



Patchway Newsletter Term 6

Diary Dates		Absence Line
Tue 23rd June 2024	End of Term 6	<p>If you need to report your child's absence from school, please ring 01454 862020, press 1 and leave a message.</p> <p>Alternatively, please register online with Study bugs to connect with school and report absences.</p>
Wed 4th September 2024	Start of Term 1 -Y7 and Y11 only	
Thur 5th September 2024	Start of Term 1 – Y8, Y9 and Y10	
Wed 11th September 2024	Y8 & Y9 - My Fair Lady Theatre Trip	
Tues 17th September 2024	Y6 Open Evening	
Wed 18th September 2024	Late start for all students – 10am	
Tues 24th September 2024	Y10 Parents Information Evening	
Tues 1st October 2024	Y11 Parents Evening	
Sat 5th-Sun 6th October 2024	Y10 Bronze DofE Expedition	
Tues 10th October 2024	Y7 Meet the Tutor	
Wed 16th October 2024	Y7-Y11 Curriculum Enrichment Day	
Wed 23rd October 2024	Last Day of Term 1	
Thurs 24th October 2024	Inset Day	
Fri 25th October 2024	Inset Day	
Mon 4th November 2024	Start of Term 2	

Welcome from Mr Kneller, Headteacher



As the academic year draws to a close it is a chance to reflect on the progress our amazing students have made in a wide variety of academic and enrichment activities.

This term saw our annual enrichment week where students undertake a range of residential and day trips as well as be involved in a range of in-school activities known as 'Base Patchway.' Students visited Spain, West Midlands Safari Park, PGL centre in Barton Hall and a whole host of theme parks, activity centre and seaside visits. In school our week culminated in our first ever colour run which was enjoyed by all who took part.

Our ongoing commitment to supporting young people's mental health was evident when we invited boy band Absnt Mind in to sing and talk to Year 9 and 10 about issues relating to mental health. This is such an important issue both locally and nationally and will continue to be a focus as we move into next year.

Patchway Community School organised an internal 'general election' to coincide with the general election nationally. Interestingly Labour also won our internal vote although the Green Party finished a close second. Hearing the children talk about the election and referencing manifestos and the national vote was really encouraging as many maybe voters for real in the next general election.

A group of Mathematicians competed against other local school in the Olympus Trust Maths Challenge finishing 4th overall but winning one of the rounds with a near perfect score.

A team of Year 7 students from Patchway also took part in the first ever Olympus Cup. This event was a range of sporting activities hosted by Bradley Stoke Community School. The students, the staff involved and our whole Patchway Community School community were delighted to win the cup – well done to all involved!

We have finished the term with a range of rewards assemblies and our Presentation Evening. These events have celebrated a range of successes from 100% attendance and most reward points for the year to subject prizes. We were also honoured to welcome the Mayor of Patchway Town Council who presented two twinning awards to Year 11 students. I know staff and parents are incredibly proud of all our students and these events offer the opportunity to celebrate the success of our students.

Finally, can I wish everyone a happy, restful and safe summer holidays and I look forward to welcoming all the students back to Patchway for academic year 2024-25 in September.

Absnt Mind Performance – Supporting Child Mental Health

At the beginning of term 6, students in year 9 and 10 were fortunate enough to watch Absnt Mind Perform live, at Patchway Community School. Absnt Mind are a band who are passionate about Mental Health and the importance of speaking up.

Their performance was uplifting, inspirational and a pure pleasure to watch. Afterwards the team spent some time with our students talking about some of the causes of mental health problems, body image and self-esteem. They also discussed who to turn to for help and why there is a need to have your voice heard.

In addition to this they also gave advice on how to stay safe online and discussed cyber bullying. They spoke about where children can go for help and touched on their own personal experiences with trolling, how it affected them, how it made them feel, and how they reacted to it with a positive outcome.



The time spent with Abset Mind was well received by everyone who took part, and we were very grateful to welcome a band that were so passionate about these important topics.



