



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 12 March 2018

Monday

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
Girls Basketball
Sixth Form Girls Netball
Orchestra
Folk Band
Outdoor Club
Digital Leaders
Flying Start
Homework Club

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football
Programming
Craft Club
Jazz Band
French Film Club
Junior Jazz Band
Public Speaking Club
NO Homework Club—CANCELLED
FOR SUBJECT EVENING

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

I would like to start by thanking parents for their support with snow closures last week. We understand that this may have posed you some difficulties yet hope you were not too inconvenienced.

I also hope that students enjoyed the snow. Miss Holyoake and her dog certainly did, taking the opportunity to use an empty school to have some untouched knee deep snow all to themselves. Conditions on the other side of the Severn were equally remarkable, snow that I've not seen in living memory. Students returned to school on Monday without missing a step and we are now all caught up (except for our rescheduled mock exams).

The FOBFS are looking forward to a sold out Quiz night tonight. I am unfortunately not able to make it, however Ms Huzzey will be flying the staff flag in her capacity as quiz master. She assures me she has a fantastic bow-tie for the evening and I'm sure she's put a rigorous set of questions together to exercise your minds and force you to access those neurones that we thought we'd stored away back in secondary school in ... (probably best I stop there).

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher



Words from the Assistant Headteacher

Only a Siberian blast could halt the run of 2nd mock exams for our Year 11 students, which are now edging into their final few days. Our Year 11's have approached these additional mocks with a mixture of nerves and cautious optimism. Learning that exam boards don't take headaches, minor sickness or 'having a bad day' into consideration when marking GCSEs is an important part of the preparation process. Those who have revised and prepared well are confident of improvement since November, whilst others know deep down there is still work to do. The most important element of any assessment is to find out where improvements are needed and work on these, an example being James Dyson. Apparently it took him over 5000 attempts to perfect the bag-less vacuum cleaner.

Whilst our Year 11 students won't have over 5000 assessments before their actual GCSEs they may feel as if this is the case. They should not give up if mock results don't go as well as planned, or be over confident if they were better than expected. Now is the time for all Year 11 to be revising, attending their Period 7 sessions and using every available opportunity to be fully prepared for their exams which start in little over 2 months time. The use of supporting websites such as GCSE pod, Kerboodle, GCSE Bitesize along with tailored revision resources from departments will certainly ease the revision burden. Information relating to Easter holiday revision sessions will be available early next week.

Mrs Jenkins
Assistant Headteacher



STEM performances

For the last four weeks, nine BFS students have been working with Bristol University on the exciting and innovative PERFORM project.

We have been working with researchers to develop their own science busking routines. Subjects included Pluto vs Earth, hive intelligence, swarm robots and acoustic mechanics. This culminated in a final performance at Westbury on Trym Primary Academy to a class of very enthusiastic Year 5's. They all loved learning about the topics and especially loved the props, Stacey's robot helmet and Ibrahim's wave machine in particular!



Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 12 March 2018	Maths Inspiration 2018 Foreign Language Spelling Bee, Regional Round Philosothon, Bristol Museum
Tuesday 13 March 2018	
Wednesday 14 March 2018	STEM Day Sixth Form Pastoral Day Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House
Thursday 15 March 2018	Year 10 Young Enterprise Trade Fair Year 7 Subject Evening DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Friday 16 March 2018	DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Saturday 17 March 2018	Treble Bass at International Jazz Festival, Colston Hall, 12:30pm DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Sunday 18 March 2018	DofE Silver Practice Expedition

Fixture of the Week

On Tuesday the Year 7 boys and girls 5 a-side teams competed at a Football Festival against local schools from across Bristol. It was an excellent display of skill and pace and both teams did themselves and BFS proud.

The girls played 4 games winning one, drawing one and losing two. They played fantastically well, working as a team against some tough competition. They scored a total of 9 goals in four games with an impressive 5 goals in one game against a committed Redland Green School. The squad worked extremely hard and there were some notable performances from Lydia Chamberlain and Lasharna Peddie.

The boys impressed from the off, and put in an excellent run of results. They scored a fantastic 20 goals, only conceding 4 as they finished top of the qualifying group unbeaten after five matches. A Semi Final battle against St Bernadette followed which we won 3-1 playing some lovely football, showing skill and determination to get the win. Cathedral School were the opponents in the Final and after leading on two occasions the game finished 2-2. Extra time couldn't split the teams so penalties would finally decide a winner. Unfortunately it came down to sudden death and by the finest of margins Cathedral managed to sneak a winner. 12 teams competed and to reach the final in itself was an excellent achievement. Everyone played fantastically well but there were some notable performances from Luca Fricker, James Barker and Rory Smith who had a great day in goals. Well done to both teams on a great afternoon of football.

Mr Pugsley

Macbeth Revision

Year 10 and 11 students are encouraged to attend one of two upcoming productions of 'Macbeth' that are being screened at the Orpheus (and other cinemas).

It would be hugely beneficial for students in Years 10 and 11 to see the productions, as live performances of the texts they study are always helpful for revision. The links for the Orpheus screenings are:

<https://bristol.scottcinemas.co.uk/film/royal-shakespeare-company-macbeth> (11 April)

<https://bristol.scottcinemas.co.uk/film/national-theatre-live-macbeth> (10 May)

Switched Lunch

Please note that from Monday 12 March, lunch will revert back to 12:40 as the Mock exams will be complete.