



12/06/26

Reshaping The Future

What a busy week here at 240!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that came to the Year 9 Options Evening. We have some exciting additions to our curriculum—child development, Citizenship, Employability and Work Experience to name a few. We will be running a taster session week with various subjects next week so please ask your child what lessons they have been to. A polite reminder that the deadline for options is Monday 29th June.

We also said Goodbye to our Year 11's on Friday! Thank you to the parents/carers and families that attended. I don't think there was a dry eye among us. We wish all of our Year 11's a wonderful future and look forward to seeing you on results day.

This will be my last term at North Star 240 as I will be returning to my roots as Headteacher at a Primary school in Clevedon. May I thank you all for the support you have given me during the last two years; I will miss the pupils so much! Mrs Hawkins will be moving into the Headteacher role in September and will introduce herself to you all then.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kate Luke (Headteacher)

### **Important dates for your diary:**

Friday 12th June—Year 11 Leavers Assembly starting at 11am

W/C 15th June—Year 9 Taster sessions for options.

Monday 29th June—Deadline for Year 9 Options to be returned.

Wednesday 22nd July 2026—End of Year. School finishes at 12:30.

Thursday 20th August—Year 11 Results Day

### **Academic Year 2026-2027**

INSET 1—Thursday 3rd September—No school for Pupils

INSET 2—Friday 4th September—No school for pupils

Monday 7th September—staggered starts for Years 7,9 and 11 only

Tuesday 8th September—staggered starts for Years 8 and 10 only

INSET 3— Monday 2nd November 2026

INSET 4— Monday 4th January 2027

INSET 5— Monday 12th April 2027

INSET 6— Monday 5th July 2027



## WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR CLASSES THIS WEEK?

7a – This week in Maths we have been looking at properties of numbers. Shout out to Amelia for improving her times-table knowledge. In Science we have been making parachutes with Mr Manship and looking at plants with Mr Murphy. In English we are continuing with Speaking and Listening and looking at audience and purpose. We also have completed our World Cup Sweepstake so fingers crossed one of our team wins!

8a – This week we started a new topic in maths Converting Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Students have been working hard and building on what they remember from year 7. In Catering we made chocolate chip cookies. And in Humanities we explored the life of Mary Tudor and investigated whether we think she deserved her title of “Bloody Mary”. Shout out to Annabel and Raheem, who have been rehearsing hard with the choir in preparation for the school’s end of term performance.

8b- In English we have unveiled the differences between formal and informal English. Practice in Maths helped us understand the fractions of quantities so we can use it whilst calculating bills. In Science, we managed to identify the structure of rocks. Sessions in PSHE bring us closer to inevitable changes in life. We also began a class World Cup sweepstake. Let the best team win!

9b - This week in History we have been learning about the Oregon Trail in preparation for travelling it (via computer!) next week. In English we have been learning more about different types of speech and when to use them. In Maths we have been moving on with our Ratio topic, learning how it can be applied in the ‘real’ world.

10b – The tutor group have been busy this week engaging in careers activities. On Wednesday they independently attended their first KS4 careers advisor appointment to discuss and plan potential post 16 options. On Thursday they took part in a careers program run in conjunction with the University of the West of England, where they considered skills required for post 16 pathways and the importance of a growth mindset.

Year 11 have been phenomenal with their approach to exams in the last couple of weeks and have really taken the opportunity to showcase their skills. We are so very proud of them and wish them all the best with their next steps!

Careers – Year 10 independently attended their first KS4 careers advisor appointment to discuss and plan potential post 16 options. Gemma from Future Smart Careers will meet the students again in September, where post 16 open days can be planned

*Congratulations!*

### Year 11 Leavers—A fond farewell!

Ashton Semley

Maicie Parslow

Isla Bressington

Ethan Baker-Keedwell

Sonny Taylor

Mason Allen

Vinny Golledge-Pickin

Alfie Wlaznik

Isaac Russell

Kenzie-Jay Savage

Josh Parker

Seb Harrison

Cailan Dicks

Railey Bullock

Harley Young

We wish you all the best for the future—you will be missed!