

Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

On Wednesday we held the first of our two Open Evenings. Wednesday's event followed two Open Days both of which were well attended. There was a lovely buzz around the School and I felt privileged being able to greet our guests as head of BFS. Our visitors were very complimentary about the School and certainly enjoyed the Open Evening experience. I would like to thank all of the staff for putting on such an excellent evening on top of a day's work where students were well supported and received high quality teaching. Equally I would like to thank all of our students for being such fine ambassadors of BFS, not only during the evening but during the Open Days; showing our visitors around the School, talking about their experiences at BFS and simply being lovely people. If you haven't managed to pay us a visit yet and you are looking at secondary schools for September 2015, do come and visit us on our final Open Day/Evening next Thursday. Please register on our website to book a place either during the day or in the evening, or both!

On Tuesday we held a fire drill. The whole school evacuated within 4 minutes and a complete register of students, staff and visitors was completed within 6 minutes. The students were superb, evacuating calmly and waiting in silence for the all clear. Well done everybody.

The trend amongst younger males at present is to sport a haircut which is affectionately known as the 'loo brush'. A haircut such as this is breach of our school uniform. On page 6 of the planner the entry by 'hairstyle' stipulates "Standard school style" under **Requirements** and under **Notes** "No extremes in hair dye or style". Our concern is the contrast in length between the hair on top and hair (or lack of it) at the sides. Please will you make sure that you do not ask for the 'loo brush' or let your son have a 'loo brush' cut when you next take him to the hairdressers. If he does arrive at school sporting such a trim then he will be sanctioned and you will be contacted by his Year Leader so that we can impress upon you the need to adhere to our expectations of the school uniform. Thank you for supporting the School and I trust that you will speak to your son and guard him against the pitfalls of wanting to wear a toilet brush on his head.



Loo brush



Haircut

Richard Clutterbuck



Lockers

There are still several lockers available for students to use. These are available for students from any year group. Locker request forms are available from the School's reception and should be returned there together with a deposit of £10. This deposit will be returned at the end of the school year if both padlock and key are returned when requested. The deposit may be paid in cash or by cheque, following the instructions on the request form.

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 6 October

All after school activities finish at 4.30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Stuart Pearce, Pearce Barber Ltd, Telesales

4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Basketball (Y8)

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:

No after school activities due to the Open Evening

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will not run on Thursday and Friday.

Years 9 & 10 netball vs Fairfield

It was a sunny and hot day as the Year 9 and 10 teams took to the court. The Year 10s started quickly and within the first few minutes, with the help of a couple of good centre passes, we managed a few goals. Eager to carry on this way we continued fast and furious snatching the ball each time. After half time the score was 15- 1. Our high standard though made them adjust a few things, but that didn't stop us! The player of the match went to Ellie Broderick for her accurate shooting and excellent use of space. The final score was 19-4 to BFS – a victory! This is good progress after our loss to RGS!

The Year 9s set off quickly eager to get started. Sharp passing and precision got us goals in the first half. However we didn't quite maintain it and therefore Fairfield managed regain momentum and although our defence tried their hardest they were too strong. The overall result was 27 – 7, a loss against Fairfield. The player of the match went to Ellie Haines.

Sports journalist Corinne Thompson (Y9)

Term 1 – Key Dates	
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 Y7 & Y8 netball vs Fairfield (away) FoBFS AGM
Thursday 9	Open Day & Evening
Friday 10	World War 1 trip departure
Monday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Blair King, Pinewood Studios World War 1 trip returns
Tuesday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to GKN, Introduction to Manufacturing, Y9 & Y10 Y7 rugby festival at Oasis Brightstowe Y7 – 10 netball vs City Academy Bristol (away)
Thursday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8, 'Teen-tech West' trip Y7 parents' transition meeting, 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm Y8 & Y9 rugby vs City Academy Bristol (home)
Monday 20	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Beth Nicholas, Artist
Wednesday 22	Y7 – Y10 cross country at Brislington School
Thursday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 sex and relationships education day Y8, Y9, Y10 netball against Colston's Girls' School (home)
Friday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 poetry performance; parents/carers invited for 3.15 pm End of term 1: 3.00 pm
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	