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25th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Strike Update: Following a further successful and productive meeting between Pathway Trust, the secondary headteachers and the NEU reps yesterday, we are happy to announce that next week's proposed strike days have been **cancelled**. We received notification of this at 3pm this afternoon. We will continue to work towards a solution to the proposed strike days on the 7th, 8th and 9th of October. Thank you for your support and patience in this matter.

Maths homework update: We are aware that a number of students failed to complete their maths homework due to an issue with their Google logins. Please can all students in Years 8 and 9 and 10 log into the Maths Watch website this weekend using their school email and password. If your login doesn't work, please contact man-info@cset.co.uk by Monday morning so that we can rectify the issue in advance of the next homework deadline. We are using the detention slot this evening to support the students who could not access the site.

Love Learning
We are always happy to show off our lovely school and this year's Open Evening was a great celebration of all things Mangotsfield! Our student tour guides and helpers were exceptional and I felt hugely privileged to have with me on stage five exceptional speakers, a beautiful soloist and a group of incredibly keen Year 7 drummers. Thank you to all the staff and students who supported the evening. It was a joy to see the school shine!

Challenge
What a fantastic day some of our Year 8 students had this week when they were invited to the University of Bath to take part in a special Commonwealth Games event! The students had the opportunity to explore the university campus, experience its outstanding sporting facilities and take part in netball, basketball, tennis and athletics, working with specialist coaches from the Team Bath teams. A particular highlight was meeting Stephanie Millward, who spoke to the students about her incredible journey in swimming at the highest level. Stephanie shared her inspiring story, including her experiences and achievements as a Paralympic athlete. The students were thrilled to have the opportunity to pass around an official Olympic torch and, even more excitingly, to hold Stephanie's Rio 2016 Paralympic gold medal. Our students were absolutely brilliant throughout the day. They were polite, respectful and hardworking across all the activities and represented the school incredibly well. They also asked some excellent questions and listened with great respect and interest as Stephanie shared her story. We are incredibly proud of them!

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Community

The Mangotsfield School PE Department are seeking local businesses and organisations who may be interested in sponsoring new football kits for our school teams. Our football teams regularly compete in local and regional fixtures and competitions throughout the school year. Sponsorship would provide a fantastic opportunity to support school sport while helping our students represent Mangotsfield School in high-quality football kits.

We would be extremely grateful for any support and would welcome the opportunity to discuss sponsorship options with interested businesses, organisations or individuals. Interested in supporting our teams? If you would like to find out more, or know someone who may be able to help, please contact Mr Hawkins, Head of PE, at tristan.hawkins@cset.co.uk

Respect

Our character curriculum last Monday focused on Organ Donation week which is a special week where landmarks across the UK light up in bright pink to celebrate organ donors. Pink is the colour of the organ donation cards that people can carry. Right now, over 8,000 people are waiting for a new organ, like a heart or kidney, to help them get better. A single organ donor can save up to nine lives. The law automatically includes adults on the organ donor register unless they opt out but doctors still ask families for permission first. Please do talk to your children about the interesting debates that happened linked to this topic in their mentor rooms on Monday.

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccination is for all students from Reception to Year 11, please remember to complete the consent form whether you do or do not want the vaccination at **https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/consent?v=3** In order to maximise the uptake of the vaccines we will be offering community clinics for students who have missed their vaccination in school for any reason i.e. if parents have not completed their e-consent forms, or if students were absent on the day of the session. Schools will be sent information to send to parents regarding how to book these additional clinics in due course. **Please note these are being held on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October in school.**

Yours faithfully

Hetty Blackmore
Headteacher

Key Dates:

- **Friday 2nd October - INSET day - school is closed for students**
- **Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th October - All Years flu vaccinations**
- **Thursday 8th October - Meet the Mentor Y7-Y11 (school closes at 12.30)**
- **Thursday 22nd October - Challenge Day**
- **Thursday 22nd October - Year 7 Disco**

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Important Links

School Website - Online Careers Noticeboard

Did you know that we have a fantastic 'Careers Notice Board' on our website which contains all the information you need relating to careers, work experience etc. Please take a look here.

School Website - Multilingual Family Noticeboard

The school has a fabulous noticeboard to do with all things multilingual. If you would like to find out more information please take a look at via this LINK

School Nurse Support - In School

We want to make you aware that every Wednesday lunchtime we will be having a school nurse based in the Family Support Worker's office in E block. Should your child wish to access support linked to their mental health and wellbeing please encourage them to drop in. Please see an introduction to our school nurse below:

"Hello everyone! My name is Joe, and I am delighted to be supporting Mangotsfield School as the School Nurse. I offer a drop-in clinic every Wednesday lunchtime for any student who would like support, advice, or information. Young people can come and talk about a wide range of topics, including physical health, emotional wellbeing, friendships, school worries, healthy lifestyles, or any other concerns they may have. My aim is to provide a friendly, non-judgemental space where students feel comfortable seeking help and support when they need it. I look forward to getting to know the school community and supporting your young people throughout the year."

Avon and Somerset Police

Avon and Somerset Police are running some free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou.

These have proved to be very helpful to parents and carers in the past. If you are interested in signing up to a session then please see the flyer for further information.

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Mangotsfield School Community Hub

We have a fabulous welcoming space called the Community Hub here at school. The space is here to provide support, help and advice to all Mangotsfield families. Please see the flyer for further information.

Please note the opening times during the October half term will be released shortly.

Watch this space!

Friends of Mangotsfield AGM

Friends of Mangotsfield Y7 Disco

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