#absntmind
#mentalhealthawareness

Y10 Work Experience in Germany

Fortunate students of Patchway Community School were given the opportunity to complete their Year 10 work experience in Gauting, (Germany,) the twin town of Patchway. This was fully funded and organised by the mayor and deputy mayor of Patchway. Students were able to work in a secondary school, primary school, tourist information office and a beautiful hotel overlooking Lake Starenberger.

The students all had lots of fun and were all well looked after by the families they stayed with in Gauting. We are really looking forward to a return visit with more year 10 students in 2025.

Here's what one student had to say about their trip: - "I was so lucky to stay with the most kind, caring and considerate family, they looked after me very well, took me sightseeing in the afternoons and meet up with our German student friends in the evenings".



Olympus Academy Trust - Team Maths Challenge

8 of the school's finest mathematicians took part in the Olympus Academy Trust Team Maths Challenge on the 1st July. Split into two teams, the students engaged in four rounds of competitions from Maths relay races to cross-numbers. Team 1 were victorious in the cross-number round beating all other teams with a massive score of 56 out of 60. Overall, Team 1 just missed out on the podium and came 4th place behind the well-deserved winners Bradley Stoke Team.

Massive congratulations to the 8 students who took part:

Temi Babalola
Temi Babalola

Tekla Nagy
Tekla Nagy

Bella Harrison
Bella Harrison

Michael Luxford
Michael Luxford

Grace Oladosu
Grace Oladosu

Reuben Strange
Reuben Strange

Korneliusz Satel
Korneliusz Satel

Ashton Starr
Ashton Starr

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - Practice Walk

On Sunday 16th June, students completing this year's Duke of Edinburgh award began their practice walk, leaving Churchill Memorial Hall (in the Mendips) at 9.30am. During the walk which was completed that day, students practised their navigation and map reading skills, alongside developing their team working skills, in preparation for their assessed expedition in October.

The students demonstrated impressive strength in their six-figure grid referencing, navigation skills, and using compasses to figure out bearings.

All the students had an incredible time, despite a few trainers being lost in the mud. The weather was fantastic even with a strong bovine presence during lunchtime, which made it a memorable and enjoyable experience.



Congratulations to everyone involved. Your enthusiasm, mature attitude and teamwork were truly commendable.

Mock Election Day

On the 4th July we held a mock election day, where a whopping 475 votes were casted! The results were counted and verified, with the winning party mirroring the National Election Results.

1st - Labour Party
2nd - Green Party
3rd - Reform UK
4th - Liberal Democrats
5th - Conservatives



"It was nice to see so many students want to get involved and have their opinions heard," said Mr Kneller.

There was certainly some interesting debates being raised for and against the different parties.

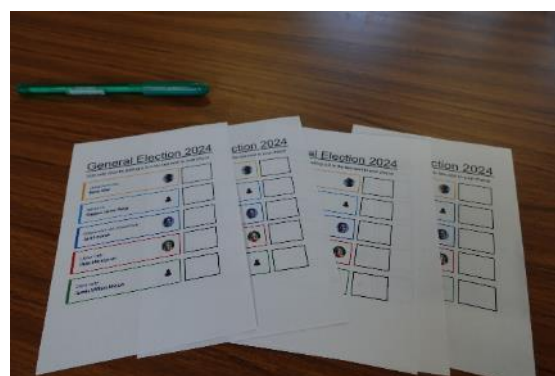
General Election 2024

Labour Party Manifesto



The Labour Party would:

- Cut energy bills for families and businesses.
- Fine water companies that pollute our rivers.
- Pay NHS staff more to work evenings and weekends so that there are more appointments available.
- Double NHS cancer scanners.
- Create 700,000 more urgent dentist appointments.
- Recruit 8,500 new NHS mental health staff.
- Put 13,000 more police and PCSOs into communities.
- Create criminal sanctions for anti-social behaviour.
- Create new youth hubs for teenagers and give them access to mental health staff and youth workers.
- Recruit 6,500 more teachers.
- Employ mental health support staff in every school.
- Introduce free breakfast clubs in every school.
- Set up Great British Energy – a publicly-owned company that generates clean power.
- Create more well-paid jobs in key sectors, such as life science, technology and creative industries.
- End zero-hour contracts to give more security at work.
- Build 1.5 million more homes, giving first-time buyers the first opportunity to buy them.



