

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

Last night we welcomed our Year 9 students and their families to the School for their Pathway Evening. Following a presentation from Miss Slater, students and families met with our middle leaders at the subject fair in the LRC. Staff had worked hard to produce materials to inspire, engage and bedazzle... as well as inform. The atmosphere was vibrant and full of energy as meaningful conversations were enjoyed by all parties. Students received their official Guided Choices Confirmation form. The next step for students in making their curriculum choices is an interview with a member of the Senior Team and then completing and submitting their forms on 7 March.

Finally, have a restful holiday; let's hope the weather eases up next week.

**Richard Clutterbuck**



## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 24 February

**Monday:**  
4.00 - 5.00: Latin for Beginners

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

**Wednesday:**  
"Bugsy" rehearsals  
Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)  
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  
Model United Nations

**Friday:**  
Climbing Club (Y8 & Y9)  
"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

## Term 4 –Key Dates

February	
Tuesday 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bristol Inspire 2014</li> <li>Girls' indoor cricket competition, City Academy</li> </ul>
Wednesday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U14 girls' football vs Fairfield (away)</li> <li>7TG2 &amp; 7TG4 laser tag after school</li> </ul>
Thursday 27	Governors' meetings after school
Friday 28	Orchestra trip to Colston Hall for Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
March	
Monday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Stephen Beggs, structural engineer</li> <li>Y7 netball vs Red Maids' (home)</li> </ul>
Thursday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 boys' football vs St Bede's (away)</li> <li>U14 girls' football tournament at Oasis Brightstowe</li> </ul>
Friday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary School Sports Festival</li> <li>Y9 disco, 7.00 – 9.00</li> </ul>
April	
Friday 4	End of term 4: 3.00 pm

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

**Swimming Gala**

Last week a selection of students formed the first BFS swim team to compete in a Bristol secondary schools' gala at Easton Leisure Centre. Due to various illnesses and injuries the team was depleted from 14 swimmers to 9. Undeterred by the absence of their peers the swimmers took to the blocks and gave their best. It was Amir Farooq and Sam Conibear's debut in a competitive situation - well done boys, a great first race. For Hannah Warren and Millie Silcox it was a chance to showcase their club swimming skills. Congratulations to Louis St Clair who competed in the intermediate age group. Notable mentions go to Ellen Corbett, Portia Neville and Alice Russell who were each placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their heats and to Jacob White who secured a first and a second place in his two individual events.

**West Side Story**

Last week 18 students from across the three year groups enjoyed an evening of entertainment at the Bristol Hippodrome when they went to see the fantastic musical hit West Side Story. With some well-known songs together with vibrant and energetic dancing the evening was a huge success. Students also took the opportunity to put their language skills to use by translating some of the Spanish lines! Thank you to the students who came along - you were true ambassadors of Bristol Free School. I look forward to organising the next trip soon. Watch this space.

Miss Rose

**Y9 boys' football vs Patchway**

The match kicked off. New tactics and methods were brought onto the pitch as we were passing the ball around swiftly - we were enjoying being in control of the game. Our BFS team kept pushing on the attack, probing and unwinding their defence. Before long our striker Elon Kidd hit the ball deeply into the bottom corner with power and precision; the keeper had no chance! We were 1-0 up and very happy with our performance so far. However we didn't want to let our standard slip, knowing we wanted to win our first game for this season. Therefore we carried this on and quality kept showing from our side. Then we made a breakthrough with our skilful midfielder Harvey Corp who netted the ball to the left of the keeper whilst making it look easy - what a finish! We couldn't have been playing any better, but we simply wanted more goals. Then Harvey Corp once again got into a steady shooting position and drifted the ball around the keeper. How did he score that one? The end of the game was closing

in, but just to put a cherry on top of the cake we played the ball up to our striker, James Hally, and he took a magnificent touch to set the ball up for his shot that flew into the top of the net - now that's quality! The game ended at 4-0. Our first football victory! The score perfectly reflects the game - how well BFS played, and well done to Patchway for putting in a good effort.

Sports journalist: Max Hedger (Y9)

**Girls' Indoor Cricket**

On Tuesday 11 February, an international sporting star visited BFS. Charlotte Edwards, the Women's England captain and Ashes winner was kind enough to come and deliver an indoor cricket session to a group of 14 enthusiastic girl cricketers. The group was slightly star-struck to begin with but keen to take on board any coaching advice given to improve their technique. After a few warm up activities, Charlotte demonstrated her batting skills, with the group analysing her movements. The girls then had an opportunity to put this into practice with a short batting drill. Before Charlotte left, the girls took the opportunity to collect her autograph and pose for a picture to remember this experience by.



**Reminder**

If a student is prevented from taking a full part in PE lessons, they should have a note from their parent/carer in their Planner but are still expected to change into their PE kit so they can remain involved in the lesson through coaching and officiating roles.

**Dining Hall service**

Please remember that if you have not given permission for the School to process your child's biometric data or have not contacted the School to advise refusal to do so means that your child will not be able to purchase any refreshments at the Dining Hall after the holiday. If you have any queries please contact the School by email [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

**Y9 boys' football vs Henbury**

The second football match for Year 9 had come up. We were set up against Henbury School and we knew they were a quality team as we had lost games to them in past years. This meant we had to be playing our very best in order to beat them. Our team had made few substitutions since our last game. The match started. Instantly we could tell it was going to be a tough match as possession was shared equally and they held tight pressure on us. Good passing up front eventually broke through their strong defence and a goal from Patrik Fugedi lifted the whole team. Our defence held firm with the solid Rhys Mathias and Dan Manikum-Cole providing an impenetrable line of steel. In midfield all worked hard to keep the strikers fed with chances. The Henbury attack was relentless and eventually overwhelmed the defence and clawed a goal back. Some excellent solo efforts by their gifted striker from the right wing proved too much and they scored again. The final result was 4-3 to Henbury, though the whole team enjoyed the experience. We all feel we are responding to our success and looking forward to meeting the next opposition.

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