

Weekly Update



Words from the Headteacher

Welcome back, I hope you all had a restful October break. There is plenty going on this term aside from our weekly programme of after school clubs. Key dates this term include next Friday 14 November. This is a non-uniform day in support of Children in Need. A donation of £1 to Children in Need is the suggested amount for coming to school in non-uniform and this year's theme is '[heroes](#)'.

The following Friday (21 November) is our additional INSET day which I publicised at the end of last term. The School will be closed to all students, as staff undertake training in preparation for the new maths curriculum. Further information on the new maths curriculum can be found [here](#) on the School's website. On the subject of the website, the new dining hall menus are now up on the site and the FoBFS page is refreshed, now including a summary of the recent [FoBFS AGM](#).

Term 2 – Key Dates in November

Monday 10	Student Council meeting
Tuesday 11	Y9 rugby vs Henbury (away)
Thursday 13	Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10 cross country at BGS playing fields
Friday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-uniform day in support of Children in Need (theme is "heroes") Y8 (part) – Introduction to Finance (Royal Bank of Scotland)
Monday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Robert Pope, Solicitor Chess competition at Bristol Grammar School
Tuesday 18	Y10 rugby vs St Bede's (away)
Wednesday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 football vs Brislington Enterprise College (away) Y8 rugby vs Orchard School (away)
Friday 21	INSET day: school closed to students
Saturday 22	Trip to Twickenham for England vs Samoa game
Monday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Gordon Lindsay, Broadcom (fibre optics) Y10 music, visit from Ish Kabibble jazz band
Tuesday 25	Y7: BAE Systems Roadshow
Thursday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U14 basketball vs Colston's Girls' School (home) Y9 subject evening

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

Thursday 27 November is our Year 9 subject evening; this is for students and their parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress so far and future targets. Year 9 students will receive their appointment sheets shortly so make sure you check with your son/daughter on the appointments you want them to prioritise.

On Friday 12 December FoBFS are running a Christmas disco and during the school day we will be having a **non-school jumper day**. Instead of students wearing their school jumper, for a donation of £1 to Save the Children, Christmas jumpers may be worn. All members of staff are being encouraged to don their [favourite festive woolly](#) and there will be prizes for the student and staff member sporting the most festive jumper.

Richard Clutterbuck



Change in Year 8 report date

Due to some changes in the academic year, including the additional Inset day, the Year 8 full report will now be sent home to parents on Thursday 12 March. This has the additional benefit of providing a detailed picture of progress at the mid-year point.

Mr Jones, Deputy Headteacher

Science Club

This week in Science Club we held the very topical 'Bonfire Night Bonanza!' We had a go at doing some fire writing, demonstrated a rocket and learned how fireworks get their colours! We ended with this week's team challenge which involved building a bonfire to burn for the longest time. Each team were given only two wooden splints, and had free reign over their designs. The winners for this week were 'Insert Team Name Here!', with a winning time of 2 minutes, 25 seconds, and a design which Guy Fawkes himself may have been proud to claim!



Young Enterprise team

Yesterday's bake sale was a massive success, raising almost £181 (more than £100 over target).

The excess money will be going into our young enterprise bank account and will help fund our first product....watch this space!

Mr Harkin



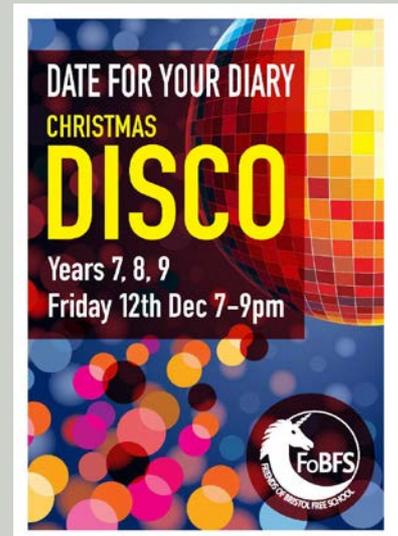
'Dress Sense'

Students and staff participating in the Dress Sense project met the President of Singapore on 23 October during his first ever visit to the UK. 'Dress Sense' is a competition running through the University of Bristol which has challenged professionals in the industries of design, textiles, computing, medicine and science to come together and create a wearable health-care solution for the future. We are one of only two schools taking part and since the VIP launch students have already impressed university staff and adult competitors. Thank you to Ms West and Mr Davies who have been working with our students and are spending Saturdays at the University in support.

Good luck with the remainder of the competition!



'Dress Sense: VIP launch



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 10 November

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Esther Giles, Specialised Finance, NHS

4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin Fitness (Y10)

Tuesday:

Basketball (Y7 & Y8 boys)
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 (Y9 & Y10)
Cross-country
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
Film Club (Y7 & Y8)
Music Technology Club
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)
LitSoc (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
Basketball (Y7, Y8 & Y9 girls)
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
Chess Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day except Friday.