

Term 6 Summer Newsletter



1 - A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS BALLARD - PRINCIPAL

This has been a particularly positive final term for our Year 10 and 12 students, who have demonstrated impressive maturity, resilience and determination with year 10 have successfully completing their mock examinations and Work Experience placements.

The feedback received from employers has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting our students' professionalism, enthusiasm and strong employability skills. We are immensely proud of the way they represented both themselves and Digitech within the wider community.

Throughout the year, our students have been a credit to their families and the school, consistently working hard and embracing the opportunities available to them. Their achievements reflect their commitment, ambition and positive attitude, and they should be proud of all they have accomplished.

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support and dedication. I wish everyone a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting and successful year

Chris Ballard

Principal



2 - TERM DATES - Please note the earlier finish time on Tuesday 21st July at 12.50.

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Term 1	
First day of term for students	Monday 7th September 2026
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 21st October 2026
INSET Dates	Thursday 3rd September 2026 Friday 4th September 2026 Thursday 22nd October 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 2nd November 2026
Last day of term for students	Friday 18th December 2026
INSET Dates	Monday 23 November 2026
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Last day of term for students	Thursday 11th February 2027
INSET Dates	Monday 4th January 2027Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Monday 22nd February 2027
Last day of term for students	Thursday 25th March 2027
Bank Holidays	Friday 26th March 2027
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Monday 12th April 2027
Last day of term for students	Friday 28th May 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 7th June 2027
Last day of term for students	Friday 23rd July 2027
INSET Dates	Friday 2nd July 2027



3 - WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING IN MATHS

Year 10

This term, Key Stage 4 students have been developing their GCSE maths skills through problem-solving, exam-style questions, and regular revision. Their hard work and commitment have been excellent, and we encourage them to continue practising little and often at home to build confidence and prepare for future assessments.

Well done to all our students for their continued effort and progress!

Jas Khera

Teacher of Maths



4 - ENGLISH HIGHLIGHTS

Year 10

Students have been hard at work planning, practising and in some cases delivering their English presentations. We're glad to be able to offer students the chance to speak about a topic of personal interest or passion and to develop such an important skill: oracy. We understand it's a very nerve-wracking experience to speak in front of your peers, but we support students and recognise how the challenge will be one of the most useful for students post-16.

Year 10 students have also had their first experience of English Literature mock exams, along with English Language Paper 2. Some of the effort applied to these exams is incredible to see and the feedback (given the week after work experience) will set students up for success throughout Year 11.

Ashley Williams

Head of English



5 - PROGRESS IN SCIENCE

Year 10

Students have been working hard to complete their final Year 10 topics- Extracting Metals and Health and Disease.

Throughout these units, students have developed their understanding of how metals are obtained from their ores, and explored important biological concepts relating to disease, prevention, and human health.

Students have also made a strong start on their first Year 11 topic- Forces and Energy, which will form an important part of their GCSE studies next year.

In addition to their classroom learning, students have been revising and completing their second set of mock examinations.

Their commitment to preparing thoroughly, and approaching the exams seriously, has been encouraging to see, and will stand them in good stead as they move into Year 11.

Siobhan Cole

Senior Leader



6 - BUSINESS

Year 10

Business students have been completing their Music Business coursework, where they were able to choose a music artist to study. Students selected a range of well-known artists, including Stormzy, Oasis, Taylor Swift and The Rolling Stones.

Through this project, they explored how artists make money through royalties, album sales, live performances and streaming platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music. This has helped students understand how businesses and individuals generate revenue in the modern music industry.

Unfortunately, our planned trip to Cadbury World was cancelled due to the hot weather. We hope to arrange another trip during Year 11. Refunds are currently being processed and can now be collected from reception. Students will need to sign when collecting their refund, or alternatively, a parent/carer can collect it on their behalf.

Joshua Sterling

Teacher of Business



7 - CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA IN ACTION

Year 10

Year 10 Social Media students have undertaken a crash course in video editing software Adobe Premiere Pro. Students were given the exact same footage to take in their own creative direction requiring decision making on the story, transitions and title use.

Students took to learning hotkeys and essential tools extremely well, allowing them to creatively make cuts and transitions to the footage for their own unique tone.

Stand out work included a satirical and clever 'Kiss my Axe', a highly effective and radioactive 'The Man in Yellow' and a masterful and exquisite 'RDR' which was proudly screened to the class.

Luke Fazackerley

Teacher of Creative Digital Media



Year 10

Students have been taking part in a range of creative workshops following the completion of their first unit. These have included animation and stop-motion projects, learning to use Adobe Animate, developing digital illustration skills with drawing tablets, and redesigning album covers using Adobe Photoshop.

Students have also been working collaboratively on a narrative short film project, where they have been developing story ideas, planning shots, filming footage, and creating their own short

narrative sequences. It has been fantastic to see their creativity, teamwork and technical skills continue to develop.



Year 12

Students are currently working on their photography project, exploring two contrasting interpretations of the theme *Atmosphere*. Students are planning, shooting and editing their own portfolio of photographs, which will be presented through professionally designed digital portfolios using Wix.

Throughout the project, students have been developing their photography skills through workshops covering lighting techniques, the principles of photography, and manual camera settings. They have also been exploring industry-standard editing software, including Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, to enhance and refine their work.

Year 13

Congratulations to year 13 who have successfully completed all of their coursework this year. Their hard work, creativity and dedication have been outstanding, and they should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

We were delighted to celebrate their success at our recent Graduation Ceremony and Exhibition Evening, where students showcased their work to family, friends and staff. The quality of work on display was exceptional and highlighted the talent and commitment of this year's cohort.

We wish all of our Year 13 students the very best for the future. They will be greatly missed, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve next.

Lily Knibbs

Teacher of Creative Digital Media



8 - PHOTOGRAPHY THIS TERM

Year 10

Students have been continuing with their Coursework Projects and have made fantastic progress moving on to their second Artist Research and Responses. It has been amazing watching students' confidence grow, as they finalised their first Artist Response through exploring digital photoshop edits and the manual manipulation technique of photo weaving.

Below are some exceptional examples of this technique.

Students are now at the stage of editing their second photoshoot inspired by their second Artist Research. We have been focusing on refining our photoshop skills to complete a range of Digital Experiments to further develop and extend their Responses.

