



2024/25 Term 3 Newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025!

It's another bumper issue! We have started the New Year with new intentions, with the introduction of a Mobile Phone free Zone, our students have adapted well and are happy to hand their phones in on arrival each day. This term our Year 10 students have sat their first set of Mock Exams, there were some initial nervous, however, our students soon over came these and managed to complete all their exams successfully.

Well done Year 10!



This term Chantelle from the Big Brush Club came into school to deliver an assembly on oral Hygiene and the importance of teeth brushing. introduce our students to the Big Brush Club. Stents rom across the student body attended the assembly and listened intently and asked informative questions. All students have been invited to join the Big Brush Club, which students involves brushing their teeth at home morning and night as they would usually do, with an extra tooth brushing sessions here in school.

Here is the link to the Big Brush Club website, it has lots of helpful tips and advice to support with tooth brushing, especially for those reluctant brushers!

[Toothbrushing at Home - The Big Brush Club](#)

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PE News



In PE lessons during Term 3 students have been learning about and practicing their handball skills, working hard to improve their technique and understanding of tactics in game situations. In addition, all groups continue to improve their health and well-being in the newly renovated gym space, utilizing cardio and muscular equipment to enhance their fitness, and enjoying other activities including Trampolining, Table Tennis, Badminton and new Dart Boards! Next term we move on to various games for understanding, using new activities including Hockey, Rugby and Netball to develop attacking and defending skills and tactics.

Our breaktime competition in Term 3 was Basketball shooting, with over 20 students taking part during a week of activity competition. Congratulations to Raheem Collins and Nate Nielson for making it an all year 7 final, with Nate finishing as champion this year, scoring 4 out of his 5 baskets! Our next competition in Term 4 will be darts, with 24 students already signed up to participate!

At lunchtime and after school, the gym continues to be a space that students enjoy being in and using to improve their physical, social and emotional well-being. Trampolining, Table Tennis continues to be the most popular activities, and its great to see students from KS3 and KS4 play, compete and have fun together.

This term had been an extremely busy one yet again, with lots of cocurricular competition. Firstly, a huge congratulations to our KS3 and KS4 football teams for being crowned champions in the inaugural Bristol, Bath and South Glos SEND schools football competitions held at the Gloucestershire FA, Almondsbury:



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NORTH STAR 240 FOOTBALL FIXTURES 2024-25

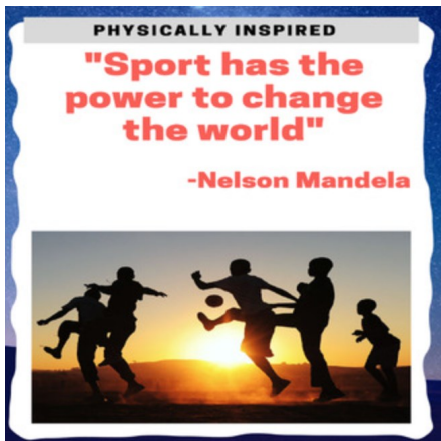


KEY STAGE 3

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	SCORERS
FRIDAY 11 TH OCTOBER	NORTH STAR 180	WON 4-2	ARCHIE (2), TOMMY (1), REECE (1)
FRIDAY 25 TH OCTOBER	SOUNDWELL	WON 15-0	CHARLIE (5), JA'DORE (3), ALFIE S (2), ARCHIE (2), REECE (2), CALEB (1)
THURSDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER	NEW HORIZONS	WON 11-0	CHARLIE (3), JA'DORE (4), JOE (1), REECE (1), DAMARAE (1), BRAYDON (1)
JANUARY 24 TH JANUARY	SOUNDWELL – KS3 SEND SCHOOLS FINAL	WON 2-1	TYREESE (2)

TOP SCORERS

CHARLIE 8 JA'DORE 7 TOMMY 5 REECE 4 ARCHIE 4 ALFIE S 2 CALEB 2 TYREESE 2 JOE 1 BRAYDON 1 DAMARAE 1



KEY STAGE 4



DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	SCORERS
THURSDAY 3 RD OCTOBER	AURORA HEDGEWAY	WON 6-0	CHARLIE (4), JA'DORE (1), SEB (1)
THURSDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER	AURORA HEDGEWAY	DREW 3-3	BAILEY (1), JA'DORE (1), SEB (1)
THURSDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	AURORA SEVERNSIDE	WON 5-4	CHARLIE (2), BAILEY (2), SEB (1)
FRIDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	KNOWLE DGE	WON 10-5	SEB (3), BAILEY (3), JOE (2), ALFIE S (1), CAILAN (1)
THURSDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	NORTH STAR 180	WON 13-7	BAILEY (4), REECE (2), JA'DORE (3), CHARLIE (1), ALFIE S (1), ALFIE W (1), SONNY (1)
WEDNESDAY 8 TH JANUARY	SOUNDWELL	WON 8-7	BAILEY (3), JA'DORE (3), CHARLIE (2)
FRIDAY 17 TH JANUARY	NEW HORIZONS	WON 13-0	BAILEY (3), JOE (4), SEB (2), ALFIE (2), CAILAN (1), MASON (1)
FRIDAY 24 TH JANUARY	SOUNDWELL – KS4 SEND SCHOOLS FINAL	WON 5-3	BAILEY (2), JOE (1), CHARLIE (1), SEB (1)

