

Words from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope that students enjoyed their much-deserved half term break, despite the very wet weather.

The school car park has been developed over half term to add disabled and car share spaces along with the relocation of the student bike shed (pictured below). This is all part of our school site and road safety improvement plan. Last term our student council worked with designers to create plans for phase 1 of the development of *The Tumps*, which will create more outdoor social space for students in the summer. All students have been consulted during tutor time and I have been very impressed with the creative and thoughtful design ideas that have been put forward.



Thank you to Mr Pate and well done to Treble Bass who performed in the Old Duke during half term.

Year 11 and Year 13 will start their second round of mock exams from Monday. We wish them luck and urge them to stay calm and focused so that they build on what they achieved in their last set of mocks. Please make sure students bring the correct equipment and revise for these mocks.

From next week we are having a uniform focus and ask parents and carers to ensure all uniform, particularly shoes, meet our high expectations. More information about the requirements can be found on our website: bristolfreeschool.org.uk/uniform.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day with a book themed multi-day. We have encouraged teachers to dress up this year so we will make sure we get some good photos! Money raised will be donated to our link school, The Shree Himalaya School in Nepal, to support the development of their library provision .

Mrs S King
Headteacher

TikTok safety tips

We have seen TikTok increase in popularity amongst our students over the last few weeks and would like to share some useful information with parents and carers about keeping this app safe for their children.

<https://www.connectsafely.org/tiktok/> is a parent guide to the app explaining how it works and how to set up security and safety features.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit> is an app by the BBC, which supports children using smart phones. It sends prompts to students as they write messages to help them take control of their online presence.

Fashion Show

The Fashion Show is now only a month away and the textiles room is full of excitement with our amazing designers working away creating their wonderful pieces. From dying their own fabric, to learning new skills in draping and pleating, there will be lots to see! Colour's Fashion Shows will be hosting once again with their fantastic range of high street clothing, available to purchase at 50% off after the show.

The show is taking place on 27 March, with doors opening at 6pm. Tickets are available through ParentPay or via Miss Burman at a cost of £5 per adult and £2.50 per concession. Refreshments and raffle will be available to purchase on the night, courtesy of FoBFS.

Tickets must be bought in advance so please do not forget to purchase your tickets!



Meet the employer at BFS

We have a busy term ahead with a number of employers agreeing to visit the school to give an employer talk to our students. We are scheduled to welcome the Army, BT and also a civil structural and engineering firm.

Last term the Highways Agency gave an excellent talk to our students, informing them of the various and diverse job roles available and the different apprenticeship and postgraduate routes into the organisation.

This term our Year 8 cohort will be undergoing their careers learning with a focus on employability and entrepreneurial skills. During tutor time they will have sessions on the importance of employability and be able to reflect on their own skills.

Careerpilot

They will also have 3 lessons in the IT suite using Careerpilot to explore different career paths and to research skills important for different careers. Please see our careers website for more information—
bristolfreeschool.org.uk/careers



The month ahead

02/03/2020	Y11 & 13 Mock 2s for next fortnight Engineer for a Day trip to Aerospace Museum
03/03/2020	
04/03/2020	
05/03/2020	Subsea UK National Final World Book Day - MUFTI (characters or book related) Munich trip parent information evening Governors' Meeting
06/03/2020	Subsea UK National Final
07/03/2020	
08/03/2020	
09/03/2020	
10/03/2020	Y12 UCAS Exhibition
11/03/2020	Alex Wheatle (Author) visiting
12/03/2020	Y10 Subject Evening - NO CLUBS (early closure)
13/03/2020	
14/03/2020	
15/03/2020	
16/03/2020	Year 7 Rugby Sevens competition, at Colston's School Hollow Trees performing at Elmlea Primary School
17/03/2020	Y8 Boys & Girls, and Y9 Girls HPV vaccinations (Drama Hall)
18/03/2020	
19/03/2020	Battle of the Bands - lunchtime
20/03/2020	Army Careers visit Eco club recycling meeting with Bristol Waste, 12:40-2:10pm
21/03/2020	Hollow Trees performing at Southmead Library, 3:30pm
22/03/2020	
23/03/2020	NO CLUBS inc homework club Scholastic Book Fair this week
24/03/2020	Y13 Psychology revision workshop - Vue Cinema Flying Start Challenge Final Bristol University Drones Project with Science Club
25/03/2020	Sixth Form Pizza and Film Evening
26/03/2020	Y7 Subject Evening - NO CLUBS (early closure)
27/03/2020	Y11, 12 & 13 PSHE Day Deadline for student finance applications Fashion Show
28/03/2020	
29/03/2020	Treble Bass performing at the Bristol International Jazz and Blues Festival (Colston Hall, 12:15pm)
30/03/2020	
31/03/2020	Y10 to Munich
01/04/2020	Y10 to Munich
02/04/2020	School Production at Redmaids' (dress rehearsal all day) Y10 to Munich
03/04/2020	School Production at Redmaids' Y10 to Munich
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05/04/2020	

Book Amnesty

The LRC is having an amnesty on all overdue books.

Please take a little time over the weekend to check under beds and behind sofas for any items that have been borrowed and forgotten about. We would love to have our shelves bursting with fabulous resources for term 4 and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support.
The LRC Team.

Clubs for Term 4

Please see the website for the clubs running for Term 4.

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

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

Please note there are no clubs, including homework club, on the following dates:

- Thursday 12 March
- Monday 23 March
- Thursday 26 March

Mrs Parry—SENDCo maternity cover

Our SENDCo Mrs Parry will shortly be starting her maternity leave. Mrs Shah will be replacing her for this period. Please contact Mrs Shah via the school office if you have any queries.

Treble Bass at the Old Duke

On Saturday 22 February students from Year 9-13 in our amazing school jazz band, *Treble Bass*, performed at iconic local jazz venue 'The Old Duke'. A big crowd came down to enjoy a selection of jazz standards, classic blues and soul/Motown favourites.

Particular highlights were "40 cups of coffee", "Midnight train to Georgia", and the Tina Turner classic "Proud Mary". Also in the audience were ex BFS students and band members Ellen, Shaye, Jahmai and Tom, who even came on stage to join the band for a rendition of "Feeling Good" - an emotional moment for those who have followed the band for years (and for Mr Pate!)

The Old Duke were very complimentary (as always!) and have invited the band back later in the year.





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**Friday 27th March 2020
Bristol Free School**

Bristol Free School, Concorde Drive, Bristol, BS10 6NJ

Doors open 6pm, show starts 6.30pm

Tickets: £5 each - Concessions ticket £2.50

Tickets to be purchased in advance.

Including a catwalk showcase of student fashion designs

Raffle and refreshments provided by FoBFS

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
dtfac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or 0117 9597200
Parent pay or cash through Miss Burman

