

Feb 2026

Important Dates

Term 3

First day of term for students

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Last day of term for students

Friday 13th February 2026

INSET Dates

Monday 5th January 2026

Term 4

First day of term for students

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Last day of term for students

Thursday 2nd April 2026

INSET Dates

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 13th March 2026

Bank Holidays

Friday 3rd April 2026

Term 5

First day of term for students

Monday 20th April 2026

Last day of term for students

Friday 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026

Term 6

First day of term for students

Monday 1st June 2026

Last day of term for students

Tuesday 21st July 2026

INSET Dates

Friday 3rd July 2026

Bristol Bears Foundation partnership with the Cabot Learning Federation

Bristol Bears Foundation is proud to announce a new partnership with the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) aimed at inspiring young people through the power of sport.

As part of this collaboration, a full-time member of Bristol Bears Foundation staff will be based at City Academy School five days a week, delivering programmes such as Brightsparks and Bear In Mind along with one-to-one mentoring and opportunities to play Rugby in a safe and supportive space.

CEO of Bristol Bears Foundation Jamie Skinner and Andrew Bell Partnership Manager of the Cabot Learning Federation were interviewed by BBC Radio Bristol.





Chess Tournament

Back before our Christmas break, some of our students attended a chess tournament.

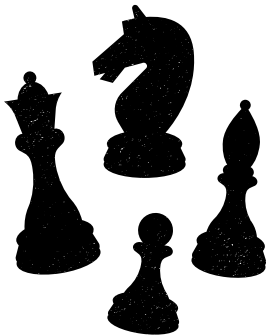
Every student won at least one game, we only lost one match, we won 2 games and drew 1 game.

We came 5th out of 12 in our division which is an amazing accomplishment.

Nilo in Year 8 beat a year 12!

Jemima and Sonny both won a game in under 15 moves

Well done to all involved!



Follow our CAB PE Instagram

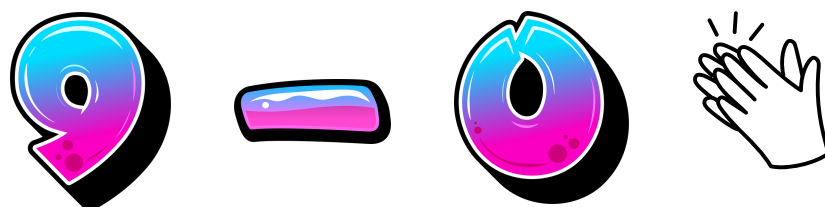
Follow our PE Instagram for regular updates on lessons, team photos, and PE clubs throughout the term. It's the best place to stay up to date with what's happening in PE and to celebrate student involvement and achievements.

Instagram- [cabpedepartment](#)

Year 8 left the astro victorious with a 9-0 win.

Led by coach Mr Johnson, the boys were exemplary in team spirit and sportsmanship. The crowd went wild when Mr Edie blew the final whistle and the team celebrated their achievement to the chant of 'Year 8, we're great, we're really not a state!' with some brilliant dance moves from a few. Ms Brown, Mr McGuinness, Mr Konsal and Miss Rodgers clapped the team off the pitch as they went in for their post-match debrief with Mr Johnson.

Well done to everyone on the team



Young Leaders Shine



City Academy Young Leaders Shine at Sportshall Athletics Finals
City Academy proudly hosted the Sportshall Athletics Finals for both primary and secondary schools, with events taking place on Monday 26th January and Monday 2nd February.

Across the Sportshall Athletics Finals, 32 City Academy Young Leaders officiated and supported 20 primary schools, welcoming nearly 400 primary pupils from Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and BANES, as well as over 200 secondary students from 15 schools across the same areas. These events once again showcased the high standard of leadership and organisation provided by City Academy's Young Leaders.

Our Young Leaders played a vital role in officiating events, supporting pupils, and ensuring the competition ran smoothly. Their professionalism, enthusiasm and leadership were widely praised by attending schools.

