

Weekly Update



Words from the Headteacher

We are now recruiting additional support staff for the School. Some of the posts exist already and we are simply adding to the teams already in place whilst others are new and are in response to the growth of the School. The posts will be advertised on the vacancies page of the School website and through Eteach.com very shortly. Each post will be advertised with a job profile which will give you an idea of what the role entails. Shortlisting of candidates will take place after the closing date for the submission of an application. Given the high number of applications we receive for posts at Bristol Free School we are only able to contact candidates who are invited to interview. The posts which we are recruiting for are: Pastoral Learning Mentors, Attendance Officer, Science Technician, ADCT (Art, Design and Computing Technology) Technician, Examinations and Assessment Officer, Finance Assistant, Administrative Assistant. Please go to www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/vacancies.php for full details about each post. If you know of anyone who you think fits the bill for any of the posts then please encourage them to apply. Equally I would encourage you to apply if you feel that any of the roles suit your experience and expertise. We have a number of staff who joined us from the local community or who are parents of students at the School or are likely to have students coming to BFS in the future; the School was set up to be of and in its community and this is one of the ways in which we can develop within our community year on year.

Well done to Year 9 for starting our exam season with the first of the end of year exams in the LRC last Monday. The students sat KS3 optional tests (legacy papers from the former KS3 SATs) in English and Maths. Years 7 and 8 will pick up the mantle on Monday and Tuesday of next week. As a consequence of the exams and for the purpose of a soft launch this term in readiness for September, our assemblies have shifted from the LRC to the Drama Hall. All year groups will have an assembly in the Drama Hall following our assembly rota and the LRC

space will start to take shape as a fully-fledged learning resource centre over the next few weeks. Incidentally, over £20,000 of books are being purchased and bespoke shelving is being fitted over the summer to populate the library area of the LRC. The space will also include an open plan classroom as well as quiet areas for study and reading.

Please check the dates within this newsletter and those included on the calendar on the front of our website. There is plenty going on this term and we would not want you to miss anything, be it the end of year BBQ run by the FoBFS on 4 July, or the Year 7 subject evening on 17 July.

Term 6 – Key Dates in June

June	
Monday 16	Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Patchway (away)
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Fairfield School (away) Rounders vs St Bede's (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Griff Holland, owner of Friska Food Y7 & Y8 tennis tournament at St Bede's
Tuesday 24	Paris trip, parent information evening, 6.00 pm
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

Richard Clutterbuck

Girls' rounders vs Oasis Brightstowe

The Year 7 team started eager and confident, determined to win in their first match of the season. Holly Neville and Holly Freke managed to take an early catch each for BFS. Hannah Warren was a solid backstop swiftly throwing the ball to the posts to assist in getting people out. Zoe Toye (captain) was our bowler and led by example. After a successful fielding display we were then batting, and Hannah managed to hit some long shots taking a couple of rounders. Unfortunately most of the team had been caught out, stumped out and run out leaving Hannah, Alice Russell, Holly Neville and Anna Fraser in the second innings. We managed to survive but all players were panting when they came round for their turn to bat! Player of the match went to Zoe. The score was eventually a victory of 14 to 12 ½ to BFS.

The Year 8s went straight into bat first after losing the toss. One by one our players were caught and stumped out, which left us with three players: Ellie Cleary, Niamh Harrison and Corinne Thompson (captain). We had to be quick on our feet despite the fact that the ground was water logged from the previous day. After we changed Eloise Edney was a strong bowler, barely throwing any no balls. Oasis had some extremely good hitters making work for our deep fielders Phoebe Neville (Y7), Chloe Agir and Ellie Cleary. Ellie Haines (backstop) managed to throw the ball speedily to first base and stump out the runner. In the end, despite a strong performance Oasis claimed victory with player of the match being awarded to Corinne.

The Year 9 team were batting first and many were caught or stumped out at first base due to being slow off the mark. In the end, there were two left in bat and it did not go our way with us not making it to fourth base in time. Oasis scored nine rounders but Portia Neville (captain) got 3 players out, stumping them out on fourth base, stopping further crucial rounders. Megan Lloyd had a strong bowling performance, adding spin to make it hard for Oasis to hit the ball accurately, which ensured she was awarded the player of the match award!

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson.

Years 7 & 8 athletics

This week our Year 7 & 8 athletics teams competed in a North Bristol 'Super 6' competition, where the six chosen athletes had to enter one track event, one field event and the relay. The students selected were those who had regularly attended athletics club, and also those who were willing to enter a number of events for the team. There were some excellent individual performances in both the track and field events across both year groups, with some high place finishes and more importantly some personal bests. The relay teams also performed well, in spite of some confusion over our teams' relay changeover box which may have put Team BFS at a disadvantage! Mr Truan and Miss McInnes were extremely proud of the students' attitude, effort and behaviour throughout the afternoon, and as the students left the field with big smiles and sweaty faces it only left them wanting more athletics!

Summer Soirée

The annual Summer Soirée of music and dance will be held on the evening of Monday 7 July in the Drama Hall. Information about tickets will be available soon. Any students wishing to perform in the show must collect a letter from Mr Pate or Miss Rose. The show will run on one night only so be prepared to get your tickets as soon as they are available!

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 16 June

Monday:

3.00 – 4.00: 6 degrees of aspiration
keynote speaker: Alex Reilly- Loungers
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
Book Club
Computer Game Design
Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)
Science Club

Thursday:

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

Friday:

Climbing Club (Y7)
Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

The Friends of BFS are a group of active parents and staff who support social and school events. Our aim is to raise funds to provide resources that enhance the learning experience for the students.

Our next event is the end of year BBQ on Friday 4th July between 6.30 and 9.30 pm. Watch out for more details!

For more details of how you can be involved and support the school, please email fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or follow us on twitter: @FOBFS

