

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

The end of term 3 will be upon us in two weeks and the February holiday which follows will mark Bristol Free School's first overseas residential trip – skiing in Italy. Putting the arduous coach journey to one side, the trip promises to be an excellent week for all involved. Excitement among the students is growing and the lucky 44 will be briefed shortly about the trip and most importantly the room allocations...

Next Monday sees Latin introduced to the students through our 6 Degrees of Aspiration extra-curricular programme with a beginner's session on Monday and a GCSE programme of study on Tuesday. Further detail about our Latin offer is within this newsletter.

Finally, following up from Friday 17 January's newsletter which led with a feature on homework, the homework grids are now available on our website:

<http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/bristol-free-school---homework.php>



## Term 3 –Key Dates in February

February	
Tuesday 4	Swimming gala at Easton
Wednesday 5	The Tenner Challenge
Thursday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y9 Maths challenge</li> <li>8TG6 DVD viewing after school</li> <li>Theatre trip to see "Westside Story"</li> <li>Y7 &amp; Y9 boys' football vs Bradley Stoke Community School (away)</li> </ul>
Friday 7	8TG4 DVD viewing after school
Monday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Author visit for Y7: Andy Robb</li> <li>6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Damien Lavis, software engineer</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Safety day and surgery after school</li> <li>Y9 PSHE day</li> </ul>
Wednesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parkour event at Bristol Met</li> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 girls' hockey vs Red Maids' (away)</li> </ul>
Thursday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U14 girls' football vs St Bede's (away)</li> <li>Y9 parents/carers, Guided Choices evening</li> </ul>
Friday 14	End of term 3: 3:00pm

For further dates see the calendar at <[www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk)>

## Richard Clutterbuck

### FoBFS

(Friends of Bristol Free School)

Friday 14 March

Family Quiz Night

further details to follow

## The Tenner Challenge

Next Wednesday we are hosting the Tenner Challenge for school teams from Bristol and Bath. Our team of Y9 students (Cheril Mathew, Macey Ryan, Georgina Hill, James Beggs, Celeste Silcox, Sahara Shafi, Yazid Khattab, Sam Buckler, Ellie Broderick, Taariq Fry, Ibrahim Ibrahim, Lorna Simmonds and Matthew Taylor) will enjoy input from volunteer business gurus before competing in a 'Dragon's Den' type event over the course of the morning. Wish our students luck and let's hope the Enterprise Day experience back in December prepared them well!

We all were waiting anxiously for the arrival after some drills to practice and perfect our shooting skills. First up were the Year 7s which included: Sydney Browne, Holly Neville (GK), Bobbi Thomas (GK), Alice Russell, Zoe Toye and Holly Freke. The Year 8s headed up to the balcony to watch whereas the Year 7s had a quick pep talk. The game was soon in full swing and in the first 5 minutes Red Maids' were able to fit in a goal. After that came many attempts to score from Alice, Holly and Zoe. In the end Alice managed to get past the defenders and shot a goal right in to the back of the net. After that was the second match in which we scored twice; the first by Holly N and the second by Zoe. In the end we came out with the score of 4-1 and were very proud of our victory. The player of the match went to Alice Russell.

Next the Years 8s were on. The team consisted of Ellie Haines, Olivia Stone, Corinne Thompson, Ellie Cleary, Bobbi Thomas (Y7) and Phoebe Neville (Y7). Red Maids' went straight in and tried shooting a goal, in the first 30 seconds, but a good save from Bobbi helped! There was a good formation in the field which helped us effectively pass the ball and keep possession of it. Red Maids' ended up scoring a goal but then Olivia soon fought back with a goal of her own. After some tough but excellent play Olivia then took a strike cross corner and celebrated her victory with a small dance! The celebrations kept coming as Ellie took a long range strike and scored. When we changed ends both teams had several shots on goal but neither managed to land it in the back of the net, although there was still excellent play. Bobbi was a very good goalkeeper letting in only one goal. We finished at 3-1 and the player of the match went to Corinne Thompson.

We all finished on a high note and the result of winning the match was pleasing! Well done. We have finally beaten these rivals! Match report by CorinneThompson (Y8)

### **FoodLab**

The FoodLab analysts have been breaking new boundaries in the pursuit of the perfect chip. Three varieties of potato were cooked with three different cooking methods. After rigorous blind taste testing by our food scientists the following 'double bake' recipe using King Edwards potatoes was chosen.

- Preheat the oven to 180°C. Set a cooling rack over each of 2 baking sheets.
- Peel the potatoes, leaving a patch of the skin at both ends. Cut each potato

lengthwise into very thin (1/8- to 1/4-inch) slices—the thinner they are, the crispier the end product will be. Cut those slices into strips which are just as thin.

- In a large bowl, drizzle the fries very lightly with oil—a couple of turns of the bowl should do the trick. Season with salt and pepper.
- Arrange the chips on the racks in a single layer without crowding either rack.
- Roast 30 minutes. Remove the chips and increase the oven temperature to 220°C. Toss the chips in a large bowl with one of the optional flavourings (if using). Return the chips to the oven and bake until very crispy and brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

### **Latin at BFS**

Our Latin tutor, Mr Warwick-Smith, starts with us on Monday. Through him we are offering two exciting opportunities:

- Mondays 4-5pm Latin for Beginners. All students welcome.
- Tuesdays 3:15-5pm GCSE Latin (Y9 students by invitation).

According to Charlotte Higgins of The Guardian newspaper Latin 'helps create curious, intellectually rigorous kids with a rich interior world, people who have the tools to see our world as it really is because they have encountered and imaginatively experienced another that is so like, and so very unlike, our own.'

Could this be your child? Do encourage them to come along.

### **'Bye Bye Birdie'**

Congratulations to Britney Marshall who earlier this month performed in a production of Bye Bye Birdie with the Ivy Arts Youth Theatre company. The show was fun and full of energy from start to finish.

It was a pleasure to see Britney performing alongside a diverse group of students with differing abilities and experiences. Britney was a true star, full of enthusiasm and excitement from the minute she stepped out on stage. She worked hard alongside the cast to capture the audience and provide them with an evening full of entertainment. Well done, Britney, and thank you for an enjoyable evening. Miss Rose

### **Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 3 February**

#### **Monday:**

**3.00 – 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Ms Nicholas – photography and where it can take you

**4.00 – 5.00:** Latin for Beginners

#### **Tuesday:**

Band Academy  
Bristol Fantasy Stock Exchange  
Girls' cricket  
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)  
Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)  
Boys' Football (Y7 & Y8)  
Textiles Club

#### **Wednesday:**

"Bugsy" rehearsals  
Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)  
Model United Nations  
Italian Club  
Orchestra  
Reading Group (Y9)  
Science Club (Y7)

#### **Thursday:**

Art Club  
Craft Club  
Creative Writing  
Food Lab  
Girls' football  
Boys' football (Y9)  
Fundraising Club

#### **Friday:**

Climbing Club (Y8 & Y9)  
"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

### **Art Trip**

A group of art enthusiasts took a trip to the Royal West of England Academy last week to see the Autumn Exhibition which showcases the cream of painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture and architecture. Students engaged with the array of works choosing their favourite pieces. They also debated whether some of the more abstract work should be considered art at all! I look forward to forthcoming Art lessons to see what has inspired them. Miss Dawson