

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

Everyone at Bristol Free School is deeply saddened by Miss Furness-Smith's death. She joined us in September as one of our maths teachers but soon made herself a vital part of our extra-curricular activities, from netball coaching to bouldering. As well as being an excellent maths teacher, Miss Furness-Smith was passionate about enriching our students' experiences beyond the taught curriculum. This passion was infectious and although her time with us was far too short, she has left us inspired and strengthened by her commitment to teaching, to our students and to school life. She will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Miss Furness-Smith's family as they deal with this tragic loss.

Richard Clutterbuck



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 18 November

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Book Club
Choir
Italian Club
Science Club
Netball
Arts Award

Thursday:

Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
Model United Nations
Orchestra
Creative Writing
Dance Club (Y9)
Eco-club
Mixed Sport
Basketball (Y9)

Friday:

'Band Academy'
Climbing Club

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

6 Degrees of Aspiration

On Monday 11 November we welcomed Liz Beacon from BBC Points West to Bristol Free School, our first Keynote Speaker as part of the 6 Degrees of Aspiration programme. She was pleased to be speaking to a mixed group of boys and girls from all year groups and was impressed by the students' questions. Hannah Warren in 7LG6 said "It was an inspiring talk from an inspiring person". Continuing to provide students with access to professionals from varying career arenas we will be joined by Richard Deverson on Monday 18 November. Richard is a valued Friend of Bristol Free School who enjoyed an extensive military career before a move to business in the position of Operations Manager. So any students with interests in the military, engineering, flying, business, travel, or practical jobs which are not office-based should come along between 3 and 4pm to the Drama Studio.

broke through and Charlie Stokes scored the important try. Some try stopping tackles by Aabhas Dhall, Josh Blackman and Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell were keeping us in the game. However, some good attack play by Oasis broke our defence and they scored a try in the dying minutes. An unfortunate loss, but we had competed well. Henbury were our upcoming opponents and we fought well at the start but didn't have that end product which was essential. As a result, the game was slowly stretching out of our reach and we ended up losing despite not making many mistakes. We finished the day unsuccessful but on the bright side our team is gradually getting stronger and I'm sure that in the near future we will match our rivals and secure a positive result.

Sports journalist: Daniel Whetton



Year 8 Rugby tournament

A cold and cloudy evening told a story of its own, winter was near. BFS turned up with a powerful line up knowing that we will be challenged by some ferocious opposition. Our first game against Oasis started even with some solid tackles from both sides. But we were caught flat footed and Oasis nicked a try with some nice play. Thankfully, some of the experienced players on the team kept their spirits high and led the team on. After some pressure on the Oasis defence, we finally

Term 2 – November's Key Dates	
November	
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
<p>Key dates for later in the year are noted in the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</p>	