

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 2 February

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of
Aspiration keynote speaker:
John Gibbs, NHS
(Procurement)

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
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'
Philosophy and Science Club

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

I am glad to see a significant number of students now donning appropriate clothing for the winter weather; whether it was my plea or the recent drop in temperature which persuaded them to put coats on, it matters not (although, I suspect it was the latter). Nevertheless, one or two students are not adhering to the uniform policy and instead of sporting coats are wearing hoodies. Aside from not providing the necessary warmth and waterproofing of a coat they are not an accepted item of our uniform policy. If students do wear them, the hoodie will be confiscated. This does not include the School's PE hoodies which students are allowed to wear during PE lessons and extra-curricular sports. One more request from me is for students to refrain from putting on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves as they move from lesson to lessons within the main building. It is unnecessary, time consuming and makes me worry each time I see a student dressed like Scott of the Antarctic that the School's heating has failed. Each student has a rucksack in which to store these items of clothing and if storage space in their bags is limited then they have access to lockers.

On Thursday 12 February Year 9 students and their parents are invited to the Year 9 Pathways Evening. This will feature a short presentation from Mr Collis and me followed by an opportunity for parents as well as students to discuss GCSE subject choices with our subject leaders. Details of the location and timings of the evening are included in the cover letter which has gone out with the Year 9 reports. I look forward to seeing our Year 9 students and parents on the 12 February.

On Tuesday Ms Huzzey and Ms Almey took 10 students from Years 7 to 10 to King's College School in Taunton to compete in a 'Philosothon' and a report on the visit appears later within this newsletter. The age profile of our students was significantly lower than those of the other schools; nonetheless, they more than held their own. The judges commended our students and made a special mention of Max Cramer who, by all accounts, was a gadfly in the finest of Socratic traditions.



Richard Clutterbuck

Available for hire

The BFS Drama Studio, suitable for many activities including dance, keep fit, drama, orchestra and choirs, is available for hire. Please see the School's website for more details.

Interschool Philosothon

On Tuesday Sahara Shafi, Lianne Tagudin, James Beggs, Joel Grimmer, Max Davies (all Y10), Max Cramer, Ahmed Zakout (both Y9), Dan Brazil (Y8), Lily Cockerham and Ashley Canwell (both Y7) represented Bristol Free School in the Philosothon at King's College, Taunton. This was an event when ten schools from across the UK met to discuss key philosophical questions - these being: 'Is the purpose of life to be happy?', 'What is art?', 'What is the point of education?' and 'What makes you 'you'? After a short introduction by the Chaplain and Headmaster we went into nine 'communities of enquiry' where we discussed these points with students from years 9 to 13 from the different schools. We had a light supper during the interim time and had some entertainment at the end of the night, including piano, poetry and political arguments. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event with St Marylebone's School, London taking home the prestigious trophy, a depiction of Rodin's 'Thinker'. It was great to look around such an old school and socialise with students from all over the country; we can't wait until next year! James Beggs and Joel Grimmer



U14 Girls' Basketball vs Cotham

After quickly gaining possession we took control. We were unsure of Cotham's standard but we were taken slightly a back. Cotham led but we were confident that we could gain the goals lost after listening to good coaching advice given by Leban Mohamud. In the second quarter we improved the rebounds, we took the sideline passes quicker and applied more pressure to the opposition. We managed to attack more and had more shots on goal.

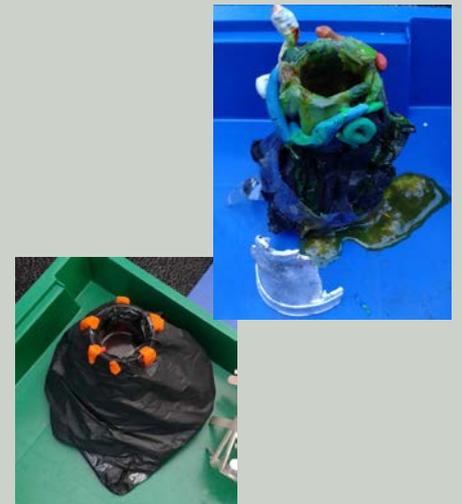
After another quick talk we gained more possession by moved towards the ball to receive passes and we used passing skills to get more shots on goal. The score was finally even by the end of the 3rd quarter but we still kept going taking every opportunity there was and in the end we took the lead by 12 points. The final score was 26-14 to BFS and the player of the match went to Corinne Thompson. Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

Science Club

Starting this term off in explosive style, Science Club members have been designing and building their very own erupting volcanoes! Teams were given a choice of lava recipes, either the classic bicarbonate of soda and vinegar or mentos and coke. Points were awarded for 'fizziness' of the lava, as well for creativity and style. The winning team was 'Please_Insert_Team_Name_Here!', closely followed by the Hippie Mexicans and Legendary Lanterns teams.

Food Technology

Parents and carers of some students who are timetabled for Food Technology classes next term will have received a letter about the arrangement for ingredients. Please ensure that if you received such a letter you have noted the deadline for response.



Term 3 – Key Dates	
February	
Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees keynote speaker after school: John Gibbs, NHS (Procurement) GCSE Music: performance evening
Tuesday 3	Bristol Schools' swimming gala
Wednesday 4	U14 girls' football vs Colston's Girls' (away at Clifton College sports ground)
Thursday 5	U14 girls' basketball vs St Bede's (home)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 & Y10 Sports hall athletics at Redland Green School Y7 & Y8 boys' football vs Orchard School (away)
Wednesday 11	Dove Project focus group
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10: Sex and Relationships Education day Y9: guided choices evening Y9 & Y10 boys' football vs Orchard School (home at Coombe Dingle)
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.	