Year 11 Prom

It was an end of era for our Year 11 students, who all looked amazing at this year's prom. Everyone behaved impeccably and it was a truly special night.

Ms Boyce said, "It was an honour and pleasure to see out my Year 11's at Prom with the thanks to Patchway staff and Thornbury Gold Club. The Year 11's arrived in a variety of cars to match the spectacular prom dresses and suits. All the students made such an effort with their outfits and I was truly blown away at how smart all the boys looked in their suits. We had a lovely buffet, followed by a great award ceremony and enjoyed dancing the evening to a close"

Thank you to all that attended and made the night a great memory for years to come.



Ms Boyce is really going to miss everyone and wishes the students the best of luck for their future.

Enrichment Week 2025

It was another enjoyable year for our Enrichment week, we hope all the students enjoyed it as much as the teaching and support staff did. It was lovely to see so many happy faces, exited for the day ahead as they left on the coaches on the morning of their departure.

It was a week to remember with our two residentials travelling first to **Barcelona** and **PGL Barton Hall (Devon)**. Then on Wednesday students headed out on trips to **Drayton Manor** and **Cadbury World**, followed on Thursday with **West Midland Safari Park** and **Mojo Active**, and finishing the week off somewhere more local at **Weston-Super-Mare** and **Barry Island**.

For students who stayed in school at **Base Patchway**, there were lots of fun and challenging activities organised by Mrs Butler and on Friday we ended the week with a competitive and colourful fun run, which even Mr Kneller took part in.

Enrichment week is such a good opportunity for children to explore, learn and have some fun outside of the usual routine of school. The range and variety of trips and visits where students developed social and interaction skills, overcame personal challenges and showed patience and understanding was a joy to witness. The trips were brilliantly led by our staff, and students were extremely respectful in adhering to Patchway Community Schools values and culture in their surroundings.

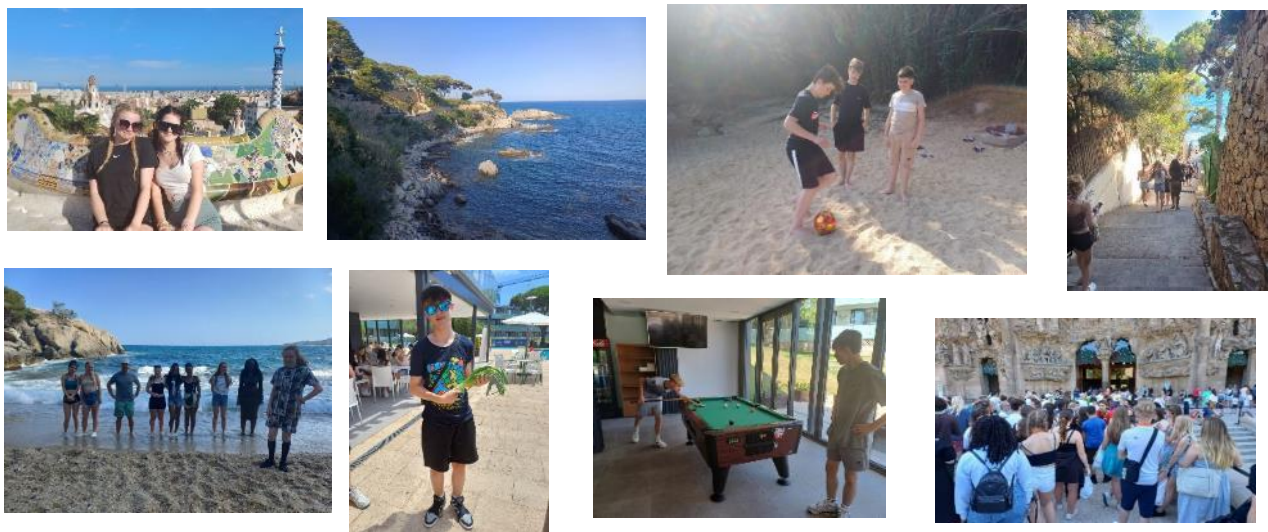
Enrichment week really is a great way to end the school year, and we can't wait to share with you in September our plans for next year.

