



FREE SCHOOL Weekly Update









Words from the Headteacher

Our annual Christmas Extravaganzas are next week. Year 7 learning groups along with a range of other performers have been rehearsing musical and dramatic performances in readiness for audiences next week. Tickets are available from the School's reception. There is no charge for the tickets but one is required for each audience member. The Extravaganzas are being supported by FoBFS who are providing a range of refreshments to get us all in a festive mood, so do bring along some money to spend!

Year 11 received their Sixth Former for a Day timetables today. The day begins at 8.45 am next Wednesday in the Dining Hall. All Year 11 students are invited to have a continental style breakfast from 8.30 am onwards. Breakfast will be followed by a briefing from Mr Jones and Mr O'Sullivan in the Dining Hall before the taster lessons begin at 9.20 am. Attached to the timetables are our expectations of the students on the day. Year 11 parents and carers, please make sure that you read through these, preferably alongside your son/daughter to ensure that they understand what we are expecting of them during the day. It promises to be a rich experience for our founding year group with plenty of exciting and challenging lessons taking place throughout the day.

Thursday 17 December is the day of our annual Christmas lunch. During the lunch service, only Christmas lunch will be served (with all the trimmings). If your son/daughter has not already purchased a ticket for Christmas lunch then they will need to bring a packed lunch in with them. Students who receive Free School Meals have already been allocated tickets.

Friday 18 December is the last day of term and as in previous years, will finish at 1.45 pm. Friday is also Christmas Jumper Day. Students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with the option of donating £1 to Save the Children. There will be spot prizes for the most Christmassy of Christmas Jumpers. The criteria for judging such festive apparel is being emailed from the North Pole before Friday!

Finally congratulations to our Young Enterprise group with their emoji bags. They have taken north Bristol by storm and if ever you needed a statement bag for life which emotes your view of shopping then make your way to their website: www.emojibags.co.uk and order one for the New Year now!

Richard Clutterbuck

Young Enterprise team

The Young Enterprise team took their 'Emoji bags' company to St. Nicholas market last Saturday and managed to make a staggering £302.37 profit! They would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to support them. If you didn't manage to buy a reusable bag, don't worry because they will be selling the remainder of their stock at the Christmas Extravaganza this Wednesday and Thursday. See you there! Mr Harkin

Last day of term

So that we can end the term early and have a whole school assembly to close, there will be a brunch service (not full lunch) before assembly on the last day of term.

Panto time!

Year 7 students got into the festive spirit yesterday as they attended a matinee performance of the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' at the Bristol Hippodrome. Full of glitz, glamour and traditionally corny humour, the production had us singing along and dancing in our seats from the moment we arrived until the curtain closed. Highlights included the wellloved humour of Hippodrome favourite Andy Ford, a show stopping Elvis impersonation from Warwick Davis and even a selfie with Snow White herself at stage door! The group agreed that the afternoon had been "genuinely fun". Students were a credit to the School and found inspiration ahead of next week's Christmas Extravaganza.

Thank you to staff and parents who supported the trip. **Miss** Clifton

Extra-curricular activities during week commencina 14 December All after school activities finish at 4.30 pm

Monday: Latin (Y8)

Tuesday: Latin (Y10) 'Oliver' rehearsals

Wednesday: Latin (Y11)

Thursday: Fencing

Study Club will not run this week.

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Term 2 – Key Dates

Please see the calendar at <u>www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</u> for other important dates.	
December	
Tuesday 15	Y11 Maths Inspiration trip, Cardiff
Wednesday 16	 Sixth Form taster day Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Patchway (away) Christmas Extravaganza (evening)
Thursday 17	 Christmas lunch Christmas Extravaganza (evening)
Friday 18	 Christmas Jumper day in aid of charity End of term 2: 1.45 pm