

Bulletin

STAFF FAREWELLS!

We are saying goodbye to a number of our amazing staff this year. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, and we wish them all good luck for the future!



MR PARRY



MISS ROSS



MRS WILLIAMS



MRS GLANVILLE



MISS HORTON



MR TYRIE



MR ALDRIDGE



MR K KING



MRS MENDEZ



MR HOILE



MISS MOWATT



MRS PARRY



MR MILLS



MR A KING



MISS SEAGROVE

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE GOVERNORS

On Tuesday afternoon, we welcomed in members of our governing body to have a celebratory afternoon tea with some of our students!

We selected the two students from each year group who had the highest number of house points. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of sandwiches and cakes consumed, and several glasses of squash! The governors all commented on how much they enjoyed spending time with our students and what an absolute delight they were. They are already clearing their diaries ready for this time next year!

Congrats to Sophie and Miranda (Year 7), Fiona and Chloe (Year 8), Sadane and Nicholas (Year 9), Tia and Vaylon (Year 10) and Ayomide and Khadija (Year 12)



FREE BOOKS ONLINE

Bristol Free School is participating in a 'Summer Reads' initiative which provides all pupils with free access to a collection of online digital books and daily news articles throughout the summer holidays.

How to login:

- On a computer or tablet visit www.myon.co.uk
- Click 'myON login'
- Complete the form and click 'Sign In':
- School Name = Summer Reads
- Username = SUM
- Password = SUMR123!

Once logged in you will immediately be taken to the 'Library' where an enormous catalogue of fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels are waiting to be read.

Our thanks to Renaissance for providing this amazing resource.



Y7 YEAR LEADER MESSAGE

MRS MACBLAIN



Year 7 have successfully completed their first year at Bristol Free School in tremendous fashion. They have relished all the new opportunities and experiences that have been on offer to them demonstrating resilience and determination.

As representatives of BFS the Year 7 Tour Guides and House Parliament students did an exemplary job in showcasing our school to the new year 7 families as well as prospective families of the future. The compliments about our students from families has been heartwarming and a testament to their enthusiasm and passion for their school.

Sports Day was pinnacle point for Year 7 as they threw themselves into the day and engaged wholeheartedly in the event. They looked fantastic in their house colours with great effort taken and were superb in cheering on their teammates.

Year 7 have been delightful in welcoming me to BFS and giving me the opportunity to watch them develop. They have had a great year and we look forward to watching them flourish as they continue their journey.
Great work Year 7!



Y8 YEAR LEADER MESSAGE

MISS LUDWELL



What a year we have had in Year 8: a new Head of Year, Christmas decorating competition, student reception, Lip Sync Battle, Camp, thousands of house points, celebration breakfast with Mrs King, an Afternoon Tea with the Governors, STEM and Sports day.

I could not be prouder of Year 8, they have overcome challenges and have had many successes. When I look back on our first year together a few key moments spring to mind:

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMPETITION!

When I took the year group on, I wanted to instil a community feel within the tutor groups and a healthy creative competition focused on Christmas seemed like a great choice and it was!

The tutor rooms were full of homemade decorations, Christmas trees, lights, music (lovely singing from the students), DELICIOUS bakes and participation from all. I particularly loved how 8TG6 and Mrs Laleye all dressed up as Santa's elves in their workshop. Noam in 8TG2 bakes a stunning two layered cake which blew us all away - I had to ask her to bake my 30th birthday cake!

SPORTS DAY!

I love sports day as I find it is a real treat to see the students engage in rounders, frisbee, football tennis and track events. What I loved about what Year 8's at sports day is how supportive they were of each other and how serious they were about "no ball" in rounders! The track events are always a huge focal point of the day and the students stepped up to the mark and were fantastic, I felt an immense sense of pride watching them race around the track and head towards the finishing line. I definitely left the day with a sore throat from all of the "whooping" and cheering.

YEAR 8 CAMP!



I could not have thought of a better way or better people to spend camp with! The students and staff all engaged with the activities: climbing, crate stacking, laser tag, flintstone karts, go karting and their very muddy and wet assault course. I was so impressed with how the students didn't care about the pouring rain and jumped straight into the mucky "plunge pool" and wriggled their way through the grimy tunnels. I tried to follow Mr East's suit and "jump" into the "plunge pool" but thankfully Henry was on hand to "push" me in... I embarrassingly screamed like I had drowned when I entered the water but the reality was it went up to my knees....



The climbing activities were great fun - I attempted to climb the wall but I was no competition for Mollie-Mae who was at the top of the wall by the time I was a meter off the floor! The students thoroughly enjoyed the crate stacking which consisted of the students climbing crates (15 in total) while wearing a harness and attached to rope. I have been reminded many many many times that I am the reason me and Martin did not get to 15 crates - I looked down and got scared!



Whilst the activities were great fun, It was a real treat to watch the students playing football, volleyball, cricket, rounders or just chatting in the sunshine - I loved seeing them in a different setting to school where they could be themselves.

