

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER – TERM 4 & 5

02/06/2025

Welcome from Mr Kneller, Headteacher

It's been an enjoyable and rewarding summer term so far and I'm proud to share several of those highlights with you, in the latest addition of our Newsletter.

A few more reviews have taken place recently, highlighting once again that all our key indicators are showing that Patchway Community School is improving. Attendance is up, suspensions and exclusions are down, the quality of teaching and learning is improving dramatically and the outcomes for all our learners are much improved. Key stage 3 outcomes are strong compared to other secondary schools in our trust, and our year 11's are looking likely to get the best exam results in many years, so things are moving forward in the most positive way.

Thank you for your help with the car parking improvements we have seen around the school premises, by being considerate of our neighbours and students leaving school, your continued help with this is appreciated. On this note, we have recently seen an increase in the number of Electric Scooters being brought to school and in some cases, these are being ridden erratically around the school grounds. We are working closely with Avon and Somerset police, who confirmed they are illegal to use on pavements, roads and public places unless you hold a driving license. With this in mind, from September all E-Scooters will be banned from the School premises and I thank you in advance for your support with this safety measure, for our young people.

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Year 7 online Parents Evening recently and hear how well their first year of secondary school has gone. This was then followed by the Year 8 Parents Evening held in school, which saw a fantastic number of parents attend.

We have run lots of trips recently, alongside our sports fixtures, giving our students the opportunity to develop cultural differences, improve their social skills, and enjoy learning outside of the classroom which is an important aspect of child education. This is evident during Enrichment Week so please ensure your child has signed up to at least one of the many trips we have on offer to them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck in their exams. Everyone has worked hard, so no matter what the outcome, remember these results don't define you, they simply shape the next path of your journey.

Best Wishes, Stephen Kneller



Key Dates:-

- **Thursday 5th June**
- Envision Final Event
- **Friday 13th June**
- Year 9 HPV
- **Friday 18th June**
- Year 10 H&SC Trip
- **Monday 23rd June**
- Year 10 Mocks Start
- **Thursday 3rd July**
- Year 10 Geography Trip
- **Friday 4th July**
- Inset Day
- **Wednesday 9th July**
- Year 11 PROM
- **Mon 14th – Friday 18th July**
- Enrichment Week
- **Tuesday 15th July**
- Year 7&8 Sports Day
- **Wednesday 15th July**
- Year 9&10 Sports Day
- **Wednesday 2nd April**
- Year 10 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 3rd April**
- Late start for students- 10.00am
- **Friday 18th July**
- Last Day of Term
- **Mon 21st July**
- Inset Day
- **Tuesday 22nd July**
- Inset Day



An Introduction to our Student Ambassadors



We would like to introduce ourselves.

Written by Bella H - Y9 Student Ambassador

We are the Student Ambassadors, a group of students who strive to make our school a better place.

It is a new scheme that we are running as a new student leadership opportunity.

We run alongside our Student Council and the two groups work together to support the school during special events such as parents' evenings and open evenings.

We are easily identifiable by our red and black striped ties, so please ask us any questions you might have about our school when you see us. We will answer them as honestly as we can.

We are going to do another round of interviews next term, so that more students can have the opportunity to represent our school.

**Living Daily by Our School Values and Culture
To Achieve Excellence!**

Our Science Homework Shines Nationally

Tassomai Homework hits top 2%

Engagement

Your national engagement rankings, updated on Mondays.

Overall School



Students



Teachers



Parents



Patchway Science Shines Nationally!

We are proud to announce that Patchway Community School has placed in the top 2% of schools nationally for engagement with our science homework program, Tassomai.

This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the hard work and commitment shown by our students, the ongoing support from parents and carers, and the dedication of our science staff.

Tassomai is designed to build knowledge and confidence through regular practice, and it's been brilliant to see so many of our students consistently engaging with it.

The high level of participation we've seen so far this year has made a real impact on student progress, and we're delighted to see that effort being recognised on a national level.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this system a success — whether by encouraging homework at home, supporting students in school, or simply by sticking to a routine and logging in regularly.

