

OUTLOOK



OLDFIELD
SCHOOL

Term 4



The school year continues to fly by. As you will see in this issue, there have been so many opportunities for our students and it is great to see them excel outside the classroom as well as in it. A big thank you to the staff who work so hard every day to support the daily life of nearly 1,300 students while facilitating their additional enrichment.

Communication

We have looked at a number of packages to support communication between school and home and have decided to use Satchel one. It has a wider capacity to show much more real time data, and this is the platform you are already familiar with. Work will be going on behind the scenes in term 5 to hopefully show you in term 6, to then get feedback in time for September.

Curriculum

Mr Reeves has been working very hard with the heads of each subject to simplify the curriculum overviews for parental use. This information will now start to be uploaded

on the school website here: www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/curriculum/ This will hopefully make it clear to you what is being studied so you can support or just ask your son/daughter about what they are doing.

Exam classes

The exam season has already started in some subject areas and the full formal process begins on 9 May. Like you, we are continuing to balance the students through this process. Teachers are experienced at preparing the students to apply their knowledge and pass their examinations. We will continue to work on plugging any identified gaps and modelling exam practice. We continue to be impressed with their application.

Have a lovely holiday. Time to recharge and refresh for term 5. Thank you for continued support.

Best wishes,

Andy Greenhough

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 April

Start of Term 5
WEEK 1

17 April

Year 10 Recital

19 April

Yr 9/10 Band
Development
Workshops

22 April

Yr 12 UCAS Discovery
Exhibition Trip

26 April

Careers Fair

29 April

Yr 10 Mocks begin

2 May

Yr 7 Parents' Eve

3 May

Yr 7/8 Band
Development
Workshops

6 May

Bank Holiday -
School closed

7 May

Yr 7-10 Rounders at
Ralph Allen

10 May

The Hunger Games
Book Event

13 May

Start of A Levels

14 May

District Athletics

15 May

OSA Second Hand
Uniform Sale

16 May

Yr 8 Parents' Eve

21 May

Yr 7-10 Rounders at
Wellsway

Battle of the Bands

22 May

U13 & U15 Girls Cricket at
Keynsham CC

24 May

END OF TERM 5
Yr 10 Sixth Form
Taster Day

NOTICES

Allergy Warning

Many of our students suffer serious nut and sesame seed allergies. Therefore, please remember not to include these in your child's packed lunch. We are a nut free school.

Follow our social media accounts to get updates from school trips and activities:

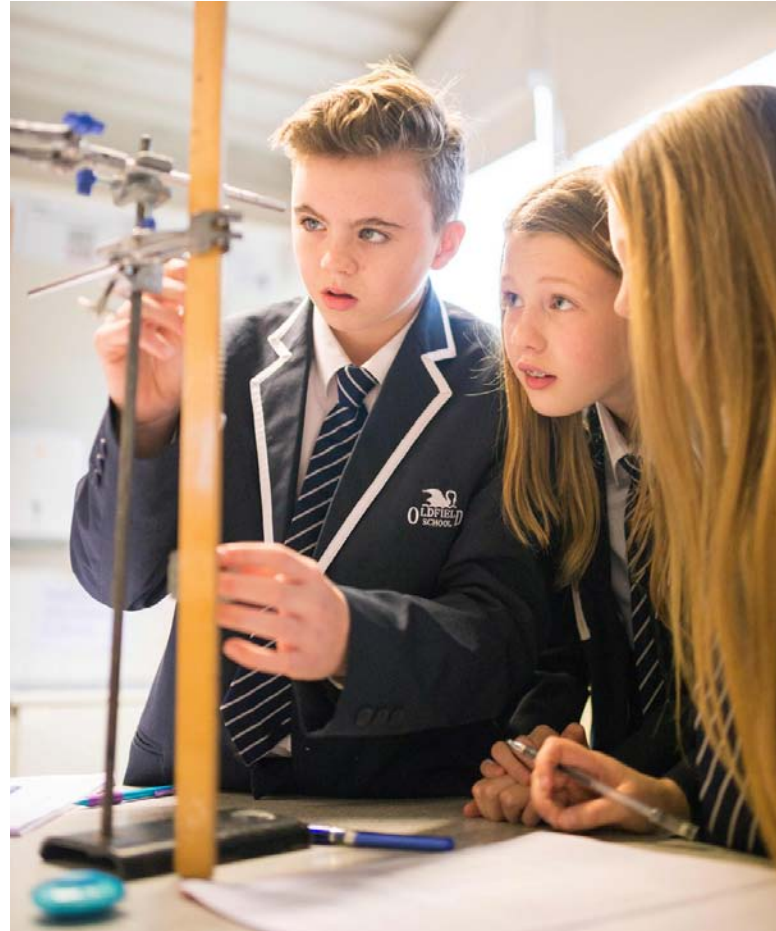
X @OldfieldSchool
 Instagram Oldfield_school

