

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

Thank you all for your support over what has been a very difficult week for us all. We will say more at the appropriate time.

Richard Clutterbuck



Term 2 – November's Key Dates

November	
Monday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governors' meeting after School 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker
Tuesday 12	Y8 girls HPV vaccinations
Wednesday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 netball vs Red Maids' (home) Y9 rugby vs Cotham School (away)
Friday 15	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Monday 18	Y7 boys' basketball tournament (home)
Tuesday 19	Y8 & 9 boys' basketball vs St Mary Redcliffe School (home)
Wednesday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAE Systems Roadshow for Y7 Y7 boys' 5-a-side football competition at Bristol Metropolitan
Thursday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 rugby vs Oasis Academy (away) Model United Nations outing to Churchill Academy
Monday 25	Sports Leaders course
Tuesday 26	Y9 rugby vs City Academy Bristol (at Coombe Dingle)
Wednesday 27	Y7, 8 & 9 boys' and girls' Bristol Schools' cross country championship at Failand
Thursday 28	Y9 subject evening
Friday 29	U13s girls' football tournament at Golden Hill

Key dates for later in the year are noted in the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Live Lounge

On Friday 25 October the BFS Music Department hosted the first in a series of what will become regular lunchtime concerts showcasing musical talent in the School. Many of the students who have been attending the 'Band Academy' extra-curricular club have formed bands, including "The Bugs", "The Unknown" and "S.A.S." These performed for an enthusiastic crowd in the dining hall. Staff and students were treated to a wide range of items, with participants from all year groups as well as staff contributions from Miss Green and Mr Pate. The concert proved very popular, with many more students already signing up to perform at the next opportunity! Live Lounge concerts will take place towards the end of every term. Potential performers should see Mr Pate for more information or, better still, attend 'Band Academy' on Fridays or Choir on Wednesdays.



Great Expectations

On the penultimate day of last term, Year 9 had an exciting afternoon watching *Great Expectations* at the Bristol Old Vic. After spending the term studying the text in English lessons, the year group had been looking forward to watching the adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by both the students and staff and, fortunately for all, the show certainly met, if not exceeded, our own very great expectations!

Poetry Performance

The last week of term saw the arrival of two long-awaited trains to the LRC – cardboard trains, admittedly, but they nonetheless formed the centrepiece of a magnificent Year 7 performance poetry competition. Parents who had gathered at the School on the last day of term watched in awe as the LRC was then inhabited by a mysterious sound collector, gathering sounds in a black bin bag, and then by a host of ghostly listeners played beautifully by our Year 7 students.

Special congratulations to Miss Hogg’s and Mr Jones’ classes, who were crowned joint winners for two performances which took everyone’s breath away. Thanks also to all the parents who came and made the afternoon a fantastic success. Every student involved made a tremendous effort. We certainly hope to see more performance poetry from them in the years to come!

Y8 Rugby Tournament

It was the first rugby tournament of the year for the boys and we turned up with a very strong line-up.

We started our first match, against Orchard, with some strong tackles and the game looked quite even but Charlie Stokes made the breakthrough with a bulldozing try. Three more great tries followed by William Range, Rowan Clark and Lucas Workman. At half time we were dominating so we took a few of our more experienced players off, but we were punished and Orchard got back into the game by scoring two tries using their quick winger. Immediately after, we re-shuffled and they inspired the team to keep going and consequently four tries followed by Charlie, Harry Dunkley, Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell and Henry King and we sealed the game and won comfortably 40-10.

Despite our previous win, we went into the game against Henbury feeling nervous. Our opposition punished us and they nicked the first try of the game. Frustratingly, Henbury scored three more tries using their strongest player who sent fear through several of our players’ bones. But one boy on our team, who was playing in his first rugby match, was still determined. Aabhas Dhall collected the ball on the wing and

boomed down the touchline, taking on four or five players, and scored a superb try. Sadly, this wasn't enough for the win and we lost the game 5-20.

Charlie was named player of the tournament by Jamie for showing great spirit and scoring some great tries. Well done to him!
Sports journalist: Dan Whetton (Y8)

6 Degrees of Aspiration

Term one saw the launch of 6 Degrees of Aspiration. Students have participated in an impressively extensive range of extra-curricular activities; Year 7 developed vital presentation skills through public poetry performances; staff have shared their academic and career profiles to promote conversations about Higher Education; and more. As well as the growing focus on the Guided Choices programme for Year 9 over the coming term, we will be welcoming weekly keynote speakers on Mondays between 3 and 4pm in the drama hall. This will provide students with access to professionals from varying career arenas which will broaden their understanding of as many different careers as possible and the journeys taken to reach these positions. We are delighted to have **Liz Beacon, BBC Points West journalist**, joining us on Monday 11 November. Any students with interests in English, broadcasting, ‘being on the telly’, travel, and practical jobs which are not office-based should come along.



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 11 November

Tuesday:

- Basketball (Y7 & 8)
- Comic Book Philosophy
- Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
- Film Club
- Games Club
- German Club

Wednesday:

- Book Club
- Choir
- Italian Club
- Science Club
- Netball

Thursday:

- Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
- Model United Nations
- Orchestra
- Creative Writing
- Dance Club (Y9)
- Craft Club

Friday:

- ‘Band Academy’
- Climbing Club
- Basketball (Y9)

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.



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