



# BRIGHT STUFF

July 2018

## Students win scholarships for city's top sixth forms

Meet the outstanding students who have won scholarships to study at two of Bristol's most prestigious sixth forms this September.

Ziona, Conor and Kelsey have secured places at Colston's through the Tolman Scholarship, which is awarded by the Old Colstonian Society in memory of much-loved Brightstowe teacher and Old Colstonian Jim Tolman. Redmaids will also be welcoming Leah and Mariah next year after the pair won scholarships to study for the International Baccalaureate diploma – a qualification highly regarded by top universities.

## Cambridge summer school for Ziona

A Brightstowe head student has secured a place at Cambridge University's summer school. Ziona, who has just completed her GCSEs, was one of 120 successful applicants out of 643 – which makes the summer school more competitive than securing a place to study at Cambridge. Ziona said: "I feel very honoured to have been given this opportunity to learn at such an amazing university. "I am excited to develop and to acquire knowledge about my chosen career as a lawyer and I think it will be an experience that will open many doors for me in the future."

## Amazing things every day

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on what a brilliant year it has been at Oasis Brightstowe.

We celebrated our annual 'Bright' Day at the start of the year; a record number of students 'going green'; Year 9's winning a national design competition; a fantastic production of 'The Princess, the Monster and the Dragon' and students stepping outside their comfort zones to achieve great things ... as you will see in this newsletter. On top of this, we have had a jam-packed year of careers events and inspiring talks, helping our students realise their future goals and dreams.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Each and every day, something amazing happens at Brightstowe – whether it's in our classrooms or outside on the sporting field. Our students should feel incredibly proud of themselves and, of course, so should all our staff for their continuous enthusiasm and commitment.

The implementation of Maths & English Mastery has enabled our students in Year 7 to access an innovative and research based curricula. It is already having an excellent impact on student progress. Assessment data shows that our students are performing better than their national counterparts, putting them in pole position to experience further academic success in years to come.

We look forward to welcoming back our Year 11 leavers on 23 August for GCSE results day – you have all been exceptional and have very bright futures ahead of you. Good luck!

To all our families, staff and the local community, on behalf of everyone here, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and restful summer – here's hoping this weather continues!

See you in September.

**Mr Joe Docherty, Principal**

## Invitation to our Open Evening

Wednesday, 19 September, 2018, 5-7pm

### Open mornings

Every Wednesday, 26 September - 24 October, 2018, 9am

To book for an open morning, contact us at 0117 316 3741 or visit [oab-openmornings.eventbrite.co.uk](http://oab-openmornings.eventbrite.co.uk)



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## Alumni news

Former students Courtney and Rohin will be heading off to Bristol and Cardiff universities this September to study Biological Sciences and Chemistry.

They both secured scholarships to Colston's in 2016 and have since been working very hard to achieve their grades.

On their final day of Year 13, as part of Colston's 'Blazer Day' tradition, the pair represented their former Brightstowe houses – McKinley and Everest – by wearing their old ties.

**FIRST DAY BACK TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER - 100% ATTENDANCE!**



## Oar-some! Lucas enjoys national rowing success

Lucas joined Oasis Brightstowe's rowing academy to try out a new sport ... now he is entering national competitions and has dreams of one day becoming a professional rower.

Lucas, in Year 10, started out with our rowing academy over a year ago and immediately fell in love with the sport. Read more at [bit.ly/2N2Bmww](http://bit.ly/2N2Bmww)



## Outward Bound trip takes students to new heights

Trekking up mountains, canoeing down estuaries and camping overnight ... these were some of the exhilarating activities which students took part in on their Outward Bound trip last term in Wales.

Read more at [bit.ly/2KolaqV](http://bit.ly/2KolaqV)

## NHS leadership talk

A former Royal Marine who now heads the NHS Leadership Academy had a clear message for Brightstowe Year 10s – leadership can be challenging but it begins with listening.

Stephen Hart also explained why, although the NHS is by most measures the best in the world, it still faces huge challenges to make sure funding is there to help everyone who needs treatment.



## Girls' award for STEM events

Students have been taking part in a number of STEM events this term. A group of Year 7 girls visited Airbus to present their 'eco-factory' projects and came home with the trophy for best teamwork. All six girls were also awarded their Bronze level for Industrial Cadets, for their hard work over the project.

Fifty students from Years 8, 9 and 10 were also introduced to the exciting world of engineering, thanks to a STEM workshop put on by The Smallpeice Trust.

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## Summer jobs

Two Year 10 students impressed bosses so much at their work experience placement earlier this year that they have secured jobs there this summer.

One student will be working at HQ Hairdressers in Westbury-on-Trym and the other will be working with outdoor adventure and activity providers Mojo Active.

## Step closer to DofE awards

Great courage and determination were shown by our Duke of Edinburgh students on their practice expeditions this term.

We were extremely proud to have two groups participating – our Year 10 Silver group and Year 9 Bronze group, which consisted of 21 students in total.



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