Ruby Fleming

Teacher of Art & Photography







9 - ART RECAP

Year 10

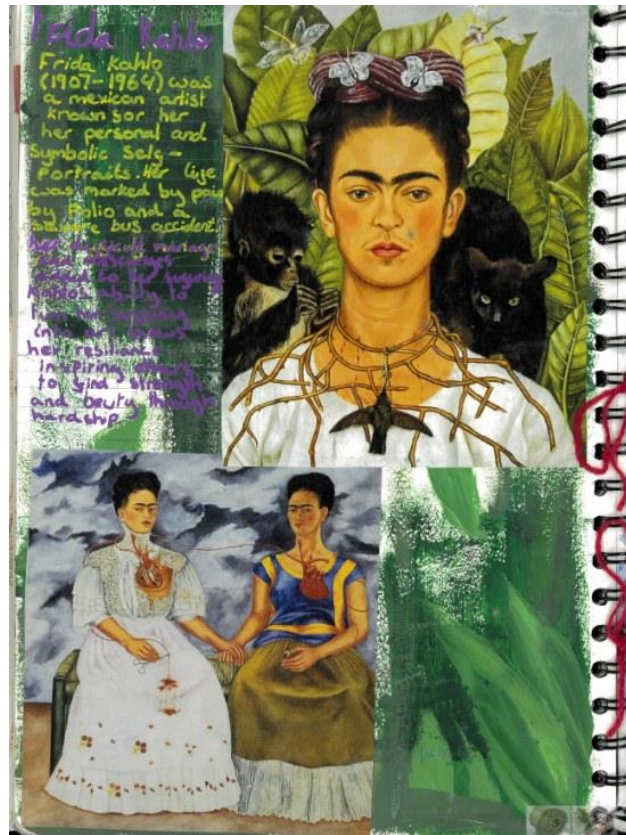
Art Students have been working hard continuing their Coursework Project exploring the theme of Identity.

This term students have been focusing on selecting and researching an artist and using their work as inspiration to create their own responses. It has been fantastic to see each student have agency for their learning by choosing their research artist and the materials they want to use for their response. We now have a range of different outcomes, from printmaking to paint and drawing, even sculpture.

Here are some stand out examples, an Artist Research and Response, and two sculpture outcomes - Cardboard Wheel and Floral Paw.

Ruby Fleming

Teacher of Art & Photography





10 - GRAPHICS HIGHLIGHTS

Year 10

Students have continued developing their magazine project, building on the design work from previous weeks by creating and refining the pages of their own magazines. They have been applying their understanding of layout, typography, colour, and imagery to produce cohesive, professional-looking publications that reflect their chosen themes and target audiences. It has been great to see students developing their technical skills while making thoughtful design decisions and bringing their creative ideas together into a finished magazine.

George Harris

Teacher of Graphic Design



11 - ESPORTS UPDATE

Year 10

Esports students are finalising their branding packs for their very own Esports teams. Producing surveys for feedback students were able to improve on their marketing designs. Their brand packs include the likely sponsors and partnerships they are seeking, content creators to collaborate with and potential celebrity ambassadors to team up with. These elements have been carefully selected to visually represent their brands.

Luke Fazackerley

Teacher of Esports



12 - GAMES DESIGN

Year 10

On the completion of their Scratch Game Demos Year 10 Games Design students have been introduced to 3D modelling software Blender. In just two lessons students have learnt their way around Blender, and the various Edit modes. Student outcomes of low poly stylised game assets have included a Pine Tree, Abstract Futuristic props and halfway through Thor's hammer.

Next up we will learn to texture and get the 3D Assets ready to go in game.

Luke Fazackerley

Teacher of Games Design



13 - THIS TERM IN MUSIC

Year 10

In Music this term, Year 10 have been working on their 'Music Industry Projects'. Between their two main units, they have this opportunity to build some skills in an area of interest to them by working on project from a choice of three; making music collaboratively, producing a Podcast or

putting on a live music event in school. Students will work on these projects through to October half term in Year 11 when they will present their projects.

Students have been really enthusiastic about their chosen projects and have already made some exciting progress towards their end goals.

Sam Eason

Teacher of RSL Creative Music Industry



14 - WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

At the end of this term Year 10 students headed off on an exciting range of work experience placements! From dog groomers to design companies, schools to barbers, and event organisers to skateboard designers, our students explored a fantastic variety of industries and career pathways.

Spending up to a week alongside experienced professionals, students gained valuable insight into the world of work, took on real responsibilities, and completed a range of tasks and projects. Some even had the incredible opportunity to contribute to live client briefs, with their work now being used in the public domain – a fantastic achievement!

We have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from employers, who have praised our students for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and willingness to learn. They have been brilliant ambassadors for both themselves and the school, and we couldn't be prouder.

Meanwhile, students who remained in school enjoyed a packed programme of exciting activities. They achieved their HSBC Money Certificate, designed and built a sensory garden, made delicious truffles, and took part in many other engaging and hands-on experiences throughout the week!

It has been a busy, productive, and thoroughly enjoyable week for everyone involved. Well done to all our students for engaging so well.

Jane Morgan

Careers and Pathways Lead











15 - WORKSHOP WEEK FOR ON SITE STUDENTS













16 - YEAR 11 PROM













17 - Funniest Person



18 - Best Dancer



19 - Best Dressed



20 - Prom Queen



21 - Best Couple



22 - Prom King and Queen



23 - Prom King



24 - Student of the Year



25 - YEAR 11 - LAST DAY

Farewell to Year 11

Students enjoyed a fun packed assembly, followed by pancakes, music and memories, with t-shirt signing and year books to take home, it was a warm send off in more ways than one!

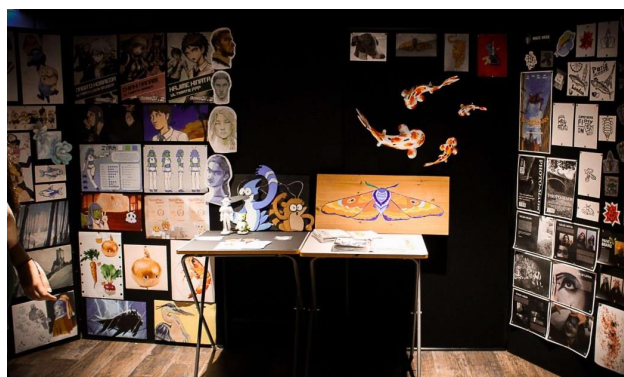






26 - POST 16 ART EXHIBITION AND PROM

Post 16 students marked the end of their journey at Digitech, by showcasing their incredible artwork, and enjoying a memorable prom night with friends.

















