



### A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our term 4 newsletter. As ever, it has been a busy term and I hope that this newsletter gives you a taste of some of the great things that have been achieved.

As you will know we were visited by OFSTED this term. The inspectors were with us for two days and during that time they met with students, visited lessons and observed students around the school. The final report is not yet published and I will be writing to you to tell you the outcome as soon as I am able.

A highlight for me this term has been the careers visits and activities. Students have visited colleges and work places and we have had a wide range of visitors including Channel 4, Bristol Works, a barber and Brewhouse and Kitchen. Once again, the students who have been involved have engaged fully and have been great ambassadors for the school. Many thanks to Mr Dickins for all of his hard work in organising the careers programme and well done to all of the students for getting the most out of what has been on offer.

Throughout the term we have been visited by Avon and Somerset Police who have delivered workshops on a number of issues including online safety, hate crime and gender-based violence. The police officers have commented to me on the positive behaviour, attitude and engagement of our students during these sessions, so once again, well done to all involved and many thanks to Mrs Orumlu for organising these sessions as part of our PSHE delivery.



In terms 5 and 6 our year 11 students will be taking their final exams and preparing for their next stage of their education. It is exciting to hear their plans and to talk to them about the college visits and interviews that they are attending; I wish each of them all the very best for their exams and for their future.

Next term we will also be starting the transition for the new students who will be joining us in September and I look forward to meeting them and welcoming them to our school.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment and to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Jo Grayson—Headteacher



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

**17/04/2023**  
Start of Term 5

**20/04/2023**  
Year 9 Options evening

**01/05/2023**  
Bank Holiday

**02-03/05/2023**  
Inset days

**08/05/2023**  
Bank Holiday—Kings Coronation

**16/05/2023-16/06/2023**  
Year 11 Exams

**11/18/25/05/2023**  
Transition Thursdays

**26/05/2023**  
End of Term 5

**05/06/2023**  
Inset Day

**06/06/2023**  
Start of Term 6

**21/07/2023**  
End of Term 6 Celebration Assembly

## KS3 Football report





### North Star 240 V Aspire Academy


On a mild Friday finishing of an outstanding week our students came up against Aspire Academy in a 7 aside football match. This was the first KS3 fixture of the year and the North Star students didn't disappoint coming out 17-2 winners! With fantastic goals from Seb, Kelvin, Vinny, Joe, Charlie, Alfie and Cailan! The team exchanged slick passes and were clinical in front of goal receiving plenty of praise from the opposition. Mr Williams, Mr Case and Mr Gowell congratulated the North Star students for working well as a team and showing respect not just to each other but to the opposition also.





## Easter Egg Numbers





In each row the two eggs represents the same number in each equation. Work out the value of each egg.



If  +  = 10 and  -  = 4

then how much is each egg worth?  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_



If  +  = 12 and  +  +  = 15

then how much is each egg worth?  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_



If  +  = 13 and  +  = 10

then how much is each egg worth?  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

If  +  = 14 and  -  -  = 5

then how much is each egg worth?  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

If  +  = 12 and  +  +  = 16

then how much is each egg worth?  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

## Catering @ NS240

We are incredibly proud of the cooking that our Year 11s completed for their BTEC Level 1 practical exam this term .

Students planned, prepared and cooked their meals entirely independently.



Reese cooked a luxury lasagna, Molly cooked meatballs stuffed with cheese, Miles made baked breaded chicken wings with caesar salad and Luke made spaghetti bolognese with home made garlic bread and green salad.

## KS4 ART @ NS240

The Year 11 students in the Art Department having been working hard to bring together the final work for the GCSE.

Their exam is the current focus which is an independent project. Students were given 7 starting points to choose from and have chosen artists relevant to their projects. For example - Mark Making, Objects and Our World.

There is a need for constant reflection and reaction to their findings in order to create a thorough journey of progression through experiments, written analysis and observations recorded in a variety of ways.



After the Easter holidays the students will have 2 days set aside in order to a 10 hour time outcome. This can be in the form of one piece that responds to the work completed in the project. Or several outcomes.

