

Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing 17
November**

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration
keynote speaker: Robert Pope,
Solicitor

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

Tuesday:

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

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

Stranger Danger

An incident took place in the south of the city earlier this week. At around 4.30 pm a man attempted to entice a female sixth form student in to his van. He opened the door and she ran away. This incident is being dealt with by the police. However, it is a reminder to all students about being vigilant when out and about; beware of being approached by unknown vehicles, avoid travelling alone to and from school and elsewhere, and with the darkening evenings make sure the routes which you travel are well lit.

One way or another

Our students are growing up fast, as the School's size increases so does the height of the young people and the broadening of their shoulders. In a literal sense some of the corridor spaces are a little tight and I am concerned about the footfall on stairs. From Monday we will be introducing Bristol Free School's first one-way system. *Students will only be allowed to travel **up** the staircase by Maths and Humanities while they may travel **up or down** the staircase by Science and ADCT and **up or down** the middle staircase.* This applies at all times during the school day.

Battlefields visit

The Department for Education, in the centenary year from the start of World War 1, has been offering all schools the opportunity to take two students and a member of staff to the battlefields surrounding Ypres in Belgium. Before half-term, Allana King and Emily Yates both from Year 10 accompanied Mrs Sillince on the trip. Both students found the visit extremely interesting and moving; as a consequence they helped lead our Remembrance Assemblies earlier this week. I have attached to this newsletter an article run by the Bristol Post featuring a photograph of Emily and a fuller write-up of the visit.

What a star...

Not satisfied with a single feature in the Bristol Post, one of our Year 7 students, Clayton Mushore, featured in Tuesday's edition. He is the Post's final Gold Star winner of 2014 for his unconditional caring and support for his older brother Cadwell. If ever there was a justification for wearing superhero costumes on Children in Need day then it is for the likes of Clayton who help fly the flag for all that is good and great about the young people at BFS. Here is a link to the article on the Post's website: <http://tinyurl.com/lbjxeru>

Richard Clutterbuck

REMINDER to students and their parents/carers

**Next Friday, 21 November is the extra INSET
day.**

**The School is closed to all students except
those specially invited for the morning!**

Science Club

Building on this term's theme of 'Transportation', we created some fantastic flying machines in this week's Science Club. Using a NASA approved design, our teams made paper rockets, as well as their own unique design of paper aeroplane. When launch time arrived, it was G-Force and the Smashing Mexicans earning the style points, with Martians and Peanut Butter Jelly Time achieving excellent flight distance. The overall winners for this challenge were G-Force, with Smashing Mexicans in 2nd and Martians in 3rd.

Breakfast Club

Now that the mornings are colder it is timely to remind you that the Dining Hall is open from 8.00 am, serving a range of breakfast foods and drinks. The menu is available from the School's website. Porridge is available free of charge, but the various toppings need to be paid for.

Ski trip 2016

There are still spaces available on our trip to Winter Park, Colorado, USA during the first week of the Easter holidays 2016. This is one of Colorado's biggest ski areas famed for its moguls (bump skiing) and tree skiing (skiing around the trees not in to them!) and other opportunities in the resort include ice skating, bowling alleys, karaoke, indoor swimming and water slides. We have extended the deadline for the return of reply slips and deposits until 8.30 am on Wednesday 19 November. Please see separate letter for more details.

Term 2 – Key Dates

Monday 17	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 Fairfield School and Cotham School (home) Y9 subject evening
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Monday 1	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Jonathan Snary, BPP Professional Education
Wednesday 3	Y10 subject evening
Thursday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U14 basketball vs Colston's Girls' School (home) Y7 girls' football vs Bristol Met (away)
Friday 5	Cross curricular Enterprise Day
Monday 8	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Heather Franklin, midwife
Wednesday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir performance at Katherine House U14 basketball vs City Academy Bristol and Oasis Academy Brightstowe (away at CAB)
Thursday 11	Y10 art and textiles trip to Royal Academy, London
Friday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas jumper day in support of Save the Children FoBFS Christmas disco for Y7, Y8 & Y9 Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-tutor group sports competition Y7 (part) Christmas Extravaganza
Wednesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lunch Y7 (part) Christmas Extravaganza
Friday 19	End of term 2: school finishes at 1.45 pm

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