27 - CLF SUMMER CONFERENCE



Our fabulous course lead Sam Eason delivered a staff training session at our Academy conference on Making Podcasts.

The session was fully booked, and Sam did an outstanding job of delivering an informative and highly practical workshop. It was a tremendous success and received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees. I personally learned a lot and will certainly be exploring the use of podcasts in the next academic year. I'm confident that many others who attended left feeling equally inspired and eager to put the ideas into practice.



28 - INFORMATION FROM PHIL - SAFEGUARDING

**Help your child stay
safe online**

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>





Mental health and wellbeing support / General cost of living advice

Feeling worried about money or bills? Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling, you may be entitled to extra support.

Many people are feeling stressed and overwhelmed right now. Remember to be kind to yourself and take time to look after your wellbeing.

If money worries are affecting your mental health, **free support and advice is available at:**

www.oneyou.southglos.gov.uk

Make sure you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to, as millions of pounds of benefits go unclaimed every year.

You can check on the government online benefit calculator here: <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

To find out what local financial help is available: www.southglos.gov.uk/costofliving

You can also visit a One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Patchway or Yate or call the council's freephone helpline: **0800 953 7778**.



STUDENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE - MONDAY AND THURSDAY BREAKTIMES, IN THE HUB INTERVENTION ROOM.

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 two students 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, please contact:

Mike Edwards – Young Carers SLT Champion

Tracey Roberts – Young Carers Operational Lead.

Mike.Edwards@clf.uk

Tracey.Roberts@clf.uk

WHERE DO I GO FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN SCHOOL?

OPERATIONAL LEAD: TRACEY
TRACEY.ROBERTS@CLF.UK

STRATEGIC LEAD : MIKE
MIKE.EDWARDS@CLF.UK



COME ALONG TO
DIGITECH YOUNG CARERS
SUPPORT GROUP.



Come and see your School Nurse

Get confidential advice and support about:



Emotional wellbeing



Healthy eating



Relationships



Drugs, alcohol
and
smoking



Dental
health



Sleep



Physical health



Sexual health

When: Wednesday Lunchtimes

Where- The Hub Quiet Space



If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

When: Every Friday including school holidays. 10:30am - 12pm

Where: Martins House, opposite Kings Oak Academy.

You can contact: School Nursing team 0300 125 5151.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.



Service provided by



You can also text our anonymous chathealth service: 07312263093 Mon-Fri, 9am - 5pm.

For more information visit: [Sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/chathealth/](https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/chathealth/)



New online safety advice for parents of children with additional needs



Children with additional needs may experience the online world differently to their peers.

Some children may spend more time online, be more trusting, compliant or anxious, or feel less in control of their online experiences.

As parents and carers, it can be difficult to know how best to support your child, especially when much of the online safety advice available takes a “one size fits all” approach.

That’s why we wanted to share **Every Child Safe Online**, a new advice hub from online safety experts Internet Matters which offers accessible, practical resources and guidance for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

The resources are designed to help you support your child to have safer, more positive online experiences, with guidance that recognises that every child is different.

You can access the resources [here](#).



Join us at OTR for relaxed, welcoming holiday sessions designed for young people. You'll have space to hang out in our lounge, courtyard garden, and kitchen, with activities that let you get creative, move your body, and try something new.

DELICIOUS FOOD INCLUDED

Make connections, learn a new skill and join us for a different activity each day!

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



- Art and crafts
- Hapazome flower printing
- Wooden amulet creation
- Stamp making
- Planting and pot decorating
- Zine creativity
- Treasure hunt

DATES

Monday 27th July
Tuesday 28th July
Monday 3rd August
Tuesday 4th August
Wednesday 5th August
Thursday 6th August
Monday 10th August
Tuesday 11th August
Wednesday 12th August
Monday 17th August
Tuesday 18th August
Wednesday 19th August

LOCATION

8-10 Old Market
Bristol BS2 0BH

AGE RANGE

11-16

TIME

10am-13:00 pm



SIGN UP AT www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/holiday-activities



Visit Our Linktree!

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

linktree.com/digitechschool



HUB SUPPORT

MONDAY

Maths
with Dawn

**Science and
Photography**
with Tracey

TUESDAY

English
with Carol

Music
with Chris



WEDNESDAY

Maths
with Ian



THURSDAY

English
with Anna
Graphics
with Alice
Enterprise
with Tim

You can have help with homework,
coursework or revision in The Hub!

The TAs are available after school Mon-Thu
to offer their support. Feel free to drop-in!

The Hub is open during break / lunch
time if you want to do homework,
play board games, read or colour!





At JIGSAW Thornbury, we are preparing for the summer holidays and would love your support in sharing two opportunities with families of children and young people with additional needs, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed.

Would you like to boost your well being this summer with a Thrive in 30 Summer Challenge?

This summer we are inviting children, young people and families to take part in our Thrive in 30 Challenge and boost their wellbeing in a way that works for them. From walking and reading to creativity, mindfulness and digital detoxing, participants choose 30 simple activities that help them slow down, get outside, feel good and create positive habits over the summer holidays.

Families can choose to complete one of our ready-made challenge packs, including:

- **30 Walks in 30 Days** featuring themed walks such as gratitude walks, nature walks and friendship walks. [Thrive in 30](#)
- **Our Summer Bucket List Challenge** packed with activities such as outdoor reading, kindness challenges, gardening, art and family games. [Thrive in 30](#)



Duke of Edinburgh Club

Come along on
Wednesdays at lunch,
Learn about the DofE
award, get involved
and have fun!

