

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 9 June

Monday:

3.00 – 4.00: 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Elaine Brown – The travel industry and entrepreneurship
4.00 – 5.00: Latin for Beginners

Tuesday:

Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)
Orchestra
Textiles Club
Yoga Club
Rounders (all girls)
Tennis (Y8 & Y9)

Wednesday:

Athletics
Comic Book Philosophy
Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)
Science Club

Thursday:

Art Club
Dynamics Choir
Craft Club
Creative Writing
Dance Club
Cricket (Y9 boys)
Tennis (Y7 & Y8)

Friday:

Climbing Club (Y8 & Y9)
Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.



Words from the Headteacher

Monday's staff training day focused on key elements of teaching and learning, from sharpening learning objectives to GCSE curriculum planning. We gathered together in the Drama Hall and staff worked in departments to re-visit what we would expect to see in a BFS lesson. Departments then set up a teaching and learning market place/trade fair in the LRC. Each department pitched their teaching and learning tricks of the trade to the other departments in a timed carousel exercise. Mr Jones was a strict time keeper, ensuring that we all kept moving around the fair. He also organised the vote to see which department's teaching and learning ideas were deemed to be the most useful and ones which staff would use in lessons. In third place was Music, second was English and first was Art, Design, Computing and Technology (ADCT). Congratulations to all of the staff for showcasing such a useful array of resources which I look forward to seeing appear in lessons across the School. During the afternoon staff worked out of their department bases implementing these ideas into existing and new schemes of work.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the day was the opportunity it gave for our new teaching staff to join us and take their first steps in to the School since interview day. They are all fine additions to our teaching staff and are eager to become part of Bristol Free School as we become four year groups and embark on Key Stage 4. For September we will welcome: Mr Aldridge, Mrs Hill and Mr Cousins (Maths department); Miss Smith and Mr Lewis (Science department); Miss McGrath and Mr Collis (English department); Mr Keen and Mr Davies (ADCT department); Mr Bishop and Mr Parry (Humanities department); and Mr Tolman and Miss Exton (PE department).

The end of year exam season is upon us and on Monday 9 June Year 9 will sit exams in Maths and English in the LRC. The students have been briefed by staff about the logistics of the day and the experience will give them a taste of what sitting GCSEs will be like in the summer of 2016. Year 9 will be using their official candidate numbers for the first time and although this is merely an organisational tool it is a number which they will use for all public exams at BFS, as well as our internal ones. The sooner they can memorise it the better. The following Monday and Tuesday will see Years 7 and 8 sitting their English and Maths exams in the LRC. For all other subjects, for all students, exams will mainly be carried out between 30 June and 11 July and based in the normal classroom spaces.

Richard Clutterbuck

Girls' Under 13 Cricket tournament

The girls' cricket team took part in a cricket tournament at Frenchay Cricket Club, the second of this academic year. We got there on time and warmed up practising our bowling technique and our batting skills. We had played in this tournament last year and were very successful in making it to the finals at Bath University. We had the same hopes and were determined to make as much progress as we had previously. The team consisted of Corinne Thompson (Year 8), Holly Neville, Holly Freke, Phoebe Neville, Katie Davies, Daniella Lloyd, Anna Fraser, Hannah Warren, Alice Russell and Zoe Toye (all Year 7).

The first game was against Bristol Metropolitan. We won the toss so we bowled first, with Zoe getting two wickets. It was then our turn to bat, and Holly Freke hit some great shots managing a four on a no ball and in the end retired. Phoebe was still in play but the game ended as six overs had been bowled. We won by 35 runs with player of the match being awarded to Zoe. The next game was against Winterbourne Academy. This was a quick game as we were watching the big black low clouds overhead. Bowling was our option again and we were very accurate, especially Holly Neville who got two great wickets. Unfortunately we didn't score enough runs and Winterbourne won the game by 4 runs.

Next up were Downend, and we were not as successful because their precise bowling threw us a bit. We managed to make 29 runs which was an easy target for the opposition. Their batting was equal to their bowling and we had to cover the boundaries in order to stop them scoring more runs. They made 54 runs and took victory.

The final game was against Abbeywood. Due to a shortage of time it was decided that this would only be a 5 over game. The opposition finished on 24-4 which we were confident we could overtake. This proved to be the case and we won with 27-1.

The girls played some excellent cricket and enjoyed the tournament, whilst qualifying for the next round to be played at Bath University.

Sports Journalist: Corinne Thompson.

Mathematics Challenge

Our students from Years 7 and 8 achieved an outstanding set of results in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust's Junior Mathematics Challenge.

Sixteen of our Year 8 students and 22 from Year 7 have been awarded certificates for their performance. Special congratulations go to Sophie Gordon (Y7) who not only received a gold certificate but also qualified

for the next round of the competition. Callum Bryan (Y8) and Daniel Brazil (Y7) also achieved gold certificates. Congratulations to all students who participated.

Beam House Activity Weekend

Please note that the information evening for parents will take place on Wednesday 18 June at 6.00 pm at school.

Years 7 & 8 boys' cricket vs Clifton High School

The beautiful sunshine greeted us at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex for our first ever cricket match against a private school. The boys were fully aware of the opposition's strengths, including a county cricketer and other dangerous players in their team. Captain Dan Whetton won the toss and elected to bowl, giving confidence to our bowling attack which was led by Michael Evans and Jacob Neville. We started brightly with our opening two bowlers taking a wicket each in their first over. Michael then secured a third wicket for BFS with a fantastic delivery, toppling Clifton High's top order. Tom Kent and George Fowler continued the pressure on their batsman, before Amaan Rashid took two wickets in two overs to leave the opponents on an achievable target of 40-5. Opening batsmen Cyrus Shafi and captain Dan eased into the game nicely and were looking comfortable, when an impressive delivery took the middle stump and gave Gabriel Lombard the opportunity to add to the BFS total. Clifton High were unable to take another wicket as Gabriel specialised in making singles and Dan hit three fours on his way to top scoring on 17 not out. BFS finished on 43-1 with an over remaining to take victory. The fielding display was excellent with Elias Fry, Josh Blackman and Robin Kirk all demonstrating control and precision in the field. Man of the match was awarded to two players for their solo performances: Dan for his batting display and Michael for his two wickets and consistent deliveries.

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June	
Monday 9	Y7 & Y8 athletics vs Henbury School (away)
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7, Y8 & Y9 rounders vs Orchard School (away) Y9 boys' cricket vs Henbury School (away)
Thursday 12	Y8 subject evening
Friday 13	Non-uniform day in support of British Red Cross
Monday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Alex Reilly – Loungers Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Patchway (away)
Tuesday 17	Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Fairfield School (away)
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 boys' cricket vs Oasis Brightstowe (away) Beam House trip, parent information evening, 6.00 pm
Saturday 21	British Red Cross Dance Competition
Monday 23	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Griff Holland, owner of Friska Food
Thursday 26	Y9 boys' cricket vs Cotham School (home at Coombe Dingle)
Monday 30	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Gordon Lindsay – Broadcom: "Turning sand into fun"

For dates in July see the calendar at <www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk>