

Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing
7 December**

*All after school activities finish
at 4.30 pm*

Monday:

Latin (Y8)

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
Jazz band

Thursday:

Fencing
Hip-hop/Street dance
Art Club
Community Problem Solving
Club
Cross-country
Girls' basketball
Warhammer and Sci-fi/Fantasy
Board Gaming
Chess Club

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.



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Words from the Headteacher

The last two Thursdays we have held subject evenings for Years 9 and 10 respectively. Both have been extremely well attended and I hope useful to all involved. Our next is on Thursday 7 January for Year 11. For our founding students this is a key meeting as the students' mock exam results will be the focus. Given that the evening is during the first week back in the New Year, students will be issued with their appointment sheets this side of Christmas with staff booking appointments from next week.

Year 11 students concluded their mock exams today. I have been mightily impressed with their attitude to the exams. They have taken them extremely seriously and this bodes well for the summer. As these are mock exams, we are expecting the students to start term 3 with a clear idea of the areas in which they need to improve in each subject, knowing which questions and topics they need to revisit, practise and consolidate. The taking of the mock is the mid-point in this exam cycle with the most important part of the process being the analysis of the questions they tackled. This will be happening in classes either side of Christmas. Year 11 will be drip-fed their raw marks for the exams which they have sat. However, they will not receive their overall mock results until Thursday 17 December. On this day, during tutor time, the students will have an extended assembly in which they will receive their results followed by a briefing from the Senior Team. Just as for the mock exams, this event is designed to give them a sense of how they may feel (or may not want to feel) in August of next year.

Earlier this week I took the decision to cancel our residential trip to Strasbourg. It was not an easy decision but ultimately the right one. The students accepted my reasons for doing so and their parents have been very understanding. The MFL team are looking at opportunities later in the academic year to run another trip when the overseas circumstances have changed. Those students who have missed out on Strasbourg will be given first refusal on such a trip.

Richard Clutterbuck



Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise group are going to be selling their emoji and Christmas themed foldable shopping bags between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm on the 5th of December at the St Nicholas Market in Town. The bags will stop you from spending 5p on plastic bags every time you shop and save the environment at the same time. We would really appreciate it if you could come down and purchase this fantastic product at incredible prices.

Ollie Pope
Marketing Director



Dynamics Choir

On Tuesday 24 November members of Dynamics Choir performed for the residents of local care home Katherine House. As well as a number of Christmas carols in harmony (including an impressive 'Holly and the Ivy' and 'O Holy Night') we sang some less seasonal old favourites. Of these the residents particularly enjoyed 'My Bonnie lies over the Ocean' and a fantastic solo performance of 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' by Ellen Corbett (Y9). The Katherine House residents greatly enjoyed the performance, with many singing along, and we have been asked back to perform again next year.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch this year will be served on Thursday 17 December. To assist the catering team tickets for the lunch need to be bought in advance. No other refreshments will be for sale in the Dining Hall at lunch time that day. Tickets for the Christmas lunch cost £2.50 and may be purchased from the School's reception at break and lunch time from Monday to Thursday next week.

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Term 2 – Key Dates

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

December	
Saturday 5	Young Enterprise group at St Nicholas Market, 8.00 – 5.00
Sunday 6	Y10 & Y11 GCSE Music trip to St George's (evening)
Wednesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y11: meningitis vaccinations Y7 & Y8 girls' football vs Red Maids' School (home) 9TG6 activity at Airhop from 6.00 Y8 & Y9 boys' basketball vs Patchway (away) Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Bradley Stoke (home)
Thursday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 trip to see 'Snow White', 1.00 – 5.00 Cross country competition Full Governing Body meeting, 6.00 – 8.00
Friday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10: PSHE day Y7, Y8 & Y9 inter tutor group sports Small group trip to Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at MShed, 12.40 – 3.30
Tuesday 15	Y11 Maths Inspiration trip, Cardiff
Wednesday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth Form taster day Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Patchway (away) Christmas Extravaganza (evening)
Thursday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lunch Christmas Extravaganza (evening)
Friday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper day in aid of charity End of term 2: 1.45 pm