### How can I help at home?

- ✦ If you are a parent or guardian interested in aiding your child then please do encourage discussions around their chosen questions
- ✦ Help students to take photos (these can be done on phones very easily and also edited too)
- ✦ Encourage drawings and collections of images, from magazines or newspapers.  
Possibly visit museums or places of interest related to the question

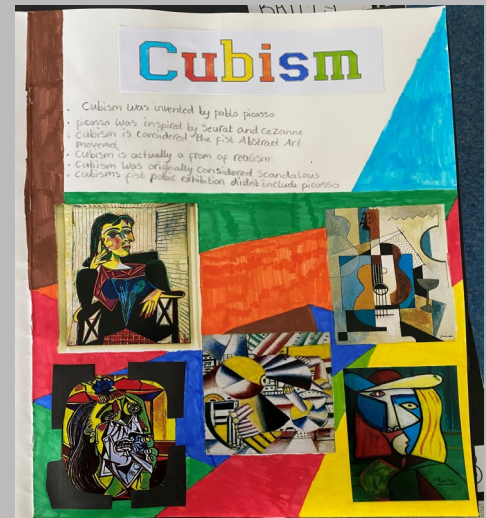
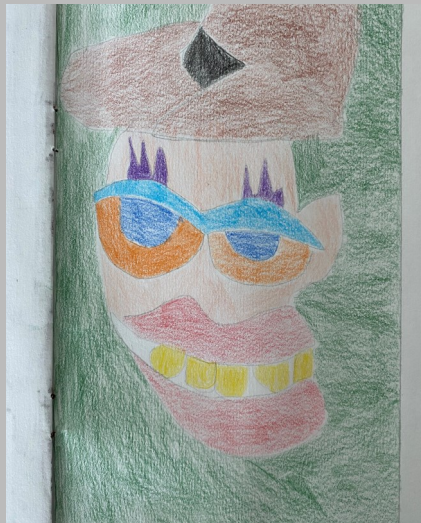
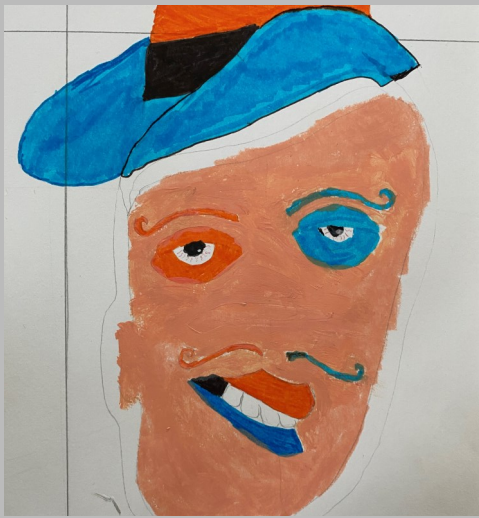
All of these are ways in which you can help to develop the ideas around their work, and help to make link to the world around them.

Students have been working very hard so please do congratulate them on their efforts so far.

# KS3 Art at NS240°

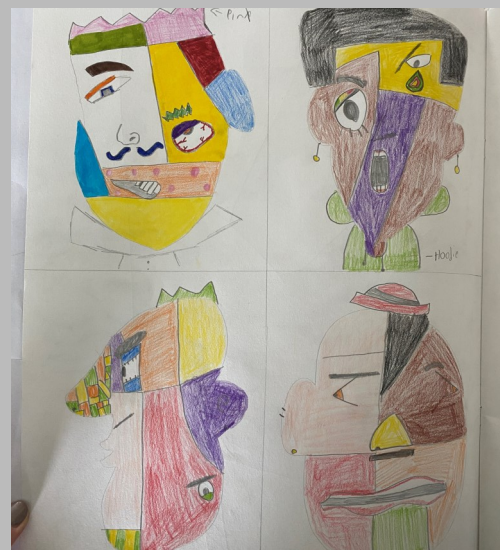
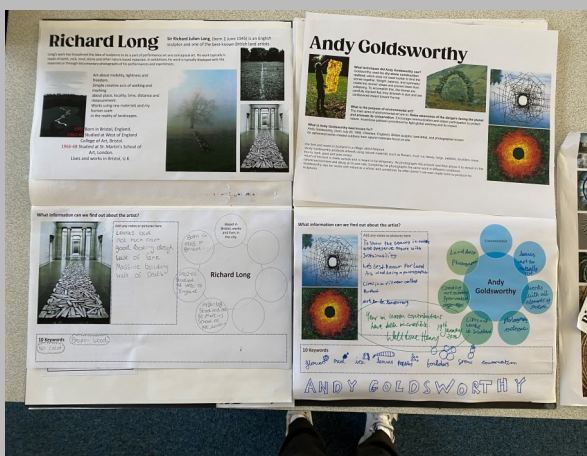
In Years 7 and 8 we have been looking at the work of Pablo Picasso and developing portraits inspired by his Cubist outcomes. Students have found the variety of shapes and colour a positive challenge to work with and enjoyed making strange combinations work.

