

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 16 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:

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

Philosophy and Science Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

We have reached the mid-point in our recruitment of teaching staff for next September. It is hectic but extremely worthwhile. Indeed one of the key roles for any headteacher or school leader is to ensure that they recruit high-quality staff. This year is no exception and once I have closed this round of appointments at the end of this term I will present a full list of who will be joining us in September. Suffice to say that we have recruited great teachers in English, Maths, Physics and Chemistry alongside a number of excellent internal promotions. Support staff recruitment will begin after the Easter break but we are already forging ahead with the recruitment of exam invigilators - details about this role are elsewhere in the newsletter.

The last week of this term begins with a meeting for the parents of our new Year 7 cohort. It is by invitation only and for parents not the students; they will have their own special day later on in the summer! Once Bristol City Council has sent out the second round of offers we will run a session for those parents, and any who were unable to attend the first meeting. So if you are not invited this time but receive an offer to BFS during the second round we will make sure you have the parent induction during the summer term.

Miss McInnes will begin her primary visits on Tuesday 24 March and these will span the Easter break. Once we know which students are coming following the second round of offers, she will make return visits, thus ensuring that the students as well of the parents in the second round of offers receive the same induction as those offered in the first round.

Plans for our 6th form are well underway with much work taking place behind the scenes. Several deadlines from external agencies are about to be passed and once we are through those I will be writing to all parents outlining the plans and how they can be involved in shaping the 6th form.

Richard Clutterbuck



Y7 girls' hockey team

Last week nine girls from Year 7 ventured to Fairfield School to participate in a hockey festival. With the sun shining and the team in high spirits (in spite of limited training and experience in the sport) the girls warmed up while Millie Chaplin stepped forward to don the goal keeper's kit.

The team encountered Colston's Girls' School in the first game. Although BFS had majority possession the short match ended on a 0-0 draw.

Ashton Park School were BFS's opponents in the second game; the opposition won 3-0.

In the final game Amelia Wyatt took over as goal keeper, but the team suffered a 1-0 loss against Fairfield, with the goal being scored in the dying moments of the game.

Well done to all the team, and special mention to Amelia Wyatt and Phin Thonglue who were both awarded players of the match.

Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Finals

On Tuesday 10 March a group of Year 8 and 9 students attended the Bristol Schools' Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Final. The girls started on the track, notable mentions come for Holly Neville who achieved 2nd in the 4 lap race and also her sister Phoebe Neville who managed 1st in the same event but different heat. Furthermore, Ellie Haines and Ellie Preece both came 3rd in their 2 lap race events. The boy's field events saw Gage Whittingham-Slade throw a mighty 11m in the shot put. Once the teams switched we continued to display excellent performances across the range of events. As the final results came in, the Y9 girls' team (consisting of five Year 8 students!) finished 5th with the boys coming joint 2nd across the whole of Bristol. Congratulations to all students who participated.

Sports Journalist: Corinne Thompson (Y9)

'Swimarathon'

Last Sunday nine students, with representatives from all year groups, took part in a charity 'swimarathon' with proceeds going to the Rotary Club, supporting many local organisations. The team split over two lanes and swam continuously for the 55 minutes allocated, totalling an amazing 590 lengths between them!

Examination Invigilators

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised people to join our Examination Invigilators team. You will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking end-of-year, mock and actual GCSE exams, as necessary throughout the school year – hours are variable depending upon the exam timetable.

This summer we need invigilators who are available on the following dates:

Monday 8 – Wednesday 10th June and Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June.

No previous experience is necessary; however, you will need to have the following:

- Good organisational skills
- Reliability and punctuality
- Flexibility in working hours and ability to offer medium term commitment
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to relate to students

The rate of pay is £7.87 per hour.

DBS (CRB) checks will be required. Full training will be provided.

For more information or an application form, please contact Helen Chim (Exams and Assessment Officer) at h.chim@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or 0117 9597215. The closing date for applications is Friday 27 March.

Term 4 – Key Dates	
March	
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 & Y8 : small group visit to Bristol Zoo • Y7 boys' football vs Clifton High School (home at Coombe Dingle) • Y10 boys' football vs Merchants' Academy (away)
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 & Y8 boys' football vs City Academy (away) • Y10 GCSE Art, small group trip to Harbourside, after school
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes into Languages competition at Royal High School, Bath • UK Maths Trust: team competition at St Katherine's School • Y10 rugby vs Clifton High School (home at Coombe Dingle, 5pm kick-off)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosslyn Park Sevens rugby tournament • Y7 girls' 5 a-side football vs Red Maids' School (home)
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole school STEM day • Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter tutor group sports competition • End of term 4: school finishes at 3.00 pm
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	

