

# Weekly Update

## Words from the Headteacher

A dank and crepuscular morning and predictions of mizzly, murky rain did not bode well for last Friday's festival of sport, but we held our collective nerve and were rewarded by radiant sunshine and crystalline blue skies. Coombe Dingle was the perfect setting for our fifth sports day, and by some distance the best yet. It was joyous to see the level of participation and enjoyment across the day and from every student and teacher. The tug-of-war and the welly-wang proved popular disciplines, with Miss West's technique in the latter being much admired. However she did not take kindly to being out-wanged by Mr Lewis and gave a measured demonstration to her tutor group of how not to react to the bitter taste of defeat. Sports Day segued seamlessly into our Curriculum Enrichment Week. Students have enjoyed visits to universities, a trip to Blaise to look into eco-systems and rivers and an excursion to the zoo. In school we've had author visits, a 'play in a day' and a computer-tech workshop. It's been a brilliant few days and a stimulating run-in to the end of term. Both students and staff have embodied the Bristol Free School spirit.

## Sixth Form

Aside from commentating on sports events (and the sartorial choices of members of staff) this week I've also donned the PPE gear and had a close look at the Sixth Form build. Lighting is going up, windows are in, paths are being landscaped and walls have been reshaped. A phalanx of plasterers and painters are at work, erasing the previous history of the building and reshaping it into a brilliant new future. The Sixth Form spaces are enormous; light, airy and welcoming and it's looking fantastic.

## Uniform letter and expectations

I'm sending home a letter to all parents regarding our uniform expectations. For many of our students it is nothing more than a gentle reminder, but for some it is a clear notice: get these things right for September or run the risk of an awkward and challenging few days and not much social time, along with visits home to change into the correct attire. We have the highest standards and expectations of our students and the summer holiday is the perfect opportunity to refresh the wardrobe in line with our uniform code.

**Paul Jones**

### **Burghill Road student gate**

The builders need to work on the trench for the electric supply next week which means that the Burghill Road gate will be out of use next week. Students who usually arrive through that gate will need to allow extra time to walk round to Concorde Drive.



**Discovery Prize**

Last week saw the second annual BFS Discovery Prize grand finals. In total there were over 200 votes cast and VIPs from the University of Bristol, Airbus and BAE Systems commented that all students involved presented their research in a wonderfully professional manner. The winners will be announced during the end of year assembly.

Key dates for the next week	
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates.	
<b>July</b>	
Sunday 17	PGL Beam House trip returns
Monday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small group of Year 10 at University of Bristol's ChemLabs</li> <li>• Y10 GCSE Art trip to Royal Academy, London, 8.30 am – 9.00 pm</li> <li>• Y7 drama afternoon</li> <li>• Summer soiree, evening, LRC, 7.00 – 8.30 pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20	Last day of term 6: dismissal at 1.45 pm



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Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 18 July

No after school activities