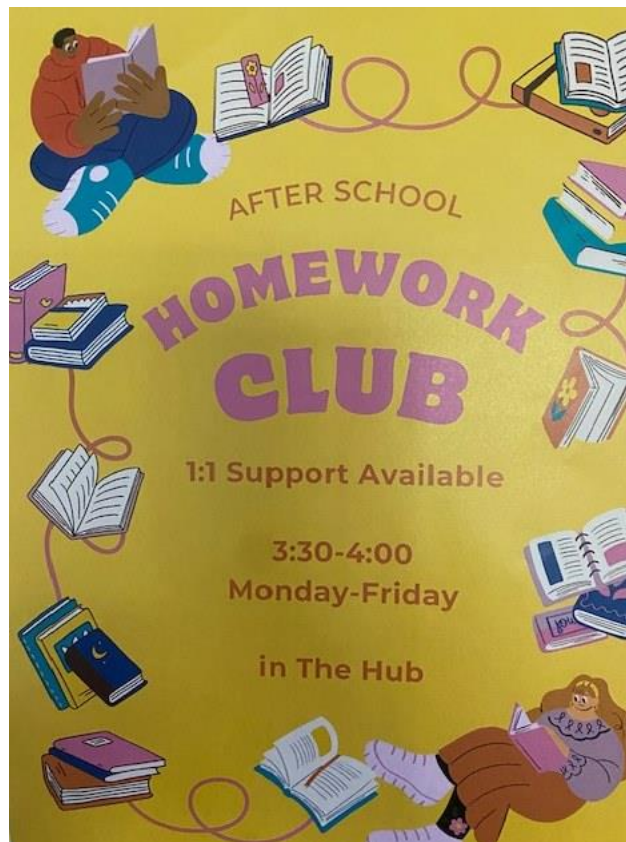
Exciting opportunity- We are hoping to launch a **Level 1 Junior Sports Leadership Award (13+)** providing students with an exciting opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, communication and organisation skills through sport, culminating in participants running a 1-hour sports session in their community.

This is planned to be a lunchtime club.... **Watch this space!**

Careers and Work Experience drop-in sessions on Monday lunchtimes, 12.50 - 1.20 with Jane Morgan Careers and Pathways Lead.

Sparx homework support/catch up sessions, Thursdays after school.

English catch up sessions on Tuesdays after school,
with Ashley Williams- Head of English



Are you a student with autism who wants to help shape how our school supports you and others like you?

Join our **weekly Student Voice Group** — a safe, welcoming space where you can:

- Share your thoughts and experiences
- Help make decisions that improve support for autistic students
- Connect with others in a small, friendly group
- Be heard and make a difference!



When: Fridays, Period 2

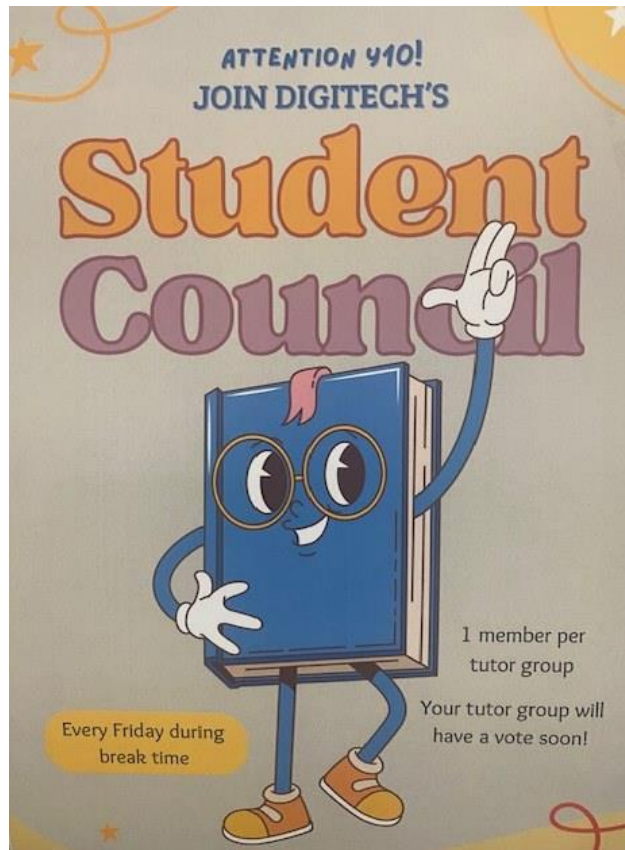
Where: The Hub

Led by: Alice (Pastoral Support Officer)

If you are interested, please let me know either via Email;

Alice.Smith@clf.uk or speak to me in school time





Diary Dates

Parents' Evening and other important dates for your diaries for 2026-27 will be issued in September.



33 - HIRE OUR SCHOOL HALL

[Click here to find out more - https://digitechstudio.schoolhire.co.uk/main-hall/39453](https://digitechstudio.schoolhire.co.uk/main-hall/39453)

Looking for a venue to host a meeting, community groups (Scouts, Guides) or talks –

Look no further than Digitech!



Main Hall

Digitech Studio School in Bristol

£ Pricing

Details	Size	Weekday (£)	Weekend (£)
Full Hall	8 x 9	25.00	30.00
Weekend Full Day	8 x 9	n/a	200.00 (fixed fee)

Prices shown are per hour unless otherwise stated and may be subject to VAT.

📋 What you will find at this facility

Maximum capacity - 50 people.

Our Main Hall provides a flexible facility to meet your requirements whatever your needs.

Its flexible options make it perfect for many different types of events. Potential uses include dance/exercise classes, community groups and functions

The Hall is based on the ground floor and has full disabled access. It comes equipped with interactive screen, chairs and single or meeting desks (upon request). Based on your requirements the room could be set up in many different ways, so please include full details on the booking request.

There is limited parking available on first come first served basis.

Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature.

📍 Location

Tower Road North, Warmley, Bristol, BS30 8XQ



34 - EXTERNAL INFORMATION, OPPORTUNITIES AND USEFUL LINKS

WEST

FREE
bus travel
for kids

That's summer sorted

18 July - 6 September

Funded by
UK Government

WEST HELEN GOOWIN
MAYOR OF THE
OF ENGLAND | WEST OF ENGLAND

From 18 July to 6 September, kids can again hop on almost all local buses for free. No booking or bus pass required.

The scheme covers all school-age children from 5 to 15, including those in secondary school. And there's no need to travel with a fare-paying adult, perfect for older kids who want to travel independently or with friends.