Barcelona Residential

What a fantastic trip this was. In just one week the students truly immersed themselves in Spanish culture, saw some incredible sights, and spoke a little bit of the language. They bought paella ingredients at the local supermarket (and ate it afterwards, it was really tasty), played in the pool, took walks to the beach, learnt Spanish in a Spanish Language school and shopped. A highlight for most was our day at Port Aventura where everyone rode rollercoasters and got very wet on the rides.

MS Mills our trip lead said "Our students did us proud this trip. Not one of them moaned about the long journey or the heat and they were a pleasure to be with. We arrived back at school with a coach of weary but happy travellers."





PGL Barton Hall - Residential

Our year 7 children took part in various climbing challenges, buggy building, archery, paddle boarding and many more activities across the course of the week. The children learnt several new skills around knots, accuracy and team building.

Mr England our trip lead said "Every pupil that went, displayed exemplary behaviour and they all got stuck into every activity. The staff at PGL were simply blown away by how good our students were and how supportive they were of each other in the activities".

The week was a total success and a few of the students asked if they could do it again next year!





Cadbury World

Here's what Mrs Higginson had to say "With Huge Chocolatey excitement we boarded our double decker to Cadbury World. We competed on the way to the venue by seeing who could keep a skittle in their mouth the longest. Once at the venue we avoided the shop and started our tour which helped us understand the history of Cadbury's, and of course we ate chocolate. This was very interesting seeing how the Dairy Milk was developed and produced, we then ate bespoke chocolate. We went on a shoot chocolate ingredients ride, ate more chocolate, before we then raided the shop for chocolate. Next stop was lunch, a play in the park and ride before returning to Patchway full of chocolatey goodness"



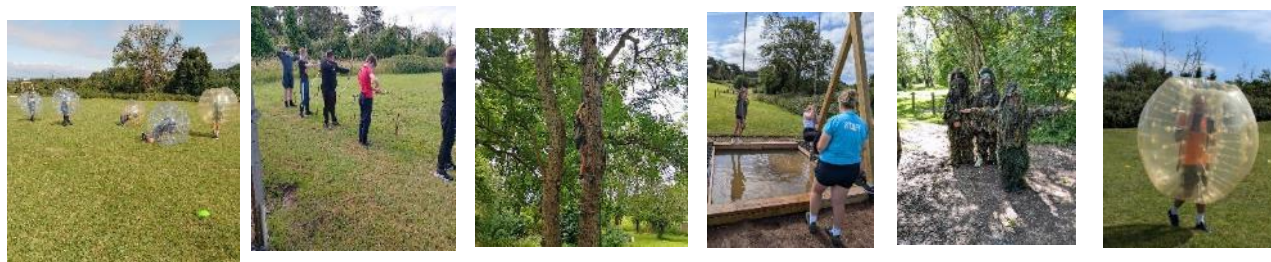
Drayton Manor

Its safe to say everyone enjoyed their thrill-seeking day out at Drayton Manor Theme Park, it was smiles all round and even the cloudy skies didn't stop the children from wanting to go on Stormforce 10 and all the other wet rides. Poor Mr Haskins got roped onto the ride several times by the students who were competing against each other, to see who could get him the wettest. One student said "I pushed myself outside of my comfort zone to go on the ride and I'm so glad I did, It was so much fun". It really was a fantastic day out.



