



Patchway Newsletter Term 5

Diary Dates		Absence Line
Wed 24 May 2024	End of Term 5	If you need to report your child's absence from school, please ring 01454 862020, press 1 and leave a message.
Mon 3 June 2024	Start of Term 6	
Mon 3-6 June 2024	Y9/Y10 German Work Experience	
Mon 10-14 June 2024	Y6 Transition Meetings	
Tue 18 June 2024	Y9/Y10 Barcelona Parent Briefing	
Wed 19 June 2024	Y7/Y8 PGL Parent Briefing	
Mon 25 June 2024	Y10 Mock Exams All Week	
Tue 25 June 2024	Parent Forum	
Mon 1 July 2024	Y6 Parent Information Evening	
Thur 4 July 2024	Y11 Prom	
Fri 5 July 2024	INSET Day	
Sat 6-12 July 2024	Y9/10 Barcelona Residential Trip	
Tue 9 July 2024	Y10 Geography Trip	
Mon 8-12 July 2024	Y7/Y8 PGL Residential Trip	
Wed 12-15 July 2024	Enrichment Week	
Tue 16 July 2024	Y8/Y9 Sports Day	
Wed 17 July 2024	Y7/Y10 Sports Day	
Thur 18 July 2024	Award Presentations	
Tue 23 July 2024	End of Term 6	

Welcome from Mr Kneller, Headteacher



It has been a wonderful start settling into life at Patchway Community School. I have been so impressed by our amazing students who have been so welcoming since I started.

I was delighted to welcome Year 6 students and parents to our 'Big Breakfast' at the end of my first week. I heard from students who have benefitted from our extensive enrichment programme and how this is developing wider skills such as independence, resilience, teamwork, communication, and leadership. Just this week I was honoured to be asked to hand out certificates to students in year 7 to year 10 who have significantly improved their reading by being part of the Lexonic programme. I was also delighted to hear of our community work when the Patchway Mayor came to visit last week.

Each week I am blown away by the sheer numbers of students who have 100% attendance and who have collected positive reward points for their effort and excellent work. Of course we need to do more! We need to award even more reward points in every lesson, we need to ensure all students attend every day and are on time to school and to every lesson and we need to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning by offering professional development opportunities to staff and engage with the latest research on what makes excellent teaching.

There are plans in place for Term 6 and beyond to address these and other issues so that we can ensure all our students are making progress, that we are enhancing their life chances, and that staff, students and parents are proud of Patchway Community School.

I wish you all a restful and happy half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Knife Crime Awareness Week

This week students have taken part to help raise awareness and understanding around knife crime. Knife Crime Awareness Week is a campaign drawing attention to the devastating national problem of knife crime, while making you aware of the risks and consequences. PCS want to further develop a culture where it is 'safe to speak' out, making everyone feel safe to report concerns around knife crime.

Throughout the week students have been busy creating impressive **#stopknifecrime** posters.

Well done to everyone who took part. Here are a few of their creations.



Clermont L'Hérault visit to PCS

Last term we welcomed 45 Year 9 students from our twin school, Collège du Salagou in Clermont L'Hérault, France.

We had a packed day, which included a welcome from our Headteacher, working in some of our Year 9 lessons (Art, English, French and Spanish) and a PE session with Mr Forward. The day culminated in a mammoth history lesson with Miss Haines which was part of a joint project that the students had been working on with us before they arrived.

A great day was had by all and there was a real buzz around school. Our Patchway students were very welcoming, and some friendships were made.

We hope that this will be the start of a long relationship with Collège du Salagou and hope that we will be able to offer some of our students the chance for a return trip in the future.

Below is a thank you message from the lead teacher to the Town Council clerk showing how much they enjoyed it too:

We're now back home, and we would like to thank you, the whole team at Town Council, and of course the Patchway community school for your welcome, help and support.