As a reminder, science homework is set weekly through Tassomai, and it plays an important part in reinforcing class learning.

If students or parents ever have any questions or experience any difficulties, please speak to your science teacher—we're here to help!

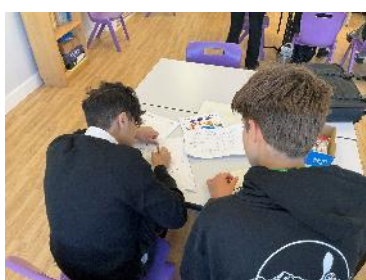
German Work Experience

A warm Welcome to our German Students

Last term we welcomed two Year 10 German students from our twin school in Gauting, Germany. They came over as part of the Patchway Town Council Twinning Association and were here to complete their work experience.

During the week they were involved in lots of different activities including being a TA, helping our exams officer, being student receptionists and teaching English to some of our EAL students. On the Wednesday afternoon we were joined by six of their friends who had been doing similar at Coniston Primary School and Callicroft Primary Academy.

They had the opportunity to meet the six Patchway students who will visit Germany in a few weeks' time and had our now acclaimed dodgeball grudge match. The score currently stands at Germany 2, England 1 so we will have to settle the score when we're there.



We are delighted that this has been such a positive experience for everyone involved. Our students made them feel very welcome and they said the experience made them feel like a part of the Patchway School community.

The visit has certainly created some hype amongst the younger years who are already asking questions about how they can join the exchange. It's an exciting time for our partnership.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding Tutorials

During term 4, we recommenced our Safeguarding Tutorials. This term, we have covered child-on-child abuse, child exploitation (which linked in with National Child Exploitation Day) and keeping yourself safe over the holidays. These tutorials have been added to the safeguarding section of the school website, so please feel free to look at these and discuss these topics with your child. The recurrent theme throughout these tutorials is to encourage our students to feel safe to speak to a trusted adult, whether that is at home or at school.

Child Exploitation and Staying Safe Online

We know that so much of young people's lives are spent on their devices. The risk of online grooming is very real and can often be difficult to spot. It's important that we know what they are doing online, who they are talking to and monitoring social media accounts. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially if you are unsure how these social media platforms work.

Child exploitation is a form of abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18. Any child or young person can be targeted or groomed, and exploitation can be sexual or criminal. Signs could include:- skipping school or constantly being in trouble in class, going missing for periods of time or regularly coming back late, mood swings that seem out of the ordinary, having gifts that can't be accounted for, over-sexualised behaviour or sending inappropriate images, using drugs and/or alcohol, unexplained bruising or other signs of physical harm, having two phones, carrying unexplained train tickets or hotel cards.

You can find out more here: <https://orlo.uk/Gdp17>.

If you have concerns about a child who may be being exploited, you can report this online at <https://orlo.uk/7C4sj>, by calling the non-emergency Police number on 101 (always 999 in an emergency) or anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

There is some useful information available on the links below, but if you have any concerns about your child's online safety or child exploitation, please reach out to the Safeguarding Team and we will do all we can to support.



- [Online Safety Hub - The Olympus Academy Trust](#)
- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

Mental Health

Year 11 students have received a session on managing exam stress, which was delivered by our Education Mental Health Support Team. They were given lots of strategies to use to be able to support them during the exam period. Please find below some links to support our young people while they are taking their exams:

- [Exam Stress | How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds](#)
- [Info on exam stress - for 11-18 year olds | Mind - Mind](#)

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Cake Sale

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organisations and others around the world with the opportunity to recognise the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

In support of this, last term Patchway Community School held a cake sale over the lunch period, and we raised a **FANTASTIC £165.00** which has been donated to Bristol Autism Support.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who donated, our staff who baked some taste watering treats, and to our students who contributed by purchasing a cake on the day.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