Or visit our website for information on all aspects of the school www.oldfieldschool.com



Invigilator Recruitment

We are still looking for invigilators for this summer's GCSE and A Level exams. If you think you would be able to help, please contact us on recruitment@oldfieldschool.com



Parking around school

A further reminder to parents to please be careful when picking up and dropping off at the beginning or end of the school day. Parking should not be on the double yellow lines at the front or side of the school, please drop off in the slip road near Penn. Drivers should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.



Microsoft Office 365

A reminder that all students at Oldfield School are able to install the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher for free on their computers at home.

1. Go to the O365 website: <https://portal.office.com>
2. Sign in using your school email address and password

Sign in

22.j.smith@oldfieldschool.com

3. On the Launchpad page, click on the 'Install apps' button

Mr Howard, Digital Leader and ICT Teacher



Updating Details

Please ensure you keep us up to date on where you live and contact numbers and email if they change. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition, then we need to be informed of any changes. Please do so by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is extra funding allocated to schools to work with students who have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years. The government believes that Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address current underlying inequalities between students who are eligible for Free School Meals and their peers. It ensures that funding to tackle disadvantage, reaches the students who need it.

In most cases, the Pupil Premium is paid direct to schools and is allocated to them for every student who receives Free School Meals. Schools decide how to use the funding as they are best placed to assess student needs. The funding is directed specifically at the pupils in receipt of this funding, and could be used for items such as one-to-one or small group tuition, non-academic intervention, or help with costs for trips, equipment, uniform etc. It is discreet and pupils in receipt of it are not singled out in any way. We encourage you to get in touch with us if you think your child may be eligible for funding. The money is available for every child whose parents are receiving certain benefits but the school will only receive the funding if parents register.

Please contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Extra funding for children of Service Personnel

There is also extra funding available under Pupil Premium for those children who have a parent currently serving in the armed services, or those whose parents have left the service since April 2011. This provision is made for additional (mainly pastoral) support, so we would be grateful if any Service Personnel could inform the school of their status, so we can record this information on the school system. This information is protected and the data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the fund, but only if your child's name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child, so please let us know.

Contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

For further information please see

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, Oldfield School celebrated the power of reading for pleasure on World Book Day. The library had lots of fun activities, everyone Dropped Everything and Read at the start of every lesson, staff dressed as book characters and Minerva won the month-long Reading Competition. The library had a record number of students in at lunch time with students from all years joining in with the fun.

The World Book Day mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or income.

At Oldfield School, we want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. The library is more important than ever to our students!



10 MAY

The Hunger Games Big Books Event

On Friday 10th May, the library will be hosting an exciting new event – The Hunger Games! Students from all years will take part in an evening of fun based on the award-winning trilogy by Suzanne Collins. Students will attend The Reaping hosted by Effie Trinket, then teams will become Tributes representing their allotted District. They will face three terrifying challenges hindered by Mutts, attend an Award Ceremony and finish with a Capitol Banquet. Any questions please contact Mrs Pearce directly.

UNRETURNED BOOKS

Students are responsible for returning their borrowed library books promptly. Books are issued for two weeks and must be renewed in the library by the issuing date stamped on the inside front cover. Years 7 & 8 are encouraged to do this during their library lesson, however the library is open to all students from 8.15 until 3.15 and open to students at break and lunch time. Lost or damaged books must be paid for.



