

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

The Friends of Bristol Free School (FoBFS) formed shortly after the School opened. From very humble beginnings they have developed in to an organisation which is able to support Bristol Free School on many levels; as is the way of true friends. Part of the work of the FoBFS is fund raising and they have recently donated £1250 to the School as a result of a bidding process from the various departments at BFS. FoBFS approached all departments within the School and asked them to bid for funds which could be used to enhance the students' experience of school above and beyond the more usual provisions. Some of the successful bids which will be receiving funds are the Gardening Club to help with set up costs, equipment for future dramatic productions and the purchasing of sports kit for our first teams. I would like to thank FoBFS on behalf of the students and staff for all the work they have put in to supporting the School and yet again helping us rise to the challenge.

However, this year's work of FoBFS is not yet complete; on Friday 4 July they will be hosting our annual end of year celebration. It promises to trump last year's epic event by taking on a sporting theme. As ever we will be showing live coverage of the Wimbledon semi-finals to whet the appetite but in addition to the sport on TV and to ensure people are hungry for the BBQ, a range of sporting activities will run throughout the evening. This year you can play tennis, basketball, 5-a-side football, table tennis and that's before the burgers are ready! Have a look at the separate timetable of events. Please come along to support the School and enjoy what promises to be a fine summer evening (irrespective of the weather) and take the opportunity to thank the members of FoBFS for all they have done and continue to do for BFS.

Richard Clutterbuck



Spirit Dance Company

Term 6 –Key Dates

July	
Wednesday 2	Bristol Schools' Games – cricket finals
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
Saturday 10	Bristol Shakespeare Festival – "Macbeth" at Brandon Hill, Y9
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PGL activity weekend departs Parent volunteers meeting, 9.30 am
Sunday 20	PGL activity weekend returns
Wednesday 23	End of term 6: 3.00 pm

British Red Cross Dance Competition

The dancers of Spirit Dance Company returned to the stage at Filton College on Saturday 21 June for the annual British Red Cross 'Dance for Life' competition. In the lead up to the event the dancers worked alongside Miss Rose to choreograph their dance based on the work of the British Red Cross. Our students certainly held their own at the event, as the only secondary school competing against dance schools and community groups. The dancers performed with energy, enthusiasm and above all showed excellent team work and professionalism throughout the day. This was recognised when they received a special commendation for the 'group with the best dynamics'. Spirit Dance Company was also awarded a gold certificate for fundraising over £500.

Photos taken by the event's official photographer are available to view at www.bigimagephotos.co.uk.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us this year and also to say a special thank you and well done to our wonderful dancers; I continue to be very proud of each and every one of you.

Miss Rose



'The Fault in our Stars' Winner

The English Department would like to congratulate Molly Cockerill (Y7) on reaching first place in our competition, 'The Fault in our Stars'. Molly's writing was moving, sensitively written and full of flair; she created convincing characters and really touched her readers. Molly wins a Vue cinema voucher and a copy of the brand new book by John Green. Poppy Malcomson (Y7), Phoebe Neville (Y7) and Sophia Mumford (Y9) are all highly commended for their fantastic efforts. These students will all receive a copy of John Green's latest novel. Well done to all who took part!

Summer Soirée

We are excited to announce that the annual Summer Soirée will take place on Monday 7 July in the School's Drama Hall. The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of music and dance acts from a variety of students. Tickets will be available next week

at break and lunch time from Reception. There is no charge for tickets but all audience members must collect a ticket in advance so we know how many people to expect. Unlike previous soirées, however, we will not be using this as an indoor picnic opportunity as we plan to present the show in a different format. We hope you can come and support what will be a fantastic event.

National 'School Sports Week'

National 'School Sports Week' takes place next week so we are putting on a variety of sporting activities after school rather than the usual clubs.

All activities are open to all students – just bring your PE kit and a water bottle!

Monday: Ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday: Table tennis competition

Wednesday: Handball

Thursday: BFS Wimbledon

Mr Truan

Staff Congratulations

Yesterday at around 8.45 pm in Monmouthshire, Sir Bradley Wiggins won the National Time Trial Championship for the third (and probably final) time. What was remarkable about this race was not Sir Bradley Wiggins' statement of intent to race in the Tour de France after posting an incredibly fast time in dicey conditions, but the fact that he was up against our very own Deputy Headteacher, Paul Jones. Mr Jones has been racing well all season and secured a place in the Time Trial on the back of his performances. Yesterday he finished 28/60 in this elite field completing the 42km course in 1 hour 3 minutes and 51 seconds, not too shabby for a part-timer. We are all very proud and awe-struck by his achievement and feel that Mr Jones' portrait needs to go up alongside our other star athletes' pictures on PE's wall of fame.

Student Congratulations

Last weekend Abigail Paisey (Y8) competed in a cheerleading competition. Her team was competing against professional teams from across Europe and the UK. Although they did not win, the team received extremely positive feedback from the judges and should be very proud of its achievements.

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 30 June

Monday:

3.00 – 4.00: 6 degrees of aspiration

keynote speaker: Gordon Lindsay – Broadcom: "Turning sand into fun"

4.00 – 5.00: Latin for Beginners

Tuesday:

Orchestra

Textiles Club

Yoga Club

Wednesday:

Book Club

Computer Game Design

Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)

Science Club

Thursday:

Art Club

Dynamics Choir

Creative Writing

Dance Club

Model United Nations

Friday:

Climbing Club (Y7)

Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

Volunteering at Bristol Free School

Over the past few years we have welcomed a number of parent volunteers who have supported the work of the School and students in a variety of ways, ranging from literacy support and guided reading to more specialist work in Science and Modern Foreign Languages. Some of the volunteers have enjoyed their work so much (and been so good at it) that they have gone on to apply for and take up paid positions in the School. We will be holding an open morning on Friday 18 July at 9.30 am for people interested in volunteering. Please come along if you would like to find out about the possible ways you might be able to help support young people in school. There will be a short presentation and an opportunity to pick the brains of teachers and our current volunteers. Crucially, there will be tea, coffee and biscuits! We look forward to seeing you on the day.