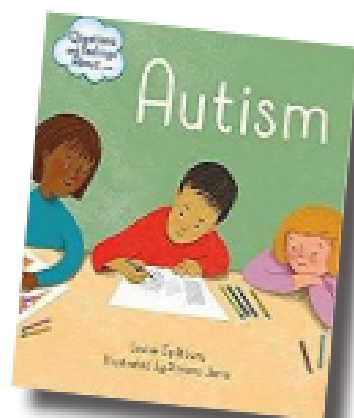
Books to help you on your send Journey



Eight book recommendations, selected by South Glos Libraries and available to reserve and borrow from your local library

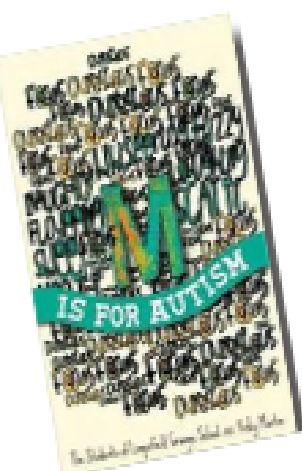
This book explores the many aspects of autism in a child-friendly way. It offers practical help, tips and advice as well as exploring everyday situations, supported by exquisite and approachable illustrations to give a story book feel, particularly suited to 5-7-year-olds, but with scope to appeal to both younger and older children. A perfect aid to help children open up and explore how they feel and steps they can take to help them cope.

Autism by Louise Spilsbury; illustrated by Ximena Jeria. LibrariesWest



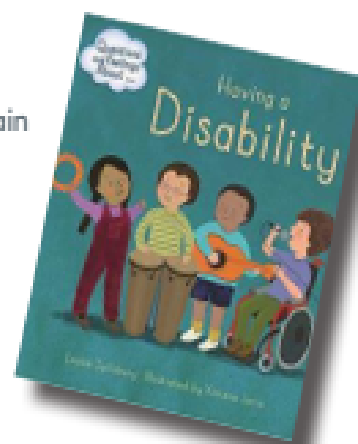
M just wants to be like other teenagers her age who always know what to say and what to do. So why does it feel like she lives on a different plane of existence to everyone else? Written by the students of Limpsfield Grange, a school for girls with Autism Spectrum Disorder with communication and interaction difficulties, *M is For Autism* draws on real life experiences to create a heartfelt and humorous novel that captures the highs and lows of being different in a world of normal.

M is for Autism. LibrariesWest



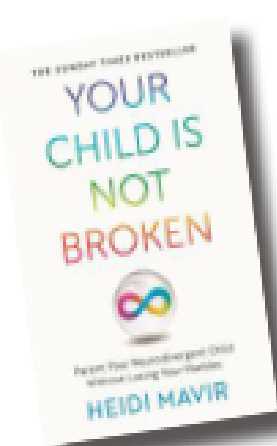
How do you help a young child deal with disability or explain what that means? This hands-on picture book is designed to help children with their questions and feelings about tricky topics that can be hard to talk about. The beautiful illustrations give a story book feel to help children explore steps they can take to help them cope.

Having a Disability by Louise Spilsbury; illustrated by Ximena Jeria. LibrariesWest



Your Child Is Not Broken is a call to arms for parents and carers of autistic, ADHD, or otherwise neurodivergent children. It is the book that no one has dared to write but every parent needs to read. Heidi's hilarious anecdotes and heartbreaking storytelling offer validation, comfort, reassurance and wisdom to parents who need it the most.

Your Child Is Not Broken: Parent Your Neurodivergent Child Without Losing Your Marbles by Heidi Mavir. LibrariesWest





The go-to mental health guide for kids who are finding life a struggle... At times, it can feel like nothing but problems and pressure. But the good news is that even if you're struggling to think straight, you can learn to be the boss of your brain. Creating healthy habits, staying in the moment, breaking negative thought patterns and finding things to be happy about. Tricks like this are like taking your mood to the gym - helping you feel good and bounce back from obstacles.