Find out more at travelwest.info



WORKS4YOUTH

SUMMER POP UPS 2026

15
JULY

KINGS CHASE
SHOPPING CENTRE,
BS15 5LP

22
JULY

WILLOWBROOK
SHOPPING CENTRE,
BS32 8BS

29
JULY

YATE SHOPPING
CENTRE, BS37 4AP

05
AUGUST

YATE YOUTH
FESTIVAL, BS37
4AP

12
AUGUST

WILLOWBROOK
SHOPPING CENTRE,
BS32 8BS

19
AUGUST

YATE SHOPPING
CENTRE, BS37 4AP

26
AUGUST

KINGS CHASE
SHOPPING CENTRE,
BS15 5LP

02
SEPTEMBER

WILLOWBROOK
SHOPPING CENTRE,
BS32 8BS

09
SEPTEMBER

YATE SHOPPING
CENTRE, BS37 4AP

MEET SOUTH
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
COUNCIL'S YOUTH
SERVICES TEAMS
ABOUT JOBS,
TRAINING, WORK
EXPERIENCE, AND
YOUR NEXT STEPS.



12.30PM - 2.30PM



LOOK OUT FOR
THE GAZEBO AND
BANNERS!



16-21 YEAR OLDS,
LOOKING FOR
EMPLOYMENT AND
TRAINING



WORKS4YOUTH@SOUTHGLOS.GOV.UK



@WORKS4YOUTH



YOUTH GUARANTEE
Funded by UK Government

Works for youth (South Gloucestershire council youth services team) are offering drop-in sessions all through the summer for those students yet to secure a plan for Sept or if GCSE / Level 3 results mean they are unable to access their chosen plan.

This is a great opportunity to gain help and support through the Summer months to ensure your child has a positive next step.

See the flyer for dates and locations.



Give your Year 11, 12 and 13 students the chance to explore their future.

With the new academic year approaching, now is the perfect time to secure your place at one of our free careers and apprenticeship events taking place across the UK.

Our events bring together thousands of students with employers, apprenticeship providers and organisations offering real opportunities across a wide range of industries.

Whether your students are looking for an apprenticeship, employment, further training or simply want to explore their options, these events give them the chance to ask questions, discover new pathways and meet organisations face-to-face.

Book before the summer break to secure your preferred visit date and session.



The National Apprenticeship Show – West of England

Ashton Gate, Bristol

22nd–23rd September 2026

Why visit?

- ✓ **Free entry for all schools and students**
- 👋 **Meet employers and apprenticeship providers face-to-face**
- 🗨️ **Explore opportunities across different industries and career pathways**
- 🎯 **Help students make informed decisions about their next steps**

Travel bursaries may be available, but places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to an event near you.



NEXT LEVEL
Apprenticeships | Skills | Training

BUSINESS ACADEMY

Are you aged 16–19 and ready to gain real business skills while building your confidence?

This 28-week programme gives you the opportunity to achieve a **Level 2 qualification in Customer Service** and a **Level 3 certificate in Digital Marketing Business Principles**, while developing your English and maths. If needed and gaining hands-on work experience to prepare you for the workplace.

As part of the programme, you'll work towards a **Level 2 in Customer Service and a Level 3 in Digital Marketing Principles of Online & Offline Marketing**, building a strong mix of practical and digital skills employers are looking for.

You'll learn how to:

- Provide great customer service and feel confident speaking to customers
- Deal with problems, build positive relationships, and communicate clearly
- Understand important rules like GDPR and Equality
- Learn what makes a marketing campaign successful
- Understand the different ways businesses reach and talk to customers
- See how businesses build and keep good relationships with customers
- Understand the good and challenging parts of keeping customers interested

No minimum entry requirements. We'll support you with English and Maths Functional Skills if needed.

Free to attend and classed as full-time education

Financial support available (bursary, travel, childcare – if eligible)

Register here to speak with our friendly recruitment team:



T 0117 9221 440 **M** 07717376008
E Recruitment@nextlevel-training.co.uk
W www.nextleveltraining.co.uk



BUSINESS ACADEMY OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 21ST JULY, STARTS AT 10AM
16-19 FULL-TIME COMBINED AWARD PROGRAMME

This 28-week programme gives you the opportunity to achieve a **Level 2 qualification in Customer Service** and a **Level 3 certificate in Digital Marketing**, while developing your English and maths if needed and gaining hands-on work experience to prepare you for the workplace.

Available in Bristol to 16-19 year olds looking to gain real life skills.

Participants may receive a weekly bursary, childcare support, and travel cost coverage.

**Next Level Training
Reflections Training
Academy
15a Colston Street
Bristol
BS1 5AP**

Open to anyone curious about starting a career in customer service, marketing or improving their people skills.
Bring a friend – no pressure, just friendly faces and helpful info!

T 0117 9221 440 M 07717376008
E Recruitment@nextlevel-training.co.uk
W www.nextleveltraining.uk.com

NEXT LEVEL
Apprenticeships | Skills | Training
Next Level is the Business Development Group of Reflections Training Academy

Still unsure of your next step?

SGS college have places available for Sept 2026 start and are offering advice and appointments from GCSE results day onwards.

Book your appointment to secure your place.

Contact: sgscol.as.uk/now



sgscollege

Join us **now!**

We have a place for you this September!



Results Advice Hotline

0117 915 3398

All Campuses
Open weekdays from
GCSE Results Day to 28
August 9am - 3pm

Call us to discuss your
options or book an in-person
appointment

Advice & Application Sessions

Weekdays Mon 24 Aug -
Fri 4 Sept: 9am - 3pm
Filton, WISE & Stroud
Appointment required

Evening Sessions

Wed 26 Aug & Wed 2 Sept
5pm - 8pm
Filton, WISE & Stroud
Appointment required



Live from
14th
August







Cafe for the Community and Market Stalls

Saturday 25th July | 11am - 1pm

Open to everyone - come and support
our young people by using our Café



Cakes and Drinks



Members Lending Library



Fundraising Market Stalls



Oldbury Duck Race Entry Sales





BRISTOL PALACE PLAYERS WANTED

YOUR PLAYERS. OUR FUTURE.



BE SEEN.
Show your ability.



BE DEVELOPED.
Learn. Train. Grow.



**BE PART OF
SOMETHING BIGGER.**
Represent Bristol Palace.



U7's

U14's

U15's

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR FREE



BOYS & GIRLS





VENUE: KINGS OAK ACADEMY
BROOK ROAD, KINGSWOOD, BRISTOL, BS15 4JT

PETE 07412302391 | **PAM** 07817256931
www.bristolpalacefc.co.uk



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE.





