

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 1 February

Monday:

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)
Makers Club
Maths and code-breaking Club
Girls' rugby
Parkour and Trampolining (Y10 & Y11)
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)
'Oliver' rehearsals

Wednesday:

Orchestra
Latin (Y11)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)
Boys' football (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
Girls' football
Handball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Jazz and Commercial dance
NewPals for Nepal

Thursday:

Art Club
Community Problem Solving Club
Warhammer and Sci-fi/Fantasy
Board Gaming
Chess Club
Hip-hop/Street dance
Boys' football (Y10 & Y11)
Badminton and Table Tennis (Y7 & Y8)
Hockey
Model United Nations
Fencing
Jazz Band

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run on Monday and Tuesday only.

Words from the Acting Headteacher

Ofsted have been in this week - not for the full two-day blitz, but on a non-judgemental employability survey visit. The Inspector came in to look at our careers guidance, employability programmes and pathways for all students. He was enthused by what he saw, describing the 6 Degrees as "a comprehensive programme involving competing demands", with an "innovative and refreshing approach that worked really well".

Next week we have two evening events; our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 3 February. This is aimed primarily at external candidates. I will be asking some of our current Year 11 to help out with the evening. Thursday 4 February is our Year 9 Guided Choices evening, with a presentation and subject fair. There will be no homework club on Wednesday and Thursday. Please be aware of this and plan accordingly.

This week we have been meeting with the architects and planners for the Sixth Form site. We are very close to the sign-off and I will be sharing these with colleagues next week. There are milestones which lead inexorably towards the opening of our brand new Sixth Form in September. It is great to see the process moving on. There is pace and urgency with a desire to break ground and see things happening in the immediate future. Watch this space!

Year 10 and 11 Football

Football teams from both Year 10 and Year 11 took to the road this week with games against St Bede's. The Year 10 outfit has been increasingly tidy, playing neat tika-taka across the park and taking the game to the opposition. Conditions were unfavourable, it was a squally and miserable afternoon with a roaring headwind lashing across the turf and disrupting their attempts at the beautiful game. Nevertheless, BFS gradually took control. First up was Jake Britton, in the right place at the right time to tap-in the opener. Pick of the bunch for the second goal was Kyle Boyce, dancing down the wing with the grace and elegance of a modern-day Nureyev, before passing to Jake, always eager to be involved, who flighted a cross impudently into the wind with pinpoint precision, before Elias Fry laid the ball back for Martin Kiss to strike it home. The celebrations had barely died down before Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell, making use of the conditions, smashed in a thunderbolt from the half-way line, the ball still rising as it crossed the line, an unstoppable rocket of sound and fury. The final scoreline was 3-1, with the Long Cross team grabbing a scrappy goal.

The Year 11s eked out a similar result on a quagmire of a pitch which bore a closer resemblance to the bog of eternal stench than the hallowed turf. After last week's heroics where he bagged a poacher's brace, windswept-centre forward James Hally turned provider, laying on the first goal and running the midfield like a general surveying the battleground, directing the troops for the next wave of assault, threading each pass like a ballistic missile. Cometh the hour, cometh the Kidd: hat-trick hero Elon stole the show with a display of finesse and grace, taking three goals with aplomb. The finest was an absolute belter, scorching off the boot like a laser-guided missile and threading a ballistic path into the top corner. The team are now looking good to qualify for the next stage. Well done both squads!

Paul Jones

Interconnecting Communities

On Tuesday a small group of students took part in an event called "interconnecting communities", which is part of a new initiative in Bristol aiming to improve cultural unity and understanding. The event was held at a Hindu Temple in Redfield. The event involved bringing together different communities, meeting each other and investigating each other's food, culture and ways of doing things. The students were treated to a flavoursome traditional Hindu lunch, received a guided tour of the temple and had the chance to share stories with representatives from the Hindu community, with women from Refugee Women of Bristol and representatives of the Jewish Progressive Synagogue.



'NewPals for Nepal'

'NewPals for Nepal' is an exciting new club which started this term where you can help strengthen the link with our partner school in Singdi village Nepal, while learning about their culture and playing a Nepalese game or two! Like BFS, Singdi is in the process of building a 6th form equivalent, with building work only slight delayed due to the recent earthquake. Life is very different for the students in Singdi, with many walking for over an hour to get to school. We will be collecting items representing our culture and will exchange these during the February break. We hope that Westbury-on-Trym Academy students will be doing the same. Next term we intend to start fundraising to help send vital resources for the school and provide reliable internet connection to allow regular communication between the schools.

Insanity

Insanity live fitness class runs on Mondays at 6.30 pm in the Drama Hall. This is a high intensity class which can be modified to suit all abilities. A great start to the week!! £5 per person with no booking necessary. Any questions please contact Diane Long on 07758075354 or email diane.long@ymail.com



Match Results		
Fixture	Score	Player of the match
Y11 boys' football: St Bede's vs BFS	1:3	Luke Howard
Y10/Y11 boys' basketball: St Mary Redcliffe vs BFS	16:27	Daniel Manikum-Cole Peter Carderelli Gronau (Players' Player)

Can you provide any of these?

If you have any of the following items please bring them to the Science prep room before the February holiday:

- Small boxes (larger than a match box, smaller than a shoe box)
- Newspapers
- Bubble Wrap
- Clean, wide necked glass jars (with lids)
- Plastic bottles (1l and above)
- Cotton reels

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Term 3 – Key Dates	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	
January	
Sunday 31	MUN Conference at Bristol Grammar School
February	
Tuesday 2	Y8 boys' football vs Cotham (home at Coombe Dingle)
Wednesday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 & Y8 boys' football vs Oasis Brightstowe (away) • U14 girls' football vs Cotham (home at Coombe Dingle) • Swim gala at Clifton High • 6th form open evening (for external applicants), 7.00 pm
Thursday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge • Y8 & Y9 girls' football vs Henbury (home) • Y9: Choices Evening, 6.00
Tuesday 9	Y9: Holocaust education day
Friday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to Munich departs • End of term 3: 3.00 pm
Monday 15 (holidays)	Y11 Munich trip returns
Thursday 18 (holidays)	Y11 Product Design (Textiles and Graphics), Open Workshop, 9.30 - 2.30