One teacher commented:

“Loved it! Really good fun and a great experience for the children. City Academy leaders officiating were great. Thank you to everyone involved in organising such a great event for our young people.”

These events highlighted not only the success of the Sportshall Athletics programme but also the outstanding contribution of City Academy's Young Leaders, who represented the school with confidence, responsibility and pride.



City Academy partners with Access Sport to inspire BMX riders

City Academy in Bristol welcomed visitors from Access Sport to deliver a full day of BMX coaching sessions aimed at encouraging more female students to get involved in cycling.

Fifteen students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in the sessions, which focused on building confidence, developing bike skills and helping students step outside their comfort zones in a supportive environment.

Access Sport believes it is incredibly valuable for young people to learn how to ride a bike. Cycling offers a sustainable way to travel, helps students stay fit and active, and provides opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

The BMX sessions encouraged students to challenge themselves while developing important life skills such as resilience, confidence and teamwork.

Many of the students who took part were initially nervous and anxious about getting on a bike. However, by the end of the day, those nerves had been replaced with big smiles and a strong sense of pride in what they had achieved.

James Finn from Access Sport said: “Cycling has the power to transform confidence and open up new opportunities for young people.

“It was fantastic to see students who were initially unsure grow in confidence throughout the day and leave feeling proud of themselves.

“Days like this show how sport can positively impact wellbeing and self-belief.”

Hardeep Konsal, Inclusion Manager at City Academy, said: “This partnership with Access Sport has been a brilliant opportunity for our students.

“The BMX sessions not only promoted physical activity but also helped our girls build confidence, resilience and independence.

“Seeing them overcome their fears and enjoy the experience was incredibly rewarding.”





Improv Club

Laughter, creativity, and quick thinking are taking centre stage in our **School Improv Club!**

Every Wednesday lunch time

Open to students of all experience levels, Improv Club is a welcoming space where imagination leads the way and no script is required.

Each week, students build confidence, teamwork, and communication skills through fun improv games and spontaneous scenes.



Bristol Old Vic Drama Club



We're excited to share what's been happening in our Bristol Old Vic Drama Club – a creative space where students are devising a performance inspired by *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

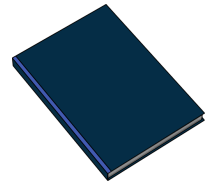
Our year 7 & 8 students are working closely with experienced theatre directors after school giving them the opportunity to explore acting beyond the classroom. Through workshops, rehearsals, and a live performance to parents and carers on stage at Bristol Old Vic

Students are collaborating directly with directors to develop performance skills, the design elements and experience the full creative process behind a performance on stage .

They are also attending a trip to see a *Midsummer Night's Dream* on stage at Bristol Old Vic.



Year 11 - Yearbook info



We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to purchase a Class of 2026 Yearbook for your child.

We are working with Fizz Yearbooks, the UK's premier supplier of Yearbooks, and are eagerly anticipating what is sure to be a wonderful keepsake for the students to treasure throughout the rest of their lives.

We are currently in the process of collecting information, portraits, photographs, comments and memories that will fill the pages of the Yearbook. The finished book is sure to bring back many happy memories for years to come and is the perfect way of capturing all of those priceless moments from the school years that have flown by so quickly. The professional designers at Fizz are putting together a Yearbook for us, based entirely on the school's input and ideas, that will be unique to the City Academy Bristol Leavers of 2026.

All of the students now have the opportunity to purchase a Yearbook. It is essential that their orders are placed in plenty of time so that they don't miss out. There will only be one order; students will not be able to place orders after 02/04/2026

To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: 27168YR11

You must place an order before 02/04/2026

Books cost £25

Deposit of £12.50, final £12.50 due no later than 30th March.

I cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The school will not be ordering any spare Yearbooks, so if your child later wishes they'd ordered one once they see other student's Yearbooks, unfortunately it will be too late! So please don't miss out.