Colour has been a big area of discovery for many and it is wonderful to see the pages of their sketchbooks come alive.



In Year 9 we have been focusing on developing our tonal drawing ability when experimenting with Mark Making while look at the German Photographer Karl Blossfeldt. He photographed seed pods, flowers, leaves for the purpose of documentation but these were soon picked up by Art Galleries to sell because of these aesthetic beauty and clear connections to the love for Art Deco during the era in the 1920/30s.

Year 9 have made impressive developments in their progress and it is inspiring to see how way they place tone and play with contrasts with just pencils and rubbers.



# Science

Class 9a Andromeda have been completing the GCSE Biology unit B1 2 organisation. We have been looking at the lungs, the circulation system and the heart. Students are shown dissecting a sheep's heart in the science laboratory. The students are locating the 4 heart chambers the left and right atriums and ventricles, the two valves in the heart and comparing the muscle structure of the left and right sides of the pig's heart.





## Careers at NS240°

It has been a really busy term for careers, with lots of different activities happening both on and offsite as you will see from the reports below. In particular, the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March saw this year's National Careers Week arrive. Tutor times were spent taking a closer look at a variety of jobs which were of interest to the students to compliment the other activities on offer throughout the week which you will see below.

Sixteen have returned this year to again support our year 10 students with their When I Grow Up Program where they do weekly sessions looking at the world of work and employability skills, working towards CV writing and interview techniques. It is also that time of the year where year 11 students begin to finalise their post 16 destinations through applications and interviews, we wish them the best of luck with these.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair**

All of our year 11 students spent the afternoon visiting the South Bristol Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair at City of Bristol's South Bristol Skills Academy site. In attendance were local employers with hundreds of job vacancies and apprenticeships. Support organisations were also there to discuss with our students what training or college course could get them on track to their chosen job or career. Companies in attendance included: The NHS, Silvacare, Lidl, Water2Business, BS3 Community, Raised in Bristol, Milestone Trust, Shared Apprenticeships (Careers In Construction) and City of Bristol College.

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Barbering workshop**

A group of 10 students from a range of year groups signed themselves up to an hour long workshop surrounding barbering. We welcomed in Eraldo's ('Aldo'), who came and spoke about his career path story, where he started and how he achieved creating his own business. He also showed students the tools of the trade, talked about the skills and routes into employment and gave a live demonstration, where Zyon was the lucky recipient of a free trim.



### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Brewhouse and Kitchen workshop

We welcomed Brewhouse and Kitchen in to school for an hour long workshop to a group of students from all year groups, giving them an insight into the hospitality industry. It gave students a great chance to meet and talk to local professionals and to understand more about the various job roles and skills in the industry.



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The workshop included an introduction to the hospitality industry, a numeracy activity that revolved around the menu, a practical activity around how to lay a table, and will be finished off with a quiz and Q&A. Following on from the great success of the session, the employers offered an opportunity to go and visit them later on in the term.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Garden Project with Socius – Launch assembly

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Garden Project with Socius – Session 1 - Designing

The Garden project has been a long time in the making and this term we finally started our partnership with Socius to re-develop our garden area. Socius are a big and well-known construction company who are currently developing an area close to Westbury park. With their support, alongside other companies they use, they will be supporting students in the designing and construction of the garden area on the school site. This started with a launch assembly to whole school explaining about the project.