How Not To Lose It: Mental Health Sorted by Anna Williamson. LibrariesWest

Normal Schmormal is part-memoir, part how-to guide, highlighting the many challenges, as well as the hugely rewarding elements, of parenting children with additional needs. Written with humour, compassion and a lot of love, it's a must-read for parents, carers and teachers of children with SEN, either looking for bit of support or in need of a very big laugh.

Normal Schmormal: My Occasionally Helpful Guide To Parenting Kids With Special Needs by Ashley Blaker. LibrariesWest



Happy Families takes an expert, honest and accessible approach to children's mental health - arming parents and carers with the tools they need to tackle anxiety, low mood and difficult

behaviours. With techniques based on cutting edge science, evidence developed over 20 years of working in the NHS as well as Dr Beth's own experience as a mother of three, this book will help parents make sense of what their child is going through.

Happy Families: How to Protect and Support Your Child's Mental Health by Dr Beth Mosley MBE. Audiobook. South Gloucestershire Libraries - Borrowbox.

When Kate Swenson's son Cooper was diagnosed with severe, nonverbal autism, her world stopped. She had always dreamed of having the perfect family life. She hadn't signed up for life as a mother raising a child with a disability. She felt the frustration and exhaustion of having to fight for your child in a world that is stacked against them. In this audiobook, Kate shares her inspiring journey with honesty and compassion, offering solace and hope to others on this path and illuminating the strength and perseverance of mothers.

Forever Boy by Kate Swenson. Audiobook. South Gloucestershire Libraries - BorrowBox.



INFORMATION

- + It is free to join the library and borrow books.
- + You can borrow a range of books when you visit any South Glos library. These include books which provide information and advice including support for living well, advice for relatives and carers, and personal stories. You can use the LibrariesWest [website](#) to search for books and reserve them. Reservation charges may apply.
- + You can also borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers from the LibrariesWest [website](#).

It's been a busy couple of terms again for our students and their involvement in the Careers interventions. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been a joy to watch.

Year 10 WEx

This year's work experience saw our students learning about careers including healthcare, elderly care, childcare, construction, engineering, hair and beauty, animal care, outdoor activities, architecture and accountancy. We still have opportunities to come later in the year for students in the Army, at the University of Bristol, at the Bristol Zoo Project and in Germany with our twin town of Gauting.

It has been lovely hearing students talking positively about their experiences, with some even going back on a voluntary basis as they enjoyed their time so much. As ever we would like to extend our grateful thanks to employers who were able to support our Y10s in gaining such valuable experience.

For a presentation about this year's WEx, please click [HERE](#)

Girls Get Set

Girls Get Set for girls in Years 7-9 has had monthly online sessions where we have learnt about all sorts of STEM jobs and careers, most recently healthcare relating to the heart. We also hosted the female engineers from GKN for a day in March, where they delivered an interactive session about how to make a cargo carrying boat made from plastic recycling. Students were able to showcase their creativity as well as their science skills with some fantastic results.



Envision Cohort 2 – Year 10

After the first cohort's triumph earlier this year, the second cohort of Envision is already showing a lot of promise. Their plan is to offer a lunchtime club for students who lack confidence, with games and other activities available. We had our first off-site visit to St James Place to meet with the business mentors last week who helped them firm up their ideas and suggest next steps to make sure the plan progresses.

Assemblies

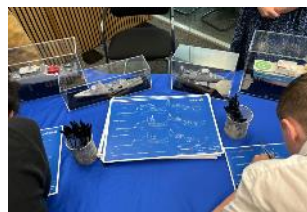
We have been pleased to welcome assemblies from several providers this term. ASK Apprenticeships presented to all of Year 11 and followed on with a workshop for those keen to get started on applications. Captain Welch from the Army came to talk to Year 9 about the entry routes and apprenticeship opportunities offered by the Army and Pete from Boomsatsuma showed Year 10 and 11 students the exciting variety of creative media courses on offer. It was great to see Year 10 asking so many questions at the end!

Festival of Engineering

Students recently visited Babcock for an exciting and hands-on experience exploring engineering and technology careers. They took part in various activities, including a bridge-building and boat-building competition, testing their creativity and teamwork.

