

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

Welcome back, I hope you were able to enjoy the better weather over the Easter break.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the academic monitoring meetings and for completing the questionnaire. The results will be available on the website shortly.

The Sports Special accompanying this week's newsletter shows how busy and successful our students have been; enjoy reading the match reports from our team of journalists.

Finally, Miss Di Martino (who began maternity leave at the end of last term) gave birth to her baby girl Florence at 6.28 am on Wednesday 23 April. Congratulations from all at BFS.

Richard Clutterbuck



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 28 April

Monday:

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm: 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Steve Garrett, Giggle Group in C126

4.00 pm - 5.00 pm: Latin for Beginners

Tuesday:

Bristol University Philosophy Club

Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)

Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)

Orchestra

Textiles Club

Yoga Club

Wednesday:

Athletics

Book Club

"Bugsy" rehearsals

Computer Game Design

Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)

Science Club

Thursday:

Art Club

Dynamics Choir

Creative Writing

Dance Club

Rounders (all girls)

Cricket (Y9 boys)

Model United Nations

Friday:

Climbing Club (Y7)

"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday

6 DEGREES OF ASPIRATION



6 Degrees Business Brunch

It is a pleasure to invite you to our business brunch on Friday 9 May, 8.30 am -10.30 am here at Bristol Free School. It will be a chance for you to:

- learn more about our mission to make our young people as employable as possible through our '6 Degrees of Aspiration' programme;
- hear from students and previous contributors about their experiences of '6 Degrees';
- learn of future involvement opportunities;
- start your Friday well with a free breakfast and a chance to network.

We have 100 spaces for those of you keen to support our 6 Degrees of Aspiration, so if any of this appeals then please email r.collis@bristolreeschool.org.uk by close of business on Friday 2 May to secure yours. Interested colleagues are invited but a maximum of two per organisation. We are really looking forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Collis
Assistant Headteacher

PE lessons

Please remember that students need to wear white trainers during PE lessons during terms 5 and 6.

Year 7 boys will have swimming lessons during RED weeks this term, so will need to ensure that they have swimwear (trunks or shorts) and a towel as their PE kit. The lessons will take place at David Lloyd Leisure Club.

Changes to Homework Club

Homework Club continues to be a big success for students; with most of them using it at some point during the week. We are making one minor change to the way it operates: students are able to leave from 4.00 pm (and not before) if they have finished all of their homework. The club continues to run until 4.30 pm.

'Live below the Line' week

Next week sees Bristol Free School join millions of people around the world in raising awareness of global poverty. 'Live below the Line' is a fundraising and campaigning event which challenges people to live below the poverty line, on just £1 a day, for five days. The challenge is tough but gives a unique glimpse into the lives of 1.2 billion people who live below the poverty line every day.

Our Geography teacher, Mr Williams, is leading events in School and will be joined by other teachers in living off £1 a day for food and drink. Never one to be outdone, Mr Williams is also walking a 12 mile round trip to school each day, and sleeping on the floor at home, as well as taking cold bucket showers and living without electricity, phone or internet. The aim is to raise money for Human Care Syria, and promote awareness in School of the lives of those who live off £1 a day or less.

Various events will be happening throughout the week in School so students and staff can get involved:

Wednesday 30 April: **33p Lunch** - a 33p meal (vegetable broth) will be available for students to purchase from the dining hall. (The usual options will still be available.)

Thursday 1 May: **water carrying race** - to simulate the struggles of millions who have no access to clean, safe water. Students will carry a bucket of water around an obstacle course. Fastest time wins a prize!

Friday 2 May: **£1 Cake Sale** - at 3.00 pm, students will be able to purchase two cakes for £1 with all proceeds going to Human Care Syria.

Get involved!

Year 7: PGL trip to Beam House

All students who sent in deposits for this trip

have secured a place. Please remember that the second payment should have been made by now. Ideally you will be able to do this using the School's online payment facility. This will avoid your child needing to carry quantities of cash around with them.

Term 5 -Key Dates	
May	
Thursday 1	Y7 & Y8 Maths Challenge
Monday 5	School closed
Wednesday 7	Open Morning
Thursday 8	Y8 trip to City Museum & Art Gallery
Friday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> '6 degrees' Business Brunch Y8 girls: HPV vaccinations (3rd)
Saturday 10	"Bugsy" rehearsal, from 10.00 am
Monday 12	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Andrew McWhan, nuclear radiation testing
Monday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Rachel McTaggart, Senior Product Manager IMDb "Bugsy" performance
Tuesday 20	"Bugsy" performance
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning "Bugsy" performance
Thursday 22	"Bugsy" performance
Friday 23	End of term 5: 3.00 pm
For further dates see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk	

Jessie Neale -Easter artist

Over the Easter holidays Jessie Neale (Year 8) was asked by John Hadley, the priest at Horfield Parish Church, to design and paint the special Paschal candle. After many hours, amounting to days, practising on an old candle Jessie finished her design, which she then painted in acrylic paints.

The design included twelve sheep to represent the disciples and sacrifice, a grape vine representing the blood of Christ, bees for healing and butterflies for new life.

In a special Easter morning service at 5.00 am the Paschal candle was lit on a bonfire and paraded through the church. The candle can be seen in the church all year. If you would like to see it you can visit the church any day until about 6.00 pm.

