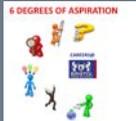


Weekly Update

Aspiration Week is nearly here: 14-18 July. On Monday your child will bring home details of the opportunities available to them. Please read through with your child and encourage their excitement!



Words from the Headteacher

On Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 July, we will be hosting our new Year 7 students for their induction days. The Wednesday event is followed by an evening meeting for our new parents. This is the fourth time we have run induction events but the first time we have been able to host the events in our completed school. The first event was run at the University of Bristol's Clifton Hill House as we did not have suitable location here at BFS - how times have changed. Nonetheless, the purpose of this induction event, like all of our previous events is to make the new students and parents feel part of Bristol Free School, giving them a sense of what to expect from us and what we expect from them. Miss McInnes has been putting

together a rich and exciting programme for the students and I am looking forward to meeting our 2014 entrants to Bristol Free School in a few weeks' time.

On Monday 14 July, Bristol Free School's Aspiration Week begins; this is part of the 6 Degrees of Aspiration Programme. It would be easy to label the week as an 'activities week' but this would be wrong. Aspiration Week will give our students the opportunity to understand the context of much of what they are learning. I won't go in to great detail about what each year group will be doing during the week as each student will be receiving information about their week on Monday. I will, however, give an example which exemplifies what Aspiration Week is all about. While we are running a host of enriching activities at BFS, as part of the programme every Year 9 student will be paying a visit to a university to be given a taste of what life beyond school has to offer. The core purpose of our 6 degrees programme is woven in to the fabric of the week and I know that our students will embrace the opportunities we are giving them whole heartedly.

Richard Clutterbuck

Term 6 –Key Dates

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June	
Monday 23	Y7 & Y8 boys' tennis tournament at St Bede's
Tuesday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 girls' tennis tournament at Cotham 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"
July	
Thursday 3	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 4	FoBFS end of year BBQ (see separate information)
Monday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Jenny Foster – Fair Trade and working in charity Summer Soiree
Tuesday 8	New Year 7 induction day (part)
Wednesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year 7 induction day (part) New Year 7 parent information evening
Friday 11	Sports Day
Sunday 13	Paris trip departure
Monday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Aspiration Week 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Beth Nicholas – Artist
Wednesday 16	Paris trip return
Thursday 17	Y7 subject evening
Friday 18	PGL activity weekend departs
Sunday 20	PGL activity weekend returns
Wednesday 23	End of term 6: 3.00 pm

Rounders vs St. Bedes

The Year 9 team were in bat first, and a long-range hit from Portia Neville managed to get the team a few rounders. Unfortunately St. Bede's had a very strong team and secured victory. Emily Whiteway-Wilkinson was player of the match for her strong fielding skills throughout.

The Year 7 team started off quickly and the game continued in that manner. Each batter tried their best, quickly sprinting between posts. Unfortunately, most of the team got out – Molly Cockerill and Ellen Corbett were left standing. Half time was a key time to swap and discuss tactics because we wanted to up our game. When we went into bat again one special mention must go to Zoe Toye, because the umpire didn't quite see if she was out or not and Zoe honestly said she was out – the sportsmanship that we encourage at BFS! The team lost by 3 runs (16 – 13) but were confident that revenge will be sweet next year!

The Year 8 team started off a bit apprehensively and tired after their exams. It took a while to get into the game and unfortunately our slow start was costly. In our 2nd innings fielding was a lot better and we managed to get an improved 5 players out. The player of the match went to Phoebe Neville (Y7) for her consistent long-range batting and her deep fielding. The final score was 17½ – 13 to St. Bedes.

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

Y9 Cricket vs Oasis Academy

The Year 9 cricket team played Oasis Academy earlier this week, but had to draft in three students from Year 7 due to Year 9 players being unavailable on the day. Mr Truan had no doubt that these boys would hold their own as they are excelling in the Y7/8 league this year. Oasis batted first and finished on 46-4 after three wickets from Rhys Mathias and a beautiful delivery from Ken Carillo. Ollie Dowell, who captained the side, also produced some excellent deliveries and was unlucky not to take a few wickets himself. Two of our Year 7 students were confident enough to open the batting and made a 57 run partnership to win the game in only 6 overs, before both kindly retiring to allow other players an opportunity to bat. Gabriel Lombard, Michael Evans and Sam Chamberlain all added runs to take the BFS total to 76-3. It was an impressive all round team performance with Rhys Mathias' hat trick ball, and the batting performance from two Year 7 students being the highlights.

Y9 Bristol Schools' Super 6 Athletics

Our Y9 athletics teams set off for a

postponed athletics tournament being held at Kellaway Avenue. We were confident that we would do well after practising intensely for the past few months during athletics club. The boys were on field events first, with special mentions going to Ksawery O'Donovan who managed to secure a 2nd place in the javelin, and Leban Mohamud who came 1st in the long jump. The girls' track events started soon after with Ellie Haines (Y8) achieving 2nd place and Georgia Kinsey getting a personal best in the 100m. The teams switched events and the boys started strongly in the 100m sprint with Daniel Manikum-Cole and Ksawery O'Donovan coming in 2nd place in two separate heats. The girls did well in the field events; Portia Neville came 2nd in the shot put and Corinne Thompson (Y8) came 2nd in the javelin. We finished the competition in style with the boys' 4x100m relay team coming 2nd in a fantastic tight race! Both teams have made it through to the Bristol Schools' finals later this month.

Well done to all Team BFS athletes!

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

Science Club

This term has seen a 'Mythbusters' theme in Science Club, and in this week's session we busted two kitchen based myths! First up was 'Does toast always land butter side down?' The results surprised us all by showing that butter side up was in fact the most frequent occurrence. Secondly, we tried out the classic tablecloth trick by setting the table (plastic crockery only!) and seeing which method, if any, would remove the tablecloth while leaving our table setting intact! After a good effort by all, we were forced to conclude that although it is possible, none of us had the required skill to pull it off!



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 23 June

Monday:

3.00 – 4.00: 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Griff Holland, owner of Friska Food (cafes)

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:

Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

You are all invited to an evening BBQ with organised fun and games. This is a chance to meet staff – current and new, parents, pupils and be part of the Bristol Free School community end of year summer celebration.

TICKETS ON SALE AT SCHOOL RECEPTION FROM TUESDAY 17TH JUNE OR AT THE ENTRANCE GATE ON THE DAY.

£2.50 for Adults

(entry price includes first drink from the bar)

£1 for Children (age 16 and under)

(entry price includes first soft drink from the bar).