

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

On Friday 28 February Bristol Free School received a visit from the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP. He was accompanied by Charlotte Leslie, MP for Bristol North West. Charlotte worked closely with Parents' Voice to help set up the School prior to our opening in 2011. Mr Gove was on a whistle stop tour of Bristol and parts of Somerset and called in to BFS to see how the school had developed since he signed the funding agreement in 2011. Mr Gove and Charlotte Leslie visited a number of classrooms including a Year 7 Science practical, a Year 9 Art class which was working with clay and a Year 9 Geography class which was investigating the causes of hurricanes.

Towards the end of his visit, Mr Gove was served refreshments by four students, Megan Lloyd, Portia Neville, Matthew Taylor and Ibrahim Ibrahim on the balcony of our Sports Hall, while Miss McInnes led a PE lesson in the main hall below. These four students are members of the founding year group and have been part of the School's growth from a cohort of 80 students to a school of over 400 students and which is over subscribed for the second year running.

Mr Gove was very pleased with what he saw and spent a great deal of his time interacting with the students who enjoyed his company and discussed matters with him ranging from teaching and learning to their career aspirations.

I was honoured to be able to show Mr Gove our school and he was greatly impressed. It gave him the opportunity to see what he had helped to create and, crucially, to meet the students who have benefited from Bristol Free School becoming the first choice for parents in North West Bristol.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the day; it was a proud moment for us all.

**Richard Clutterbuck**



In the picture (left to right): Ibrahim Ibrahim, Portia Neville, Charlotte Leslie MP, Michael Gove MP, Matthew Taylor, Megan Lloyd and Richard Clutterbuck Headteacher of Bristol Free School.

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 10 March

### Monday:

**3.00 – 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Griff Holland (Friska Food)  
**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)  
Basketball

### Thursday:

Art Club  
Choir  
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.

**Girls' football vs St Bede's**

We were nervous yet excited as we drove to meet our opposition, St Bede's. Previously we had been outplayed by them. However with our new talented Year 7 students we were quietly confident. We won the toss and opted to take kick-off, but quickly lost possession. St Bede's had two early attempts on goal but either missed the target or the shot was saved by our strong goalkeeper, Holly Neville. After about 10 minutes into the game Phoebe Neville managed to dribble past their defenders, get into a good scoring position and scored. It was the first goal of the match. St Bede's responded with a powerful shot into the corner of the goal which made the score even at 1-1. Our heads dropped slightly at their early comeback which led to another two St Bede's goals. After some excellent pressure from our defenders Ellie Preece then took the ball and dribbled down the wing to take a shot from outside the box. Miraculously it rolled deliberately to the back of the net, out of reach of the goalie. This then secured a score of 2-3. An excellent performance and an enjoyable game!

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

**Courtney Stockham – Media Success**

Courtney (Y8) attends a local media club which has recently been very successful. The club entered the 'Smart Shotz' competition organised and led by the BBC and UWE. The challenge was to prepare a short animated documentary. Courtney's team worked hard to prepare a professional pitch to a panel of judges and answered a range of questions about their plan.

Against stiff competition from eight teams The Media Club held their ground and won. They will now spend time working closely with a selection of UWE students to plan and prepare their short video which will eventually be shown in cinemas across the country.

So as you sit back and relax with your popcorn keep your eyes peeled for the short film 'Addictions' by The Media Club. Well done, Courtney.

**Twitter**

We now have a twitter feed for anyone who wants to keep up to date with what is happening in the Science department. The handle is: BFS\_Science.

**BBC's 500 word competition**

The English Department would like to say a huge well done to all of the students who have entered their fantastic 500 word stories. This year was bigger than ever with over 70 entries from students in Years 7 and 8. From start to finish, the stories had both Miss Hogg and Miss Nowak rolling with laughter and smiling in wonder. This year's competition truly showed what a talented bunch of young writers we have here at Bristol Free School. Watch this space for the results!

**'Second Time Around' Uniform Store**

*Year 7s growing fast? Year 8s too big already?*

**...though still some life in that uniform?**

**It may be useful to someone...**

Please bring any unwanted items to the School Office.

Items with School Logo – Blazers/Jumpers/Sports Shirts

(No shirts please)

'Second Time Around' is run by the Friends of BFS

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**Term 4 –Key Dates**

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<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 boys' football vs Oasis (away)</li> <li>U14 girls' football tournament at Clifton College (Abbots Leigh)</li> </ul>
Thursday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y9 boys' football vs Oasis Brightstowe (home at Coombe Dingle)</li> <li>The Big Bang Fair at NEC, Birmingham</li> </ul>
Friday 14	FoBFS quiz evening
Monday 17	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Steve Clark, international entrepreneur
Wednesday 19	Y8 & Y9 Team Maths Challenge at St Katherine's
Thursday 20	U14 girls' football vs Fairfield (away)
Friday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport Relief</li> <li>Choir performance at St Paul's, Southville</li> </ul>
Monday 24	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Amah Shah, optician
Tuesday 25	Music Showcase
Thursday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routes into Languages – speaking competition</li> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 hockey vs Red Maids' (away)</li> <li>New Y7 parent information meeting (evening)</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	
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)>



- Join a team
- Help on the bar

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