

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

Although we began study club last week and had our first 6 Degrees of Aspiration speaker take the floor of the Drama Hall on Monday, our extra-curricular programme is starting in earnest next week. The full programme of next week's events is published in this newsletter ; a complete version covering both 'red' and 'blue' weeks will appear on the School's website. Bristol Free School's extra-curricular programme is a fantastic addition to the students' taught curriculum. Not only are the clubs and activities designed to be fun and pique the interest and imagination of the students, they are a key component of our 6 Degrees of Aspiration programme. I expect every student at Bristol Free School to attend at least one extra-curricular club together with spending at least one afternoon in study club. The vast majority of clubs begin straight after the end of the taught curriculum. Students need to arrive promptly at the club's location and wait in an orderly fashion for the member of staff running the club. We keep registers of who attends but the responsibility lies with each student to let their parent/carer know which evenings they will be staying beyond 3.00 pm at school. If a student is staying for any after school activity then they are to stay on site. If a student leaves the school site at the end of the school day they should not return. This rule is to prevent students heading down to the sweet shop, filling up on sugar and then attempting to fuse atoms in Science Club as a result of the amount of sugar they have taken on board! The students at BFS have plenty of opportunities to satisfy their appetites across the school day so a trip to the sweet shop at 3.00 pm before joining clubs is unnecessary. This year's extra-curricular programme is bigger and better than ever and I would like to thank all of the staff in advance for their commitment to what is a stand-out feature of Bristol Free School.

Richard Clutterbuck

6 Degrees of Aspiration

It is our first September with the 6 Degrees of Aspiration trademark and we are already down to business. David Regan from St. John's Chambers kicked off our keynote speaker programme on Monday, sharing his 20 years of experience as a barrister with 16 students across all years. Their questions were insightful and mature; their attitude committed and enthusiastic. We welcome one of last year's 'dragons', Lorrin White, on Monday 15 September to present on her career in telecommunications.

This week we accompanied some Y10 students to the Young Enterprise Launch and recruited the team of budding scientists, programmers and designers who, in the coming months, will be taking part in the 'Dress Sense' project, through the University of Bristol, competing with professional teams from the city and beyond.

If you are keen to support 6 Degrees of Aspiration in any way, or would like to learn more, then please email r.collis@bristolfreeschool.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Collis
Assistant Headteacher



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 15 September

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Lorrin White, Total Ltd - telecommunications
4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Basketball (Y9 & Y10)
 Book Club (Y7 & Y8)
 Games Club
 Makers Club
 Netball (Y7 & Y8 girls)
 Orchestra
 Philosophy Club
 Rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)
 Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Badminton and Table Tennis (Y7 & Y8)
 Cross-country
 Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
 Film Club (Y9 & Y10)
 Music Technology Club
 Science Club
 Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
 Basketball (Y7 & Y8)
 Comic Book Philosophy
 Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)
 International Film Club
 Musical Theatre
 Netball (Y9 & Y10 girls)
 Rugby (Y10 boys)
 Student Newspaper
 Warhammer Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

Y7 parent & student activity evenings

The first of our Year 7 parent and student activity evenings, hosted by FoBFS, takes place next Friday. This event, on 19 September, is for students in tutor groups 1, 2 and 3. Students in these tutor groups will have a letter about this today, and a form which needs to be returned by Wednesday morning.

We look forward to seeing you next week.



Friends of Bristol Free School is a group of active parents and teachers who support social and school events, to enhance the learning environment at the school.

We are always looking for support in what ever capacity you can give, so please contact us on the email address below.

Thank you.

email: fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



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School Photographer

We were proud to receive compliments from our photographer regarding the behaviour and appearance of our students on Wednesday. All students who were in school had individual pictures taken, and photos were taken of all tutor groups.

All students should have brought home the photo proofs and photographer's order form already. Order forms and payment come straight back to the School's Reception. These must be returned by 8.30 am on Monday 22 September.

Cashless Catering

Our Dining Hall system is cashless at the point of sale. We urge parents/carers to keep an eye on their child's catering account and to ensure that this is topped up as necessary, ideally through the online payment system.

If you need further details as to how to set up an account to allow you pay for dining hall service as well as most trips and other sundry items please contact the School on 01179597200 or via email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

Term 1 – Key Dates in September

Monday 15	6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Lorrin White, Total Ltd Telecommunications
Friday 19	Y7 parent & student activity evening with FoBFS (7TG1, 7TG2, 7TG3)
Monday 22	6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Kieran Sloyan, 222 Sports
Tuesday 23	Open Day
Thursday 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 rugby vs RGS (away) Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Day of Languages Y7 parent & student activity evening with FoBFS (7TG4, 7TG5, 7TG6)
Monday 29	6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Guy Douglass, Brand on Shelf
Tuesday 30	Y7 rugby vs Clifton High (home at Coombe Dingle)

Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.