At the careers fare, students engaged with representatives from the Royal Navy, local colleges, flight simulators, and F1 car-building companies, gaining insight into future career paths. A highlight of the day was a keynote speech from Dr. Alice Bunn, CEO of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. She shared insights into her early life and career journey, inspiring students with her experiences in the engineering industry.

During the Babcock equipment showcase, students explored a land patrol vehicle, tried VR welding, launched a virtual torpedo, and even wore specialist PPE used in real-world engineering environments. The trip provided a valuable look into engineering, innovation, and future career opportunities, leaving students inspired and informed.



What's coming up This Term...

- ❖ **Envision** – Envision Final trip on Thursday 5th June
- ❖ **INWED (International Woman in Engineering Day)** – A visit to MBDA for Year 8 girls on Friday 13th June
- ❖ **South Bristol Youth Employment and Green Skills Trip** – Tuesday 17th June and Friday 20th June
- ❖ **Girls Get Set** – Visit to GKN in Filton on Friday 11th July



Opportunities

Becoming a Doctor - Discovery Day

On Saturday 21st June 2025, we will be holding a one-day conference at Southmead Hospital. We will be discussing the varied work of doctors, the practicalities of applying to medical school, how doctors are trained, and hearing from doctors in different branches of medicine and at different stages of their training. There will be a chance to talk to doctors in smaller groups and try out some practical skills.

The conference is aimed at students in year 10 or above. We have space for 100 students at this event. Please register for this event by filling in this [FORM](#).

If you are unable to attend this event after registering, please ensure you email celia.mcgilloway@nbt.nhs.uk to let us know.

Careers in childcare

Find out more about how to get into a rewarding career in early years education

- [Working in early years and childcare - Early Years Careers](#)
- [Explore a career in Early Years!](#)

Apprenticeships at MBDA

- [MBDA_newsletter_IWD_March_25.pdf](#)



Tesco Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship Applications open NOW!!

- [Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship | Tesco Careers](#)

KPMG Future Leaders Technology Programme for year 10 female students

Two day in person insight programme and mentoring scheme. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to get exposure to the exciting world of technology and business with speakers from internal KPMG teams, alongside external speakers from leading Bristol technology businesses. The insight programme will be held on **3rd-4th July 2025** and will consist of two days held in our Queen Square, Bristol office.

Please fill out this application form for the programme – and don't forget to mention Bristol WORKS. <https://forms.office.com/e/pqnL29dW07>

Apprenticeship support

Is your child considering an apprenticeship as their next step? Choice's magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! It is completely free of charge – find this month's edition here: amapps.uk/parent-magazine and sign up to receive it each month, direct to your inbox: amapps.uk/choices

Amazing Apprenticeships' Parent and Carer zone is also a great place to explore apprenticeships and technical education: amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/

Boys Football Update



Term 4 has seen a continuation of the football season but in a slightly different format for some including internal friendlies and fixtures for players who weren't involved in the initial sets of games. Starting with our year 8 boys football team progressing to the quarter finals of the area cup, they unfortunately lost to a strong SBL side, a great effort and performance from the boys, with **Fin G** being our **POTM**.



Our Year 7 and Year 8/9 B teams had fixtures against BSCS, giving much needed game experience for the boys, goals for the year 7 team coming from **Mason H**, and **Josh C**, with these 2 being the **standout performers** for the team in a narrow defeat. Our year 8/9 team were also beaten, but **Jack G** put in an **excellent display** in goal and being awarded **POTM** for his efforts.

The term has seen several internal games happening in football training on a Tuesday and multisport club on a Thursday, with club numbers ranging from 50-100 on any given evening. Well done to all who have got involved, the numbers and appetite for extra curricular sport is fantastic and please keep taking up the opportunities provided!

If your child wants to get involved in any after school sports club, they just need to let you know and then turn up! All clubs are free and are inclusive to all our students.

