



Weekly Mailing to Parents and Carers

Friday 22 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

At the time of writing, the consultation on arrangements for summer examination opened 14/01 and will run for two weeks. Some communications were released ahead of this and these, plus the consultation documents, can be accessed here:

- Letter from Gavin Williamson to Simon Lebus (Ofqual) - [here](#)
- Response from Simon Lebus to Gavin Williamson - [here](#)
- Consultation on the assessment of GCSE and A Level courses - [here](#)
- Consultation on the assessment of vocational qualifications (including BTEC) - [here](#)

While we await the final decisions, guidance and training following the consultation, we can be fairly confident that these assessments will be submitted as late in the year as possible (DfE and Ofqual appear in agreement on this) and are therefore continuing our messaging for Y11 and 13 students to remain fully engaged with their remote learning.

At the moment, Year 13 are due to be taking mock exams in March and we are going to wait for confirmation of the proposed 'mini exams' (externally set) before making changes to this as it is proving a helpful short term goal for teachers and students. We will review our assessment calendar, prioritising assessment for exam groups, as soon as we have full enough guidance to do so.

DfE guidance on lateral flow testing in schools has changed again. Currently the guidance states:

"The main schools and colleges testing programme, using rapid lateral flow tests to find asymptomatic staff and pupils and those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) but do not have symptoms, is continuing. However, following [new advice from NHS Test and Trace and Public Health England \(PHE\)](#), we are temporarily pausing the daily contact testing element of the testing programme, which was in place as an alternative to self-isolation for

those who came into contact with positive cases in schools. This will enable further evaluation to take place.”

Please also find below this week’s important information for Parents/Carers and students as well as updates on events, activities and opportunities for your reference.

I wish you and your children a good weekend.

Ms Jo Butler
Headteacher

Covid-19

[Cotham School COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement](#)

Cotham School has updated their Privacy Notices on the school website to include a COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement. Click [here](#) to view the Notice.

[Parent information on COVID prevention and what to do if you or your child develops symptoms](#)

To keep your child and other children safe it is important that children **attending the school site** do not come to school if they

- Have any symptoms of COVID – new cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell (until 10 days after symptoms have started)
- Live with someone who has COVID symptoms (until 10 days self-isolation has been completed)
- Have been told to self-isolate by National Test and Trace (until the date they say self-isolation ends and they can return)

It’s really important that we are made aware of any students who have tested positive for COVID-19 **immediately on receipt of the test result.**

Parents and carers can either:

- telephone the attendance absence line on 0117 919 8019
- email the attendance absence email at absence@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- complete the absence form for Year 7 - 11 on our website [here](#) and Post 16 [here](#).

We also need to know **if your child is isolating because either they or someone in the household or support bubble has symptoms or has recently tested positive.** It’s

important that we understand who has symptoms, the date on which the symptoms began, and if they've accessed a test for Covid-19, when the date of the test was.

Important and New Information for Parents and Carers

[An invite to participate in a COVID-19 study](#)

Bristol Children's Vaccine Centre is [inviting you to take part](#) in a study called What's the STORY, which involves taking a blood sample from children aged 0 – 19 to look at their levels of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

They urgently need more children from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community. From the research carried out so far it has become clear that people from all minority ethnic groups (apart from Chinese and mixed-race groups) are at greater risk of becoming sick with COVID-19 than the white population in the UK. We need to understand why and tackle this urgently through health research. [Here is a Parent Invitation Letter](#) in case you would like to know more about what the study involves, or please visit our [website](#).

The study is running at the Clinical Research and Imaging Centre (CRIC) on St Michael's Hill, and **all participants will receive a £20 voucher** to compensate them for their time and travel expenses. Participants will not find out their individual results of the blood test

[Student weekly bulletin](#)

This week we launched our first [Student Bulletin](#). Inside it contains some challenges for students to take part in, an invitation for them to get involved and most importantly it is jam packed with who our first round of Home Learning Heroes are.

The Student Bulletin will be published each week, every Tuesday. It would be great to have some students leading the production of this. If your child is interested in being put in the driving seat, please ask them to email McDonaghK@cotham.bristol.sch.uk

[Free school meals](#)

Today, parents/carers will be receiving vouchers from Cotham School which is for the period Monday 11 January 2021 to Friday 15 January 2021.

The Government's national FSM scheme came into effect this week. Parents/carers should by now have received their vouchers from Edenred to cover the period Monday 18 January to Friday 12 February 2021.

