

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

Bristol Free School has a Twitter account dedicated to our sports teams. Mr Truan oversees the site but much of the input comes from those students given the responsibility of keeping us all updated about our sporting prowess. At the last count we had 13 followers and hopefully we'll see a few more of you embracing this technology and checking the BFS PE site alongside the results of any other teams you may follow as fans of sport.

Next week Charlotte Edwards, the England Women's Cricket captain and Ashes winner is coming to BFS to introduce our girls to indoor cricket. This promises to be a fantastic event with an international star inspiring the next generation of England cricketers.



Our recruitment cycle of staff for September 2014 has begun. Adverts will be going in to the Times Education Supplement, eTeach and on to our website shortly. The first round of adverts are for teaching staff and as we approach Easter further adverts for support staff will be published.

<http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/vacancies.php>

**Richard Clutterbuck**



Tenner Challenge

## Term 3 –Key Dates in February

February	
Monday 10	Author visit for Y7: Andy Robb
Tuesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Safety day</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)>

## FoBFS Quiz Challenge

on 14th March



See separate flyer and book up <http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/fobfs.php>

## Latin at BFS

Our Latin tutor Mr Warwick-Smith started with us on Monday and student feedback has been resoundingly positive. Although our GCSE class is full there are spaces in the beginners' class which takes place in C126, Mondays 4-5pm. All students in all years are welcome!

## Bugsy Malone

The preparations for Bristol Free School's first whole school musical are coming along well. Given the number of students involved in the performance from all year groups it promises to be an exciting event. The show is due to take place in May and students have already been rehearsing hard in preparation.

There will be a slight change of plan to the usual rehearsal schedule next week. We intend to run next Wednesday's rehearsal until 5pm and then not to rehearse on Friday. All cast members are needed for this rehearsal.

An early warning date for your diary is that we will be running a whole day rehearsal on Saturday 10 May for all cast members, backstage crew and orchestra. Further details will follow.

We are also looking for your support, hoping that you will donate 1920's style clothing and accessories. These could be dresses, hats, shoes, jewellery, boys' suit jackets, trousers for example which can be re-cycled to produce costumes for our actors. All donations are to be taken to the School's Reception.

## Paris 2014

This week students have had a letter to take home about Bristol Free School's first trip to France. The visit is open to all students in Years 8 and 9 who are studying French. Reply slips are due back to the School's Reception by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 February. Places are limited and, if oversubscribed, names will be picked from a hat. Mr Leeson has further copies of the information if needed.

## Year 8 football vs Henbury

This was the second game the Year 8s had played and we were more determined than ever after the previous disappointing draw. We had strong players in all the positions which brought confidence to everyone. We started off very well with high pressing and received our reward after just five minutes with George Bond sprinting down the wing and firing the ball sweetly into the top corner. Heads were up and chests were out as George Bond was played through again and finished it well. But the game wasn't over. Henbury was looking dangerous on the break and Josh Blackman pulled a terrific save, showing his excellent reflexes. After that scare, the defence at the back, Vincent

Harper and Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell, tightened up and we looked very solid. A couple of missed chances passed and we really wanted to put the game to bed and we did just that with Tanaka Madimutsa cutting inside and firing the ball powerfully into the top left corner! We didn't start the second half as we'd have liked to though, and Henbury scored with a good strike from outside the box, but our team had what they didn't, team spirit, and Aabhas Dhall played a great chip through ball, and who was there to finish it, but George Bond! Overall an excellent and pleasing display with a hat-trick and all round great performances – the first win of the season and a good one too!

Sports journalist: Dan Whetton (Y8)

## Science

As part of our Chemical Reactions topic in Year 7, we are going to be making camping stoves out of the humble fizzy drinks can! To make this exciting project possible, we require a large number of empty cans (330ml – coke, lemonade etc) and ask for donations of these to be brought to the Science Prep Room before the February holiday.

We would also welcome any donations of old CDs, DVDs and newspapers at any time of year.

## Dining Hall service

Please note that if you have neither given permission for the School to process your child's biometric data nor contacted the School to advise your refusal to do so, then from Monday 24 February your child will be unable to purchase any refreshments at the Dining Hall as the service will be entirely cashless at point of sale.

If you have any queries please contact the School by email

[admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

## Newsletter | 7 February 2014

**An introductory session to indoor cricket for girls**  
delivered by the current Women's England captain...

**CHARLOTTE EDWARDS**

**Where: Sports Hall**

**When: Tuesday 11 February, 3.15 – 4.30**

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 10 February

### Monday:

**3.00 - 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration  
keynote speaker: Damien Lavis, software engineer

**4.00 - 5.00:** Latin for Beginners

### Tuesday:

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

### Wednesday:

"Bugsy" rehearsals  
Chess Club  
Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)  
Italian Club  
Orchestra  
Reading Group (Y7 & Y8)  
Science Club (Y8 & Y9)

### Thursday:

No activities

### Friday:

No activities

Homework Club will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Tenner Challenge

We hosted the Tenner Challenge this week and our Year 9 team did us proud. In spite of the inclement weather teams from eight other schools visited. Students enjoyed networking with those from other schools, in a morning which started with a keynote speech from Rob Carter, ACTIONcoach Business Coach and board member of Young Enterprise, Bristol. After workshops on management, marketing and sales, finance and planning, the challenge was on. The BFS team chose to pitch an idea for a community day which would include six different initiatives to fundraise for charity - '6 Degrees of fundraising'. Their approach was ambitious, original and inclusive and Ibrahim Ibrahim was commended on his confident public speaking. The invitation is out now for 12 other Year 9s to join the Tenner team, led by Mr Harkin, to make as much money as possible from an initial £10 investment. Watch this space...