

Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing 9
February**

*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

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

Student Newspaper

Warhammer Club

Games Club

Chess Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Philosophy and Science Club

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

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.

Words from the Headteacher

Last Friday we were treated to the long awaited return of lunch time band academy, 'Live Lounge'. Students from across the whole school provided musical entertainment while students and staff enjoyed lunch. At the changeover of lunch sittings the BFS staff band took to the stage for their debut with a couple of songs which they performed with confidence suggesting that they had been practising for quite some time. However, they were overshadowed by our student performers (as they should be). Shaye Stewart's rendition of "I like to Move It" was quite something; he is a seasoned performer at BFS and certainly knows what it takes to be a frontman. Yet what was most pleasing about the session were the number of new performers who took to the stage, singing and playing instruments in front of their peers, perhaps the toughest audience for debut performers. The new performers are always well received and consistently perform at a high level. So, thank you to all of the students who performed (experienced and newcomers alike), our audience across both lunch sittings and above all Mr Pate for providing yet another rich opportunity for our students.

Over the weekend Bristol Free School governors are meeting to continue planning for our 6th form. We will be drawing heavily on the work the students produced during the Enterprise Day as we put together the ethos, curriculum, staffing and site plans. The countdown to September 2016 has begun and the 6th form promises to be a fine addition to our school.

The guided choices evening for our Year 9 students and parents is on Thursday 12 February, starting in the Drama Hall at 6.00 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Richard Clutterbuck



U14 Girls' Football vs Colston's Girls' School

After a quick warm up, we got straight into the game. Having not played as a team before was a slight disadvantage but we soon got to grips with our positions. We had the majority of the possession in the first half taking every opportunity to score. Eventually Anna Fraser managed to score after the ball rebounded off the post. We were going in for challenges rather than shying away and therefore Anna had another shot on goal and scoring! With about 2 minutes of the first half left Olivia Stone scored a good goal putting us 3-0 up. At half time we decided to drive towards the ball and work on our communication. In spite of working on those key points and many shots on goal, we didn't score due to their excellent goal keeper.

A 3-0 win for BFS, with the player of the match going to Olivia Stone.

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

Achievements

We are very proud of the diversity of out of school activities in which Bristol Free School students participate. We sometimes hear 'on the grapevine' of particular achievements, but are also aware that often students are reticent. We like to be able to celebrate success and would encourage parents/carers to email the School admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk with details of achievements, including photos if possible. If space allows we will include information in the newsletter, but will also ensure that tutors are made aware.



Term 3 – Key Dates

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February	
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.



Science Club

Science Club has been working hard over the past two weeks to repair and rejuvenate our existing bird boxes ready for springtime nesting. We researched the best types of box for different species, as well as any food or nesting material that our local birds might like. To top it off, each team chose either an 'enticing' or 'camouflaging' colour scheme, and we will be fitting three of the boxes with nest-cams to see just what our feathered friends are getting up to!

