

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 8 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 (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Hockey

Model United Nations

Fencing

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

Words from the Acting Headteacher

This week has seen not one, but two open evenings. I am in awe of the dedication and hard work of our staff who ensured that both events were a fantastic success with all of the students who attended enthused and engaged. On Wednesday we held an open evening for our Sixth Form candidates, with a focus on those from other schools. Students were represented from across Bristol and there was an air of excitement surrounding the new Sixth Form. On Thursday our Year 9s experienced their Guided Choices evening and were able to meet with teachers from every subject area and get a wider sense of the subject at GCSE. It was a very busy evening with a huge range of activities; in short, a fantastic showcase for our outstanding lessons.

Occasionally when we have evening events there are changes to clubs. It is incumbent on us to make sure that you are aware of these changes and it is always in the newsletter and shared with tutor groups. If a club is cancelled due to staff illness, then the default option is to attend homework club.

Lately, there has been a subtle and surreptitious increase in a certain type of black trainer shoe. These are almost always made by a multinational Oregon shoemaker with a swoosh design. These are not acceptable in school. We like a nice sturdy leather upper and do not like trainers or skate shoes, no matter how subtle or furtive they are. Students know this, as do parents. These darkweb trainers will be replaced with our regulation daps until such a time as a sturdy shoe reappears.

Fixture of the Week

Our U14 girls' football team made the trek to Stoke Lodge earlier this week to take on a formidable Cotham outfit. The balmy afternoon skies were at odds with the playing surface; a quagmire of slurry which made our passing game a bit of a challenge. Nonetheless, BFS continued to refine their possession, making the opposition work hard for a glimpse of the ball and continually opening up new lines of attack. Holly Neville and Anna Fraser asserted control in midfield, firing out precision passes with geometric accuracy; total football based on a mathematical equation of beautiful simplicity. The wingers kept things tight at the edge of the park, both Holly Freke and Polly Garton controlling with unmatched precision and pace, leaving the Cotham defence chasing shadows of shadows, futilely swallowing the dust left in the wake of each scorching acceleration. Tantalising crosses hung teasingly in the air or were whipped in on a trajectory designed to cause panic amongst the back-peddalling and angsty defenders. It wasn't long before they opened their account and, in this case, the floodgates, just shading a seven goal thriller; the final score: 6 – 1 to BFS. A magisterial performance from a sublime outfit. Next up; Henbury!



Paul Jones

'Philosothon'

Last week Sahara Shafi, Lianne Tagudin, James Beggs, Joel Grimmer, Max Davies, Celeste Silcox (all Y11), Max Cramer, George Airs (both Y10), Dan Brazil (Y9), Lily Cockerham and Ashley Canwell (both Y8) represented Bristol Free School in the inter-school 'Philosothon' at King's College, Taunton. This was an event where seven schools from across the UK met to discuss philosophical questions and ideas - these being entitled: 'Anyone for Tennis?', 'The Death of Socrates', 'A Defence of Abortion' and 'The Wealth of Nations'. After a short introduction by the Chaplain and Headmaster we went into eight 'communities of enquiry' where we discussed these points with students from the various schools. We had a light supper during the interim time, when we had the opportunity to meet students from the other schools. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event with Wellington School taking home the prestigious trophy, a depiction of Rodin's 'Thinker'. We all had a great evening philosophising and meeting people and cannot wait to compete again next year!

James Beggs

MUN conference

Last Sunday, a group of budding diplomats from the Model United Nations club spent the day at Bristol Grammar School, attending their first ever MUN conference. Representing Mexico and Malaysia, the students displayed their knowledge and negotiation skills in a series of lively debates on issues such as online surveillance, ISIS and disarmament. Their achievement was all the more impressive given that they had had only a few weeks (and in some cases, a few days!) to prepare. A special mention goes to Vincent Lumley Marshall in Year 8, who won the award for Best Junior Delegate in the Human Rights Committee - well done!



Match Results		
Fixture	Score	Player of the match
U14 girls' football: BFS vs Cotham	6:1	Holly Neville Polly Garton (Player's Player)



Term 3 - Key Dates

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

February	
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
Tuesday 16 (holidays)	Y11 GCSE Maths revision session, 9.30 - 12.30, by invitation only
Wednesday 17 (holidays)	Y11 GCSE English revision session, 9.30 - 2.30, by invitation only
Thursday 18 (holidays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y11 Product Design (Textiles and Graphics), Open Workshop, 9.30 - 2.30 Y11 GCSE Music Coursework Catch up session, 9.30 - 2.30, by invitation only
Friday 19 (holidays)	Y11 GCSE Science revision session, 9.30 - 12.30, by invitation only

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