



## Words from the Headteacher

The last two weeks at BFS have been eventful and enjoyable, with students taking advantage of the many opportunities on offer.

I must praise our Year 10s for the way they engaged during PSHE day, last Wednesday, which focused on relationships and sex education. The visiting speakers, who work with many schools in Bristol and beyond, praised our students for their positive attitude and behaviour. Thank you to Ms Roberts who organised such a well received, varied and informative day.

On Friday 8 November the whole school community stopped everything to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Mr Bishop gave a wonderful address to the whole school explaining how this national day came about and the importance of honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It was a moving service which included a wonderful solo of the last post by Alex Blacker in Year 12 and a beautiful choir piece. Thank you to Ms Holyoake, Ms Dawson, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Suter, Mrs Giblin and our wonderful site team for supporting Mr Bishop in this important assembly.

This Thursday was our Sixth Form Open Evening and we welcomed record numbers of potential students interested in our Sixth Form. It's clear that news has spread about how well last year's students performed! We were delighted just how many of our existing Year 11s want to stay with us. I am very proud that the successes of our Sixth Form show our younger students where they can be in just a few years' time if they work hard.

Today we have joined the rest of the country in raising money for Children in Need. It has been a varied day, with students wearing spotty mufti attire, baking and selling cakes and creating a Pudsey mural in the Sixth Form courtyard in coppers using any spare change they could find. We will let you know how much we have managed to raise next week.

On a more serious note, the mock exams start next week for our linguists, with the written exams following closely after, so I would like to wish all students in Year 11 and 13 all the best. Revision should be a daily activity now if they want to secure those grades!

Enjoy this week's newsletter.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*



## PE Fixtures

### Cross Country

Bristol Free School took 28 students to Ashton Park School on 28 October to compete in the Bristol Schools' Cross Country Competition. In total there were 276 runners competing. There were some outstanding individual and team performances from BFS.

For all categories in which BFS entered a team, they were placed in the top 3 of the leader board!

Year 7 girls came 3rd (1 point behind Colston Girls' in 2nd), Year 7 boys came 3rd, Year 8 & 9 girls came 1st (1 point ahead of Colston Girls') and Year 8 & 9 boys came joint 3rd with Cotham.

Some fantastic results for BFS. Well run all!

Our next race is on Tuesday 19th November. Cross country club runs every Friday after school. The more the merrier! We meet at the Sports Hall after school.



### BSSA Gala

Bristol Free School sent 19 swimmers to represent BFS at the BSSA (Bristol Schools' Swimming Association) gala on 7 November. All students represented the school brilliantly; they were very polite and showed great sportsmanship.



Liv Q in Year 12 helped to organise and manage the BFS team in preparation for the competition and did a fantastic job. We are still awaiting the results of this gala and the next takes place on 27 November at Clifton High School.

*Mrs Wynne-Jones*

## Mock Election

On Thursday 12 December the country will be going to the polls to vote in the 2019 General Election. In addition to this, BFS will be running its very first mock general election. Candidates have been chosen from Mr MacBlain's Year 12 politics class and our Year 13 politics students will be running the polling day.

We are encouraging all students to vote in the election as we wish to raise the importance of your right to vote. In order to help students decide whom to vote for, we will be running a series of assemblies whereby each candidate will pitch their electoral manifesto.

The candidates are as follows;

Progress; Eleanor Covill @progress4bfs  
 Tomorrow; Jacob Cook @tomorrowbfs  
 Transform; Theo Lloyd @transformparty  
 Vision; Katie Gallagher @VoteForVision19



The campaign has started!

*Mr MacBlain*

## OLIO Food Waste Trial

Our caterers, Innovate, have been working with OLIO since the start of October on a trial involving BFS (and another local school).

OLIO collect unsold food from commercial kitchens and re-distribute through a local network to those most in need. They also partner with larger operators such as Starbucks and Pret a Manger. The trial has proved very successful and the relationship with OLIO is to be continued, which we are thrilled about.

Our local community are benefitting through this scheme – the OLIO Food Waste Hero collects the food, and then re-distributes via their App, which is a very efficient system.

During the trial, 27kg of food collected, which is the equivalent of 64 three course meals. This was from 192 portions of food and generated a saving of 20,109 litres of water (which would be needed to make these 192 portions). In addition, 116kg of Co2 emissions were avoided, 395 car miles were taken off the road and there was an overall 3% reduction in catering waste.

We are thrilled this has gone so well and very pleased to continue the partnership.

## Communicate+ Conference

On Monday 11 November a group of 6 students (Keziah, Sam, Jacob, Annabel, James and Isabella) went to Bristol Zoological Gardens for the annual Communicate+ Conference.

The conference was lead by professionals from around the world who spoke about climate change and the strategies we can use to help support our natural environment. The students debated topical issues and developed campaign strategies.

As such, they have asked me to remind you to consider carefully the purchase of single use plastics and whether there is an alternative you could use...

Overall, it was an inspirational night and the students are now keen to develop their ideas over the upcoming months.

*Miss Hawes*



## Christmas Lanterns

Year 7 have been very busy decorating their Christmas lanterns for the outdoor Christmas trees at Cribbs Causeway. We were approached by the Mall to be a part of this project and our students have had a fantastic time decorating their lanterns in their groups. We have seen a lot of creativity so far!

The lanterns will be on display at Cribbs Causeway from 16 November until 5 January so please do go along and take a look! As one of only four schools taking part in this project, we are very excited to see the finished articles and for our students to do us proud with this project.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs Sherman for organising this project and to all the Year 7 tutors for helping our students engage so fantastically with this event.

