

Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing
2 November**

*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)
'Oliver' rehearsals
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

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

"Don't run when you can walk, don't walk when you can stand, don't stand when you can sit, don't sit when you can lie down and don't lie down when you can sleep."

I'm not sure of the origin of this phrase but I have reproduced it in this newsletter particularly with Year 11 in mind. All students will start the holiday having completed their term 1 assessments. For Year 11 these assessments are another indicator towards their final GCSE grade. They will also give the students a clear idea as to what aspects of the course they need to revisit in order to improve understanding or practise a technique or skill which is underdeveloped. The next key performance indicator for Year 11 are their mock exams in late November. Preparation for those exams must start now in the fresh knowledge of their term 1 assessments. If the students in our founding year group do not start preparations now while the feedback from their assessments is still in the front of their minds then they will be doing too much running around in mid-November, expending energy on stress and anxiety because they have not prepared properly. So, the opening phrase is not a mandate for idleness but rather a steer to our Year 11s and their parents that true rest and relaxation will come from working hard now through the holiday.

Last night I attended the FoBFS's AGM. The committee of 10 were joined by at least 15 new faces all of whom expressed strong interest in contributing to our PTA. FoBFS grows from strength to strength each year and is a true litmus test of parent engagement at BFS. I am always impressed by what FoBFS is able to do, not simply raising money but supporting the School across the full calendar year. With so many new people in attendance I know that what FoBFS will achieve this year will out strip all previous years. So in advance of all that you will do and in respect of all that you have done, thank you.



Richard Clutterbuck

Year 7 students at Barton Camp this week



Cross-country

This week the Years 10 and 11 cross-country team set off for their first race of the season. The course was tough with plenty of hills but due to the weather a good surface to run on. The girls' race was 3.4km and Ellie Haines, Corinne Thompson, Megan Lloyd and Emily Yates all ran well to finish in the twenties. The boys' race was 4.5km and Louis St. Clair managed to secure an impressive 11th place. Gabriel Lombard and Dan Whetton finished one after another in the twenties with Max Hedger not far behind. A pleasing start to the cross-country season. Sports journalist Corinne Thompson (Y10)



Chess players wanted!

On Monday 16 November there is a regional chess tournament and we would like to enter the strongest team possible. If you would like to try out for the team, come to C106 (Mr Cousins' room in Maths) at 3.15 pm on Thursday 5 November. There are only two chess club sessions before we do battle. Our BFS chess consultant is coming in especially to work on competition strategy and end game scenarios. We need you there. Mr Cousins

Term 2 – Key Dates in November
Please see the calendar at www.bristolreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.

November	
Tuesday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 BAE Systems roadshow (afternoon) Strasbourg trip parent information meeting, 6.00 pm
Wednesday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 rugby festival at Oasis Brightstowe (away) Y7 & Y8 netball vs Oasis Brightstowe (away) Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Patchway (home) DofE award parent information meeting for Y9 & Y10, 6.00 pm
Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 & Y10 rugby vs St Bede's (away) Y9 & Y11 netball vs Oasis Brightstowe (home)
Friday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer mentor workshop at Ashton Gate, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Y7 poetry performance with Y7 parents invited from 3.15 pm
Tuesday 10	Y8 & Y11 rugby vs St Bede's (home at Coombe Dingle)
Wednesday 11	Sports Academy trip to Mojo Active, 12.40 – 4.00 pm
Thursday 12	6 th form open evening, 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 rugby vs Henbury School (away) Y9 rugby vs Orchard (away) Y11 GCSE Music performance evening, 7.00 – 8.30 pm Y10 GCSE Drama trip to Bristol Old Vic, 7.00 – 9.50 pm
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs St Mary Redcliffe (home) Y9 & Y10 girls' football vs Red Maids' School (home)
Thursday 19	Cross-country at Bristol Grammar School
Wednesday 25	Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Oasis Brightstowe (home)
Thursday 26	Y9 Subject Evening

Year 10 GCSE RE conference
Last week a selection of Y10 GCSE RE students went to Sexey's School in Somerset to see Peter Vardy, an internationally renowned philosopher, discuss medical ethics with a selection of schools. We discussed topics including what it is to be human, abortion, IVF and what it truly means to love somebody else. Dr Vardy was very impressed when the students asked thought provoking questions and gave mature observations on very serious topics. Thomas Covill (Y10)

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