This was swiftly followed up by the first session where 12 students put themselves forward to be a part of the working group. The students spent the afternoon with Socius, who also brought along their Landscape architects from PRP who travelled down from London to attend. Students learnt about their different roles and how they work together before learning some of their skills which they then put into practice by measuring up the garden area ready for the designing. This project will continue throughout the next two terms.



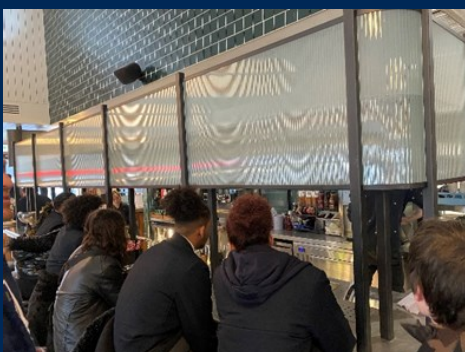
# CAREERS AT NS240°

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Bristol Hotel workshop

The whole of year 7 were treated to a really well-run workshop from the visiting Bristol Hotel. They provided information surrounding the hospitality sector and the different roles they have in their business. The students were then taken through a 'mocktail masterclass' in our new catering facility, where they were able to make and taste their own creations which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Mollie's Motel work experience taster

Six of our Year 11 students had a fantastic morning spent at Mollie Motel, near Cribbs Causeway. During their visit, they were given a tour of the motel where they were able to see the different layouts of rooms and how they were designed and they discussed various roles available in hospitality. They were then all treated to a milkshake and drinks making masterclass where they could create their own individual recipes before trying them out. They finished the morning off with a Q&A session. The students, as always were a credit to the school and Zyon was offered to get in touch with them when he turns 18 for a job after showing excellent charisma and skills.



### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Brewhouse & Kitchen – Be an apprentice for a day**

Following on from the successful workshop in school the previous week, Year 10 and 11 catering students spent the day at Brewhouse & Kitchen in Redland. This gave students hands-on experience learning how the hospitality industry works first hand. Students learnt and helped them with brewing their own drinks, supported in the kitchen preparing food and served the paying public their lunch before being able to sit down and enjoy lunch provided which they had thoroughly earned.



### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Visit to City of Bristol College**

With the year 10s starting to think about their post 16 options, ready for their transitional annual reviews in term 1 next year, they were shown around City of Bristol's South Bristol Skills Academy by Sally Nuttall who is the Transitions Coordinator. Students were able to see the impressive new facilities they have on site which include a huge automobile workshop, hair and beauty salon, library and industrial style kitchens.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Channel 4 – 4Schools**

We were delighted to welcome to school Channel 4 into the school with their initiative 4Schools. Once in school, they were able to provide a whole assembly, followed up by a workshop to Key Stage 4 students, showcasing the broad range of roles in the broadcast, film and digital sectors. The initiative is aimed to motivate young to picture themselves in the creative sector, bring to life the breadth of careers available and offer practical guidance on enabling them to fulfil their potential within it, which I am sure it did .