Girls Football Update



Since launching in September, our girls' football club has been growing steadily, with increasing participation and excitement from players of all ages! We're especially proud of our U12s, who have advanced to the next round of a tournament—an amazing achievement. Our U14s and U16s teams have shown incredible effort and determination, with each game contributing to their growth and development.

The interest in girls' football continues to rise, and we're excited to see more girls joining the sport. The future is looking bright for both our club and the sport as a whole! Let's keep up the great work and continue to support our players as they progress and thrive!

Reward and Recognition



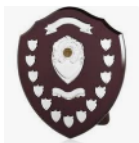
Celebrating Our Core Values – Respect and Ambition

At Patchway, our core values — **Ambition, Respect**, and **Excellence** are at the heart of everything we do. To recognize students who truly embody these values, we introduced three new awards at our Presentation Awards Evenings.

In December, we proudly presented the first-ever Respect Award to **Sam S**, celebrating his outstanding commitment to our school community. At our most recent Presentation Evening in March, we were delighted to award the Respect Award once again, this time to **Elizabeth A.** (in Year 7) for her inspiring contributions, including her generosity in the Christmas Hamper Appeal and her initiative in establishing a lunchtime crochet club.

The evening also marked another exciting milestone—the first presentation of the Ambition Award. This honour was awarded to **András V** (Year 10) in recognition of his remarkable achievements in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, including six British national titles and a silver medal at the 2024 ELITE Junior European Championships. His dedication and perseverance exemplify the very essence of ambition.

We are incredibly proud of these students and look forward to celebrating even more members of our school community who demonstrate Ambition, Respect, and Excellence in the future!



Congratulations again to Sam, Elizabeth and Andras.



In addition to the main accolades of the evening, awards were also presented for individual subjects and our prestigious Head of Year awards.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:



Layla S.



Lexi G.



Rylee B.



Katie B.



Finlay M.

Well done to all our award winners for their hard work and dedication.

Outstanding Performance



At this year's Presentation Evening, Year 7 student **Ruby M** delivered an unforgettable performance of *Set Fire to the Rain* by Adele. Singing in front of parents and students from all year groups, Ruby showcased not only **incredible talent** but also **immense confidence** and **stage presence**.

Her outstanding performance exemplified our school values of **ambition, respect, and excellence**, proving that she is a true star in the making. **Congratulations, Ruby!** We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

African Dance Group

At The end of Term 4, our African Dance group performed at Calicroft Primary School for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 students.

These ten girls....

**Nicole N
Ameenat A
Kofoworola K
Hanna G
Shylet C
Kayla W
Amanda E
Faizah A
Jeheilila D,
Sarah S**



....ARE TRUELY INSPIRATIONAL.

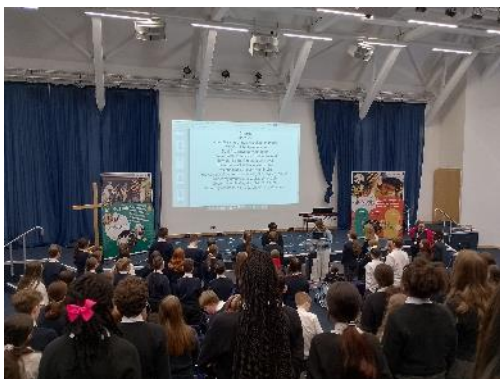
They developed the group themselves, taking full responsibility for their choreography and rehearsals. The morning was a huge success, culminating in a workshop where the Reception students had the opportunity to learn part of the dance under the guidance of the group. Their dedication, talent, and leadership made them outstanding ambassadors for Patchway Community School, and they served as an inspiration to the young students.

Well done to all the girls for their hard work and passion.

Voices Together Music Trip

In March, a group of Year 7 and 8 students went to St Michael's centre to attend a choir workshop led by Nigel Ipinsen-Fleming. Nigel is best known as the songwriter and keyboardist for OMD and The Stone Roses. Over the past 20 years he has run singing, songwriting, gospel choir and whole school singing programmes. Nigel sees music as a metaphor for life, and during this session he used music and language to illustrate that.

