

Weekly Update



Words from the Headteacher

Year 10 students have just completed the second day of their exam surgeries in preparation for Year 11. We decided prior to the exams to deliver intensive post exam surgeries in English, Maths and Science so that the impact of the summer break on Year 10 students' learning would be reduced and the students are able to start Year 11 with a clear plan of action. The focus on these three subjects is crucial as they are 'facilitator' subjects, providing the gateway in to progression routes beyond GCSEs. Running the surgeries does put additional strain on the rest of the School, increasing demands on cover and asking staff and students to go above and beyond. Nonetheless, the positive impact on each Year 10 student, having dedicated time in which they can identify areas of the curriculum they need to improve, as well as honing exam technique, will be felt beyond the three subjects.



Next week Year 10 students head off to their work experience placements. This is another rite of passage for Bristol Free School and the staff are looking forward to visiting many of our students on their placements. Alongside this work experience, we have two residential trips departing on Monday - a Year 9 History trip to the World War 1 battlefields of France and Belgium and a Year 7 trip to a PGL centre in North Devon. At the end of the week the Modern Foreign Languages team is taking a group of students from Years 8, 9 and 10 to Barcelona.

Thursday next week is the formal start of Aspiration Week. The programme of trips and activities is impressive and the students are in for a treat. We are, however, still waiting on a number of students to return their consent forms. Without those the students cannot attend the off-site visits. Parents and carers, would you please check that your sons and daughters have returned the consent forms. If they haven't then would you make sure that the forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible? The school office opens at 8.00 am and closes at 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

A last call for the Summer BBQ tonight! As promised, the weather is set fair and the evening will be a brilliant occasion. The activities planned for this year's celebrations look interesting to say the least! I look forward to seeing you there. Go to the FoBFS web page for further details or click this [link](#).

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from me about a safeguarding issue identified by my colleagues at another school. It involves a digital 'app' which your son or daughter may be using. Please read the letter and act accordingly.

Richard Clutterbuck



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Shaun the Sheep

Huge congratulations to Sophia Mumford (Y10) who has designed and painted our Shaun the Sheep ready for the schools' exhibition at Cribbs Causeway which will be opening on 6 July.

Sophia is inspired by nature in her artwork. She has tried to convey the environment of a sheep through her use of colours, texture and pattern, inspired in particular by the designs of William Morris.

One year ahead!

Year 10 students should make a note of this date: Thursday 14 July 2016. This is the date of the Year 11 Summer Ball. The venue booked is Ashton Court Mansion.

Art exhibitions in London

Battling the elements, sun not rain for a change, the Year 10 Art students took a day trip to London to see a snapshot of contemporary art at this year's Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy. On display was a vast array of works from drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Our second stop was at the Tate Modern where students enjoyed engaging with more familiar works, such as Dali, Warhol and Kandinsky. I am looking forward to seeing how they are inspired in their work in their transition into Year 11.
Miss Dawson

Term 6 – Key Dates

Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.

July	
Monday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Y10 work experience week Trip to WW1 battlefields departs PGL Beam House trip departs
Wednesday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to WW1 battlefields returns PGL Beam House trip returns
Thursday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration week starts New Y7 parent information evening
Friday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Y7 induction day Trip to Barcelona departs
Tuesday 14	Trip to Barcelona returns
Wednesday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration week finishes Volunteers' meeting
Thursday 16	Sports Day
Friday 17	End of term 6: school finishes at 1.45 pm



Between now and the end of term

Please watch out for information about

- our Sports Day
- return of deposits for locker padlocks and keys
- applying for Free School Meals

and for the updated 'A to Z of useful information'.