South Glos

SUMMER EVA



FOR KIDS AGED 5-16



www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

HAF@southglos.gov.uk

The Compass logo features a stylized tree with colorful leaves. Below it, the text "South Gloucestershire Council" and "Delivering with you" are visible. Above the tree, the word "Compass" is written in a large, elegant font. Below the logo, a row of colorful silhouettes depicts a diverse family walking, with a parent pushing a stroller and a child walking alongside them.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST COME ALONG!

DROP IN ANYTIME
between 9am and 12:30pm

Need support for your family?

Drop in and chat with our friendly team

From pregnancy through to teenage years, Compass can give advice and signpost families to the right help and support available in South Glos.
Drop-in sessions available weekly at local One Stop Shops:

PATCHWAY
TUESDAYS

KINGSWOOD
WEDNESDAYS

YATE
THURSDAYS

Website: <https://life.southglos.gov.uk> or scan the QR code



Holiday clubs and local events over the summer -

[School holiday activities and food programme | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

[Holiday activities for children and families | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#)



Restaurants where kids eat free throughout the holidays -

[Kids Eat Free UK | Summer Holidays 2026 | All 40+ National Restaurant Deals | FamilySave UK](#)



Financial Support -

[Financial support and wellbeing | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)



Fundamental Wellbeing First Aid Courses available to book for South Gloucestershire Professionals and volunteers.

This two-day course accredits participants as a Mental Wellbeing First Aider.

The course is free, £25 for the course manual.

For more information and to book: [SGC Learning Development Site](#).

You will need to login or register for a free account to book.

Dates available: 17 and 24 September 2026/ 4 and 11 February 2027.

**Bristol Health
Partners**

bristolhealthpartners.org.uk



**Online Self-Harm Awareness Training
for Parents & Carers - Wednesday 23
September 6.00-8.30pm**

Training to build knowledge, confidence, and practical communication skills to help you support a young person who may be self-harming or experiencing emotional distress. Session open to all parents and carers.

Topics covered include:

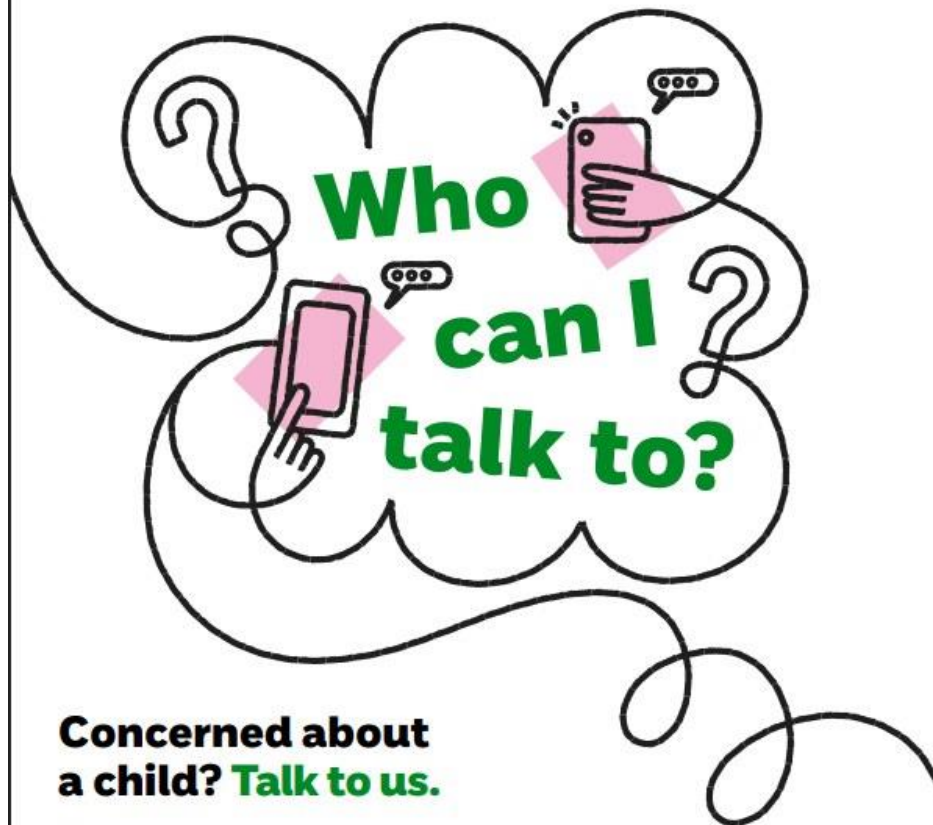
- Signs and indicators of self-harm
- What can lead to self-harm
- Broaching suspected self-harm
- Phrases/language to be aware of

To find out more scan the QR code or email: hello@bristolhealthpartners.org.uk

NSPCC

Helpline

For any concerns about a child
help@nspcc.org.uk | 0808 800 5000

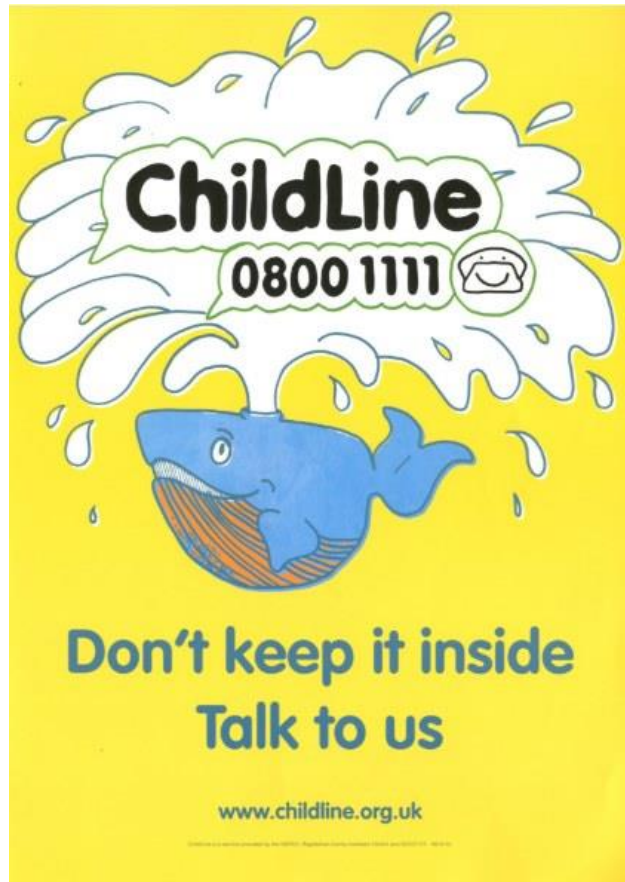


**Concerned about
a child? Talk to us.**

Whether you're worried about a child,
or are looking for guidance or support,
our child protection specialists can help.



