

# Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing**

**12 October**

*All after school activities finish  
at 4.30 pm*

**Tuesday:**

Latin (Y10)  
Makers Club  
Maths and code-breaking Club  
Boys' rugby (Y10 & Y11)  
Girls' netball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)  
Boys' basketball (Y7, Y8 & Y9)  
Musical Theatre Club/School Show

**Wednesday:**

Orchestra  
Latin (Y11)  
Craft Club  
Science Club  
Young Enterprise (Y10)  
Boys' rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9)  
Girls' netball (Y7 & Y8)  
Boys' basketball (Y10 & Y11)  
Jazz and Commercial dance

**Thursday:**

Art Club  
Community Problem Solving Club  
Cross-country  
Girls' basketball  
Warhammer and Sci-fi/Fantasy Board Gaming  
Chess Club  
Hip-hop/Street dance  
Public Speaking Club (Y10 & Y11)

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

**Words from the Headteacher**

We have reached the end of the "Open Season" at Bristol Free School. For the last three weeks we have been visited by primary age pupils and their parents during the day and on our open evening. The students and staff have been fine ambassadors for the School, not just during our open evening but during the open days as well. The School has felt incredibly busy and we estimated that some 600 hundred people attended our open evening alone, and a total of about 1000 people have visited over the last three weeks.

I have said this before but will say it again, when I speak to parents and students at the end of their tours and they comment on how calm and purposeful the School feels, how engaged the students are in their lessons and how brilliant the guides have been, I feel extremely proud to be Headteacher of BFS. I also feel a little selfish that I get to hear from the parents while everybody else is busy going about the daily business of life at BFS.

Even though our formal "Open Season" has finished, if parents do still wish to see the School in operation and have not yet been able to visit then do please contact the admin team. The process of making decisions about which secondary school you would like your child to attend is extremely important and can be stressful. As a father of a Year 5 pupil, I do truly understand how this feels! Seeing a school in its daily operations is crucial - one visit won't tell you everything you need to know about an organisation but it will tell you enough to help inform your choice.

The closing date for secondary applications is the end of this month. The next milestone will be in March 2016 when parents are notified by Bristol City Council of the outcome of their application. From then we begin our Primary Transition process. If this year follows the pattern of previous years, people will be offered places in both March (the first round of applications) and May (the second round). We are already fixing dates with our main feeder primary schools for transition meetings in order to give ourselves time to visit all new Year 7 students including those who are allocated places later in the school year.



**Richard Clutterbuck**

**Achievements – two!**

Congratulations to James Hayman Guyatt (Y8) who entered the Young Writers' competition and whose story was selected for publication in the competition's "Once Upon A Time - West Country Tales" book, which is due for release in December. Thank you also to all who took part, as your entries have given the School a chance to win further resources in the future, and we hope the experience has given you a taste of the joys of writing!

Congratulations also to Dan Brazil (Y9) who took part in a 'Mensa' day. He achieved very high results in the tests and has been offered membership of this exclusive club.



**Term 1 – Key Dates**

Please see the calendar at [www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk) for other important dates.

October	
Monday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wessex Watermark Presentation</li> <li>Y8 &amp; Y9 rugby vs Clifton High (home at Coombe Dingle)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y9 rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe (away)</li> <li>Y9, Y10 &amp; Y11 netball vs Orchard School (away)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 rugby festival at St Bede's (away)</li> <li>Y7 &amp; Y8 netball vs Orchard School (home)</li> </ul>
Thursday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y9 meningitis immunisations</li> <li>Y10 RE GCSE students – Explore RE Conference</li> <li>Y7 parents' Transition Evening</li> </ul>
Friday 16	Y8 & Y9 Sports Academy coaching at SGS College (pm)
Monday 19	Y7 Barton Camp (part year)
Tuesday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Barton Camp (part year)</li> <li>Cross country at Oasis Brislington, 1.30 – 4.00</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Barton Camp (part year)</li> <li>FoBFS AGM, 8.00 pm, location to be confirmed</li> </ul>
Thursday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Barton Camp (part year)</li> <li>Y11 rugby vs St Bede's (away)</li> </ul>
Friday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Barton Camp (part year)</li> <li>Y11 trip to Iceland departs</li> <li>INSET day: school closed to students</li> </ul>

**Active Travel Challenge**

Last week 45 students took part in an 'Active Travel Challenge Week' to raise money for the international children's charity, Smile Train. They were inspired by Year 8 student Laurence Chandler who recently became the youngest person to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End. The aim of the week was for the School collectively to beat the number of miles Laurence cycled, by walking or cycling their journey to school rather than travelling by car or bus. Although they were unable to beat Laurence's remarkable 882.2 miles, the 45 students who took part managed to travel 397.5 miles. One student travelled 25 miles over the course of the week.

The picture shows the students who covered the most miles: from left to right – William Whiteway-Wilkinson (Y7), Alex Williams (Y7), Joe Warren (Y7), Laurence Chandler (the inspiration behind the challenge!), Jacob Cook (Y8), Evelyn Thompson (Y7) and Molly Acton (Y7).



Terms and Conditions apply - see tickets <http://www.fireworksfiesta.co.uk>

Bristol Round Table & The Rotary Club of Clifton present...

Canford Park Charity **fireworks fiesta**

Saturday 7th November 2015

Gates Open: 6.00pm  
Display Begins Promptly: 7.00pm

Entrance on Canford Lane, Westbury-on-Trym BS9.  
(Arrive early to guarantee a good spot!)

TICKETS: **£5 (under 3's free)**

Available in advance from selective St Peter's Hospice shops and local schools. See website for details. [www.fireworksfiesta.co.uk](http://www.fireworksfiesta.co.uk)

Supporting local charities. PLEASE WALK TO EVENT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS.

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