All orders will be delivered direct to school for you to collect. We will advise when this will be in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Year 11 Team

Tom Fudge – AAP - Tom.fudge@clf.uk

Chris Taylor – Head of Year - Christopher.Taylor@clf.uk

Vanessa Benjamin - Pastoral Support Worker – Vanessa.Benjamin@clf.uk



Newspaper club

Newspaper club was an idea we had last year; we wanted a place for students to express themselves through writing and collaboration. This has accumulated in CAB's first student-led newspaper.

Students have felt empowered to write/draw/create content that they actually care about (we have articles on Brainrot, cats, K-Pop and Roblox and more).



We are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work, and we are so excited to share the first edition with everyone. Keep your eyes peeled for edition two; we're always looking for more young journalists to begin their creative writing career!

Vacancies at City Academy

Second in Faculty - Science. We are looking for a passionate and inspiring qualified teacher to be our Second in Science.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/cabotlearningfederation/job/second-in-faculty---science-1530376/?lang=en-GB>

Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Are you an experienced Teaching Assistant ready to take the next step — or an established HLTA looking for a new challenge?

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/cabotlearningfederation/job/higher-level-teaching-assistant-1532128/?lang=en-GB>

Get ready for a magical, mischievous, and music-filled adventure!
Join us as our talented students bring Roald Dahl's beloved story Matilda to life on stage in the Fielden Theatre.

The show will be on Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March at 6pm (Doors will open at 5.30pm).

Tickets will be £5 and are on sale via ParentPay (not on the door)

Do come and join this magical masterpiece .

Matilda

Night 1- Tuesday 28 April

Night 2 -Wednesday 29 April

Tickets
£5



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.

Doors open at 5.20pm

In the Fielden Theatre at 6pm (promptly)

Refreshments available

Tickets available only through ParentPay (not on the door)



Family Support at CAB

Introducing our Family Support Team at CAB

City Academy are excited to introduce Azmina Mitha, Hinda Noor and Raul Vasile who are part of our family support team.

Please feel free to contact the team if you need any support or guidance.

Family Support Mobile and WhatsApp Number – 07864948860

Azmina Mitha

Family Support Manager
Phone: 01179 542821
Ext:0294

Azmina.mitha@clf.uk

Languages spoken: Urdu ,Punjabi ,Hindi, Swahili, Kutchi and Gujrati

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Ext:0207

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Languages spoken: Romanian and Gypsy Roma

Hinda Noor

Family Support Worker
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Ext:0295

Hinda.noor@clf.uk

Languages Spoken: Somali



Hinda, Raul, Azmina

Safeguarding

Student survey results highlight

We are really proud of the work with do with our children about respecting others. This was a standout response from a survey of 435 students, with 92% of students responding positively to this question.

Assemblies

Since the last newsletter we have done a range of assemblies with students.



On White Ribbon Day 2025, students learned the importance of 'Speaking Out' against violence towards women and girls.

They learned not to be bystanders within their peer groups and speak out if their friends say or do anything inappropriate.

On Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 3rd Feb) students learned about the pro and cons of Artificial Intelligence with Key Stage 4 exploring how AI systems can be bias and negatively impact different groups of people. This links into our work as an anti-racist school too.



Fire Drills

Student have been having extra practices on how to evacuate the building in the quickest and safest way. This is just another example of our commitment to safeguarding practices and ensuring we meet our statutory duty in this area. We will 2 more fire drills and 2 lockdown drills before the end of the academic year

Parent support – Internet Safety

The school is here to help you with any concerns you have concerning your child. You can send an email to info@cab.clf.uk and somebody will be in touch. We have a range of mentoring and counselling options for all our young people to enable them to thrive in their personal development.



YOUNGMINDS



There are also some organisations that can support you with a range of issues.

- Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters
- Parents experiences with cyberbullying - Internet Matters
- Report online child sexual abuse imagery or 'child pornography'
- Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds
- Confidential family support and bullying helpline | Family Lives



Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership run a range of free evidence-based programmes for parents of children aged 3 to 17 years old. You can sign up using the links below.

These programmes include:

The Incredible Years: for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 10 years with challenging behaviour

Parents Plus Adolescents Programme: for parents and carers of children and teenagers aged 10 to 17 years with adolescent behaviours

Non-Violent Resistance or NVR: for parents or carers of children aged 8 to 17 years with violent, controlling or self-destructive behaviours

Read the full menu of available face to face and online parenting programmes.

Are you a parent/carer of a child in a CLF school?

FREE

English Course

Level: Pre-entry, E1, E2

FEBRUARY- MAY 2026

Call or message to make an appointment

tel: 07801400884
ewa.stanicka@clf.uk
Beacon Centre, Russell Town Avenue, BS5 9LT



Beacon Adult & Community Learning

City of Bristol College

Cabot Learning Federation



Parents/carers - Please be mindful when dropping off or collecting students at the start of or the end of the day. We have had a few complaints from the public about cars stopping in the middle of the road to let students out of cars. Causing a back up of traffic or disruption to the main

School Catering



Please find our three-weekly menu on our School website

Breakfast

07.45am - 08.15am

Free breakfast is available for all students. Bagels with jam or a selection of cereal.

Breakfast items to purchase

Scrambled Egg,
Bacon, Sausage,
Baked beans,
Tomatoes,
Mushrooms, Hash
Browns, Toast.

Lunch Time

12.40pm - 13.20pm

Saved daily - Hot Meals, Pasta Bowl, Jacket Potatoes with various Fillings, Sandwiches, Paninis, Filled Baguettes (Vegetarian options available)
Hot & Cold Puddings

Free School meals

You can apply for free school meals and Pupil Premium if you get any of these benefits.

- Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year or £616.67 a month after tax.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit & have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Visit www.gov.uk/apply

Meal & Pudding - £2.60

Meal Only - £2.30 (which includes - Pasta Pot, Jacket Potato with One Filling, Panini, Filled Baguette or Sandwich)

Jacket Potato with Tuna - £2.60

Dessert Only - 80p

Fruit Plate - 80p

Soup & Roll - £2.30

Soup & Roll with Pudding - £2.60

We are now a cashless academy - all lunch payments are to be made via Parentpay

ParentPay.

Please ensure you have obtained your login details to access ParentPay. Our aim is to phase out the use of cash in School. ParentPay is an easy way to pay for Lunch, and for trips taking place throughout the academic year.

Please ensure your child has money on their account to enable them to purchase a school meal, or send them in with a packed lunch.

A Parent Pay Activation Letter will follow. If you require help setting up Parent Pay please contact our Finance office at the City Academy.



City Academy Coffee Morning.

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Year 8 Parents

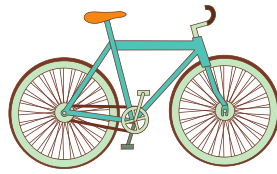
Parents can attend coffee morning to book their parents evening appointments. Ms Hinda Noor- Family Support Worker

12-Feb-26

Year 10 Parents

Parents can attend coffee morning to book their parents evening appointments. Ms Hinda Noor- Family Support Worker

E-Bikes



As e-bikes become increasingly popular among young people, we want to ensure all families are aware of the current UK laws regarding their use.

What Is a Legal E-Bike?

In the UK, an electric bike must meet the following criteria to be legally used on public roads without a license or insurance:

- Have pedals that can be used to propel it.
- The motor must not exceed 250 watts.
- The motor must only assist while pedalling.
- Motor assistance must cut off at 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Riders must be 14 years or older.

These bikes are known as Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs).

What About 500W or 1000W E-Bikes?