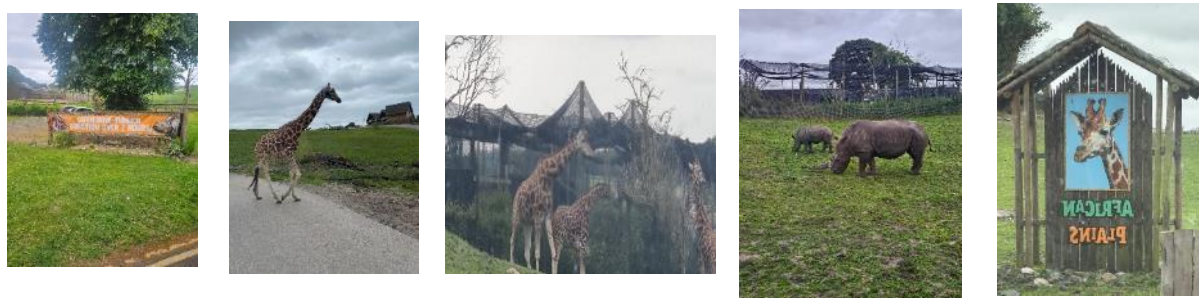
MoJo Active

38 students across all year groups really showed us the ropes at Mojo Active on the Thursday of enrichment week. We spent a lovely sunny day trying out all the activities on offer. Students enthusiastically threw themselves into zorbing and completed an assault course in impressive times (even if a few people got a bit wet on the water jumps). It turns out that Patchway students are excellent at archery and can make themselves invisible in a ghillie suit for hide and seek in the woods. They swung from ropes, climbed trees with a harness and showed incredible energy, resilience and teamwork. The Mojo Active staff were brilliant and encouraged everyone (even the staff) to push themselves outside their comfort zones.



West Midland Safari Park

180 students and 8 members of staff travelled to the award-winning West Midland Safari Park, located in the heart of our country. Home to a variety of all-weather attractions everyone enjoyed a 4 mile drive-through safari, a thrilling dinosaur exhibit and a theme park. The students had the opportunity to see over 100 different species that call the park home, these were seen by both the comfort of their coach and on foot, when they went through the walk-through exhibits. It was a memorable trip creating unique wildlife experiences which ended with the children enjoying some fun on the rides in theme park.



Weston-Super-Mare

Years 8 and 9 took a trip to Weston-Super-Mare on the last day of Enrichment week visiting the Grand Pier, recently crowned as the family amusement centre of the year, for the 2024 Prestige Awards. It was a wet start to the day, but this didn't faze the students at all, they enjoyed the day strolling up the beach, walking along the pier and of course enjoying a go on some of the rides and attractions on offer. There was even time for a sneaking ice cream before they met a famous face and had a selfie with the one and only Richard Hammond. The students behaved remarkably well and the staff were very proud of their mature and responsible conduct throughout the day.



Barry Island

121 year 7 and 8 students took the journey across the border for a day out at Barry Island on the Friday of enrichment week. The day started off with some drizzle and a few games on the beach, but the sun came out shortly after lunch and the highly anticipated fun fair rides started to open. Students had a great time perusing the shops, food outlets and arcades on the seafront, before going on as many rides as they could. The Waltzer was a firm favourite amongst the students with one particular student deciding to go on the ride 4 times in a row!



Base Patchway

Base Patchway activities were a huge success. It was an amazing week of fantastic activities arranged by staff and enjoyed by students. The week ended with an Olympics day on Friday and a colour run. Students will genuinely remember this week for some years to come.



Sports Day 2024

Sports days were once again successful and brilliant events this year, with students engaging and behaving impeccably. It was a really close contest and the PE team had so much fun.

And the winners were.....

In Year 7....



7A Tutor Group

In Year 8....



8H Tutor Group

Year 9....



9C Tutor Group

Year 10....



10A Tutor Group

Well done to all the students who made it such a wonderful event. Who will win next year?

Awards Presentation Evening

It was another fantastic evening celebrating the successes of our students during the awards evening held on Thursday 18th July. It was such a lovely night full of recognition, pride and big smiles.

A huge thank you goes out to our very own African dance group who performed their debut in front of our parent audience, and we were also honoured to welcome the Mayor of Patchway Town Council who presented two twinning awards to two of our Year 11 students.

A massive congratulations to all our winners.



Careers Interventions

Every Tuesday lunchtime over term 6, local business's, collages and apprenticeship providers have been coming into school to speak to our students in all year groups.

This has been an informal drop in and was very well attended. A Rang of providers attended, including the NHS, Royal Air Force, SGS collage, Airbus, The Bristol Zoo Project, Aviva, the university of Bath and many others.

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 6.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bQuBA06-a7VYvOlz0yfAKpAzlIEeDG2kJ0AwjrqbXWY/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! \(olympustrust.co.uk\)](http://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 next Parent Forum meeting will be held in the new academic year, 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.bradleystokescs.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

www.abbeywoodschool.com



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