



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 11 September 2017

Sports clubs start this week, the full extra-curricular timetable will start from 18 September.

Music lessons will also start on 18 September.

Monday

Year 10 and 11 Basketball

Tuesday

Year 9, 10 and 11 Netball
Year 9 rugby

Wednesday

Year 7 and 8 Rugby
Year 7 Basketball

Thursday

Year 8 & 9 basketball
Year 7 & 8 Netball
Year 10 & 11 Rugby

Friday

G&T 5-a-side Football

Words from the Headteacher

And so it begins, another exciting year in the life of Bristol's best Free School. We have had our second set of full exam results, and we are delighted with the attainment of our students, with a host of phenomenal grades. George Airs, Matthew Ghosh and Isabel Phillips all gained 7 A* and three 9s. Nationally, only 2000 students got three 9s, so they are in exceedingly lofty company. Matthew managed to do something quite startling: a maths score of 212 out of 240 would have seen him inside the top 1%, or 1000 students nationally. Matthew managed a mind-boggling 236 out of 240. We salute these achievements, but also the achievements of every single student, in a year when more than a quarter of our English grades were at least a 7. Ten students achieved a grade 9 in English and seven in Maths. This is *more than double* the national average for this year. Individually, there were some exceptional sets of results achieved including: Grace Barnett-Cox who achieved 6 A*s and two 9s; Tom Kent 5 A*s, a 9 and 2 A grades. Ollie Pope, Anusha White, Dan Whetton and Christopher McWhan all gained 10 grades at A, A* and 9. We look forward to celebrating further successes.

There have been some changes to the shape of the school. Our new Science labs are open and they are gleaming palaces of scientific advancement. We have remodelled our dining hall to speed up the process, with more tills and a much bigger servery. We also have some new external seating and a large canopy in front of the main building. Lastly, our PE changing rooms have doubled in size. The school is all but complete, with a full complement of year groups; it is busier and better than ever.



We have high standards and high expectations. Like all schools we tend to start September with a bang; it is the perfect opportunity to enforce our uniform codes and underline our expectations in every shape and form. Beyond this, we have one simple expectation: that all our students have the desire to succeed.

Paul Jones

Open Days

Registration is now available for our open day events. These include a short tour of the school where you will see students and teachers in lessons. At the end of the tour you will have an opportunity to meet with the Headteacher and other members of staff.

Dates: Tours will run on Tuesday 19 September, Wednesday 27 September and Thursday 19 October 2017. In addition, our open evening takes place on Wednesday 27 September. Time slots will be allocated on registration. To register, please visit www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/opendays



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

A reminder for any students wishing to take part in the DofE Bronze (Year 9 or 10) or Silver (for Bronze award holders) that the deadline for the deposit is Friday 15 September.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals please remember to renew your application by 30 September 2017. This will ensure they continue receiving their meal for the next academic year.

Please go to <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> and click on "Apply".

Come on Tom!

Over the summer holidays, Tom in Year 10 played a game of tennis against none other than Tim Henman!

Tom is among the best young tennis players in the country and everyone at BFS is very proud of him.



Key dates for next week

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

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| Monday 11 September 2017 | School photographer, Y7, 11 and 12 |
| Tuesday 12 September 2017 | |
| Wednesday 13 September 2017 | AEN Coffee Morning, 10am, New Drama Hall |
| Thursday 14 September 2017 | |
| Friday 15 September 2017 | Year 7 Activity Evening, TG1-4 |
| Saturday 16 September 2017 | STEM trip to Cotham School |
| Sunday 17 September 2017 | Treble Bass at Nailsea Bike Festival |

Year 7 Activity Evenings

On Friday 15 and 22 September, all Year 7 parents and carers are invited to an Activity Evening at the School.

Tutor groups 1-4 will be invited to Friday 15 September, and TG5-8 on Friday 22 September. The fun and frivolity will start at 6pm, and there will be a bar (for the grown-ups only!) and BBQ provided by the Friends of Bristol Free School.

Look out for the letters which will contain more information.

School Photographer

On Monday 11 September, NextGen photography will be on site taking head shots of Year 7, 11 and 12 (plus any new students who have joined other year groups this week).

These photos will not be published or shared anywhere, and will be used on school systems for student identification.

Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to purchase the photos once they are ready.

Other year groups and tutor group shots will be organised for later in the year.