Spring Showcase

Students from all year groups came together for a wonderful evening of music in our Spring Showcase. The soloists were divine, the bands had us grooving and the choirs performed some beautiful songs with stunning harmonies. I hugely enjoyed my evening – thank you to everyone who took part. ROV



Band development workshops



Students from year 7 and 8 gathered in the music department on 22nd March for the first of their band development sessions. We were accompanied by Danny White from The Rock Project, who noted that the standard of performance from our students increases every year! The music was eclectic - we had a band rocking out to Nirvana in one room and another composing their own folk song two doors down, but everyone made fantastic progress. All bands had at least one piece nailed by the end of the session with more to follow in our next session on 3rd May. I am really looking forward to doing the same with our year 9s and 10s on 19th April! ROV



21 MAY

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Following all of the wonderful work during the band development sessions, students will be battling for the crown on Tuesday 21st May in the Battle of the Bands. This is always a dramatic but fun filled evening – put the date on your calendar; we are looking forward to seeing you there!



YEAR 10 NETBALL

The Y10 netball squad ended their season with the BANES Y10 netball tournament at Writhlington in March. As always, the squad worked very hard in their games rotating positions and working as a team. The shooters tried hard to keep their momentum going in the circle with Inaya and Jasmine and support from Roxi. It was also great to see Cailey back from injury at GS and WA.

Olivia, Poppy, and Nelly took control in the centre court, making sure the ball was moving into the attack unit at every possible opportunity. Some great defence work from Mouna, Mabel and Gracie added to the performance, especially in the play off against Somervale. Unfortunately, we could not quite get enough points to go through for the pool matches and finished in 6th position in the play offs. Congratulations to Mabel, Poppy and Cailey, who received player of the match votes during the tournament. Well done to all squad players this season, it has been a pleasure to work with you and we are now looking forward to our Y11 season! LIK



Blended netball

A blended netball club has been running this term to encourage more students to participate in netball. This club was offered to Y7 and 8 students and run by sports leaders in Y9 and 10.

Each week the leaders delivered a coaching session to a small group of students focussing on a different skill important in netball. They then developed their umpiring ability by working in pairs with their whistles and umpiring the games.

The players and coaches all had lots of fun during the sessions and developed their skills. It was also a great opportunity for the different groups to mix work together in a fun, safe environment. We will hope to run this club again next year.

Year 11 Netball

The year 11 netball squad took to the court for the final time against St Greg's this week. As usual, they came out firing on all cylinders and it was good to welcome Alex back into the shooting circle after injury. After a tight first quarter we were in the lead at 4-1, but it was the second quarter where we turned up the gas and went into half time 14-1 up.

Some great defending down court from Hana and Maisie allowed the attack unit to pick up the ball swiftly, and our shooters and Tia, Alex and Mya did the rest. Emily, Robyn and Scarlett made it hard for the opposition in the centre court, taking many interceptions and delaying their play. We ended the game with a 20-6 win. Well done to Hana who was voted player of the match.

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching these girls and seeing their netball develop from Year 7 all the way through. I will miss them but wish them every success in their next chapter! LIK





Year 9 Football v Beechen "A" Wednesday 13th March

Oldfield School's Year 9 football team showcased a commendable performance as they secured a convincing victory against Beechen "A" with a final score of 3 - 0. The match, held at Lansdown, demonstrated the team's cohesive gameplay and strategic prowess on the field.

The game kicked off with both teams displaying determination and skill. Oldfield School maintained possession of the ball for significant periods, demonstrating their superior ball control and passing accuracy. Despite Beechen "A" mounting some attacking plays, Oldfield's defence remained resolute, thwarting any potential threats. The deadlock was broken when Fletcher Hodge capitalized on a well-executed team play to slot the ball into the back of the net, putting Oldfield in the lead. As the second half commenced, Oldfield School continued to dominate proceedings, dictating the tempo of the game. Their relentless

pressure paid off as Dan B seized an opportunity, delivering a clinical finish to double Oldfield's lead. Beechen "A" struggled to regain momentum as Oldfield maintained their defensive solidity while launching swift counter-attacks. Louis G further extended Oldfield's advantage with a skillful goal, leaving Beechen "A" with a mountain to climb in the closing stages of the game.

