



# Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 22 January 2018**

Monday

Badminton/Table Tennis  
KS4 Latin  
Chamber Choir  
Homework Club

Tuesday

*Tutor and lunchtime*—DofE drop in  
Y9 Textiles Club  
Y7 Boys Football  
Girls Football  
School Show Rehearsals  
Science Club  
Y12 Young Enterprise  
Philosophy Club  
Spanish Film Club  
Homework Club

Wednesday

Y8&9 Football  
Sixth Form Girls Netball  
Indoor Girls Cricket  
Orchestra  
Folk Band  
Digital Leaders  
Flying Start  
Homework Club

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football  
Girls Basketball  
Programming  
Craft Club  
Jazz Band  
French Film Club  
Junior Jazz Band  
Public Speaking Club  
Homework Club

Friday

KS4&5 Composition Workshop

*All clubs run from 3:15-4:30pm with the exception of KS4 Latin which finishes at 5:20pm, and Philosophy Club which runs from 3:10-4:00pm*

## Words from the Headteacher

It's been said before, "It's cold outside." We have very limited internal space, and because of this we have to ask our students to spend lunch and break times outside regardless of the temperature, so please encourage your children to come to school with warm coats, hats and scarves.

We are reviewing the way we manage our students during lunch and break time and once we have waded through all the issues of health and safety and the efficient and effective use of our buildings, we may come up with a system that allows our students to come in out of the cold. Until then however, it's wrap up warm; there's more cold weather on the way, I am sure.

Of course, the irony is that amongst the headlines for the week is news that we have just experienced the hottest year since El Nino ever. A tip based on experience; don't discuss this in the presence of an MFL teacher and a geography teacher. The latter will launch into a lengthy diatribe about a weather system with global reach, whilst the former will believe they are engaged in a conversation about a little boy!

This week I had the pleasure of hosting a number of Headteachers from some of our feeder primary schools. I feel immensely proud of the feedback about BFS they gave me. They talked of a calm and purposeful school, a place where they are happy to send their young students onto. For me the favourite comment was, "I have never had so many doors opened for me."

Those Headteachers' comments reminded me, that amongst the ever-pressing business of preparing young people for examinations, our other core purpose is to help you, the parents, to develop kind, considerate, and responsible young people who care about others as well as themselves. Our students, your children, are glowing proof that we are serving that core purpose very well indeed.

**Ben Sillince  
Acting Headteacher**

*See over for an update on the sights seen on the recent trip to Oxford for our artists*



**Appointments during school time**

Please remember to keep us in the loop about medical appointments that must take place during the school day, and if they will not return after it has taken place.

On return to school, they should be coming through the gate on Concorde Drive, not through the car park.

**Named belongings**

Teenagers are notoriously forgetful beings. It makes it much easier to reunite them with their misplaced belongings if their name has been installed on it somewhere; please make sure all belongings taken to school are identifiable.

**DofE update**

The expedition dates for the Gold practice expedition have changed slightly. The expedition will now run from 18 -22 July. If your child has any questions regarding any of the DofE levels please encourage them to attend the DofE drop in session on Tuesday during tutor time.

**Art Trip to Oxford**

KS4 and KS5 Art students had the wonderful opportunity to visit Oxford for the day, visiting the Museum of Modern Art and the Pitt Rivers Museum. Students engaged with the large scale vibrant works of Nicholas Party, who they will study further in relation to their current scheme of work on Natural Forms.

At the Pitt Rivers museum students had the opportunity to draw from artefacts that caught their imagination and of which they could draw inspiration from to take back to the classroom.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates	
<b>Monday 22 January 2018</b>	GCSE Chemistry resit, AM
<b>Tuesday 23 January 2018</b>	Y9 Girls Computer Science Workshop U14 & U16 Girls Football vs St Bede's—away Y9 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away
<b>Wednesday 24 January 2018</b>	GCSE Physics resit, AM Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House Y8 & Y10 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away
<b>Thursday 25 January 2018</b>	Y9 & Y11 Boys Football vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe—away Finance, Buildings and Premises Governors Meeting Staffing and Development Governors Meeting
<b>Friday 26 January 2018</b>	GCSE Physics resit, AM



**Date for the Diary**

Year 8 Subject Evening will take place on Thursday 1 February. Appointment sheets will be given to students in the coming weeks; we look forward to welcoming you.