a disability who needs help with more personal tasks such as getting dressed, bathing or changing dressings.
- Or it could be more emotional support – like supporting their sibling with additional needs, taking responsibility for young siblings whilst parents/carers attend health appointments, or checking that a parent/carer with depression/anxiety is ok.

Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students.

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

If you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young carer then please contact.

Mike Edwards – Young Carers SLT Champion.

Tracey Roberts – Young Carers Operational Lead.

Please find below outside agencies that also support Young Carers.



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Meet with school/nursery to discuss the issues/worries you have.

- **Seek advice from** Health Visitor, GP, School Nurse.
- **SEND and You** Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - www.sendandyou.org.uk
- **South Glos Parents/Carers** - www.sglpspc.org.uk
- **The SEND Local Offer** Find more information on the **South Glos Directory**.

- Talk with your school/nursery about getting some help and support.
- Community based resources, e.g. **Resound, Bourne Family Project, Parent Buddies, Home Start.**
- South Gloucestershire Parenting Groups run by Families Plus.
- **Caring for Communities and People (CCP)** - www.ccp.org.uk
- **Children's Centres Facebook Page** - South Gloucestershire Children's Centres.
- Find more details - **South Glos Directory**

South Gloucestershire Council

- **Speak with your child's school/nursery** to see what can be done in-house to support your child.
- **Speak to your GP** about your worries.
- **Mind You** - <http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/>
- **Hub of Hope:** www.hubofhope.co.uk
- **Read books from the library** with your child.
- **Off The Record** - www.otrbristol.org.uk
- **NHS Website** www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/
- Use **South Glos Directory** to search other local groups and charities (QR Code below!)

Next Link Plus - 0800 470 0280 Next Link Plus South Glos provide support services for anyone (women, men, non-binary, children) who have been the victim of domestic abuse.

Women's Aid - 0345 458 2914 or 0117 916 6461

Respect Men's Advice Line - 0808 8010327 Advice and support for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse

Respect: (FOR PERPETRATORS) A confidential and anonymous helpline for anyone concerned about their violence and/or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner. Website: www.respectphoneline.org.uk Tel: 0808 802 4040 Email: info@respectphoneline.org.uk

Search support services on **South Glos Directory**.

Visit your local One Stop Shop in Kingswood or Patchway.

• **Contact** South Glos Council Housing - <https://homechoice.southglos.gov.uk/>

• **Call** housing enquiries 01454 868005.

• **Housing Matters** are housing experts, provide brief advice, long-term casework, outreach work, and homelessness. 0117 935 1260.

• **Talking Money** provides free debt, energy and financial advice. To book a place at a One Stop Shop call 0117 954 3990.

• **North Bristol Advice** provide free advice sessions on welfare benefits and debt. Patchway/Kingswood One Stop Shop: 0117 951 5751.

• **South Glos** - benefit enquiries 01454 868002.

Use the **South Glos Directory** to access local support groups and services!

Scan here using your camera to access the South Glos Directory!

find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk

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Keeping Children Safe Online

In today's digital world, social media plays a huge role in young people's life. While it offers great opportunities for connection and learning, it also presents risks that parents and carers should be aware of. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead has shared the below link for parents and carers to help with this.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2025/02/24/social-medias-impact/>



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Third Friday of every month, 6-8pm
Funded by South Glos. Council
Short Breaks service for 8-13 year olds.

£2.00 entry

To be held at:

FACE, Youth Centre, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS

Contact: emma@facecharity.org.uk or 0117 9691938



FOUNDATION FOR ACTIVE
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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1156904

JOIN SUNDAY JAM!

Accessible music for young people under 25



We'll experiment with **instruments** and **technology**, playing **musical games**, creating **songs**, **moving** and **dancing**

Sunday Jam is our new **music** and **movement** club for **disabled young people** and their families/personal assistants

Find out more and sign up to monthly sessions throughout **March - July** via the QR code





Come And See Your School Nurse

Get confidential advice and support about:



Mental health and anxiety management



Healthy eating



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: bit.ly/ChatHealthCCHP

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

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[School Nursing Service – Children and Young People's Services \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](https://sirona-cic.org.uk)

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The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the Easter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 7 April 2025 and Thursday 17 April 2025 but will vary by provider. Each child can receive up to **4 days support over the Easter holidays**.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF places unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they have previously attended a HAF programme– in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.





Join the JIGSAW Jaunt – Fun, Fitness & Fundraising!

Take part in this year's JIGSAW Jaunt on **Saturday 29th March** and enjoy a fun, family-friendly 5km walk around Thornbury. Solve clues, explore local landmarks, and support JIGSAW Thornbury's vital work for families.

- **Join on the day:** Buy a £2 map at JIGSAW Thornbury and complete the walk to receive a **free week's gym membership** at Elite Fitness. Plus, enjoy a **free drink and food** if you return by 2pm!
- **Can't make it?** Buy a map online and complete the walk over Easter. Submit your answers by **13th April** for a chance to **win a month's gym membership!**

No need to pre-book—just turn up and have fun!
Want to know more about JIGSAW Thornbury visit
www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk



PARENTS PLUS Childrens Programme

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

An 8 week course taking place every Tuesday
From 29th April 2025 to 24th June 2025 (excluding half term break)

It will take place in Patchway Children's Centre from 10:00 – 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 01454 866000.