The local authority has announced that families will receive vouchers to cover them for the February half term break. These vouchers will be sent to parents/carers before the end of this term, once received from the Local Authority.

If you have any queries on free school meals please contact Student Reception by e-mail Studentreception@cotham.bristol.sch.uk or by phone 0117 919 8018 and Mrs Hopkins will be able to assist you.

Reporting non-covid absence

We are recording your child's attendance to each of the live online lessons that they are being invited to. Consequently, it's important that we know if your child is too unwell to attend their live online lessons.

We ask that parents and carers phone the absence line to let us know if their child is too unwell to attend live lessons and complete online remote learning.

Parents and carers can either:

- telephone the attendance absence line on 0117 919 8019
- email the attendance absence email at absence@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- complete the absence form for Year 7 - 11 on our website [here](#) and Post 16 [here](#).

Online safety at home packs

[Simple 15 minute activities families](#) can do to support their child's online safety at home. Packs are available for ages 4 to 14+.

Parents can also watch the video guides on different online safety topics.

Sign- up to your SENECA Parental Account and help our school!! - SENECA is a brilliant resource for your child and you!!

Please find below information on supporting your child using the digital platform SENECA.

We are aiming to get at least 200 parents to create accounts so that as a school we gain greater access to a range of support from SENECA. Currently we have a low number of parents signed up so we cannot gain access to these enhanced features.

You may be aware that many Faculties are using SENECA Learning to support our students' digital learning. Seneca offers **high-quality free** online learning courses for students to study from a computer, tablet or phone. The courses are suitable for students aged 13 and above and cover **KS3, KS4 GCSE and KS5 A Level subjects**.

SENECA also provides free parent accounts. The free parent accounts allow you to track your child's learning and help make conversations about school and learning easier.

SENECA's parent accounts also allow you to learn alongside your child if you wish to do so. This might be helpful in supporting you to work with your child on areas of their school work that you are less familiar with.

We are aiming for more parents to create a parent account as this will enable us to access further opportunities from SENECA and the Department of Education which will help all students at Cotham. We are aiming to have 200 parents and carers create accounts so that we can link more closely with SENECA.

You can sign up for a free SENECA parent account here:

app.senecalearning.com/parent

Seneca have made this handy [2 minute video](#) to help you get started.

Or you can [read how to get your free account](#) if you'd prefer.

If you have any questions about how SENECA works, you can get support from the SENECA team using the live chat on their website or you can email them at learnmore@seneca.io.

There are also three free webinars offered throughout this month which will provide further support to parents explaining the benefits of SENECA, to get tickets for the SENECA webinar click this [link](#).

KS3 and GCSE Science

If you would like to further support students working at home with their classwork and homework as well as revision we have a stock of revision guides for all year groups. Please order on WisePay through the school website.

The KS3 guides are helpful for Year 7 and Year 8 students to keep up to date with the work completed in school and provide a clear explanation of everything covered in these 2 years.

All Year 9 and Year 10 students should buy the separate science GCSE books.

We recommend that ALL YEAR 11 students buy the revision guides. Year 11 students in groups 11a1, 11a2, 11b1 and 11b2 should buy books for separate sciences, and Year 11 students in groups 11a3, 11a4, 11b3 and 11b4 should buy books for combined science.

We do not sell revision cards in school but CGP makes excellent sets of pre-made science revision cards that you can buy on various websites that many students find invaluable for their revision. If you wish to purchase these please ensure you buy the cards for the AQA specification.

Important

Once purchased, we will need a few days to process the order and these will then be available to collect from student reception between 10am and 11am. Please wait until your child receives an email confirming that they are available to be collected before sending them to school.

Library update

All physical library loans have been automatically renewed until after lockdown. Please ignore any automatic email reminders from our system.

For students who are studying at home, we have [ebooks and audiobooks](#) which are available using their school login information. If you require ebooks that are not available on the system, please click the “request” button and we contact you once they have been purchased.

Click [here](#) for more information on our ebook service. This platform includes lists of useful resources including our Mental Health Wellness collection [here](#). Click [here](#) for information to support students with dyslexia when accessing our ePlatform.

We are also following the Bristol Teen Book Award for Year 9 and above. The awards ceremony has been postponed due to the current lockdown. For information about where to find the titles click [here](#).

For Critical Worker and Vulnerable students still attending school:

Please [complete this form](#) for book requests and we will deliver your books to you in your classrooms (please tell us where you are based and what date you require the books).

