

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing
20 June

Monday:

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths & code-breaking Club

Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8)

Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8)

Folk Band

Textiles Club (Y9)

Wednesday:

Orchestra

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Athletics

Jazz & Commercial dance

NewPals for Nepal

Gardening Club

Craft Club

Thursday:

Art Club

Fencing

Community Problem Solving
Club

Warhammer & Sci-fi/Fantasy

Board Gaming

Chess Club

Hip-hop/Street dance

Boys' cricket (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Girls' rounders (Y9, Y10 &
Y11)

Model United Nations

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

This week our primary transition work has begun in earnest. Miss Nowak has been visiting all of our feeder primaries and meeting each student; getting to know more about them and their anxieties regarding secondary school. Coping with change is a key part of life for young and old, and although the sense of an impending change can be disquieting, we know through experience that we will get through it, and our diffidence will fade. One thing I am assured of is that each student will become an integral part of the community at BFS. It is a place governed by tolerance of others, where we give a warm welcome to all visitors, characterised by openness and honesty. These values have seemed all the more important this week, amidst the tragic news of the death of the Batley MP, Jo Cox. In her maiden speech to the House of Commons she said, "We are far more united and have far more in common with each other than the things that divide us." It is these values which are the benchmark for an institution like Bristol Free School, where we seek to build tolerance and goodwill, and recognise our shared humanity. Tolerance and goodwill may be abstract concepts, but they are absolute in their truth, and universal in their application. We know what tolerance and goodwill look like, and I feel secure and proud that these are core principles for staff and students at the school.

Fixture of the week

It's been a humdinger of a week on the rugby pitch. Our Sevens outfit took part in the South West Championships, against Gordano, Chosen Hill (a name sounding suspiciously like a horror film), Orchard, Bradley Stoke and Katharine Lady Berkeley. Our first encounter was with the titans of Gordano. In a very short space of time the team ran up a cricket score, George Fowler danced in and out of space, fleet of foot and fast, with a work-rate to match. KLB were next to be put through the mill; the BFS threshing machine reducing the wobbly Wotton outfit to chaff to be pecked up by the birds. Deago Bailey won the prize for the biggest hand-off in colts rugby history, a well-timed palm to the chops sending his intended attacker sprawling into the long-grass and an ignominious rest. Jacob Neville showed subtlety to complement Deago's savagery, a delicate and graceful offload allowing the latter to ground the oval orb beneath the sticks. Bradley Stoke were all sound and fury, but signifying nothing, ending up overrun by magical passing and the deft wizardry of sorcerer-in-chief, Lewis Mills. In a left-field tactical move, Chosen Hill opted to make things more difficult for themselves by having a player sent off. Alfie Davies exploited the gaps and the game was up, one try the difference in our favour.

The remorseless victory march towards a clean sweep was threatened only by our near-neighbours, the mighty Orchard School, with their team of teenage giants, fed on a diet of girders, raw eggs and Kendal Mint Cake. It was a coruscating clash, where the defensive might of Ben Cross, Devon White and Alex Moss laid the foundations for the wingers to work their way through the waves of advancing attackers. With a minute to go we were on the ropes; swinging blindly in the hope that the knockout punch might be delivered, when at the last, an incisive move led to a try, tying the scores. Lewis Mills lined the ball up for the conversion and posted it through the uprights with the insouciant ease of a postman delivering a birthday card. All hail BFS that shall be champions hereafter!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have begun the election process for a parent governor to join the governing body. Full details and a timeline were sent home this week. If you did not get a copy but are interested and would like more details please get in touch with Lisa Holyoake l.holyoake@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Paul Jones

Art and Design exhibition

The ADCT department would like to celebrate the fantastic GCSE work produced over the last two years. There will be a preview evening on Friday 24 June and the exhibition will stay up for the following week. Please see the attached poster. I look forward to seeing you there. Miss Dawson

Preparing for Adulthood

Bristol Parent Carers and Bristol's Children and Young People's Services are running a Preparing for Adulthood participation event, to discover what parents and their young people want in Bristol for 16-25 year olds now and in the future. The event is on Tuesday 28 June with two sessions, from 11.45am - 2.15pm with lunch or later in the day, 6.00pm - 8.40pm with food. The event is held at South Bristol Skills Academy - Winter Garden Room, The Boulevard, Hengrove Park, Bristol, BS14 0DB. Please join them for information, a meal and to get your views heard! If your young person is 16 years or over they are also welcome.



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Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award

Last weekend 49 students took part in a very damp assessed expedition in the Mendips. Although the group was very unlucky with the weather, everyone displayed grit and determination to reach the finish point in good time. The assessors commented on the high morale and good attitude of all who took part. Well done everyone!



Don't forget to buy your tickets NOW for the Summer BBQ next week - £1 adult, 50p child - tickets from the school office, see flyer attached for details.

Volunteers needed to help at the BBQ - find a slot to fill at <http://vols.pt/GJ8cvg>

Key dates for the next week

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

June	
Monday 20	Y10 small group on Maths enrichment event at University of Bristol 8.30 – 4.00
Tuesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Involvement Project at Westbury Fields care home, 2.20 – 4.00 • Y8 girls' rounders vs Red Maids' School (away) • Y9 & Y10 girls' rounders, quarter finals vs Redland Green School
Wednesday 22	Boys' tennis vs Cotham School (away)
Friday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoBFS summer BBQ (evening) • Art and Design exhibition (evening)