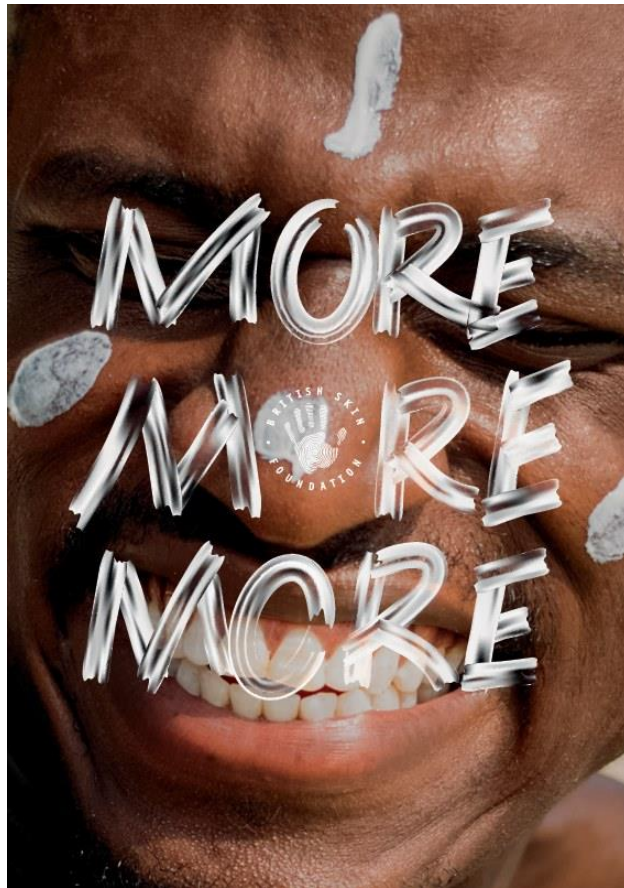
©NSPCC 2025. Registered charity England and Wales 215401, Scotland SC037717 and Jersey 354. Illustrations by Jonathan Calugi



Free counselling via an online webchat and free support/advice available 24/7 via confidential helpline, emails via the website.

Website: www.childline.org.uk





Sunscreen. No one likes it.

But whether you're a sun lover or a shade seeker, sun safety is more important than ever. Grab the sunscreen, style out the sun hat, and always remember – when it comes to looking after your skin this summer, **there's no such thing as too much protection.**



Three steps for skin safety

- 1 More protective clothing** – cover up exposed skin with UPF clothing, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses with UV protection.
- 2 More sunscreen** – use SPF 30 or above sunscreen on exposed skin and reapply at least every 2 hours or after swimming/sweating etc.
- 3 More shade** – especially between 11am-3pm when the UV index is highest. Keep babies and young children out of direct sunlight.



britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety

FLOAT TO LIVE



WHAT IS FLOAT TO LIVE?

Float to Live is a practical survival skill. The clear, simple message saves lives – and, with your support, we can encourage more people to **remember it** and **share it**.

An evidence-led, behaviour change campaign, Float to Live has consistently demonstrated real-world impact. Since 2017, over 50 people have contacted the RNLI to report that floating helped save their life after hearing or seeing the message. Children have advised other children to float when struggling in the water. A recent RNLI survey showed a 18% increase, since the campaign began, in people saying they would float if they found themselves in difficulty in open water. Float to Live works. Let's share it.

HOW DOES IT HELP?

Many accidental drownings happen when people enter the water unexpectedly and suffer cold water shock. Or when people already in the water are overcome by conditions such as rip currents. However a person ends up in difficulty in the water, it's vital they know what to do. Float to Live gives people the practical advice and the confidence to stay calm until help arrives, or to self-rescue.

 **FLOAT TO LIVE**
HAS HELPED SAVE OVER
50 LIVES

SUPPORTING MESSAGES: 5 STEPS TO KNOW HOW TO FLOAT

- 1 ▶  Tilt your head back submerging your ears.
- 2 ▶  Relax and control your breathing.
- 3 ▶  Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat.
- 4 ▶  Your legs may sink – that's OK. Everyone floats differently.
- 5 ▶  Practise floating at a supervised location like a swimming pool.



Your mate's in trouble. Instinct says: jump in.

Cold water shock hits fast though.
They panic.
They could climb on you to stay afloat.
Now it's two of you in trouble.

What actually saves lives:

- Call 999.
- Tell them to float on their back.
- Throw something that floats.

Phone, Float, Throw.
Be a mate.





Selles Medical

Whether you are close to a swimming pool, the sea, a river, a lake or even a pond there can be dangers if you are not a strong swimmer or you could get into difficulty if the water is too deep or too cold.

Make sure you are prepared. If you are not a strong swimmer have a floatation device nearby. Never enter the water alone.

SPOT THE DANGERS

Whenever you are near water always take extra care:

- Never fool around or run beside water - you might trip or fall in
- Take care on the riverbank - it may be slippery and can crumble
- Keep away from the edge of canals - the water is often very deep
- Beware of locks and weirs - the water flows very quickly

LEARN HOW TO HELP

If you see someone in trouble in the water, here's how you can help:

- Keep calm - always think before you act
- Try to get help - shout "Help, Help" as loud as you can and if you have a mobile phone call 999
- Reach out with a stick, a pole, a towel or clothing to pull the person to the waters edge - always lie down when you are trying to pull someone out of the water so that you don't get pulled in

TAKE SAFETY ADVICE

To be safe, choose a swimming pool or beach where there are lifeguards:

- Always follow the advice of a lifeguard - find out where and when it is safe to swim.
- Look for signs or flags which tell you if it is safe to swim
- Never swim where a sign or flag tells you not to

RIP CURRENTS

If you find yourself caught in a rip current don't panic:

- Don't fight the current
- Swim out of the current then to shore
- If you can't escape, float or tread water
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance

IF IN DOUBT DON'T GO OUT ENJOY WATER, SAFELY

FIRST AID FOR DROWNING

- 1 Check for breathing. Tilt their head back and look, listen and feel for breaths. If they are not breathing, move on to the following steps.
- 2 Tell someone to call 999 for emergency help.
- 3 Give five rescue breaths: tilt their head back, sealing your mouth over their mouth. Puff their nose and blow into their mouth. Repeat the five times.
- 4 Give 30 chest compressions. Push firmly in the middle of their chest and then release. Repeat this 30 times.
- 5 Give two rescue breaths then continue with cycles of 30 chest compressions and two rescue breaths until help arrives.

