

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

Mr Pate, Head of Music, will be promoting a Bristol Free School Christmas CD during assemblies next week. Rumour has it that students and staff have put together a compilation of songs, many of which are themed around Christmas. 'Now That's What I Call Christmas at BFS' was the CD's working title but I am reassured that Mr Pate has found a better name than my suggestion. The purpose of the CD is twofold, firstly to celebrate the musical talents and hard work of our students and secondly to support BandAid30's fight against the spread of Ebola and to care for its victims. With around 20 tracks on the CD showcasing BFS musical talent (plus a dodgy rendition of a Christmas classic from people who should know better), the CD will make the perfect Christmas gift for your family. Students may have a copy of the CD together with a sleeve and case created by students from the Art Design Computing Technology Department for a £2 donation to [BandAid30](#). Mr Pate will be collecting the donations in exchange for a copy of the CD. I know that together with your perfectly cooked turkey, listening to the CD will be one of the highlights of your Christmas Day experience. Indeed, after the Queen's speech you could play a game of guessing which member of BFS (student or staff) is singing which song or line from the CD; it's preferable to charades...

On Wednesday BFS hosted Sir David Carter, Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West and Bradley Simmons, Ofsted's Regional Director for South West England. Wednesday's meeting is part of their regular cycle of meetings with the key difference being where each one is held. We had the request to host Sir David Carter and Bradley Simmons confirmed at the beginning of the week and needless to say my heart leapt a little when Ofsted was mentioned. Nonetheless, both Sir David and Bradley Simmons visited classrooms and toured the School during their stay and they were both extremely complimentary about the students together with the work which was taking place in the classrooms. So thank you to all of our students and staff for going about the usual business of life at BFS.

**Richard Clutterbuck**

### Ticket sales - all to be purchased in advance

- **Disco** - for students in Years 7, 8 and 9; these cost £3 and are available at 3.00 pm from the Student Ambassador desk opposite the LRC
- **Christmas lunch** - these cost £2.50 and must be bought by 12 December; available from reception and break and lunch time (no other refreshments will be for sale that lunch time in the Dining Hall)
- **Christmas Extravaganza** – these are free, but all members of the audience need a ticket; available from reception at break and lunch time



**Y9 boys' basketball festival**

The Y9 boys' basketball team was as strong as ever as we entered Patchway School's sports hall. The team of six played Patchway first and had a flying start with Josh Blackman and Harry Donaldson scoring multiple times. We worked as a team, passing the ball from one side to the other, and George Airs finished the moves off with a range of accurate shots. The game finished 21-4 – a comfortable victory to boost our confidence.

The second match was against Oasis Brightstowe, a team we knew would be more challenging. Nevertheless, we kept the momentum up and James Stewart scored a nice layup and Jamey James was alive underneath the hoop. Defence wasn't our strong point and there were a few errors, but the game was stretching out of their hands. Dan Whetton made the score sheet with a near three-pointer and the game finished with a win (16-6).

The two performances were very impressive and the boys showed off the School well. Sports journalist: Dan Whetton

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 12 December is Christmas Jumper Day in support of the charity Save the Children. To participate students and staff may wear a Christmas jumper in place of their school jumper and donate £1 to the charity. To avoid any ambiguity surrounding this festive change to the uniform, all other items of school uniform must be the same including ties and shirts. To qualify for 'Christmas Jumper' status students and staff must sport a jumper which meets the international standard of festive garment wear (ISFGW). We have seconded two of Santa's Little Helpers to observe the gates on Friday morning and they will ensure that we apply the standard correctly. Any student sporting a jumper which is neither the regular school jumper nor a jumper which meets the ISFGW will have to remove it and the student will be reported to Father Christmas!



**Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 8 December**

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

**Monday:**

**3 – 4 pm:** 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Heather Franklin, midwife

**4 – 5 pm:** Introduction to Latin

**Tuesday:**

- Games Club
- Makers Club
- Orchestra
- Philosophy Club
- Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

**Wednesday:**

- Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
- Film Club (Y7 & Y8)
- Music Technology Club
- Science Club
- Young Enterprise (Y10)
- LitSoc (Y10)

**Thursday:**

- Art Club
- Comic Book Philosophy
- Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)
- Football Fan Forum
- International Film Club
- Musical Theatre
- Student Newspaper
- Warhammer Club
- Chess Club

**Friday:**

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

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**Term 2 – Key Dates in December**

Monday 8	Y7 girls' 5 a-side football competition (home)
Tuesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y10 rugby vs BTE Academy (away)</li> <li>• Y8 basketball vs Patchway (home)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir performance at Katherine House</li> <li>• U14 basketball vs City Academy Bristol and Oasis Academy Brightstowe (away at CAB)</li> </ul>
Thursday 11	Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Jumper day in support of Save the Children</li> <li>• FoBFS Christmas disco for Y7, Y8 &amp; Y9</li> </ul>
Monday 15	Choir performance at Temple Meads
Tuesday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-tutor group sports competition</li> <li>• Y10 basketball vs Bradley Stoke Community School (away)</li> <li>• Y7 (LG1, 2 &amp; 3) Christmas Extravaganza</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas lunch</li> <li>• Y7 (LG4, 5 &amp; 6) Christmas Extravaganza</li> </ul>
Friday 19	End of term 2: school finishes at 1.45 pm
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates.	