

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

Next Tuesday is the first of this season's Open Days at Bristol Free School. We have had to extend the visits from prospective parents and students into days rather than mornings due to high demand. On these days, visitors are toured round the School by our students, stepping in to lessons to see what BFS is up to on a typical school day. It is also an opportunity for prospective parents and students to have an informal chat with me and members of my senior team at the end of the each tour. If you are intending to come to one of our Open Day events and haven't booked your place, please go to the relevant page on the school website to register:

<http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/opendays.php>.

On Wednesday 1 October we have the first of our two Open Evenings. The Open Evenings are further opportunities for prospective parents and students to get to know the School. Staff and students from BFS will be showcasing their subjects and are available to talk to visitors informally about life at Bristol Free School. Each evening also includes an address from me and a small number of students from BFS in the Drama Studio. As for the Open Days, if you are intending to come and haven't yet booked a place then please use the link above to register through our website.

Advanced warning for our Year 7 parents; the 4th annual BFS Poetry 'Slam' is being held on Friday 24 October in the Drama Studio. Specific details about timings will be sent to you in due course, however, the event is hotly contested among the Learning Groups and teachers in the English Department. For the students it is a great opportunity to show you what they have been studying in English and gain the experience of performing poetry to a live audience and for the teachers, a chance to wrestle the 'poetry crown' from Mr Jones' grasp. I look forward to seeing you in the audience on Friday afternoon to support our Year 7 poets.



Richard Clutterbuck

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.

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Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Kieran Sloyan, 222 Sports

4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Basketball (Y9 & Y10)

Games Club

LitSoc

Makers Club

Netball (Y7 & Y8 girls)

Orchestra

Philosophy Club

Rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Badminton and Table Tennis (Y9 & Y10)

Cross-country

Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)

Film Club (Y7 & Y8)

Music Technology Club

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club

Basketball (Y7 & Y8)

Comic Book Philosophy

Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)

Football Fan Forum

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.

School Photographer

Don't forget that the order forms and payment for individual and tutor group photographs taken on 10 September must be returned to the School's reception by 8.30 am on Monday 22 September.

Y7 parent & student activity evenings

The first of our Year 7 parent and student activity evenings, hosted by FoBFS, takes place this evening for students in tutor groups 1, 2 and 3. Students in tutor groups 4, 5 and 6 have a letter about next week's event. There is a form which needs to be returned by Wednesday morning.

We look forward to seeing you.

Free School Meals

Did you know that for children eligible to receive free school meals the simple act of registering to receive them means that the School receives extra money?

The School uses an online system for the processing of applications for free school meals. Please go to <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> and click on "Apply".

Once you have completed the online application and your eligibility has been confirmed the School will be notified. Please allow five working days from the submission of your application for your child to receive the entitlement in the Dining Hall.

The daily allowance for free school meals at Bristol Free School is £2.50. This can be spent at breakfast (between 8.00 am and 8.20 am) at morning break or at lunch-time. This sum allows for the purchase of food only. Drinking water is freely available in the Dining Hall and at other places in the School. If your child wishes to purchase other drinks in the Dining Hall, eg fruit juice, milk shakes then they will need to pay for this, using the School's cashless catering system.

If the daily allowance is not used in any one day it does not transfer to the next day.

Please note that you need to apply for free school meals on an annual basis.

Parents/carers of students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who received free school meals last year need to re-apply (using the system above) during the next week to ensure that their child does not miss out from the end of September.

Term 1 – Key Dates over the next three weeks	
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)
October	
Wednesday 1	Open Day & Evening
Thursday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10, World Skills Expo Y10, Curriculum Evening, 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Friday 3	6 degrees business breakfast
Monday 6	6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Stuart Pearce, Pearce Barber Ltd, Telesales
Tuesday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8 & Y9 combined rugby vs Clifton High (home at Coombe Dingle) Y10 rugby vs Clifton High (home at Coombe Dingle)
Wednesday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Interactive Media Association (BIMA) D-day event FoBFS AGM
Thursday 9	Open Day & Evening
Friday 10	World War 1 trip departure
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	