

# Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing  
13 June

**Monday:**

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

**Tuesday:**

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths & code-breaking Club

Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8)

Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8)

Beatles Band

Textiles Club (Y9)

**Wednesday:**

Orchestra

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Athletics

Jazz & Commercial dance

NewPals for Nepal

Gardening Club

**Thursday:**

Art Club

Fencing

Community Problem Solving  
Club

Warhammer & Sci-fi/Fantasy

Board Gaming

Chess Club

Boys' cricket (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Girls' rounders (Y9, Y10 &  
Y11)

Model United Nations

Jazz Band

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day  
except Friday.

**Words from the Headteacher**

I don't know if it's because I recently reached a significant birthday milestone, or simply because life at Bristol Free School is so busy and exciting, but it feels as though time has accelerated this year. We have now reached term 6 and the summer holiday is tantalisingly within reach. However, there are hurdles to be cleared between now and the revitalising promise of beach holidays or lazy afternoons in parks and botanical gardens. All of our energies in school are focused on the preparation for the Sixth Form, both in physical terms and all of the wider aspects which coalesce to create an outstanding institution. We are working with our colleagues across the Trust to ensure that each subject area is ready for launch. Our induction process will be led by [Future Foundations](#) and on Wednesday I met with Richard Walker, our Head of Sixth Form, to plan the timetable for the day.

The site has changed significantly since before half-term, as have the access arrangements. Skanska are tearing into the conversion and men in hats and high-vis tabards have invaded Block 2, taking it to task and leading it through the process of transformation; from dowdy governmental office into a cutting edge, modish Sixth Form space. I've never been so excited to see a run of heras fencing and heavy machinery. Students have been choosing the colourways and furniture this week, with the LRC occupied by a gaggle of brightly coloured chairs and sofas; each one vying for attention as students and staff tested the comfort levels and practicality of each item via the medium of a tentative lowering of the posterior. We've gone for subtle and sophisticated, with some bold accents; much like the teaching staff here.

It's been incredibly warm this week. Fortunately, after half-term we adapt our sartorial standards insofar as students are no longer expected to wear their blazers to and from school. This helps alleviate the sweltering humidity. In all other areas we retain the same high expectations; skirts should be an appropriate length (we specify no more than 5cm above the knee) and shirts should be tucked in – the myth that it somehow allows an 'air conditioning' effect by letting air circulate more freely is not one I subscribe to. Keeping cool is predicated on looking smart.



**Paul Jones**

## Science Club

Science Club has been working very hard to build some hairspray powered potato cannons! These spud launchers were designed, built and tested over the course of several weeks and their maiden voyage took place just before the holiday, with investigation into different angles to find the optimum trajectory. All launchers were successful in firing their piece of potato across the length of MUGA.

## Water Sports

Yesterday a group of students from Year 8 students took part in a water sports competition at All Aboard Water Sports at Bristol Harbourside. This was the culmination of six weeks' training where students had had the chance to try their hand at some new area of sport, learning the skills of sailing, rowing and canoeing, before choosing a specialist area to focus on and refine their performance in.

TeamBFS excelled with the team of canoers winning every race including the final, securing gold medals; the sailors won their first race, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the second and going on to win the final; the girls' team won their first rowing race but narrowly missed out on a podium place in the final.

As well as team events, students competed in a personal challenge on a stationary rowing machine to see who could row the furthest in the time limit given which Kiernan Prinsloo triumphed in. The students were a credit to BFS throughout the programme and were complimented on their conduct and enthusiasm throughout.



### Match Results

Fixture	Score	Player of the match
Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs St Bede's	BFS won by 4 runs	Dylan Chivers (players' player) Ollie Baker (coach's player)
Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Redland Green	BFS lost by 7 wickets	Ollie Baker (players' player) Cheriyen Mathews (coach's player)
Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Fairfield	BFS won by 2 runs	Tom Pope (players' player) Laurence Chandler (coach's player)



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### Key dates for the next week

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

June	
Saturday 11	Duke of Edinburgh, bronze, assessed expedition
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Tuesday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Leaders training day, 12.00 - 6.00, Bath University</li> <li>U13 cricket competition at Brislington Cricket Club, 9.00 - 4.30</li> <li>Community Involvement Project at Westbury Fields care home, 2.20 - 4.00</li> </ul>
Thursday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Academy and next year's Y10 GCSE PE students trip to Wise Campus for athletics coaching</li> <li>U15 cricket competition at Brislington Cricket Club, 9.00 - 4.30</li> </ul>



Tickets are on sale **NOW** for the Summer BBQ 24th June 6.30pm - 9.30pm from the School's reception at break and lunch time - £1 Adult, 50p children (aged 16 & under).



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