*Ms Rowden*



## Congratulations Miss Board!

Congratulations are in order to our Senior Science Technician, Miss Board.

Miss Board was shortlisted for the National STEM Inspiration Awards 'Inspirational STEM Technician' run by STEM Learning who are the biggest STEM education company in the U.K.

A reception was held at the House of Lords on 5 November, and hosted by Lord Sainsbury. Miss Board was awarded 'Highly Commended' following her nomination as a result of her work advocating for girls in STEM, as well as the UNESCO and Bristol University PERFORM project that she spoke at in Paris last year.

This is fantastic recognition of the extra-curricular efforts and other award winning events that BFS have won with Miss Board's support, and we are all very proud of her!



## GCSE and A Level Mocks

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams start on Monday 25 November. The Year 13 A Level mock exams start on Monday 2 December. The timetables are on the exams page of our website.

***NB the French and Spanish speaking mocks start on 18 November, and students' individual slot will be on their individual timetable. Art mocks will take place in the week of 9 December.***

**Individual timetables were given to the candidates last week.**

Students must make sure they have all the equipment needed for their exams.

### Authorised Items

- **Clear** Pencil Case (Any other pencil case is not allowed in the exam room)
- **Black Pen ONLY**
- Pencil, Rubber, Pencil sharpener
- Maths equipment
- Calculator (in exams requiring a calculator)
- **Water Only (MUST** be in a clear bottle with no writing and labels removed)

### Unauthorised items

- Food
- Writing on any part of the skin
- Mobile Phones (*The best thing is to leave the mobile phone at home but if students need to bring it to school, they must either leave it in their bag/locker or hand into the mobile phone tray to collect at the end of the exam from Student Services*).
- Smart Watches/MP3 or any other device with internet access
- Any notes (including the exam timetable) in pockets

It is the student's responsibility to make sure they go into the exam with the correct equipment to complete that exam paper.

The exams team are not able to supply equipment. (*There will be a limited supply of equipment available **ONLY** if equipment malfunctions during the exam*).

Please click the links below to access the exams timetables:

[GCSE mock timetable](#)

[A Level mock timetable](#)

[Exams equipment checklist](#)



## Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please see the website for the fantastic offering that will run until the Christmas break.

<https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/extra-curricular-clubs.php>

All clubs run from 3:05—4:15pm unless stated otherwise.

**There are no clubs on Thursday 21 November. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm for Subject Evening.**

## DATE CHANGE

Due to the scheduling of the general election, we have changed the date for our GCSE and A Level certificate presentation evening.



This will now take place at 6pm Monday 16 December, and we look forward to seeing as many of our 2018-19 Year 11 and Year 13 students as possible. Letters with more information will be sent out soon.

## The month ahead

18/11/2019	Y10 DT trip Bath museum
19/11/2019	Cross Country Trials at Bristol Grammar School
20/11/2019	Year 7 Netball Festival at Clifton College
	Edexcel #DiversityinLit Conference
21/11/2019	Y9 Subject Evening - <b>NO CLUBS (early closure)</b>
22/11/2019	Year 9 Rugby Final (Elite Schools' Cup)
23/11/2019	
24/11/2019	
25/11/2019	<b>Y11 Mocks begin</b>
26/11/2019	Y10 & 11 girls' netball vs Redland Green, away
27/11/2019	
28/11/2019	Y10 & 11 girls' netball vs Cotham, away
29/11/2019	
30/11/2019	Dynamics Choir at Westbury -on-Trym Fair
01/12/2019	
02/12/2019	
03/12/2019	Dynamics Choir Carolling at Southmead Hospital
	BTEC Level 3 Conference, Vue Cinema
04/12/2019	
05/12/2019	LGB Governors Meeting
06/12/2019	
07/12/2019	
08/12/2019	
09/12/2019	NO CLUBS inc homework club
10/12/2019	
11/12/2019	Christmas Lunch and <b>Jumper Day</b>
	Subsea UK Competition
12/12/2019	<b>Mock Election Day</b>
13/12/2019	Sixth Form Pastoral Day
	Year 10 Rugby Final (Elite Schools' Cup)
14/12/2019	French Market Trip
	Dynamics Choir at Southbank Club, Bedminster
15/12/2019	French Market Trip

## Careers Information at BFS

At Bristol Free School we are looking to develop our links with local employers in our community. During the academic year we will be hosting many *Meet the Employer* talks, where employers will be invited to give a presentation to students about their industry, job role and possible entry routes into the industry.

If you are interested in coming into speak to our students about your career then please contact Mr Parry via reception.

**Please see information below that we have received from North Bristol NHS Trust**



On Tuesday 3 December from 5:00pm – 7:30pm, North Bristol NHS Trust will be hosting an open evening designed to provide students the opportunity explore the various careers available within the NHS.

This will be held in the Learning & Research Building at Southmead Hospital.

There will be a range of roles and professions at the event. In addition there will be various stands covering:

- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Return to Practice for Nurses and Midwives
- Trainee Nursing Associates
- Work experience / observational days
- Functional skills (Maths and English, ICT)
- Allied Health Professions
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Recruitment

If you would like more information regarding NHS careers see links below:

<https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/careers/career-options/apprenticeships> or <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

For further information about this open evening, please contact the Staff Development Team: [workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk) or call 0117 4149239



# ❄️ WESTBURY ON TRYM CHRISTMAS FAIR ❄️

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Canford Lane & Carlton Court

2pm to 6pm

- ❄️ CRAFT STALLS
- ❄️ CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- ❄️ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- ❄️ FAIRGROUND RIDES
- ❄️ FOOD AND DRINK
- ❄️ FACE PAINTING
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