



## Y6 Parent Induction Evening

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Transition: Year 6 into 7

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# Our Expectations

...not just to achieve, but to excel

- Enjoyment
- Responsibility and self-esteem
- Standards and achievement
- Strong foundations
- Relationships with parents



# Home - School Partnership



## Bristol Free School Staff are committed to:

- Planning the curriculum effectively and teaching it to deliver outstanding outcomes
- Setting suitable tasks in lessons and homework, with reasonable deadlines
- Marking work regularly and effectively and returning it without undue delay
- Assessing progress, setting targets and producing reports as appropriate
- Helping students to broaden skills and interests by encouraging their participation in extra-curricular activities
- Providing support, help and guidance
- Seeking the support of parents and carers, both formally and informally
- Inspiring a love of learning, a sense of social responsibility and wellbeing



## Bristol Free School Students are committed to:

- Engaging with and enjoying learning, aiming for 100% attendance and punctuality
- Completing all work to the best of their abilities
- Being ambassadors for the school, home and the community
- Using feedback to improve their understanding and knowledge
- Aiming for excellence in everything they do
- Complying with the school's codes on uniform and behaviour
- Arriving at lessons with all essential books and equipment
- Becoming fully-fledged members of the BFS community



## Bristol Free School Parents are committed to:

- Engaging with the school and helping children to enjoy their learning by sharing in their school experience
- Working with staff to ensure targets are set and met, attending parents' evenings and supporting all the school's systems
- Monitoring completion of homework, deadlines and revision
- Providing all necessary equipment and uniform
- Contacting the school at an early stage if a concern arises
- Helping students to broaden skills and interests by encouraging participation in extra-curricular activities
- Providing support, help and guidance



# Our curriculum:

- Broad and balanced
- Focus on English, Mathematics and Science
- Leading towards outstanding achievement at the end of Year 11



Subject	Teaching time
English, Maths, Science	4 lessons per week
Languages, DT+CS, PE	3 lessons per week
History, Geography	2 lessons per week
Art, RP, Drama, PSHE, Music	1 lesson per week





## BFS is a good school with outstanding features:

- "exceptionally polite, punctual and well behaved"
- "relationships between students are excellent"
- "standards are high in English, maths and science. In English and across the curriculum, students' reading and writing skills are very highly developed"

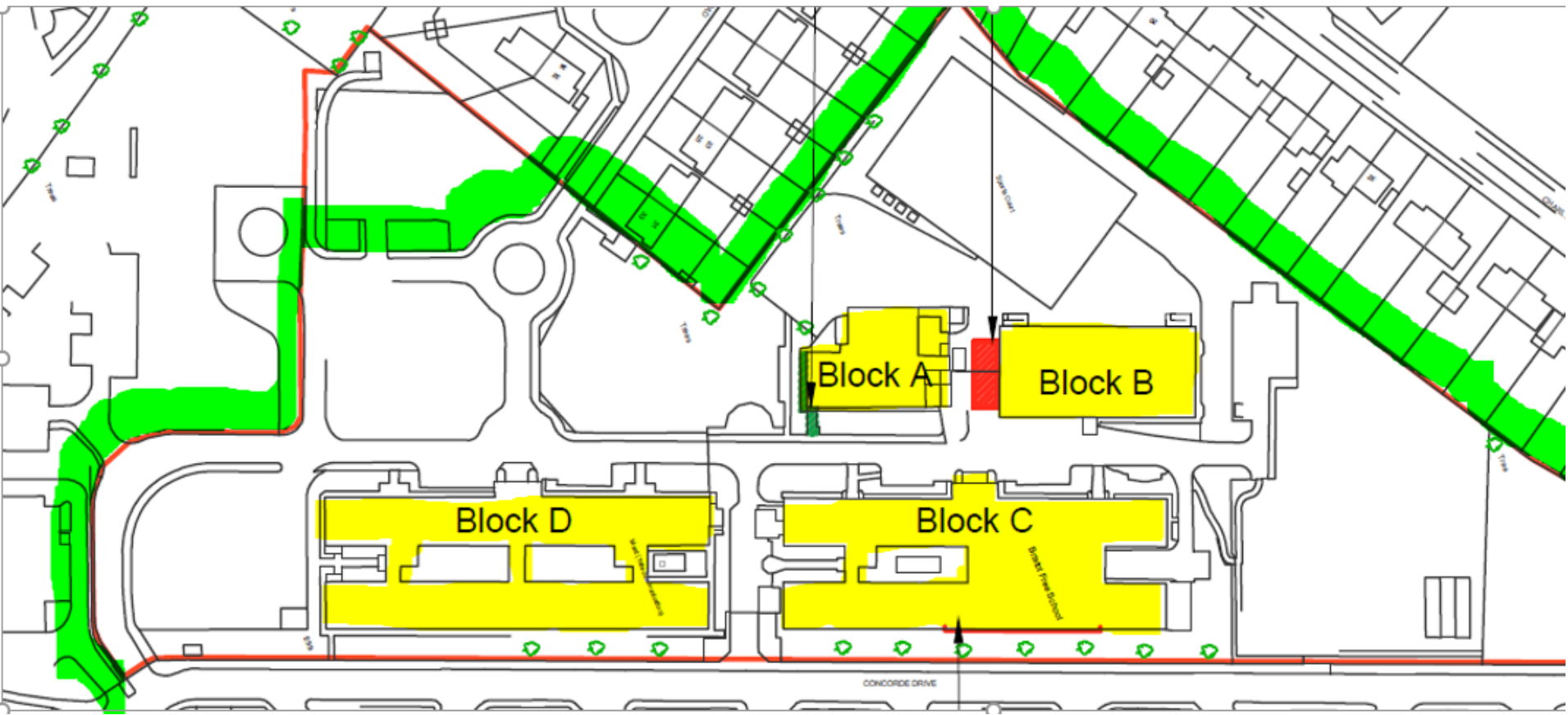
"The school's ground-breaking development has been handled with exceptional skill and confidence by the trustees, governors and Headteacher. In a short time they have established a school with a strong reputation in the local community.