During lockdown all library books can be returned to:

- the return box at Student Reception
- in the porch at Charnwood House (North Bristol Post-16 Centre). This box is accessible outside of school hours.

When school reopens we will continue to offer a **Click and Deliver** service.

All students are able to make requests for all other library books by using our library software [AccessIt](#) or by emailing us directly. Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide about how to reserve a book.

Post 16 students must arrange their own textbook loans by using these booking forms:

[Year 12](#) (Collection Point is the Study Hub in Charnwood)

[Year 13](#) (Collection Point is the Y13 Upgrade in Charnwood).

Word of the week

Each week at Cotham School we promote a Word of the Week. This is to help students expand the range of vocabulary they use. Please find the word for the week ahead by clicking [here](#).

Forthcoming Events

Monday 1 February 2021, 10.30 - 11.30 Let's Explore..... The Power of Politics: Changing our City for Good with Mayor Marvin Rees and others

What is politics all about and how can it change lives? Politics is going on all around us, all the time. Decisions taken by our politicians - local, national and global - affect us every day. So what is it and how can it be used to improve lives for all?

Join this session to hear from Bristol's Mayor, Marvin Rees, about his vision for the city of Bristol and the One City Plan that he has introduced to ensure that Bristol can become sustainable by 2030. Youth Mayor and BGS student, Alice T, will talk about the work of the youth mayors and the part that young people can play in making the city an even better place to grow up. And University of Bristol researcher, Marc Pinol, will explain what politics is all about, why people study politics and the kinds of jobs that those studying politics go on to. There will be opportunities to ask questions of all the speakers. This session is for students in Year 9 and above. Book your place [here](#). Post 16 students can register individually.

Monday 8 February 2021, 14:30-15:45 Year 7 Virtual Author Event with Joseph Elliott hosted by Bristol Grammar School

The Good Hawk is the first novel in a fantasy adventure trilogy, perfect for fans of Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Garth Nix and Michelle Paver. Full of warring clans, deadly shadows and devastating plagues, it tells the story of Jamie and Agatha, who embark on a terrifying journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk. Book two in the series, The Broken Raven was published on 7 January 2021.

[Joseph Elliott](#), the Bristol born author of The Good Hawk will discuss the themes and characters of his debut novel, talk about life as an author and shed some light on the process of publishing a book.

If you would like to sign up for Joseph's talk, please email library@bgs.bristol.sch.uk by Friday 8 January.

Thursday 25 February 2021, 10:00 - 12:00 Building Parental Involvement at your School – session for governors

This session for governors and senior leaders is being organised by Bristol City Council Governor Services.

Further details from Claire.Foxwell@bristol.gov.uk

Saturday 6-March 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 Careers and Opportunities Fair at Badminton School

Students and staff at BEP schools are invited to Badminton School's Careers Fair. Speakers include Rebecca Powell from Freckles Child Care; Captain Aimee Reynolds from the Army; Marcus Burnett on Hospitality and Studying Abroad; Alex Richards from ASK Apprenticeships. Open to Year 10 upwards.

For more details contact ASkyrme-Jones@badmintonschool.co.uk

Badminton School Inspiring Evenings (online)

- Thursday 4 February, 17:00 – 18:00 Elke Edwards on Transformative Skills for Leadership and Life
- Thursday 4 March, 17:00 – 18:00 Jason and Clare Kendall on Inspirational Careers in Medicine

Events are open to staff and students at BEP schools. To book places or for more information contact nabishop@badmintonschool.co.uk The link to each event (taking place via Teams) will be sent out the Wednesday prior to the event.

Badminton School Broadening Horizons Events (online)

Thursday 28 January, 16:30 – 17:30 Sarah Mumford on Feminism and Law. These events are open to sixth formers.

For more information or to book places please contact

askyrme-jones@badmintonschool.co.uk

Jump Studios Programme 2021

Jump Studios have an exciting programme of activities throughout the year. They currently have spaces available on their after-school programmes and would like to prioritise local young people to attend exciting tech, art, making, and music activities.

All programmes are for ages: 10-16 at Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue, BS4 1NL and will continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

Mondays 4.30-6.00pm: Control Alt Delete (tech, coding, and gaming)

Tuesdays 4.30-6.00pm: Maker City (making, social action, product design)

Wednesdays 4.30-6.00pm: Creative Hub (creative arts, design, photography)

Wednesdays 4.30-6.00pm: Sound Wave (music)

To register an interest in one of the programmes please follow this link and fill in the short [REGISTER INTEREST FORM](#)

If you have any questions please email jumpstudios@kwmc.org.uk or call 0117 903 0444.