Oldfield School's Year 9 football team exhibited a stellar performance, securing a well-deserved 3 - 0 victory against Beechen "A". The players demonstrated skill, determination, and teamwork, making their mark on the field and showcasing their potential for future successes in the league. The team's commitment to excellence and passion for the sport was evident throughout the match, earning them praise and recognition from supporters and spectators alike.

Well done to all our sports teams!



Korean Club cooking experience

On 25 March, Korean club had a lesson off timetable to go up to the food tech room to make some authentic Korean food. Here's what the Korean club teacher Mrs Lee said, who herself comes from South Korea:

"We made Korean traditional food called Mandu-guk which means a dumpling soup. It is the traditional Korean food that Koreans eat on the Lunar New Year Day. Students enjoyed making their own dumplings with pork or veg

fillings in pastry and cooking together. It's such fun to learn about other cultures and make friends through activities. If you have ever heard about the TV series on Netflix called Squid Game please come along as that's the Korean Drama!"

In Korean club, they learn about Korean culture and language through games, arts, songs and much more! If you're interested in joining, please speak to Mr Cordle or come to room 201 on a Monday lunchtime.



Maths Feast Competition

On 19th March, eight of our year 10 mathematicians made the trip to Bechen Cliff school to compete in an annual maths feast competition against other local schools. After an incredible team performance by both of our teams, I am pleased to tell you that we placed 2nd and 4th out of 16 teams, only losing out to Kingswood School by 1 point! A massive well done to Noah L, Dylan M, Nathan C, Mo K, Ihsan C, Tom E, George Wand and Benji G! SPT



Bristol Aerospace Maths Trip

On Tuesday 26th March, 44 year 7 students enjoyed a Maths-related workshop at Aerospace Bristol. The students discussed how economics played a part in the grounding of Concorde, investigated the impact of different ticket classes and tried to make more money than British Airways from Concorde tickets. They also had the opportunity to explore the exhibition at Aerospace Bristol. We had a memorable day! EBS



HOUSE NEWS

As we near the end of another exciting term at Oldfield School, it's time to reflect on the fantastic House events that have taken place, bringing together students and staff alike in a spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition. Despite some challenges, our Houses have shown remarkable enthusiasm and creativity, making this term's events truly memorable.

Our students had a swinging good time on the Rewards Trip to Adventure Mini-Golf! It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves and bonding with their peers outside of the classroom environment. Such trips not only reward their hard work but also foster a sense of community within our school.

Our annual Red Nose Day Tutor Quiz was a resounding success! Laughter filled the air as students put their heads together to guess the disguised faces of their teachers. This event not only raised awareness for a worthy cause but also showcased the strong bonds between students and their tutors.

Monday blues were a thing of the past for our Year 10 students as they engaged in thrilling dodgeball matches each week. The energy and sportsmanship displayed during these sessions were truly commendable, reflecting the ethos of teamwork and healthy competition that we strive to instil in our students.

The House Tutor Crossword Competition brought out the puzzle-solving prowess of our students, challenging them to put their heads together and crack the clues. It was inspiring to see the collaborative spirit within each House as they worked towards a common goal, showcasing their intellectual skills beyond the classroom.

While we celebrate the success of these events, we must also acknowledge the disappointment surrounding the cancellation of House Sport for Term 4. Due to ongoing construction work on the tennis courts, we faced limitations in our facilities for PE provision. However, we remain optimistic about the future and look forward to the resumption of House Sport in the coming terms.

As we bid farewell to another term filled with memorable experiences, let us carry forward the spirit of unity, sportsmanship, and camaraderie that define our school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all students, staff, and parents for their unwavering support and participation in making these events a resounding success.

Here's to a bright and promising future ahead!
Mr Gann



It's been a busy but productive time for the OSA team this term. Over 80 parents and staff members came together to enjoy our annual Quiz Night, 12 runners took to the streets to run the Bath Half marathon for OSA, and we held another pre-loved uniform sale. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in some way, shape, or form - we're delighted to share we've raised about £4,000 this term!



Bath Half: Team Oldfield, you rock!

A huge thank you and congratulations to our team of runners who completed the Bath Half marathon on Sunday 17th March. You are all awesome! It's been lovely getting to know each other, training together, and supporting each other on race day – a great example of the Oldfield community coming together.

