

# Weekly Update



## Words from the Headteacher

'Live Below the Line' is organised by the Global Poverty Project to raise awareness of extreme poverty and to raise funds for anti-poverty initiatives. Their challenge is to live on £1 per day for five days. On Monday Mr Williams took up the challenge. Other members of the BFS Team are Miss West, Ms Huzzey and Mr Pate. The team has raised over £1000. Mr Williams has been walking in to work (and it is a fair old distance), taking (cold) bucket showers and sleeping on the floor. This is the extreme version of the challenge and is only really open to Geography teachers! Nonetheless, Mr Williams and his team have been a credit to the School and an inspiration to us all.

Farewell to Mr Leeson - Matthew has been considering a career change for some time and decided that this term was the time to take the leap into pastures new. His last day at BFS was Wednesday and we wish him well as he takes up training in project management. He leaves the Modern Foreign Languages department in the capable hands of Assistant Headteacher Mrs Collis (formerly Miss Slater), who

thought her days of leading a languages department were behind her and we welcome Miss Ryan and Miss Prescott, replacing Matthew Leeson and maternity cover for Miss di Martino respectively.

Well done to all of our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have completed the UK Maths Challenge, I am looking forward to seeing how they fare. Having attempted some of the questions myself whilst invigilating, I am humbled by the skills of our mathematicians.

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As you know, Ikon Schoolwear, our school uniform supplier, has been purchased by Gridline Enterprises Ltd trading as Famous School Branches and the shop in Henleaze has been re-named.

Their new website is now operational at [www.famousbranches.com](http://www.famousbranches.com)

Please email the School [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) to make us aware of any serious issues with this service.

## Term 5 –Key Dates

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<b>May</b>	
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"> <li>'6 degrees' Business Brunch</li> <li>Y8 girls: HPV vaccinations (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> </ul>
Saturday 10	"Bugsy" rehearsal, from 10.00 am
Monday 12	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Andrew McWhan, nuclear radiation testing
Tuesday 13	Y7 & Y8 parent information meeting about body image, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Thursday 15	Y9 boys' cricket vs Cotham School (home at Coombe Dingle)
Monday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Rachel McTaggart, Senior Product Manager IMDb</li> <li>"Bugsy" performance</li> </ul>
Tuesday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 boys' cricket vs Cotham School (home at Coombe Dingle)</li> <li>"Bugsy" performance</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Morning</li> <li>"Bugsy" performance</li> </ul>
Thursday 22	"Bugsy" performance
Friday 23	End of term 5: 3.00 pm

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

## Bristol Schools' Football Cup

The Year 7 boys went into the quarter-final against St Bede's full of confidence and looking to continue their unbeaten run. Their previous game against this opposition had been extremely close, so the team was very aware of the threats particularly on the counter attack and from set pieces. It was a set piece which created the opening goal; an in-swinging corner was met five yards out by one of St. Bede's who powerfully headed the ball past a helpless Henry King in goal. The boys responded instantly with some excellent build up play between Frazer Smith and Harvey Sealey, which led to Robin Kirk sliding in at the back post to make the game level at half-time. Five minutes into the second half, some poor tracking back by BFS gave a lucky midfielder an easy tap-in to put the opponents ahead. Once again BFS responded in the best possible way, to work even harder and goal scoring opportunities became more frequent as we drove forward with fluency and precision. Captain George Fowler picked the ball up on the half-way line, dribbled past two players before delivering a pin point cross onto Harvey's head. He made no mistake! From this point on there was only one team in contention – coming back from one goal down on two occasions lifted the BFS team which continued to apply pressure to the opposition's defence. Excellent link up play between Ethan Neville and brother Jacob gave Robin a chance to score a second goal, which he did with ease. In the final stages of the game Harvey put the icing on the cake with a superb strike from range which dipped over the stranded goalkeeper to take BFS through to the semi-finals!

The semi-final game was against Brislington and was played on the University of Bristol's first team pitch at Coombe Dingle. Brislington started strongly passing the ball around in midfield but with no cutting edge in attack. After a slow start, BFS began to get on top with our midfielders looking to exploit the space behind Brislington's defence. Robin and Harvey looked a dangerous combination. The first goal came half-way through the first half, and it was once again poor marking from a corner which gave Brislington the lead. Soon after Brislington scored again, another goal conceded from a cross into the box. As we moved closer and closer towards the half-time whistle BFS grew stronger in all areas of the pitch, with Jacob Neville dominating in midfield and an excellent defensive performance from Thierry Grant and Richie Hathway. It was vital that we scored whilst we were on top to raise the spirits for the second half and it was our very own goal

machine, Harvey, who delivered, with an excellent left footed finish in off the post to give BFS the goal they deserved. You could feel the tension as the second half began, with both teams holding good shape and being cautious in both defence and attack. Both teams had opportunities before Brislington broke down our left hand side and a low cross rebounded into the BFS net to give our opponents a two goal advantage. Bristol Free School went on the attack and had numerous opportunities to score, with Deago Bailey hitting the post from 20 yards after moving into midfield. Hachim Mohamud came into midfield and made some timely tackles to regain possession for BFS, as we pushed and pushed for the remaining 10 minutes. Unfortunately Brislington's defence remained water tight, and in spite of our best efforts we couldn't break them down.

This has been a season to remember for the Year 7 football team, and leaves the players even more determined to reach the final next season.

Mr Truan would like to thank all of the parents who have shown their support throughout the season – it is appreciated by the boys and School alike.

### Head lice

We are aware of cases of head lice in School. Please check your child's hair for any signs of head lice and nits (lice eggs) and treat as necessary.

For further information refer to [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx)

### Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 5 May

#### Monday:

School closed

#### Tuesday:

Bristol University Philosophy Club  
Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)  
Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)  
Orchestra  
Textiles Club  
Yoga Club  
Rounders (all girls)

#### Wednesday:

Athletics  
"Bugsy" rehearsals  
Comic Book Philosophy  
Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)  
Science Club

#### Thursday:

Art Club  
Dynamics Choir  
Creative Writing  
Dance Club  
Cricket (Y9 boys)  
Craft Club

#### Friday:

Climbing Club (Y8 & Y9)  
"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Monday and Friday

### Friends of BFS at Westbury Community Fair

Saturday 10 May 11 am to 3.30 pm

FoBFS and students will be running a bottle stall to raise money for school projects and to be part of the WoT community.

All contributions welcome to support this local community event -any bottle-any size- to the School's Reception on Wednesday 7 or Friday 9 May.

Email [fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) for more details or if you can support on the stall for an hour on the day.

Now you can follow us on twitter: @FOBFS

See separate flyer about the Westbury Community Fair