

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 2 March

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:

No after school clubs due to Y8

Subject Evening apart from

'Grease' rehearsals and sports

fixtures

Friday:

'Band Academy'

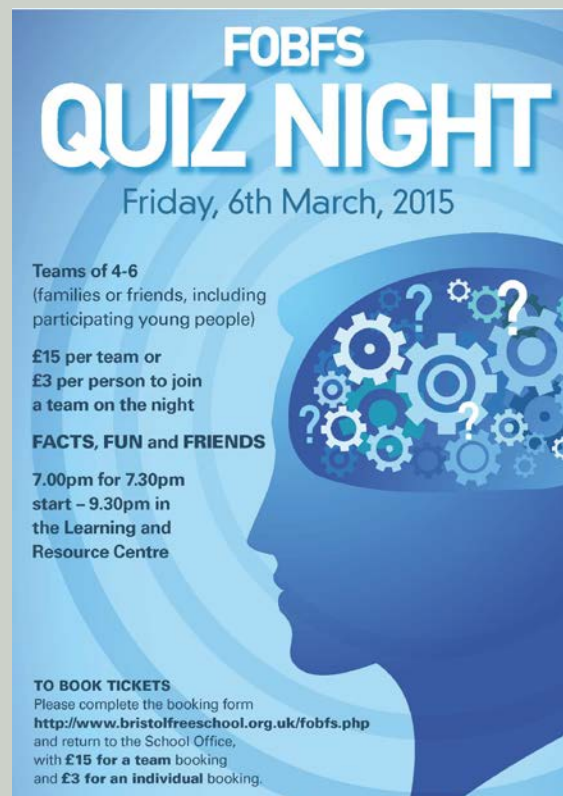
Study Club will run every day
except Thursday and Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

Letters were sent out earlier this week via students informing parents of our parent governor election. We have two vacancies, to begin from 1 September 2015 and the term of office for both positions is four years. Being a school governor is a key role in any school and is vitally important to Bristol Free School. If you become a governor you will join one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of our local governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of the School. Time and time again Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing body. Our Ofsted inspection reports that, *"Outstanding leadership has driven the school's early achievements. Such is their passion for the success of the school that governors, including the parent representatives, are exceptionally well informed and involved in key decisions."* The role of the governing body is a strategic one with its key functions being to:

- set the aims and objectives for the School
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the School is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher (a critical friend)

The School has benefitted hugely from the support of our current parent governors and I cannot thank them enough for helping shape our school.



**FOBFS
QUIZ NIGHT**
Friday, 6th March, 2015

Teams of 4-6
(families or friends, including
participating young people)

£15 per team or
£3 per person to join
a team on the night

FACTS, FUN and FRIENDS

7.00pm for 7.30pm
start – 9.30pm in
the Learning and
Resource Centre

TO BOOK TICKETS
Please complete the booking form
<http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/fobfs.php>
and return to the School Office,
with **£15 for a team** booking
and **£3 for an individual** booking.

If you feel that you would like to contribute to the School by being part of our local governing body then please read carefully the letter I sent out and complete the nomination form as directed. The last date for returning nominations is Tuesday 10 March. I have attached a copy to this newsletter of the letter and nomination form sent out on Wednesday.

Richard Clutterbuck



Years 9 & 10 Indoor Athletics Competition

In the final week before the holiday the BFS athletics team set off to Redland Green School to compete in an indoor athletics competition. Despite being limited on numbers to begin with as always BFS rose to the challenge. Notable performances came from Holly Neville (who was competing in a higher age group) who was first in the 4 lap race. Ellie Preece (who was also competing in a higher age group) came second in the 2 lap race and Ellie Haines managed an impressive score of 72 in the Speed Bounce. Gage Whittingham-Slade threw a massive 10m in the shot putt after nearly hitting Miss McInnes with his first attempt! Leban Mohamud won the 4 lap race along with Tanaka Madimutsa who was equal first in the 6 lap race. The event organiser spoke to Mr Truan and commented on Team BFS being a credit to their school, and how he was highly impressed with our outstanding effort and application throughout the competition.

Sports journalist - Corinne Thompson (Y9)

After school

We urge parents and carers to make clear arrangements with their children for what is to happen at the end of each day. All too often students return to school asking to call home as their parents are not where they expect them to be. Sometimes there is a genuine reason why parents have been delayed, but for some students this is a frequent occurrence. Our extensive extra-curricular programme and study club run from 3.15 pm but students are expected to go straight to their activity without leaving the site. Similarly, students who are waiting for musical instrument lessons after school should not leave the site before their lesson.

'Romeo and Juliet' at the Tobacco Factory

On Tuesday Mrs Kendall and Miss McGrath were pleased to visit the Tobacco Factory with a group of students from Years 9 and 10 to see an exciting production of 'Romeo & Juliet'. The students were keenly anticipating the production with many arriving early and the atmosphere was electric. We entered the theatre, found our seats and waited with bated breath for the Shakespearean classic to begin. And we were not disappointed!

The setting was fantastic with cast members interacting with the audience; glitter, gore and great music ensued and at the interval the students were to be found talking animatedly about the show. As we returned for the remaining half of the tragedy, the skilful actors transformed the mood developing the tragedy before reaching its gruesome and shocking end. As we exited

the theatre, students were raving about the performance - staff and students alike have been truly inspired by this show. A wonderful evening was had by all and the students were a true credit to Bristol Free School.

Dining Hall

Please check your child's catering account frequently and top it up in good time for them to be able to buy refreshments at school.



Term 4 – Key Dates	
March	
Tuesday 3	Y7 girls' hockey festival (7 a-side) at Fairfield School
Wednesday 4	Y8 boys' football vs Fairfield School (away)
Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y9 boys' football vs Fairfield School (home at Coombe Dingle) Y8 Subject Evening World Book Day
Friday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 guided choices deadline Y8 & Y9: small group trip to Mojo Active FoBFS quiz evening
Monday 9	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Tristan Pate, actor/musician
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U14 girls' football vs Fairfield School (away) Y9 & Y10 boys' football vs Redland Green School (away)
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 Gloucestershire Sevens rugby tournament Y7 & Y9 boys' football vs Redland Green School (home at Coombe Dingle) U14 girls' football tournament at Redland Green School
Friday 13	Non- uniform day in support of Comic Relief (wear red and red noses)
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y10 boys' football vs Clifton High School (home at Coombe Dingle) Y7 & Y8 : small group visit to Bristol Zoo
Wednesday 18	Y7 & Y8 boys' football vs City Academy (away)
Thursday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years – girls' hockey vs Henbury School (away) Y9 & Y10 boys' football vs City Academy (home at Coombe Dingle)
Friday 20	Routes into Languages competition at Royal High School, Bath
Monday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Petra Metzger, Fashion designer (Central St Martin's College of Art) Parent information evening for new Y7
Tuesday 24	Y7 girls' 5 a-side football vs Red Maids' School (home)
Wednesday 25	Inter tutor group sports competition
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school STEM day Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 27	End of term 4: school finishes at 3.00 pm
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	