This workshop brought students from local schools together for a fun and engaging day, using the power of singing as a massed choir to build and encourage musical and vocal skills, promote effective teamwork, communication and listening skills, and provide an inspirational musical experience. By the end of the day, our students were singing in fantastic three-part harmony, and several students sang beautiful solos.



**Miss Winfield and
Mrs Williams are very
proud of all the
students who
attended!**



Chemistry Trip to the University of Bristol

On 15th May, our Year 10 triple science students visited the University of Bristol for an exciting hands-on experience. The day began with a fascinating lecture about university life and studying chemistry at degree level. Students then suited up in lab coats, goggles, and gloves to carry out a practical experiment: extracting caffeine from tea.

Using specialist equipment not available in school, such as a Büchner funnel, separating flask, and rotary evaporator, students followed a multi-step process to isolate and purify caffeine from tea. They then analysed their samples using melting point apparatus and an infrared spectrometer to assess purity.



It was a fantastic opportunity to explore university-level chemistry and work in a professional lab environment. Our students were amazing and really embraced this level of learning.

A Time for Celebration

CELEBRATE

Andras V – Excelling in his achievement of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Year 10 student **Andras** has been involved in martial arts since the age of six, initially practicing judo before transitioning to **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu**, where he currently holds a green belt. Over the years, he has secured six British national titles and earned numerous other prestigious accolades. Notably, he **won a silver medal** at the 2024 ELITE BJJ EVENTS Junior European Gi & No Gi Championships, competing in the Over 75kg category. Additionally, he **claimed victory** at the 2022 BJJ British Grand Prix and has **won twice** the COMPNET UK National Championship (2022 and 2023). More recently Andras further showcased his dedication, skill and perseverance in the 2025 London COMPNET European Championship.

András' accomplishments reflect the values of determination and discipline that Patchway Community School installs in our students. Furthermore, having such a successful and dedicated athlete among our students is not only a great personal achievement for András but also a source of pride for the school. His success, is showcasing his commitment to nurturing excellence, both inside and outside the classroom and **we are extremely proud of him.**



Click on the following link to read more about Andras BJJ journey:-

<https://protomfitness.co.uk/blog/2023/02/01/champions-in-the-making/>



Bray B – National Boxing Champion



Bray one of our Year 11 students was also recently crowned **National Boxing Champion** for his age and weight category. This marks a significant achievement, showcasing his dedication, resilience and hard work in the sport.

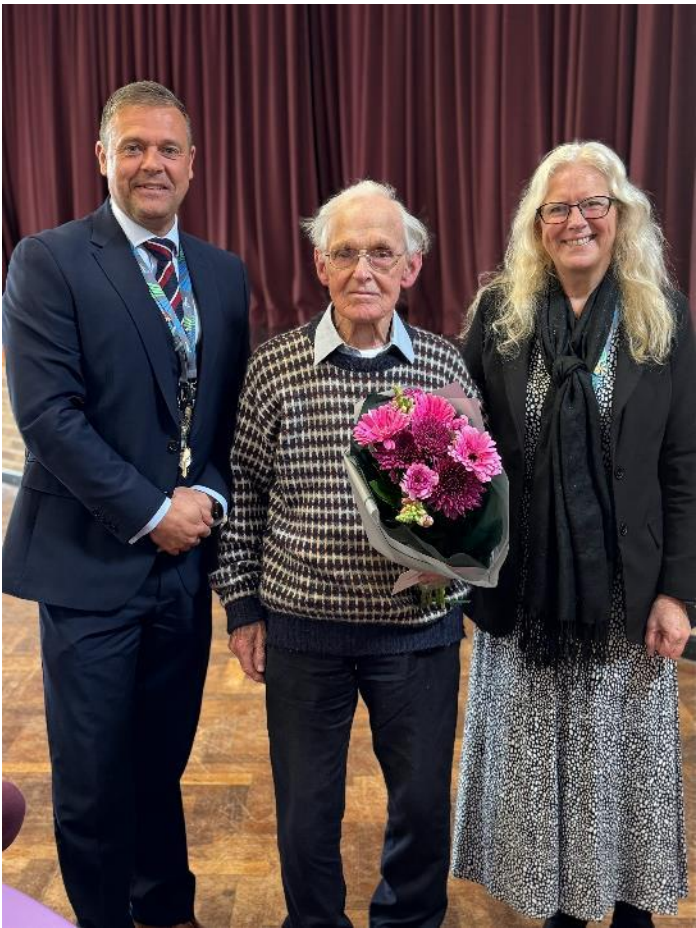
Well done Bray, we are incredibly proud of you!