Student Wellbeing and Safeguarding

Safeguarding alert - Avakin Life

We have been alerted to the risk of potential grooming and abuse on the Avakin Life platform by Safer Schools.

Their online safeguarding experts have reviewed and tested the game, and discovered a number of potential risks to young people. The major risk is that users can easily access children and young people online via private and public chats.

For more information, please follow this link: [Safeguarding Alert – Avakin Life – Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

To download the Avakin Life Safety Card, follow this link: [SafetyCard2021 AvakinLife.pdf \(oursafetycentre.co.uk\)](https://oursafetycentre.co.uk)

Off The Record (OTR)

OTR is a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol.

Please see below for information about their new project dates!

Shameless is our group for 11 - 17 year olds feeling impacted with issues around body image and self worth. Together we find practical ways to grow in confidence, accept our bodies and learn to celebrate who we are. Next group starts Mon 22 February and takes place on Monday evenings over six weeks. We still have places available, so find out more and [sign up here](#).

If you're struggling with self harm, or thoughts of self harm, **Harmed**, a group workshop for 11 - 17 year olds, may be for you. You'll learn facts and myths about self-harming and how to reduce self-harm by learning new ways to manage. Next group starts Weds 24 February and takes place on Wednesday evenings over six weeks. [Sign up here and find out more on the website](#).

Wellbeing journal

Going to school at the moment is a little strange. So to help you with this, here is a journal for you to record your thoughts and feelings over the coming year. The idea is to help you prepare for each week, with positive thoughts and feelings, rewards and then a reflection of what you have done, sharing your thoughts and marking your feelings. Fill in the year planner at the start with holidays, weekend plans and ways of self-improvement.

Spread the love with friends and share your positive affirmations. Look at your mood tracker each week and see what areas of your life you need to prioritise further. Set goals and rewards for yourself and share the positive quotes used throughout. Doodle in the margins and do mindful colouring. There are hidden tips and hints to help you relax and reflect and be the great pupil that you are.

Each Journal is £4.99. More details can be found here: Pupil Journal | chrisallton.co.uk

[Keeping young people safe online – event for parents Thursday 11 February, 17:00-18:00](#)

Bristol Education Partnership is hosting an online session for parents on how to use different software to support learning at home. This session will talk parents through the various platforms that young people use and make recommendations to help them ensure that their children are safe online, whether on their phone, laptop, tablet or PC.

Run by students from Bristol Grammar School – all parents of children at BEP schools (Cotham School, City Academy, Fairfield High School, Orchard School, Badminton, BGS, Clifton College, Colston's, Redmaids' High School and St Brendan's Sixth Form College) are very welcome to [join this free event](#). The webinar will take place on Zoom and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

[Sustrans Outside In, a free resource to help parents who are looking after their children at home.](#)

[Sustrans Outside In](#) provides fun ideas and inspiration for parents to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into their home.

Parents can access resources by [registering for our free parent newsletter](#). Over four weeks, they'll receive weekly videos, themed activities, games and challenges designed by our experienced school officers.

[Home education pack](#)

Restrictions, Resources and Top Tips

Coronavirus continues to spread in the UK, disrupting education and placing pressure on health and social care services. As misinformation continues to thrive online, it's now more important than ever to make sure you get your information from a trusted source.

To support your remote and home learning efforts Safer Schools have compiled a list of helpful resources. [Home Learning Hub – Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](#)

The Home Learning Hub is their free library of resources to support parents and carers who are taking the time to help their children be safer online. They have adapted their classroom-based resources to make them easily accessible for everyone.

[If you need extra support as a parent or carer please watch this video](#)

The last few months have been tough and we know some families are under more pressure than ever. If you need extra support either as a parent or carer or for your child, then please [watch this video](#) to find out more about support available or call the First Response team on: 0117 903 6444.

[Safeguarding students while we are in lockdown](#)

Processes for continuing to ensure the safeguarding of our students while we are in lockdown:

If you have urgent concerns about the safety of a child, First Response (Bristol Children's Services) should be your first port of call. Information on how to make a referral [can be found here](#) or by calling 0117 903 6444 (or if the offices are closed call the Emergency Duty Team on 01454 615 165). If the child is at immediate risk call the Police on 999.