Source: <https://www.nhs.uk>





STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for dangers and always research local signs and advice.



CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.
DO NOT ENTER THE WATER TO RESCUE



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with family or friends. Swim at a life guarded venue and ask where safe swimming areas are.



FLOAT

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

I know someone who is carrying a knife.

I am worried someone will get hurt.

Need to tell someone

Don't want my name involved

Who can I tell?

Tell us
**WHAT
YOU KNOW**



fearless.org



Bikeability Cycle Training



Summer Holiday Courses from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 28th August

Practical cycle training delivered by South Gloucestershire Council's Bikeability team for trainees who live or go to school in South Gloucestershire.

Children build confidence and essential skills with qualified, DBS checked instructors.

You'll need: a roadworthy bike and a correctly fitted helmet.

Courses

★ Learn to Ride (Year 3+)

Can't yet ride with pedals / without stabilisers. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

★ Level 1 (Year 3+)

Already riding without stabilisers; build confidence & control. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

★ Level 1 & 2 (Year 5 & 6 and older)

For riders who can cycle with control. Assessment in playground then on road: road position, priorities, hazards & junctions.

★ Level 3 (Year 6+ with Level 2 completed)

More complex roads & traffic situations. **2 hrs**

Book online

- A non-refundable booking fee of £5.50 applies
- Places are limited: one course per child per holiday period
- Cancellation: 48-hour notice required
- Bikes may be available by prior agreement; bring your own helmet
- Contact us cycle.training@southglos.gov.uk

Locations

-Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9BS

-Watermore Primary School, Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2LE

-Woodlands Primary School, Sundridge Park, Yate, BS37 4HB

-St Michael's Primary School, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SG



-
- *NHS website*
-

*Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. **Website:** (www.nhs.uk)*



-
- *CCP – Caring for communities and people*
-

Offer outreach support and parenting courses for families at an early help level.

***Website:** (ccp.org.uk)*



-
- *BETA*

BETA Cost of Living Support

South Gloucestershire Council

Website: (Southglos.gov.uk)

BETA Household Support Fund

South Gloucestershire Council

Website: (southglos.gov.uk)

The government has provided funding for us to support people who are struggling to buy food, pay for energy bills, and cover other essential costs linked to energy, also wider essentials such as sanitary products, warm clothing, soap and blankets).

BETA Financial Support and Wellbeing

South Gloucestershire Council

Website: (southglos.gov.uk)



Mental Health Support Team

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school community including school staff and parents/carers.

The MHST are now delivering online sessions which are free to sign up to. Please scan the QR code below to register for our next webinar.



Online Parent/Carer Sessions An Introduction to Anxiety



To sign up, please
complete a registration
form here:



MHST Online Session



What is it? This session covers:

- What anxiety is, when it is useful, when it becomes unhelpful, and what keeps anxiety going.
- Our body's response to anxiety focusing on our thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and behaviours.
- Providing strategies for managing and overcoming anxiety

Who is it for? Helpful for parents and carers whose children may be struggling with mild anxiety.

When are they? Sessions will be run at 12pm-1pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

New topics and dates will be released regularly.

Free self-referral counselling service for young people age 11-15, who are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, phobias, self-harm, eating problems and/or anger.

Young people can call, email or text, services operate in Patchway, Kingswood and Yate, and they also offer parent support groups and sessions.

See Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information including up to date groups and activities.

Tel: 0808 808 9120

Text: 07896 880011

Website: (otrbristol.org.uk)

Email: hello@otrbristol.org.uk



• Kooth

*Free safe and anonymous online support for young people 11-18, Monday - Friday 12pm- 10pm,
Saturday and Sunday 6pm - 10pm.*

*Talk to our friendly counsellors, read articles written by young people and get support from the
Kooth community.*

Website: <https://kooth.com>



• Young Minds

*A National charity which offers confidential online and telephone information and support, for
anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or the mental health of a child or young person
up to 25 years of age, Including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers.*

*Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service Free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a
mental health crisis.*

Text: YM to 85258

Tel: 0808 802 5544

• **SEND and You - 'SAY'**

Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families.

(previously Supportive Parents)

Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30

(answerphone at other times)

Website: support@sendandyou.org.uk

• **JIGSAW**

Jigsaw Thornbury support families who have children aged 0 -25 years with additional needs or disability, this can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems, including undiagnosed.

They offer weekly support group for parents, carers and children, and training courses on a range of topics.

Drop in sessions run every Tuesday term time only, 10 - 11.30am, held at our venue.

We provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment to relax and connect for parents and carers, with or without their children.

Tel: 01454 416381

Website: www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk

*For Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities - SEN Lending Library, Events, Meetings,
Bristol Area and the South West.*



• South Glos Parents and Carers

Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs.

Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events.

They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children.

Website: (sgpc.org.uk)

Email: team@sglospc.org.uk



• South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies

Vitaminds *Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with differing needs, age 16+.*

Self-referral via the website: wellaware.org.uk

Tel: 0333 200 1893

NHS Talking Therapies

North Somerset & South Gloucestershire

Website: (vitahealthgroup.co.uk)



-
- ***Samaritans:*** *Free confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.*
-

Tel: 116 123 *(free from any phone, 24/7)*

Website: www.samaritans.org

'Here to listen'

Email: jo@samaritans.org



We look forward to welcoming Year 10 and Year 12 Students on Monday 7th September, and all students back in school on Tuesday 8th September.

**Wishing you a
fantastic summer!**

