



End of Term Newsletter July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The last three days of term

From Monday 19th July the school will no longer be asked to conduct contact tracing. From that date we are also no longer compelled to operate the 'bubble' system. However, we have decided to continue with our existing routines because it would simply be too confusing to set up new routines for three days of school. So, we will continue with a staggered start and split lunches until Wednesday, 21st July.

We break up for the summer at 12.05 on Wednesday, 21st July.

Plans for next year

Schools have been instructed to put in place lateral flow testing for all students as part of the return to school procedures. These tests must be conducted before the normal programme of lessons can re-commence. We will conduct the first lateral flow tests for the whole school from Thursday, 2nd September. More details will follow in due course.

Our start to term this year will therefore be different to previous years. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but such arrangements are vital for the safe reopening of Pittville School.

This is an ambitious plan because it means testing over 800 students, but it will mean that we can start welcoming all students back from Tuesday, 7th September when they will undertake their second lateral flow test. We will stagger this return as follows:

- Year 11 and Year 7 to return Monday, 6th September
- Years 10, 9 and 8 on Tuesday, 7th September

Any positive cases identified during this testing phase will only involve the individual concerned having to self-isolate-not a whole year group. Students will then be required to access a PCR test.

For the testing procedures from Thursday, 2nd September, please refer to the table below

Thursday, 2 nd September	Friday, 3 rd September	Monday, 6 th September	Tuesday, 7 th September	Wednesday, 8 th September	Thursday, 9 th September
School open to year groups being tested	School open to year groups being tested	Year 7 and 11 onsite	All years onsite	All years onsite	All years onsite
INSET day		Year 7 induction Year 11 welcome back	7,8,9,10,11 in tutor p1&2 and normal lessons 3,4,5	All year groups in lessons all day Year 7 photos	All year groups in lessons all day
Y7 & 11 testing on site	Y8 & Y10 testing	Y9 testing	Y7 & 11 testing	Y8 & Y10 testing	Y9 testing

We will be in touch with reminders and further details about the start of term during the summer break.

Exam Results Days

The GCSE results day is Thursday 12th August.

Students have been invited into school to collect their results from 10am on this day.

Parents' Evenings

We are conducting a survey of parents about how we should conduct parents' evenings. Please click the link to complete the survey [Parents evening survey](#). If parents/carers could complete the survey by 30th July that will give us time to process the results.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following year 11 students who have been selected as senior students.

Head Girl - Hebe Steggle Deputy Head Girl - Molly Owen

Head Boy - Aiden Pirie Deputy Head Boy - Callum Montague

House Captains

Abbott - Poppy Gilpin, Harry Piercy

Aston - Hope Clark, Sophie L Faulkner

Livingstone - Jake Shortman, Nisa Aslan

Cheltenham Education Partnership- Thread counts project

Year 10 textile students from Pittville joined students from across Cheltenham Education Partnership schools for this inspiring project in which participants addressed issues around fashion consumption in the context of school uniform. They were challenged to design and make wearable fashion items from used/second-hand school uniform. The project ran over the course of three days, where pupils gained an understanding of issues surrounding fashion consumption, the impact fashion has on the environment and an understanding of the life cycle of a school uniform. Additionally, all pupils gained a variety of skills such as up-cycling and/or repurposing school uniforms, teamwork, leadership, creativity, technical sewing and drawing skills.

Cycling Success

Congratulations to Sam Budd 9AB1 who recently competed in the national cross-country Mountain bike races held in Monmouth on 3rd July. Sam was also invited to attend a British cycling development day on Friday, 2nd July. Well done to Sam on a terrific achievement.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

On Tuesday, 13th July, thirty year 10 students embarked on their Bronze Award expedition, walking and camping in the local area. A number of students also stayed on to complete and practice the expedition for the Silver Award. Well done to all the students and staff involved.

Year 9 girls' rugby

On Friday, 30th June, a group of Year 9 girls attended Crypt School to take part in a rugby festival. They played magnificently against two teams from Crypt. The girls did Pittville proud scoring some terrific tries. Well done, girls. Lily Maskrey was announced player of the tournament for Pittville.

Motocross Success

Harry Caudle in 8ST2 rode with Severn Valley Motocross Club on 19th and 20th June in Landrake, Cornwall. He battled hard on an impressive, fast jumping track and rode consistently well. On Saturday 19th, he achieved second place three times and then on Sunday 20th he achieved his first ever win and was placed twice in first place and once in second. He achieved first place over the whole weekend. Congratulations, Harry.

Stonewall Champion Award

As part of the fantastic work 'The Change Group' has been doing to make Pittville an inclusive school for all students, we have signed up with Stonewall to work on achieving a Champion Award. Our aim is to ensure our LGBTQ+ students are recognized and supported to be themselves and are able to participate fully in all aspects of school life and to create the opportunity to shape our approach to LGBT inclusion. If you would like to find out more about the great work Stonewall does then please follow the link to their website. <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Mr Apperley-Tibbotts via achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) is now live for sign-ups!*

This summer Gloucestershire County Council is offering four weeks of activities and events for children eligible for Free School Meals, called the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Please follow the link to our interactive map where you will be able to click on your district to see what activities are taking place and to sign up your children on the Children's Activity Booking System (CABS): [Click here to access our HAF website](#) or visit: Gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

If you have any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

I know the past months have not been easy for anyone involved in education; it has been another disrupted academic year. The students have been magnificent in the ways they have adapted to lockdowns, self-isolation and we should all be very proud of them.

I know that parents and carers will join me in thanking my staff (support and teaching) for all their hard work and dedication to giving as much continuity to the students' education as has been possible. They have done a magnificent job. I would also like to thank the Governing body at Pittville for all their continued hard work and support.

Finally, I would like to you for all the support and kind comments that you have passed on to the school. Your support, as ever is very much appreciated.

Have a restful summer break

Mr Gilpin
Headteacher