To provide information to the Cotham School Safeguarding Team please contact our dedicated **email address:** safeguarding@cotham.bristol.sch.uk

Important: Where we have concerns about vulnerable students, we will aim to stay in touch with you by phone so please accept a phone call from a withheld number.

[Reporting Bullying and Safeguarding concerns](#)

We have brought our methods for reporting bullying in line with the South West Grid for Learning. This means there is now a link to something called **Whisper on our website [here](#)**.

Please use this to raise any concerns you have about the safety or wellbeing of a child. There is a function to do so anonymously.

[Resources to support your child's wellbeing and online safety at this time](#)

We have set up a **Google Classroom** called '**Mental Health and Wellbeing**' and, three times a week, are posting bitesize chunks of useful information, tools, resources and strategies to support your child with their wellbeing at this time. You and your child will receive an email alert every time that something new is uploaded to this classroom but please do browse the classroom with your child as we build up our resources.

[HappyMaps website - Providing resources for parents and carers around children's mental health](#)

HappyMaps is a website providing a one stop shop of resources around children's mental health from babies to young adults and includes websites, videos, books, Apps and links to ways to find counselling and other support. The website was funded by NHS England

with input from specialist services (CAMHS) and local charities and is supported by Bristol Mind. Please click [here](#) to view the website.

Online safety newsletter- January edition

Are you concerned about your child's online gaming? Want to educate yourself about the risks and what you can do to keep them safe?

Please click [here](#) to view this month's online safety newsletter.

Annual online Safety Booklet including an overview of key parental controls

This guide will help you set up parental controls to provide your child with a safer online environment. Please [click here](#) to view the guide.

Key Stage 3

KS3 - MFL baking/cooking challenge

The MFL Faculty are excited to launch a 5 week cooking/baking challenge. Tired of looking at your screens and want to try something new, then have a go at creating a new dish each week to share with your family. Students can pick a recipe each week from around the world, sweet or savoury. All ingredients and instructions are listed [here](#). We would love to see how well you are getting on with your culinary skills, so send us a picture of your dish.

Danke, merci, gracias!

Any questions, please email binghama@cotham.bristol.sch.uk

Follow MFL on Instagram #cotham_languages

Launch of CARGO Classroom to illuminate inspiring untold stories

[CARGO Classroom](#) is a package of Key Stage 3 history resources, which have been created with teachers to illuminate the [untold stories](#) of the achievements and contributions of people of African and African diaspora descent.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Work experience

Can you help with our Virtual Work Experience week?

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are unable to offer our students face to face work experience this year. Instead, we are working on sourcing projects from businesses which

students can undertake remotely (but hopefully based in school). We anticipate that students will be able to liaise with employers via email at pre-arranged times during the week and will receive feedback and evaluation of their work at the end.

We are keen to source as many projects as we can to give our students the widest range of choices possible. If you have links to a company that might be able to support us in this, we would love to hear from you. You can email us at careers@cotham.bristol.sch.uk

Post-16

P16 have really got the hang of online learning and we are so pleased with how well lessons are being attended and engaged with. A few key reminders:

- Online lessons will follow their face to face learning timetable.
- Please encourage students to be punctual to ensure they don't miss any key instructions.
- If a student is unwell or is going to miss a lesson for an authorised reason, please contact P16 centre as normal.

Weekly updates

With guidance regularly changing, Ms Potter the Head of Sixth Form will be sending students a weekly update on Wednesday mornings in place of their usual assembly. These updates will also include links to wellbeing resources and career information.

Tutor check ins

Students can expect their tutor to check in with them once a week and should contact them directly if they have any concerns. Please encourage your child to engage with their tutor so that they can be as well supported as possible.

Home IT access

If IT access is stopping any students from accessing their remote learning, please get in touch with a member of the P16 team.

Online events

Y13 Parent's evening took place on Thursday 21 January. If you were unable to attend, please contact the P16 team who can put you in touch with your child's teachers for an update.

NHS work experience

The NHS Healthcare Careers Live Virtual Work Experience Programme is now available to support all aspiring allied healthcare students with work experience opportunities during the pandemic. Students will gain their own specific work experience programme that will be

highly relevant to healthcare careers including: Nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, pharmacology, dietetics and many more. The first programme will take place on February 7th. You can learn more and register [here](#). Our bursary students are entitled to a free place, please contact Ms Dutton for more information.