@ Miss Mills: Everyone was very pleased and happy of this day in Patchway. Many pupils told me they were particularly happy to have been able to communicate with English teenagers, thanks so much for having organized everything on your side, it was really appreciated.



A visit from our student friends in Germany for work experience

We welcomed two German students from our twin school in Gauting, Germany this week. They were involved in lots of different activities across the school including being a TA, helping our exams officer, working in reprographics and being receptionists. They also had an afternoon free from work, so we were joined by six of their colleagues from Coniston and Callicroft.

They had the opportunity to meet our eight students who will be heading over to visit Germany in a few weeks' time and had a mass game of dodgeball, which became very competitive.



This is the first time we have invited students to Patchway in some years, and we are delighted that they had such a positive experience. Our students were all very kind to them and made them feel very welcome. They said the experience made them feel like a true part of the Patchway School community.



A visit from our Mayor for the Patchway Twinning Association Trophy

Today we welcomed our Town Mayor into assembly to award the Patchway Twinning Trophy. This is only the second time that this trophy has been awarded to a student at Patchway Community School, so we are very proud to announce **Letizia Scagliarini** as the winner.

The award celebrates high levels of performance when learning a new language as well as progress made when learning a new language. She received a dual language book, certificate and can keep the trophy for a year, until it is awarded to the next winner.

Congratulations, Letizia, we're all very proud of you at PCS!



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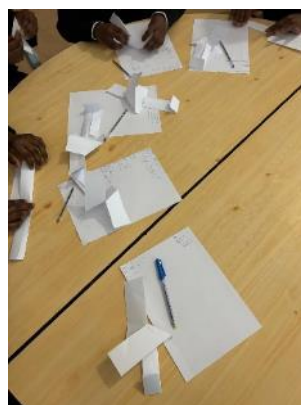


Showcasing inspiring female Mathematicians

Our students really enjoyed the STEM event showcasing inspiring female Mathematicians, taking part in three interactive sessions, and empowering the next generation of STEM leaders!

1. **How Safe is your data?** Dive into encryptions past and future.
2. **Which Career?** Explore Math-centric careers of interest.
3. **Space!** Exploring Mars. Discover the challenges of interplanetary travel.

This is what our students had to say about it: - "I could tell the speakers were really enthusiastic and that made it intriguing" another said "I had a great time and really enjoyed it"



Red Cross visit to our Wellbeing hub and Hive

The red cross charity attended Patchway to complete a workshop with some students from the wellbeing hub & Hive. Katheryn from Red Cross was a fantastic workshop host and the students really enjoyed taking part.

The workshop focussed on coping with challenges and the students had to build the tallest tower without it falling over. This involved concentration and determination by the students both individually and as a team to build lots of variations of towers.



Touch to Twickenham Tournament

On Thursday 16th May several year 9 pupils travelled to St Bedes Catholic college to play in a mixed touch rugby tournament. The students represented the school team exceptionally well, displaying all the core values of PCS.

We won 3 games and lost 3 games. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on qualifying for a place to play in the national finals in Twickenham. However, there were some exceptional performances from our students with plenty of resilience and flair displayed.

Sam Fisher showed excellent skill assisting a try with a well-timed grubber kick through. **Andras Vargass** assisted a try with a through the legs pass. **Wisdom Joseph** ended the tournament joint to try scorer with **Jack Robinson**, displaying excellent speed and agility.

Our male player of the tournament was Jack Robinson - consistently making big game plays and demonstrating excellent leadership qualities.

Our female player of the tournament was Zofia Dzabkowska - displaying excellent work rate and a real competitive edge that helped stopped the opposition scoring tries.



Mr Owain Phillips, Teacher of PE was extremely proud of all the pupils involved.

Y11 End of Year Celebrations

Today marked the last official day of school for our Year 11 Students. We celebrated the day with a leaver's assembly in the Hall.

