

# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 26 January

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

### Monday:

**3 – 4 pm:** 6 Degrees of  
Aspiration keynote speaker:  
Eleanor Collins, Vox PR  
**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)  
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'

Study Club will run every day  
except Friday.

## Words from the Headteacher

At the close of play on 20 January, Bristol Free School is leading the Tenner Relay for the south and second in the country overall. Our Year 8 students raised a grand total of £551.31. Congratulations to all of our students for such a successful day and a big thank you to Mr Parry for overseeing the relay. Click on the following link to see if we are holding on to second place: <http://tinyurl.com/opuxhcq>

Year 9 participated in the Blue Sky Theatre Company's Romeo and Juliet workshop on Wednesday. Not only did the students explore the text with a group of professional actors, they were also given the opportunity to perform several key scenes in authentic costumes. As you can see from some photographs in the newsletter, one or two students delved deep in to the parts they were playing embracing all aspects and requirements of the role...

Not content with treating Year 9 to a Shakespeare day, we followed it with the Year 9 Pathways day on Thursday. Year 9 spent the morning meeting people from industry and higher education then finished the day with two sessions - the first was 'speed dating' with STEM ambassadors, university students, business mentors and our very own Year 10 ambassadors and the second was a subject fair which gave the students a chance to talk to our subject leaders about the nature of the GCSE courses. The day was set up to help Year 9 students understand the options process and give them the knowledge to make wise choices about their GCSE course combinations. Year 9 students responded to the day brilliantly and were a credit to the School. A huge thanks must also go to the staff who helped run the day and supervised the students throughout. I will also single out Ms Huzzey and Mr Collis who put together and ran the event with such aplomb.

There is a separate attachment with this newsletter telling you about 'Sickly', a development we encourage you to use to report your child's absence from school due to illness.

Finally, thank you to everyone who bought a copy of the BFS Christmas Album. We are able to send a donation of £330 to BandAid30.

**Richard Clutterbuck**

### 'Tenner' challenge

On Monday a team of twelve students from Year 8 (Evie Morgan, Kaci Carmack, Kelsey Haddow, Verina Muteve, Devon White, Jessica Poole, Alfie Davies, Eiman Kumar, Frazer Smith, Lama Zakout, Aaliyah Rashid and Hannah Warren) managed to turn £10 into more than £550 as part of a national competition. Their idea was to raise money through a Disney themed non-uniform day and to show "Frozen" after school in the Drama studio where they would sell food and drink. The day was a great success with some excellent Disney costumes on display by both staff and students. It culminated in over 100 students going to the film viewing (it was quite a sight to see and hear 100 BFS students singing along!).

The students showed a huge amount of maturity and creativity to implement the business plan; which involved numerous tasks such as promoting the Disney event in assemblies, setting up a business meeting with the Headteacher and calculating the profit and loss total on selling popcorn!

I am immensely proud of all of the students and the skills they have gained from the event will no doubt be of huge benefit for them in the future.

Mr Parry, Year Leader: Y8

**Year 10 students' work experience**

Year 10 students should, by now, be fully immersed in the process of arranging their work experience placements for 6 to 10 July. Parents are reminded that the deadline for students to confirm their placement with an employer and complete their 3-way form is February half term. Please support and encourage your child through this process.

**U14 girls' basketball vs Orchard School**

After warming up and having a quick talk, we got straight into the game. After winning the toss, we took possession and used quick rebounds to have another shot on goal. After a quick change around shots came from Phoebe Neville, Holly Freke and Corinne Thompson, putting us out into the lead. We used the advantage of rebounds to then sprint down where there were no defenders. In the second half, we made good use of the players by passing around the circle before taking a shot on goal. Overall, the score was a victory: 48 – 10 and the player of the match went to Corinne Thompson.

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

**Can you write a story in 500 words?**

The BBC's '500 words' is back and this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever! Bristol Free School is once again taking part in this exciting opportunity to create and write some fantastic stories.

This will be our fourth year entering the competition as a school; it has become a wonderful tradition and each year more and more of our students are inspired to write and entertain others with their writing. Last year's entries had Mrs Kendall and the English department staff rolling with laughter and smiling in wonder. The English department is looking forward to being entertained with your writing again.

Are you 13 or under? Do you want the opportunity to have your work read at the Hay Festival? Fancy winning some amazing prizes? Then ask your English teacher about taking part!

**Shakespeare at Bristol Free School**

Year 9 students had an exciting opportunity to take part in a 'Romeo and Juliet' workshop. As last year, this was an enormous success. The Drama Hall was transformed into a scene straight from Verona with colourful set, royal robes and dramatic music, while the four actors from Sky Blue Theatre Company brought the play to life.

The students saw first-hand the tragic staging of Romeo and Juliet's death, which they had a chance to direct and everyone enthusiastically took part in a Jeremy 'Vile' show where Juliet accused Lord Capulet of being a 'bad dad' - much cheering and booing ensued.

The highlight of the day, however, was when a selection of students eagerly donned costumes to re-enact the plot. The audience were amazed by Hayden Doel as psychopathic Prince Escalus, intent on stabbing anyone who got in his way; Zak Ahmed as the nurse who had an identity crisis, believing herself to be the true Juliet; Olivia Stone as Juliet who revelled in telling us about her hobby of watching the flappy birds; Aswin Shibu as the most monosyllabic Romeo ever; Ben Lang as Tybalt showing off his advanced battle moves; some rather questionable dancing from the County Paris (Ollie Pope and Thomas Covill) and Jack Payne as Friar Lawrence who spent his days picking cabbages and sleeping pills from his garden.

These students and many more had the audience in a state of perpetual laughter, making it a day to remember for all of Year 9.



**Term 3 – Key Dates**

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<b>January</b>	
Tuesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Philosothon' competition after school at King's College School, Taunton</li> <li>U16 girls' basketball vs Orchard School (home)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28	Y10: parents and students Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme information evening, 6.00 pm
Thursday 29	Small group of Young Enterprise students attend training at University of Bristol (after school)
Friday 30	FoBFS pizza and cinema evening
<b>February</b>	
Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 degrees keynote speaker after school: John Gibbs, NHS (Procurement)</li> <li>GCSE Music: performance evening</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4	U14 girls' football vs Colston's Girls' (away at Clifton College sports ground)
Monday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U13 girls' cricket competition at City Academy</li> <li>Trip (evening) to University of Bath to see Team Bath vs Surrey Storm (netball)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10	Y9 & Y10 Sports hall athletics at Redland Green School
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10: Sex and Relationships Education day</li> <li>Y9: guided choices evening</li> <li>Y9 &amp; Y10 boys' football vs Orchard School (home at Coombe Dingle)</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.	