

# Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing 12  
January**

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

**Monday:**

**4 – 5 pm:** Introduction to Latin

**Tuesday:**

Book Club (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

Makers Club

Orchestra

Football (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)

Girls' football

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

**Wednesday:**

Parkour (Y7 & Y8)

Trampoline (Y7 & Y8)

Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)

Film Club (Y9 & Y10)

Composition workshop (Y10)

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

**Thursday:**

Art Club

'Grease' rehearsals (all cast)

Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)

International Film Club

Mixed Hockey

Football (Y10 boys)

Student Newspaper

Warhammer Club

Games Club

Chess Club

**Friday:**

'Band Academy'

'Philosothon' training

Study Club will run every day  
except Friday.

**Words from the Headteacher**

Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed the Christmas festivities. I shall begin the new term and year with a feeling of déjà vu... all over again. I may well have written these words before: if you see your son or daughter leaving the house for school in the morning and outside the rain is falling in biblical quantities, please try and jimmy said son or daughter in to a weather proof coat. There are too many students squelching in to lessons at 8.30 am looking like a smartly dressed procession of drowned rats.

We have made a number of staffing changes and timetable rearrangements this term as a consequence of the changes to the staffing structure following the departure of Mrs Collis on maternity leave which I wrote about last term. I am pleased to say that she gave birth to a healthy boy on Wednesday morning and master Collis, mother and father Collis are all happy and healthy.

Year 9 will be kept busy with thoughts of Year 10 pathways and GCSEs from now until the end of term 4. During the next two weeks they will have GCSE taster lessons in a range of subjects. The following week they will take part in the Year 9 Pathways Day and in February these students and their parents will be invited to a 'pathways evening'. The process concludes with interviews by senior staff before the students submit their choices forms. This may seem like a long and arduous process but I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that the students make the right choices for the right reasons which is why we place such importance upon this stage of their education.

The extracurricular programme for terms 3 and 4 is now in place with a copy attached to this newsletter and one on the website. Please make sure you go through it with your child and if they haven't already participated in any of the clubs and activities, make sure they do this term.

Finally, in recognition of the freedoms we enjoy in the UK and the very fact that the name of our school reflects the liberty which we are blessed with, I would like to make a small nod towards those who have lost their lives (together with their families and friends who are going through much heartache at the moment) by exercising these freedoms through a free press. The ability to express opinions and ideas and be prepared to have them criticised and questioned in a fair and open way is something we hold precious in education. Teaching the students that the best and most worthy ideas and belief systems are those which are prepared to be held up to such scrutiny is a difficult and complex task but in these times perhaps the most necessary one of all.



**Richard Clutterbuck**

**Indoor Athletics Competition**

The School is proud of two of our students who performed very well at the recent South West of England and Wales Indoor Athletics Competition.

Ellie Haines (Y9) came 1<sup>st</sup> in the U15 60m race, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Grand Prix and 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the U15 girls.

Jack Donoghue (Y7) is the U13 200m champion and came second in the 60m race.

Congratulations to both Ellie and Jack!

Jack's medal ceremony



**Asthma**

If your child suffers from asthma please notify the School by email [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)  
Please do so even if you think the School already holds this information.

**“Tenner Challenge”**

On 19 January 2015 there is going to be a Disney day where students get to dress up as any Disney character and make a £1.00 payment which would go towards a cancer research charity. Then after school at 3.15 in the afternoon there will be a showing of the well-known, popular Disney film ‘Frozen’ when sweets and popcorn will be sold. Tickets are free and will be available from 15 January (first come first serve).  
Jessica Poole (Y8)



**Term 3 – Key Dates**

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<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 14	Y7 & Y8 sports hall athletics at Orchard School
Thursday 15	U14 basketball vs St Bede’s and Redland Green (away at St Bede’s)
Monday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y8: “Tenner Challenge” including non-uniform day with a ‘Disney’ theme and after school film viewing</li> <li>6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Eleanor Collins, Vox PR</li> </ul>
Tuesday 20	U14 basketball vs Colston’s (home)
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10 GCSE PE: trip to University of Gloucestershire</li> <li>Y9: Sky Blue Theatre: Shakespeare Re-wired</li> </ul>
Thursday 22	Y9: Pathways Day
Tuesday 27	‘Philosothon’ competition after school at King’s College School, Taunton
Friday 30	FoBFS pizza and cinema evening
<b>February</b>	
Monday 2	GCSE Music: performance evening
Monday 9	Trip (evening) to University of Bath to see Team Bath vs Surrey Storm (netball)
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10: Sex and Relationships Education day</li> <li>Y9: guided choices evening</li> </ul>
Friday 13	End of term 3: school finishes at 3.00 pm
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates.	