# World Book Day 2023

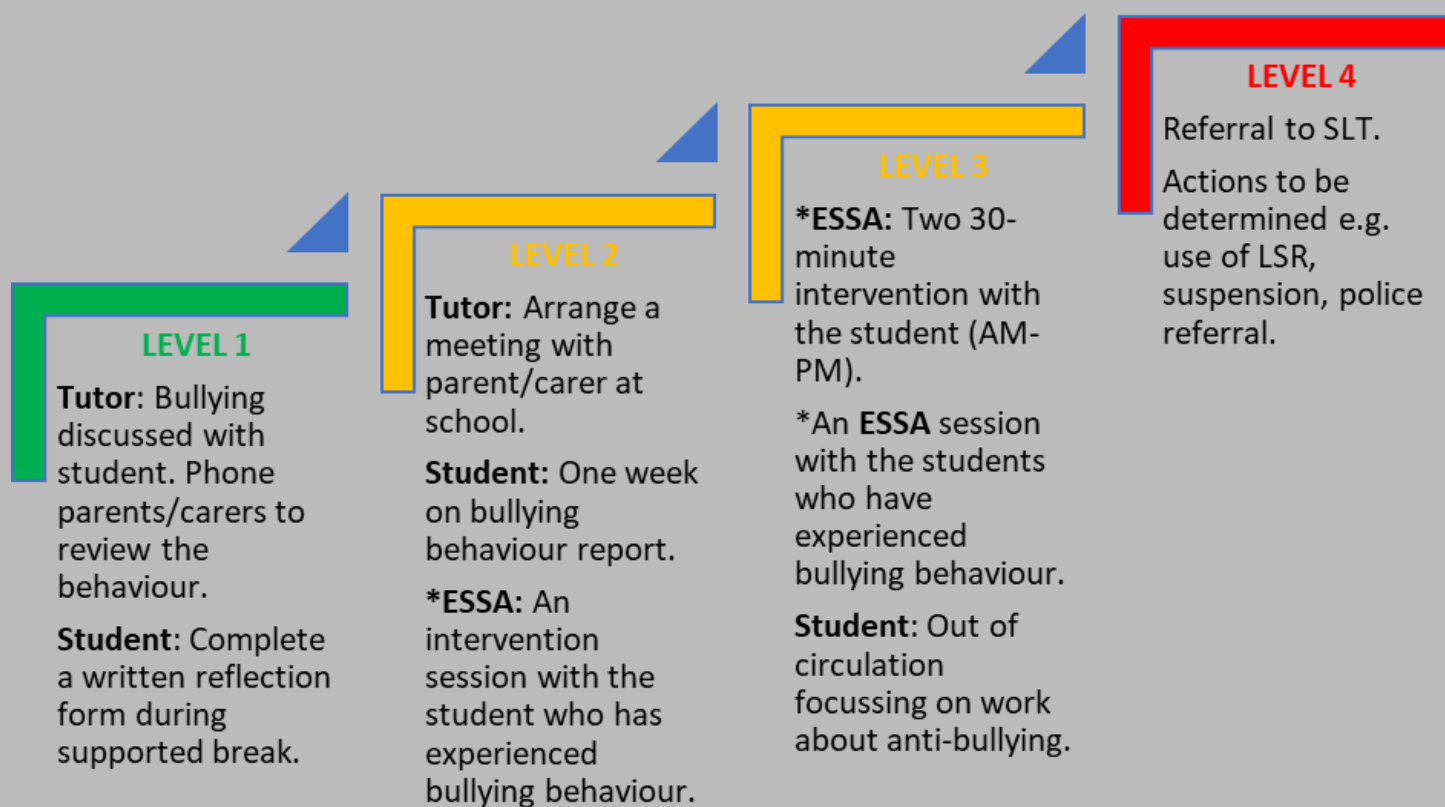


This year for World Book Day, the staff and students at NS240 engaged in a range of workshops and activities to develop reading for pleasure across the school. Many students dressed up as their favourite book character, created book covers, blurbs and took part in the whole school Masked Reader challenge. A variety of staff from across the school read a page from their favourite book however, they were in disguise. The students had to not only guess the staff member but also guess the book they were reading. Fun was had by all and we want to say a massive well done to Andromeda for getting 22 out of 24!



## Anti-Bullying Approach in North Star 240°

At North Star 240°, we believe that all students should have the opportunity to learn in a safe environment. We believe that bullying of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We take all incidents of bullying seriously. For this purpose, this term we have updated our Anti-Bullying Policy and our stepped approach to bullying in order to make it more efficient, direct and inclusive. Listed below is our stepped approach to bullying:



\*Additional support provided for students receiving and displaying bullying behaviour; depending on the needs of the students.

## SAFEGUARDING

As the cost of living increases so do the pressures on families. At North Star we want as much as possible to help out and often are able to sign post families to the support they may need:

### Food Bank Vouchers

Please speak to the safeguarding team in school if you need a food bank referral.