Secondary School exchanges

The Secondary School Exchange is an unrivalled opportunity to spend a gap year at an American high school. It's a fantastic chance for students to spend time abroad broadening their horizons, making new friends and continuing their education free of exam pressures - something we hope will appeal now more than ever, at this time when so much schooling has been disrupted.

Year 13 students who might like to apply can [find out more and apply here](#).

Student Careers

For careers and opportunities [please visit our website](#) and for the latest updates and information please click [here](#).

View our latest Post 16 Careers Bulletin [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding student careers please email careers@cotham.bristol.sch.uk.

Community News

GWR timetable changes from Monday 25 January

Government advice is to only travel for work if essential, or for other legally permitted reasons. This means customer numbers are very low. GWR have therefore been reviewing their timetables to make sure that they are reflecting demand, and supporting key workers and essential travel.

As a result GWR will be making further changes from Monday, 25 January.

GWR will continue to operate over 65% of services. The key change in the Bristol area is that Bristol Temple Meads – Paddington services will be hourly on Saturdays, and weekday and Saturday local services between Weston-super-Mare and Bristol Parkway will be cancelled, with calls added into their Cardiff to Taunton local services instead.

There will also be some later start up and early finish times across the network.

The changes are temporary, and they can be quickly reversed. We know the key services used by schools and colleges and they will all be in operation before pupils and students return.

Their advice to customers is to check timetables before travel and this can be done through our online journey checker on <https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/check-your-journey>

All of their safety and enhanced cleaning regimes remain in place and they are working on plans with the Department for Transport to encourage a return to rail when the time is right.

Keep fit with NETHIIT

Open to Everyone throughout lockdown. [NetHiit](#) will provide you with the opportunity to stay active and connected with others during lockdown. NetHiit incorporates aspects of netball into a workout that can be done with limited equipment from inside your home.

Useful Links and Information

Previous weekly mailings

Please visit our [website](#) to find information previously circulated within our latest weekly mailings.

Early school closures

Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 12.00 pm last day of term.

Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 12.00 pm last day of term.

INSET days

Wednesday 3 March 2021

Thursday 1 April 2021

Wednesday 21 July 2021

Homework guidelines

The school's homework guidelines for Y7-11 can be viewed [here](#)

The Year 10 Independent Study Timetable can be viewed [here](#)

The Year 11 Independent Study Timetable can be viewed [here](#)

Assessment calendars 2020/21

Please find Assessment Calendars for Y7-11 below. These outline school assessments for each year group. Please note that the dates provided are for guidance only and may vary slightly based on each individual class's needs.

[Year 7 Assessment Calendar](#)

[Year 8 Assessment Calendar](#)

[Year 9 Assessment Calendar](#)

[Year 10 Assessment Calendar](#)

[Year 11 Assessment Calendar](#)

[GCSEpod](#)

[Click here](#) to access GCSEpod which contains lots of revision resources for most GCSEs. Students self register through the website using their name and school details.

[Diagnostic questions](#)

[Click here](#) to access. This site contains self marking quizzes with lots of templates including some from a range of exam boards. It's easy to make your own questions in Microsoft PowerPoint too. Students sign up with their school Google account using the G+ button to automatically create a school account.

[Edmodo](#)

Edmodo is an application that can be used on both mobile devices and in the web environment to create an online community of practice. Edmodo is a free social learning platform that allows students to access the course content uploaded by their teachers.

<https://www.edmodo.com/>

[Seneca](#)

All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teachers and parents. You can sign up via [senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com)

[Library access](#)

The library system is available to access from home at <https://uk.accessit.online/cth05/> . Please log in to the site to gain the full advantage of the online library resources, such as OneSearch. Please email us on library@cotham.bristol.sch.uk for your username and password.

[Free school meals](#)

To apply or check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals please click on this [link](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hopkins at Student Reception.

Contact details

Please note the following contact numbers and email addresses if you need to contact the school:

- Main Reception - 0117 919 8000 reception@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Student Reception - 0117 919 8013 studentreception@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Absence - 0117 919 8019 absence@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- NBP16C - 0117 919 8100 post16@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Finance - 0117 919 8016 finance@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Exams - 0117 919 8024 exams@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Admin Office - 0117 919 8053 adminoffice@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Careers Office - 0117 919 8069 careers@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Library - library@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Safeguarding - safeguarding@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- WisePay Login Issues - wisepay@cotham.bristol.sch.uk
- Google Classroom - Guardian Summaries - Sign Up & Support - gcsupport@cotham.bristol.sch.uk