Thank you to: Caz G, Lisa M, Artem H, Amy G, Dayton L, Adam I, Loz D, Ali N, Claire M, Alex M, Matt S, Mim W, and Gill S, and to Hannah L for her training support.



Quiz Night

Congratulations to team "According to Hoyle" who won the OSA quiz by the smallest of margins (those half-points really did matter!). Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a fantastic night. Special thanks to quiz master Neil Clews, the school's catering team Karen and Dave who made us such a delicious vegetable chilli, and to the amazing team of OSA volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success.



Thanks to your support, we have been able to fund some brilliant initiatives that will further enhance the wellbeing and education of students at Oldfield. Here are the projects we've supported so far this year:

- Part-funding of a drama school trip to London
- Part-funding for new brass instruments to give all Y7 students the opportunity to learn an instrument
- An access fund to help disadvantaged students access school trips
- New EAL literacy resources
- Part-funding for a Business Studies conference
- 30 new soundbars for Music Tech
- New pom-poms for the Oldfield Cheerleading squad
- Two new 'real-life babies' for Social Sciences
- A new bubble tube for the Sensory department
- Resources to support one-to-one work with SEND students
- Band development sessions for Battle of the Bands
- 10 new outdoor picnic benches to give students somewhere to sit and eat outside.

15 MAY



Nearly New Sale

As we head into spring, please do keep your support coming. We are always in need of good quality items to sell at our pre-loved uniform sales: we accept blazers, skirts, trousers, jumpers, and PE kit, and we are particularly short of girls' blazers. You can drop donations into reception at any time in a bag labelled OSA. Our next uniform sale will take place after school on Wednesday 15th May. A big thank you to Suzanne Young for organising these sales each term.



22 APRIL

And last but not least, our next OSA meeting is Monday 22nd April, 8pm (online). Please email osa@oldfieldschool.com if you'd like to join us and find out more about what we do, we always welcome new members.

Sixth Form Student Leadership Team 2024/25

We are proud to announce our student leadership team for 2024/25. We were blown away by the quality of the candidates and it was incredibly tough to decide who would be our Head and Deputy Head Student – so tough that we decided to have two of each! We also have a fantastic line-up within the wider student leadership team. We know they will all play a vital part in promoting the Sixth Form within the school community and forging links with other schools.



Meet the Team

Head Students:

Imogen M
Lily W

Deputy Head Students:

Jasmine M
Amin O

Sports Captain:

Anjali N

SEND Champion:

Mak T

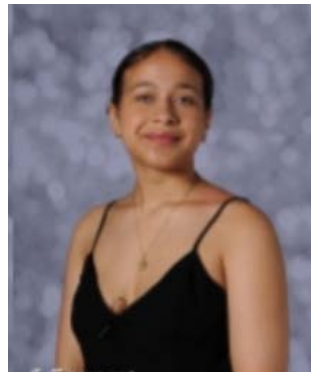
Ella H
Phoebe B
Isaac G
Emily P
Lucas W
Amy T
Megan T
Elana P



AMIN O

Deputy Head

Hi my name is Amin and I'm happy to be selected for Deputy Head student. Within my role, I hope to achieve a larger integration between Year 12s and Year 13s to build a stronger and interpersonal sixth form!



JASMINE M

Deputy Head

I'm thrilled to be Deputy Head student and am looking forward to helping my classmates with preparation for university. I plan to study history at uni and eventually want to become a lecturer.



IMOGEN M

Head Student

I'm excited to increase participation in student events and showcases, with an aim to create a closer school community and support system between sixth formers and lower school students.



LILY W - Head Student

I am very excited and grateful to be able to work with Immy as head students this year. I hope to be a voice for the students, encourage a positive and accepting environment and support the rest of the team to strengthen the school community.

Spring Play

"Life is more fun if you play games."
- Roald Dahl



Bath Area Play Project

All Playdays run from

11am-2pm Outdoor Play for families
with children of all ages!

Come
OUTSIDE
& PLAY!