The founding parents' aim of stopping the wide dispersal of pupils around and beyond the city at the end of their primary years is being achieved, as a high percentage of Year 6 pupils from feeder primaries now put this school as a first choice".



## 6<sup>th</sup> Form

- Now open with 60 in Year 12 and 80 projected for next year.
- The new block is fully open from 24 April (two days time)
- It contains additional drama, music and art facilities
- We will spread out.





**Ben Sillince – Deputy Headteacher**



## Grouping the new intake

Great care is taken to ensure that every learning group is well balanced in terms of gender, ability, and age in the academic year.

The learning group is taught as a class for most subjects in Years 7, 8, and 9, with setting introduced in Maths, English, Science, MFL and PE during Years 7, 8, and 9.

Our tutor groups are created in much the same way as the learning groups, however, students remain in their tutor group with their tutor from Year 7 to Year 11.



## Assessment and Reporting

- Subject Evenings
- Regular academic review
- Reports

## Homework

- Year 7: An hour per night
- Recorded on Show My Homework
- Extra-curricular homework club



<b>June</b>	Our Primary Transition co-ordinator will visit Year 6 classes to meet students and teachers. We also begin additional transition work with vulnerable students.
<b>Tuesday 4 July</b>	Information Evening, starting at 6.30 pm. Key details regarding the start of the school year and an opportunity to meet staff. Parents only! FOBFS second-hand uniform shop will be there.
<b>Tuesday 18 July</b>	Primary Transition Day for 'new' Year 7 students; school day timings. Further details will follow; everyone comes in for their first day at Bristol Free School.
<b>Monday 4 &amp; Tuesday 5 September</b>	INSET - no students in school. Teachers are getting ready for the new school year.
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b>	<b>First day of term for all students!</b>
<b>Friday 15 &amp; 22 September</b>	Year 7 student and parent activity evening, in conjunction with the Friends of Bristol Free School (FoBFS) – more details to follow



**Starting in Year 7**





## Tutor Groups

- Meet every day for half hour sessions
- Termly tutorial programme to support learning and develop social and emotional aspects
- Peer mentoring
- Assemblies and briefings
- School council



# Enrichment

- Extensive range of extra-curricular activities
- Visits and trips (day and residential)
- Competitive sporting fixtures
- Termly school play



## Extra-curricular activities

Art Club, Band Academy, Chess, Dynamics Choir, Climbing Club, Crafts, Duke of Edinburgh, Dance, Eco Club, Enterprise Club, Food Lab, Fundraising Club, Gardening, Hockey, Italian, Latin, Model United Nations, Parkour, Book Group, Science Club, Sports Clubs, Orchestra, Young Enterprise, Flying Start, Women Engineers, Youth Politics, Community Projects, Digital Leaders, Wellbeing ambassadors, Peer Mentors, Kodu Club, Table Tennis, Folk Band...



## Year Group Expectations

- Well rounded students
- 'Growth mindset'
- Student responsibility
- Enjoy school and thrive in all aspects of school life
- Awareness of the school's place in the locality



## Next Steps

- Fill in your coloured forms please and get them in to Reception
- Email us at [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) if you have any questions
- Mark down **Tuesday 18 July** as a red letter day: it's the Primary Transition Day!
- Similarly – **Tuesday 4 July** – is our formal Parent Information evening, everything you absolutely must know before September