

Weekly Update



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 12 September

Monday: KS4 fitness

Tuesday: Y7 boys rugby, Y8&9 boys basketball, Y9-11 Girls Football

Wednesday: Y10&11 boys basketball

Thursday: KS4 boys rugby, Y7 boys basketball, Y9-11 girls netball, all years gross country

Friday: Sports Academy

Daily: Homework Club



Words from the Headteacher

The holidays are a receding memory drifting out on the ebb tide of summer, and school has begun again at a hectic pace. We have results; the first concrete indications that we are doing a good job, and with 67% of our students gaining a C or above in English and Maths, we are justly proud of our outgoing year 11, our teachers and their hard work. Amongst Bristol schools the results are very flattering, and we are well above the national average. Most of our Year 11 students have returned and are enjoying our brand new Sixth Form buildings; their luxurious common room and dedicated study space.

Our new Year 7 have settled quickly with very few teething problems. They are happy and excited to be in big school, even if it does seem bigger than perhaps they imagined. As a year group, there are more of them and I had cause to panic moments before my assembly when I realised that we would need another 30 chairs set out in quick order. We now have 8 tutor groups instead of 6; more classes, more teachers, and more mouths to feed at lunchtime.

This year we will strive to exceed everything we have achieved so far; to attain even better results, to establish our fantastic and dynamic Sixth Form and to develop the reputation of the school further within the local community. Onwards and upwards.

Paul Jones





Y10 Curriculum Evening

On Thursday 15 September the first of our Curriculum Information Evenings will take place for our new Year 10 GCSE cohort. This is an important evening where the grading structure for GCSE examinations will be explained, key dates over the next 2 years along with ways you can support your child throughout the next 2 years. The evening will take place from 7pm.

Pokemon Go

In response to the popularity of Pokemon Go, the NSPCC have produced a guide for parents which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

Takeaway recycling

ADCT would be very grateful for donations of clean takeaway tubs with lids donated to School for use in Food Technology lessons. Please hand to Miss Nicholas or Mrs Giddings.

Key dates for the next week

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

| September | |
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| Monday 12 | |
| Tuesday 13 | |
| Wednesday 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographer Y7-11 |
| Thursday 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographer Y12 Full Governing Body Meeting Y10 Curriculum Meeting 7:00pm |
| Friday 16 | |

English Satellite Reading

The English department have created a satellite reading programme in which students will be set one reading homework a fortnight that will be checked by their class teacher. They will be able to select, or have pre-selected for them, a challenging wider reading text. There are bronze, silver and gold options to cater for all abilities and allow students to progress their reading and enrich their literary diet. Students may also select any text of their choice from this genre, subject to approval from their English teacher. This will be linked thematically to the current topic they are studying. A letter will be sent home with more information.

Coming soon...

Extra-curricular clubs will return in full on the week beginning the 21st September. Expect to see some brand new clubs, such as a French Film Club, a 2016 take on orienteering, some exciting new musical endeavours to follow last year's mega successful jazz band (punk band anyone?) plus some old favourites such as the ever popular science club. Young Enterprise and Model United Nations return, bigger, better and with exciting new competitive opportunities. Plus, for one week only, to celebrate the launch of the new programme, there will be some additional, one week only **club specials**. Look out for details in next week's newsletter.

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