Wednesday, 10th April
Midsomer Norton

Orchard Hall and Park
BA3 2RD

Thursday, 11th April
Alice Park

BA1 6EW

No need to book

Sensory & Messy Play

Marble Run

Spring arts and crafts

Sports and games

Inflatable

Bunny hunt

Woodwork

Football coaches

Obstacle Course

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email: enquiries@bapp.org.uk

www.bapp.org.uk



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SOS – Thrive requires your help and support!!

Miss Clark and Mrs Keaveney are looking for any of the below items to support Thrive intervention sessions. If you have any of the below items which you can kindly donate, please can you drop these into school by **Friday 19th April** – Thank you in advance!

Arts & Crafts

- Glitter art
- Pony beads
- Crocodile clips and keyring loops
- Multicolour nylon bracelet thread
- Pre-printed canvases for painting and colouring
- Ready to paint money boxes
- Water marbling paint kits
- Air dry clay
- PVC tablecloth
- Hama beads
- Hama bead template boards
- Loom bands
- Spirograph
- Spin art
- Drawing tablet
- Paint your own sun catchers
- Paint by Numbers
- Sequin art

Outdoor equipment

- Picnic rug
- Bean bag toss challenge
- Rock N Hopper
- Stomp rocket

Home wear

- Lock and click storage boxes (same size around 4 large ones)
- Rainbow doormat
- Sun catcher wall Stickers

Board Games

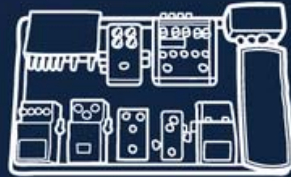
- Yes/No game
- Pop up pirate
- Charades for Kids
- Hungry Hippos
- Big potato OK play board game
- Goody Louie
- Dobble – Arsenal
- Dobble - Chelsea
- Dobble – Liverpool
- Dobble – Manchester United
- Ziplinx Hi – Fly set game
- Rubiks race
- Smash down
- Deluxe wooden game house
- Wooden Stacking stones
- Connector pods set
- Card shuffler
- Uno Show Em No Mercy game
- World football stars top trumps
- IQ puzzles
- Lego base plates
- Fast sling puck game
- Magnetic tiles
- Magnetic balls and sticks
- Monopoly (cheaters, round the world, knockout)
- Kinetic sand
- Hy – pro basketball battle game

Learning resources

- Big feeling pineapple
- Good behaviour buckets
- Sensory toys

YOUTH CONNECT
SOUTH WEST

MAKE BEATS ON THE STREETS



OUR TEAM WILL BE WALKING AROUND BATH CITY CENTRE WITH A SPEAKER, MICS AND A LOOP MACHINE SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN BEATS AND RAP ON THE STREETS.



3:30PM – 5:30 PM

2ND APRIL

8TH APRIL

5TH APRIL

9TH APRIL

11TH APRIL



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JUDY ON 07870868814
JUDY.ILLINGWORTH@YCSW.ORG.UK

SOUTHGATE SORCERERS MINI PAINTING SESSION

Join Southgate Sorcerers for a special session of Mini Painting! Minis & paints are provided but you are welcome to bring any minis you want to make too.



Friday 5th April

1pm - 3pm

For ages 11-19

(Year 7+ and up to 25 Years with EHCP)

**City Centre Youth Space
28 Southgate Street Bath BA1 1TP**

Contact Judy on 07870868814 or judy.illingworth@ycsw.org.uk

YOUTH CONNECT
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LEARN THE SECRETS TO
**REDESIGN
YOUR FACE**

Make your face into anything you want!
This is your chance to learn from professional makeup
artist Jessie Walwin!

Tuesday 9th April
2pm - 4pm
City Centre Youth Space
28 Southgate Street Bath BA1 1TP
(Opposite the bus station)

Ages 11-19 (Yr 7+ or up to 25 with Additional Needs)

Register heading to

youthconnectsouthwest.org.uk/bath-easter

For more info contact Judy on 07870868814
or judy.illingworth@ycsw.org.uk



LEARN THE SECRETS OF
**SFX & FANTASY
MAKEUP**

Have you ever wondered how actors get transformed
with prosthetics and makeup?
This is your chance to learn from professional
makeup artist Jessie Walwin!

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Ages 11-19 (Yr 7+ or up to 25 with Additional Needs)

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