TOP SCORERS

BAILEY 18 CHARLIE 10 SEB 9 JA'DORE 8 REECE 2 JOE 7 ALFIE S 2 CAILAN 2 SONNY 1 ALFIE W 3 MASON 2



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Forest School



This term, our pupils have continued to embrace all elements of outdoor learning, developing new skills, shaping their environment, and connecting with nature. Here's a summary of their achievements:

Forest School Highlights

Pupils have continued to enjoy hands-on activities like whittling, fire-building, outdoor cooking, and charcoal-making. Groups have also been exploring green spaces beyond the School grounds, including visits to Ashton Court, Clifton Down and Lawrence Weston City Farm.

Land-Based Studies

Our Land-Based Studies groups have been homing in on their gardening and landscaping skills, helping with on-site developments. Off-site trips have included 'conservation observations' with Bristol City Council's Park Rangers at Ashton Court and a 'pony care workshop' at Avon Riding Centre.

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh groups took ownership of their programme this term, volunteering with North Star 82 (gardening and conservation) and exploring survival skills. They have also enjoyed a number of physical and skills-based activities with energetic games like capture the flag and frisbee golf at Ashton Court.

On-Site Development:

All pupils have rolled up their sleeves to help transform our outdoor learning space. Together, they've created:

- A new shelter and gathering area.*
- Mud kitchens sparking creativity and sensory play.*
- Swings, hammocks, and dens for adventure and a spot of relaxation.*
- Adventure play equipment to test physical skills.*
- Garden beds prepped for spring.*

Great work all!!

Outdoor Classroom for on-site. Pupils feedback will continue to help shape provision moving forward.

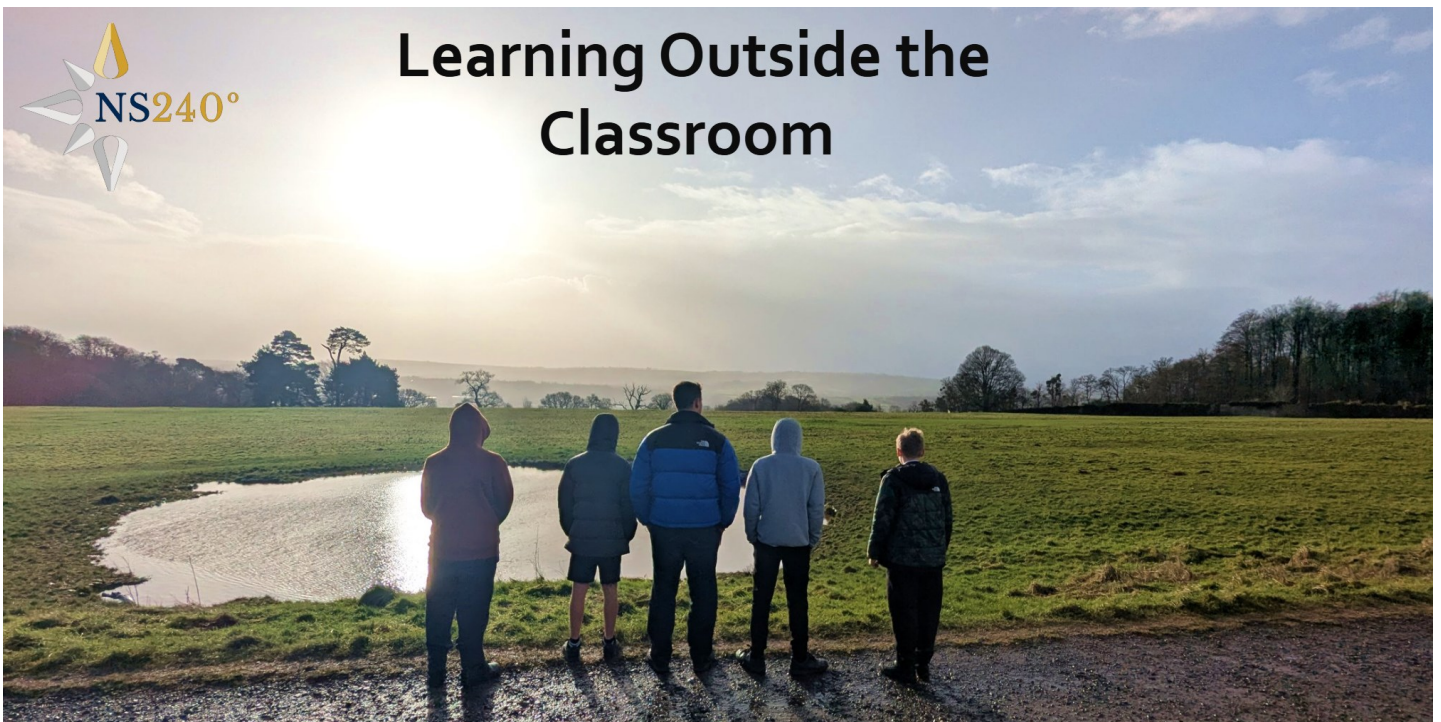
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Outdoor Learning Assembly

We have held an Outdoor Learning Assembly this term, where pupils reflected on their achievements and explored future pathways. They shared brilliant ideas for developing outdoor learning at North Star 240, including Adventure Education, Bushcraft and wanting an

Well done to all pupils for a fantastic term of growth, exploration and collaboration.