E-bikes with motors over 250W (such as 500W or 1000W models) are not legal for use on public roads, cycle paths, or pavements. They are classified as motor vehicles and require:

- A valid driving license
- Insurance and registration
- Helmet use
- Use only on private land with permission

Using these more powerful e-bikes without meeting legal requirements can result in fines, points on a license, or the bike being seized.

Keeping Everyone Safe

We encourage all families to check the specifications of any e-bike before purchase or use. If you're unsure whether a bike is road-legal, please feel free to reach out for guidance.

Thank you for helping us keep our community informed and safe.

Please note that any bike that does not comply with UK law and EAPC standards will not be allowed school site.



Our Trust & Academy operate a zero-tolerance stance regarding sexual harassment

a policy which extends to all forms of bullying,
harassment or discrimination in the workplace.

We would like to make all parents and carers
aware that a new mandatory duty to prevent
sexual harassment in the workplace became
effective on the 26 October 2024.

Numerous high-profile cases and campaigns have
highlighted the need for enhanced protection against
sexual harassment at work – and has now been reformed

resulting in a new Worker Protection (Amendment of
Equality Act 2010) Act 2023.



The Trust and our Academy have reflected on this important legislation and are now taking further positive, preventative action in this area to respond. This includes:



Staff training



Staff voice
exercises



Reviewing our HR
policy & procedures



Reflecting on any
learning across
the Trust

If we are made aware of any concern, we will always treat these concerns with great importance and act in accordance with our internal procedures. It is our ambition that all of our academies provide a safe, happy and enjoyable space for our colleagues, pupils and visitors.

If you do have a concern of this nature then we have a complaints policy and procedure which you can access via our website.

LOVE

your community!

Saturday 14th February
12 to 4pm
Settlement Site,
Ducie Road,
BS5 0AX

- ♥ Join us to celebrate the Barton Hill community
- ♥ Find out about local groups and services
- ♥ Get local updates
- ♥ Activities, youth sessions, family drop-in sessions
- ♥ Pay-what-you-can hot food (12 to 2pm) and refreshments
- ♥ Meet your neighbours and make new friends!



0117 304 1400 www.wellspringsettlement.org.uk info@wsb.org.uk

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The Foodcycle
community meal will
not be running

LOCAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Does your child need extra help? You do not need a diagnosis to find support.



Bristol Parent Carers is a friendly group run by parents to help other parents.

We run free sessions to support families and also work with the council and health services to try to make support better for families.



Bristol City Council have a Local Offer website that provides key information about services and support for children and young people in Bristol.



Sirona have information on various health needs such as mental health, toileting, trauma, eating and many other needs.

Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
 Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free
 groups for adults run by Bristol Children's Centres

Scan here to find out more and register your interest!



Your parenting toolbox:



For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
 or email: **pssso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via:
www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.



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**Brislington
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At Brislington we help young people create unforgettable memories through Junior Sea Cadets. Get in touch today to find out more about the opportunities we can offer young people! **CONTACT US ADMIN@BRISTOLADVENTURESCC.ORG**

Parading:

Seniors (12-18) Tues/
Thurs 19:00- 21:00
Juniors (10-11) Tues
19:00-21:00



Charity Registration No. 1203491



Support for Inter-Parental Communication






FREE support
available
for one or
both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

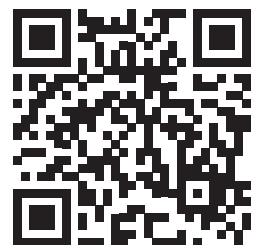
Support is available for either one or both parents. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or a local practitioner will help you access online resources which can be used at your own pace. If English is not your first language, translators can be provided.

Please contact Gina Pazienza:

-  relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk
-  07721 635376
-  Visit the SIPCo page at www.bristol.gov.uk

When you apply, your details will not be shared with anyone else. After applying online, if you do not see our response email, please check your junk/spam folder, then mark relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk as a trusted sender.

Scan QR code to find
out more



Sheffield
Hallam
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Free and Confidential Support

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