This was a lovely opportunity for students to celebrate with staff the last 5 years of secondary school, prior to them heading into the half-term holiday and exam period next term. Many students took the opportunity to continue the tradition of getting their shirts signed by friends and staff.

Here are just a few of the photos taken earlier today.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Y11 students the best of luck for your forthcoming exams.

Support for your child as they start Post-16 College - Planning their future careers!

We have teamed up with SGS College, as some of our students have applied to a Post-16 course there in September 2024.

The SGS College Careers Team will be running a 1-hour online forum (with a face-to-face option) in the summer (late June) for parents, which will cover topics which are relevant to you helping them transition and think more clearly about their career ideas.

Would you like to express an interest in attending? Please could you fill out this short form, so that we can know your ideas/needs and send you some more details. (Before the 30th)

Form link: <https://forms.office.com/e/gpCKtxX8zM>

Please also check out the link below to see what the Careers team and students have been up to in supporting career development, in term 5.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jER-IUdy-PkivEFJyFiRbb_EoECv83oDokTbmqxyd84/edit?usp=sharing

Governing Committee

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals from the local community to join our Governing Committee in our Olympus Trust schools. For more information please see – [Olympus Academy Trust - We Need You! \(olympustrust.co.uk\)](https://olympustrust.co.uk)

Parent Forum

The Patchway Parent & Community Forum meet with the School Leadership Team, and act as advocates for parent voice as well as providing a supportive steering group which offers the school feedback on developments and improvement planning.

To attend, you just need to be a parent or carer of a child currently at Patchway Community School. We discuss curriculum matters, personal welfare and development for students, careers, and of course, uniform, lunches, and anything else which affects children's experience in school each day.

The Patchway Parent & Community Forum are interested to hear from parents/carers via the email pcsparentforum@gmail.com who would like us give feedback to the School Leadership Team.

The upcoming Parent Forum meeting will be at 5:30 – 6:30pm on **Tuesday 25 June 2024**. All are welcome to attend.

PCS on social media



SECONDARY SCHOOL **OPEN EVENTS** FOR COHORT 2025

**Further info on booking
talk times and attendance
can be found on the Olympus
Academy website and also on
individual school websites**



Patchway
Community School

**Tuesday
17th September**

5:30pm - 7:30pm

www.patchwaycs.org.uk



Bradley Stoke
Community School

**Thursday
19th September**

5:00pm - 7:00pm

www.bradleystokes.org.uk



Winterbourne
Academy

**Tuesday
24th September**

5:30pm - 7:30pm

www.winterbourneacademy.org.uk



Abbeywood
Community School

**Thursday
26th September**

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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Do you work with young people aged 16-25 who are at risk of becoming NEET?

Our FREE courses are designed to support young people to take their next steps into education, employment or training.

Our programmes are delivered by professional youth workers trained in specialist areas of expertise, including IAG, Trauma Informed Practice, CCE, CSE, Contextual Safeguarding and wellbeing support. Through building trusted relationships based on youth work practice, young people are supported to overcome barriers to remaining in education and training with wrap-around youth work support and / or weekly small group course sessions. During these sessions, young people will take part in creative positive activities to provide skills-based learning and transferrable knowledge.

POSITIVE *outcomes*

- 👍 **improved confidence**
- 👍 **improved communication skills**
- 👍 **building trusted relationships**
- 👍 **develop new skills for employability & next steps**
- 👍 **improved wellbeing & mental health**
- 👍 **engagement in education, employment or training**

"Youth work support helped me build my confidence and learn new skills after I dropped out of college. Weekly 1-2-1 sessions with my youth worker have allowed me to chat to someone about my worries and challenges, and now I've started an apprenticeship which I'm really enjoying." (Jesse, 21)

All of our courses take place in the community, or at one of our bases in central Bristol, Hanham or Kingswood.

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Refer a young person to us by completing the referral form.

For further information, contact Anne Mowbray
anne.mowbray@creativyouthnetwork.org.uk

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