

Weekly Update



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 19 January

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

Monday:

4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Football (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)
Girls' football
Makers Club
Litsoc (Y10)
Orchestra
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Parkour (Y9 & Y10)
Trampoline (Y9 & Y10)
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
Film Club
Composition workshop (Y10)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
'Grease' rehearsals (all cast)
Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)
Football Fan Forum
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

Let it go...

On Monday a group of our Year 8 students will compete for the south of England in the Young Enterprise Tenner Relay by hosting a Disney themed day in a bid to turn a £10 loan into as much profit as possible in just 24 hours. The relay will see two ten pound notes travel to twenty areas of the country, challenging school children along the way to turn them into as much profit as possible by doing something creative and enterprising, before passing them on to the next school.

As one of the ten selected schools in the south of the UK we, together with the other nine chosen schools in the region, will try to generate a larger combined profit than that of the north – Birmingham is the dividing line. The relay marks the launch of this year's Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge; Britain's biggest nationwide enterprise competition for young people, which will see over 25,000 young people register across the UK to turn their ten pounds into a larger sum of money over a period of four weeks.

Last year's Tenner Relay saw ten schools raise over £4500 from a single ten pound note. This year our Year 8s are organising a non-uniform day themed around Disney characters culminating in a free showing of 'Frozen' (the sing along version at my request) in the Drama Hall. Through donations for wearing non-uniform or dressing up as a Disney character and sales of cinema style snacks during the showing of 'Frozen', they hope to help the south top last year's figures. All the money raised from the day will go to a cancer research charity. Students and staff have been informed about the day, but as a reminder, either wear non-uniform or come dressed as a Disney character and donate £1 to the Tenner Challenge. Tickets for the Frozen Film fest were issued earlier today and lyric sheets are being printed off as we speak.

Richard Clutterbuck



Work Experience

In July our Year 10 students will be discovering the world of work in their work experience placements. These are a vital part of the 6 degrees of aspiration programme through which we provide our students with opportunities within and beyond the curriculum to prepare them for life after Bristol Free School.

Our students are currently looking for placements in a wide variety of work settings. We hope to be able to use these contacts in future years when our present students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are in the same position. With this in mind, if any BFS parents or contacts feel that they might be able to offer a Year 10 student some work experience during the week of 6 to 10 July or would like to be added to our database for future years we would be very interested in hearing from you. Please let the School know at admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk.

Stranger Danger Alert

Please refer to yesterday's email and text message for details of the most recent alert.

We have reiterated this advice to students:

- Avoid travelling to and from school and elsewhere on your own
- Travel in well-lit areas
- Let your parents know where you are going and what time you expect to arrive
- If someone approaches you who you don't know, return to school or head straight home. If you don't feel safe doing either head in to a shop or public building. Tell the adults in the shop or building
- Report it to your parents and teachers immediately, they will call the police
- If possible try and remember details about the stranger and the vehicle (if they're in one) to help give a description
- You must tell a trusted adult if this happens

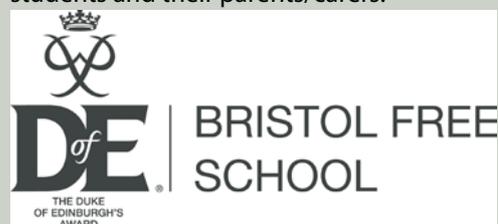
We ask parents and carers to re-inforce this message at home.



Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme

This week we launched the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme to Year 10 students. This multi-faceted award enables young people to demonstrate a variety of qualities by choosing to volunteer, enhance a physical activity, improve a skill and undertake a two day expedition. It is highly regarded by both employers and universities and promises to be a lot of fun.

We are holding an information evening on 28 January to answer questions from Y10 students and their parents/carers.



Term 3 – Key Dates

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January	
Monday 19	"Tenner Challenge" including non-uniform day with a 'Disney' theme and after school film viewing of 'Frozen'
Tuesday 20	U14 basketball vs Colston's Girls' School (home)
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 GCSE PE: trip to University of Gloucestershire • Y9: Sky Blue Theatre: Shakespeare Re-wired
Thursday 22	Y9: Pathways Day
Monday 26	6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Eleanor Collins, Vox PR
Tuesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Philosothon' competition after school at King's College School, Taunton • U16 girls' basketball vs Orchard School (home)
Wednesday 28	Y10: parents and students Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme information evening, 6.00 pm
Friday 30	FoBFS pizza and cinema evening
February	
Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 degrees keynote speaker after school: John Gibbs, NHS Procurement • GCSE Music: performance evening
Monday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13 girls' cricket competition at City Academy • Trip (evening) to University of Bath to see Team Bath vs Surrey Storm (netball)
Tuesday 10	Y9 & Y10 Sports hall athletics at Redland Green School
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10: Sex and Relationships Education day • Y9: guided choices evening
Friday 13	End of term 3: school finishes at 3.00 pm
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	