

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 20 April

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of
Aspiration keynote speaker:
Robert Pattison, Technology
Manager, Future Submarines
4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8)
Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8)
International Games Club
LitSoc (Y10)
Makers Club
Orchestra
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

All Years Mixed Athletics
Composition workshop (Y10)
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
Film Club
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
Boys' cricket (Y9 & Y10)
Chess Club
Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)
Football Fan Forum
Games Club
Gardening Club
Girls' rounders (Y9 & Y10)
International Film Club
Maths Club
Student Newspaper
Technology Open Workshops
(Y10)
Warhammer Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

Welcome back and I hope you had a restful Easter.

We are officially in the summer terms and with the weather as glorious as it has been since the last week of the holiday, it feels more like June than mid-April. With the high temperatures students have been asking about blazers and whether or not they need to be worn. In previous years I have removed the requirement for students to wear blazers during term 6 and the same will apply this year. Nonetheless, while this weather lasts students are right to raise the matter. To clarify the School's expectations, during break and lunchtime students may remove their blazers but they must wear them in and around the school buildings at all other times. Wearing a school jumper is optional, however, and I have suggested to one or two students who have asked about blazers citing that they were getting hot, that removing their jumper would be a sensible thing to do...

We held the parent governor elections at the end of last term. We received two nominations for the two vacant posts and as a consequence did not need to go to a ballot. From 1 September 2015 Mr Andrew McWhan will join Mr James Chamberlain (returning for a second term in office) as part of the local governing body. I will repeat my thanks to our outgoing parent governor, Adeela Shafi, for her sterling work over the past four years as an integral part of the governance of BFS.

On Thursday 21 May I am holding a parent consultation evening on our 6th Form. The sixth form will open in September 2016 and I am keen to hear the views of parents of our students. The evening is open to all parents of students currently at BFS with a particular focus on our Year 10 parents as they will be seeing their sons and daughters enter the 6th form as our founding Year 12s. The evening will involve a short keynote presentation from me followed by an opportunity to give your views on a range of aspects which will make ours a successful 6th form. I have already carried out this process with governors and will be doing so with BFS staff and students.

The Year 9 pathways have been crunched in to next year's timetable and letters will be sent out next week to all Year 9 students confirming their GCSE choices. It has been a very rewarding process for all of the staff involved and we are looking forward to delivering the curriculum to Year 9 when they reach Year 10 in September.

Thursday 7 May is a significant day for us all and one which has been on the horizon since 2011. In September of 2011 our founding year group started as Year 7 students and we knew we would have to wait until they reached Year 10 before they became eligible for Young Enterprise. The regional final takes place on 7 May, and I for one will be rooting for our team. Good luck to all of the students involved and Mr Harkin as their staff leader. I am sure something else important is happening on this date but it certainly can't be as important as supporting our finalists.

Richard Clutterbuck

Trip to Barcelona

Parents and carers of, and students participating, in this trip are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 22 April at 6.30 pm to find out more details. Please make sure that you do not miss out on important information.

Young Enterprise Book Launch

The long awaited 'Mamma's Secret Recipes' book is here! The Young Enterprise team will be hosting a book-signing in the LRC from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits and comfy seats available! Books cost £9.99, cash purchases only! All welcome.



Student Drop Off

If you bring your child to school by car please remember that the main student gates are on Concorde Drive. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours along Concorde Drive and you can help – please do not turn your car anywhere in Concorde Drive and certainly do not use residents' drives or park in front of these. If you drive to the end of Concorde Drive in a westward direction you will reach the junction with Charlton Road. Turning left on to Charlton Road will take you back to the junction with Passage Road, having looped around the perimeter of the School. This avoids the need to turn around on Concorde Drive and is a much easier junction for joining Passage Road if you are heading in to the city. If you are waiting to collect your child at the end of the school day, then please park at the far drop off point on the school side of the road on Concorde Drive. Please do not park in any of the residents' drives or parking spaces. If you have little option but to drive your child to school, I would ask that you drop them off 5 minutes' walk away from the site. This will reduce congestion and encourage the students to be more independent. Similarly please be aware that Burghill Road, as well as not being our main entrance, is difficult if turning your car.

Term 5 – Key Dates	
April	
Tuesday 21	Young Enterprise book launch, 5.00 pm
Wednesday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8: 'Play your Part' day Art trip after school to Royal West of England Academy Trip to Barcelona, information meeting, 6.30 pm
Thursday 23	Small group trip to General Election hustings event
Monday 27	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Helen Harrison, CRED Team Trips
Wednesday 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group trip to IET Faraday Challenge at UWE 'Grease' performance
Thursday 30	'Grease' performance
May	
Friday 1	'Grease' performance
Monday 4	Public holiday: school closed
Thursday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Day Young Enterprise regional final (afternoon and evening)
Monday 11	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Fiona Lawrence, Head Veterinary Surgeon
Thursday 14	PGL trip to Beam House, information meeting, 6.30 pm
Monday 18	Trip to Battlefields, information meeting, 6.30 pm
Tuesday 19	Music Showcase Concert
Wednesday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Day New Y7 parent information evening, 6.30 pm, by invitation only
Thursday 21	6 th form parental consultation evening, 6.30 pm
Friday 22	End of term 5
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	