### Crises prevention fund

Emergency payments or household goods

Get help if you can't afford the basics like food, gas, electricity or household goods.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>

### Esafety

School have a subscription to National Online Safety where resources can be found relating to a large number of things from toddler screen time to how to set up parent controls on Roadblox. Some content is available online or feel free to ask for a free log in and gain access to a whole host of online information and online education programmes.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

### Domestic Violence Support:

Lines are open 24 hours a day and will support any family member who is in danger:

Next Link: 0800 4700 280

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



**Free and independent advice and support**  
For North Bristol and South Gloucestershire

- ▶ Welfare Benefits
- ▶ Universal Credit
- ▶ Debt Advice
- ▶ Appeals and representation
- ▶ Help to Get Online

Enquire using our Advice Tool at [www.northbristoladvice.org.uk](http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk)  
Or call 0117 951 5751

Registered Charity number: 1066921

### Food Banks and Food Clubs:

School have information about these.  
Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

### Welfare Rights and Money Advice Service

#### WRAMAS' Services

- Don't know what you may be entitled to?
- Need some help or advice on a benefit related issue?
- Not sure how to fill in a claim form? Having difficulty writing about your problems?
- Want to know how your other benefits may be affected?
- Would like some advice on a new or existing claim for a disability benefit?

Claiming the right benefits or finding information can be hard work and very confusing, but don't give up!

**WE CAN HELP.**

If you need help or advice there is a confidential helpline available:

**T: (0117) 352 1888 E: [welfarerights@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:welfarerights@bristol.gov.uk)**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8.30 am – 1.00 pm (Wednesday closed all day)

If you prefer not to make a call or email us yourself, you can ask a professional working with you, a friend or relative, to contact us on your behalf.

You can also find advice and information, some of it specific to the coronavirus pandemic, on our website: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help>

### Key Numbers:

**Childline:** 08001111

**NSPCC:** 0800 800 5000

**Samaritans:** 116 123

**Next Link Domestic Abuse Telephone Help Line:** 08004700280

Mon – Fri 8.30-5.30 and 1pm Saturday.

### Social services:

South Gloucestershire – Access and Response Team – 01454 866000

North Somerset- Single Point of Access – 01275 888808



## Holiday activities



Your Holiday Hub Bristol - Your Holiday Hub Bristol

Welcome to Your Holiday Hub (YHH) Bristol! At YHH you can explore a mix of FREE and paid for school holiday clubs and activities across Bristol

<https://www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk/>



Holiday Clubs - Young Bristol

All of Young Bristol's Community Youth Clubs have full access to to the wide range of programmes we offer. Find out how to join us here!

<https://youngbristol.com/our-programmes/>

## School Dinners & Pupil Premium Funding

The cost of school dinners is £2.50 per day and needs to be paid promptly to the office.

We're encouraging all parents to find out if their child can get free schools meals and to register for Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium funding goes directly to the school and pays for things like school trips, breakfast clubs, or additional teachers and assistants to provide extra support and 1 to 1 tutoring.

Please visit <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals> to see if you are eligible .

### MEDICATION

Please can we remind parents of the importance of providing up to date medical and allergy information for your children. If we medicate your child during the school day then you must ensure that we are provided with sufficient supplies in order to complete this.

If your child's medical needs change in any way then you must inform the school as soon as possible.

Help us Fundraise @ NS240°

Help the school by using the easy fundraising link below and help raise money for North Star Academy Trust [North Star Academy Trust - Bristol Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

### School Communications

Our main way of communicating with you will now be via **email** .

This will ensure that you get information quickly and means we reduce our carbon foot-print as a school.

If we do not yet have your email address please email the school with your Child's full name.

If you need support creating a free email address please contact the

### Ways to contact North Star 240°

By phone : 01173 772275

Via email : [northstar240@northstar-academy.co.uk](mailto:northstar240@northstar-academy.co.uk)

Website : [Homepage - Northstar ns240 \(northstar-academy.co.uk\)](http://Homepage - Northstar ns240 (northstar-academy.co.uk))

Twitter

## Staff Goodbyes

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a few of the team who are off to ventures new. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to the students at North Star 240° in the time they have been with us.



**They will be missed by both pupils and staff, we wish them Good Luck !**

We would however like you to welcome Mrs Lloyd our new SENCo. And new Art teacher Mrs Lamkin who will be joining us at the start of Term 5.