Celebrating 100 Years of Bob Macdonald

Bob Macdonald, born on the 28th April 1925 recently celebrated his 100th Birthday! This is a true testament to a well lived life and Bob does it with a smile on his face every single day. Not only is this an incredible milestone to reach but Bob also continues to work here at Patchway Community School, having never taken a day off work since joining as a caretaker in 1994.

31 years on Bob is an inspiration amongst his peers and students alike, picking up the litter from around the school. The grounds are immaculate thanks to his hard work and dedication to the role. Bob turns up to work come rain or shine, and no matter the weather, he gets the job done to an impeccable standard. Nothing is to much trouble for him.



Recently this very special occasion was marked with recognition and thanks by Mr Steve Kneller, Headteacher and Julia Anwar, Head of Business Operations from the Olympus Academy Trust.

Colleagues who also work alongside Bob say “he is nothing short of a breath of fresh air, such a friendly and caring gentleman” another added “ He never fails to ask how you are when he arrives for work and always makes time for pleasantries”

Bob is highly respected amongst his peers and a role model in all that he continues to achieve.

Bob truly is a remarkable man and turning into a centenarian brings a special recognition from the monarch too. Congratulations and happy 100th birthday Bob, truly record-breaking news, and a milestone to be proud of.



Other News

Student Absence

If you need to report a student absence, please follow one of the following steps:-

- Email to StudentAbsence@patchwaycs.org.uk or
- Report via Study bugs at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> or
- Leave a voice message on the school's landline 01454 862020 after pressing the "student absence" option

Student Holiday Requests

Please also be aware holiday request form can be found on our school website, should you need to make a request during term time, please download this form and return it to school - <https://www.patchwaycs.org.uk/Holiday-Request-Form/>

Calling all Ex Patchway-Students

You may well be aware that Patchway Community School is due to be rebuilt in the coming years. We would love to hear from you if you were a student here and would like to reconnect with us. Events could involve:



- A tour of the school as it is now
- A speed networking style session with our younger students where you describe what you do for your job and how you got into it (with opportunity for students to ask questions).
- A display of ex-students' career paths with photos for a permanent board
- A tour of the new school once it is built

Please email anna.shute@olympustrust.co.uk if you would like to join in with our celebration of Patchway past and future!



Enrichment Week 2025

From Monday 14th July to Thursday 17th July, we have an amazing **33 trips** on offer to our students – with all students aiming to go on **3 trips each**. If you have not yet signed your child up to a trip, please can we encourage you to do so before the **final closing date of Tuesday 3rd June**. All trips available are now showing on Arbor. Individual Trip letters detailing specifics on the day of your trip, will be sent home within the first couple of weeks of this term.

We encourage you to speak with your child about Enrichment Week and help them with their choices. These activities will provide a great opportunity for personal growth and skill development, while also allowing individuals to mix with like-minded students. We are counting down the days to what will be undoubtedly a fun filled week for all involved.

A Message From Our Kitchen

Meal Deals at Patchway - £2.58

Meal deals include the following options:

- Hot main meal, jacket potato with one topping, or any hot grab and go item
- Or any cold sandwich, wrap, baguette or small salad

Plus, ONE of the following:

- Plain 500ml Princes Gate water
- Orange or apple Juice cuplet
- Radnor 125ml juice carton
- Generation Juice double shot (where available)
- Hot dessert of the day
- Tray bake
- Cookie
- Jelly pot



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