Learning Outside the Classroom

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Careers News



It's been another busy term with students in KS4 thinking about potential Post 16 college and employment pathways. Work experience for Year 10 students in June has now been confirmed and Year 11 students Bailey Marshall and Lucas Varga will complete a placement at the National Trust in March.

In January, Hayden Moll, Vincent Anderson, Floyd Howard, Damarae Pearson, Bailey Marshall and Lucas Varga all attended the National Trust Tyntesfield for a morning of work ex activities including assisting staff in the cafe, shop and reception desk. Our students were fantastic and gained praise for their communication skills from staff and the public, ensuring we can visit again!

The start of February saw Johnny Walker from SGS College deliver careers and post 16 options assemblies to KS3 and KS4.

These were extremely informative, giving students insight into courses available, entry requirements and college life.



During the last week of term 3, KS4 students interested in public services visited Southmead Fire Station for a morning of activity and information about working in the service. Students had a great time, learning about the roles available, touring the station and using all of the equipment including high pressure hoses! It was the first time the station had invited a school to visit, so to leave with such positive feedback regarding our students engagement was amazing.

Also, during this last week, congratulations to Year 11 student Trystan Noel who attended the foundation studies department at SGS college for a post 16 taster day. There he was supported to complete a range of activities to understand what to expect and did so with great engagement and enthusiasm.



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Construction



Year 9 and 10 Learners Midway Through Soapbox Build Using Reclaimed Timber and bikes

Students in Year 9 and 10 are midway through an exciting soapbox build project, using pallets and timber and old bikes to construct their own racers. This hands-on activity is helping them develop essential wood-working, problem-solving, and teamwork skills while working with reclaimed materials.



So far, students have successfully deconstructed pallets, bikes, measured and cut timber for their soapbox racers. The project has encouraged learners to think critically about weight distribution and structural strength, ensuring their soapboxes are both functional and durable.



For the Year 10 students, this project builds on their recent assessment, where they completed a **3 brick high x 2m timber wall** featuring a coloured brick design.

This assessment required precision cutting, accurate measuring, and an understanding of structural integrity. The experience gained from this task has proven invaluable as they now apply those skills to their soapbox construction, focusing on both strength and aesthetics.

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This term at North Star 240, Year 7 have been ecstatic to be taking part in a local BMXing program run by the amazing instructors at L'Dub. Sessions began with an orientation around the track and saw students test their abilities on the bike. Some spent time grasping the basics of the bike and others spent time refining their skills. But, by the end of the term, huge efforts from the L'Dub staff saw all students whizzing about on their wheels and having an absolute blast on their BMXs. As a school, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 7s who took part and sincere thank you to all the staff over at L'Dub BMXing.



We look forward to welcoming all our students back after half term. Our staff have been busy 'cheering' up our environment and upgrading our displays. Mr. Croney is still thinking about the finishing touches to his new display! I hope our students enjoy the new look displays.

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E-Safety

Wake up Wednesday—our IT lead has carefully selected the most appropriate wake up Wednesday poster. Every news letter addition this will be attached to back of the issue.

Should you want any further help or advice on E-safety please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Community offer

There are a number of free events happening in and around Bristol over the half term break. Follow the link below to explore the different opportunities [Free Events in Bristol - VisitBristol.co.uk](#) .

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Free Events in Bristol

Feedback

North Star Academy Trust is committed to listening to you and working with you to resolve any concerns or complaints you may have.

In the first instance, please talk to your child's tutor if you have any concerns. They will be able to make sure they understand your concern in order to resolve it informally as soon as possible to avoid the need for you to make a formal complaint.

However, if the matter has not been resolved you may raise it formally. To do this you need to state that you are making a complaint, this can be done via telephone, email, in writing, through our 'get in contact' button www.ns240.northstar-academy.co.uk/contact. If you would like help to do this, please talk to your school reception staff who will make arrangements for someone to get in touch with you to give you any assistance you may need.

North Star Academy Trust will then review and/or investigate your complaint and this will include talking to you about it in further detail to find out what you would like to happen in order to resolve it.

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North Star 240—School Calendar



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	School Holidays		Bank Holidays
	Inset Days		Presentation Assembly
	Mock Exams		Christmas Dinner
	Parents Evening		Transition Thursdays yr 6 visits
	School Twighlights		EXAMs
	Staggered Starts		year 9 Options taster session
	Year 9 options parents evening		Spot light report
	End of term reports		

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