



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 29 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
DofE Drop In
Homework Club

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football
Girls Basketball
Programming
Art Club
Jazz Band
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

At the risk of becoming a terrible bore I'm going to talk about the weather...again. Wind and rain literally battered the school this week. Students moving between buildings on Wednesday had to apply their knowledge of vectors and resultant forces to calculate the correct angle to walk in order to reach their next class. In spite of peculiar sideways gaits and significant drag the vast majority of students made their next lessons on time knowing that the gale outside was no excuse for tardiness. The need for a good rain-coat has been a recurring theme recently however the best efforts of assorted waterproof manufacturers counted for little. One Year 8 class in particular were probably ruining the fact that they were off to David Lloyd for a Health and Fitness session rather than a swimming lesson. If you happened to be out and about at around 8.45am on Wednesday morning you may be able to empathise.

I'm pleased to report that the adverse weather conditions didn't stop our Year 8 & 9 footballers making hay in the non-existent sunshine. They donned the Sowesters, replaced the moulded blades for 2 inch studs and took to the sodden paddocks of Oasis Brightstowe (an incongruent name considering the lack of sun this week and conditions underfoot) and St Bede's.

In the backwaters of Shirehampton the boys delighted in picking apart Oasis. Whilst the opposition midfield were stuck in the mud, Karim and Bailey glided across the surface, providing attacking verve and stoic defence in equal measure. Qwade and Buster benefitted from the team's combined excellence, netting a brace and a hat-trick respectively. A 5 – 1 victory ample reward for the endeavor shown on the day and for the hard-work put in at training.

The Year 9 girls coped equally well with the horrific conditions on the flood plains of St Bede's. An early score consolidated with another well worked goal by Summer just came before the half-time oranges. St Bede's seemed to come to life in the second half and they applied considerable pressure on our defensive line, clawing a goal back 10 minutes from time. Their renewed efforts deserved a second however the BFS defence, more Glorious Glosters than Maginot line, delighted in denying the St Bede's playmakers their reward for some smart attacking play and considerable possession. As with any good side, the team soaked up the pressure before providing a killer blow in the form of a second goal for Polly two minutes from time. 3 – 1 a fair reflection of our first half dominance and second half resilience and determination. Well played all.

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher



Charity Concert

New Pals for Nepal are hosting an open mic style charity concert on 27 February. We are looking for exceptional performers and enthusiastic audience members.

Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 31 January. The performance will take place at 6:30pm in the Drama Hall and we will be selling refreshments throughout the concert.

We hope to see you there!

Vacancies at Bristol Free School

Please keep an eye on our website for vacancies available at BFS.

Our school continues to grow and we are always keen to hear from interested applicants.

Current vacancies can be viewed here: bristolfreeschool.org.uk/vacancies

DofE Update

The first Silver expedition for Year 10 is fast approaching. We have some equipment available to loan which has been kindly provided by the FoBFS.

If you would like to borrow anything please see Dr Cooper or Miss Archer at the DofE drop in session on Tuesday during tutor time. Your eDofE account should now contain all the details of your voluntary, physical and skill sections. Remember, your assessor can be anyone as long as they are not a family member or a friend.

Key dates for next week

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

Monday 29 January 2018	
Tuesday 30 January 2018	U14 Girls Football vs Cotham, away Year 10 Music Performance Evening
Wednesday 31 January 2018	Community Involvement Project visit St Katherine’s House GCSE Music students watching Wicked at the Hippodrome
Thursday 1 February 2018	Maths Challenge PERFORM project; STEM students Year 8 Subject Evening
Friday 2 February 2018	

Christmas Carol Fundraising

Throughout December, Southmead Hospital Charity brought joyous music to the public both in and out of the hospital as performers from all over Bristol and its surrounding areas took part in their Great Brunel Buskathon Christmas Special.

This was the second year for the event and this week we were pleased to be informed that Dynamics Choir were a part of their best year ever, exceeding expectations and raising an absolutely amazing £15,813.76 for the Christmas Appeal. This allowed the hospital to purchase presents for patients, thank staff and continue to support the Prostate Cancer Care Appeal.

Well done everyone!

After School DofE Drop In

From Tuesday 30 January there will be a 'DofE Drop in' every Tuesday after school in room C016 (near the ICT rooms) for anyone needing help or questions answered about their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Unlike other after school clubs, you will be able to leave when you like...therefore you will have to make sure your Parents/Carers know when you will be attending, along with what time you will be getting home.

Students may be asked to attend if they are behind with their award and the administration for it. The 'DofE Drop in' tutor session will still be running as normal during Tuesday tutor time in ICT1.

Textiles Club Plea

Members of the Year 9 Textiles Club, are currently making basic dresses and shorts for a charity called *Dress a Girl around the World*. The clothes made will be sent out to a developing country through an ambassador, for children who may not have any clothing of their own.

Miss Burman is putting out a plea for anyone who has any fabric at home that they would like to donate to the cause. It must be cotton or a cotton blend and you should not be able to see your hand through if held up to the light. Ideally not white as it is likely to not be washed often or if it is, it is likely to be washed in rivers/brooks and obviously shows the dirt quickly. That said though, we would be grateful for anything.

Please deliver any donations to Student Services for Miss Burman, or to her classroom directly.

Over 5000 dresses and 1000 pairs of shorts were made and distributed by this charity last year so it is an exciting project to be a part of.



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