A huge thank you to all of the students for being incredible and getting stuck into the activities despite the weather not always being on our side and thank you to the staff who attended: Mr East, Mrs Tucker, Mr Harris, Ms Bate, Ms Moran, Dr Gregson, Mr Milsted, Mr Tolman, Mr Tyrie, Mrs Humphries and Ms Marsh.

I have said it many times and I have meant it every time, I am very proud to be their Head of Year and I know together we can overcome any challenges and rake in the successes. Here is to Year 9, team!



Y9 YEAR LEADER MESSAGE

MS URCH

What a fantastically busy and positive term 6 year 9 have had! This term has seen 140 students complete their Bronze D of E award, travel to Belgium for their battlefields trip, present speeches to parents, careers trip to Cardiff Met University, sports day, battle it out in many sporting fixtures and finals and be part of the school council redirecting the house system for September to name but a few. As head of year 9, I am and continue to be incredibly proud of the year group and everything they have achieved. It was amazing to see so many students rewarded for their hard work at the BFS annual awards evening and to hear the likes of our year 9 band (one of many!) and Louisa sing to over 400 parents and students.

With a well-deserved summer break around the corner, we say farewell to Imogen who will start her sports scholarship at Clifton College in September. We wish her every success for her future in sport, you will be missed by students and staff alike. To the year group, enjoy your summer break, look after one another and we look forward to welcoming you back, fresh faced and ready to start the GCSE journey as year 10 students!



Y10 YEAR LEADER MESSAGE

MISS BATE

It has been a pleasure getting to know such a welcoming year group over the past seven weeks. In my short time at Bristol Free School, we have had wonderful feedback about the students on various trips, such as Duke of Edinburgh and the Warbuton's Factory visit. Many of the Year 10's successes were also shared at the Awards' Evening, where so many fantastic students were nominated for an array of awards. As a team, we wish Year 10 a restful summer break and are very much looking forward to welcoming the year group back into their final year of Key Stage 4 and supporting them in securing GCSE success.



Y11 YEAR LEADER MESSAGE

MR TOLMAN

What a journey! The last 5 years have flow by and I am sure you all look back with the fondest of memories. It is tough to sum up your impact on BFS in so few words! You have tackled a lot in your time here! Navigating PGL trips, Clifton College activity days, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, a National pandemic and GCSEs to name a few. All the while, with smiles on your faces and a fantastic attitude!

You are a wonderful group of diverse, resilient, incredible people and as your Head of Year, I am so proud of each and every one of you! It has been a real pleasure to get to know you over the last 5 years and I look forward to seeing all of your future successes, in whatever form they take! Enjoy a well deserved rest over the next few weeks and to those coming to Sixth Form here, I will see you in September.

To those who are venturing onto pastures new, I wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavours and will look forward to bumping into you in a few years time and hearing all about your achievements!

Thank you for the memories!



SIXTH FORM LEADER MESSAGE

MISS NORTON

It has been a very busy year in the sixth form. Year 12 settled into the sixth form very well and quickly got to grips with their new Level 3 courses. The jump from GCSE to Level 3 study is huge and we are very proud of the way that year 12 have dealt with the academic challenges they have faced; they worked incredibly hard to prepare for both their January and June exams and have made excellent progress. Students studying BTEC qualifications and core maths also sat their first external examinations in the sixth form and are eagerly awaiting the results of these which they will receive in August.

Similarly, year 13 students impressed us with their dedication to succeed this year; they sat two sets of mock exams followed by their final external examinations. They were extremely mature and supportive of each other in the lead up to each set of exams and students felt well prepared to achieve their full potential. We are looking forward to celebrating their success on results day in August!

In addition to their studies, the sixth form have made huge contributions to the wider BFS community this year. Students have mentored students in the main school in a variety of ways including peer to peer mentoring, reading and maths and science tutoring. Some of our students have also volunteered weekly at Badock's primary school where they have helped students with their reading. Many of our students also volunteered at our school open evenings and have guided year 5 and 6 students on school tours.

There have also been lots of trips and experiences in the sixth form this year. Y13 students who study history/politics/sociology travelled to London to visit the Tower of London, the Old Bailey and Parliament, Y13 geography students completed 4 days of field work at Slapton Sands and Y12 science students did an overnight stay at Folly Farm. In addition, all year 12 students attended the UCAS Exhibition in Newport in March and visited Cardiff University last month - both of which provided students with more information and guidance to help them make decisions about life after sixth form. Year 12 also made the most of their career's day last week where they listened to employers and BFS alumni about their chosen pathways and experiences.

Year 12 also went on work experience in June where they spent time in the workplace of an industry they are interested in. Students had some really valuable experiences, and we received some outstanding feedback from employers about our students' conduct during this time. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to offer placements to our students in your workplaces - students gained a lot from this experience.

We finished the year by saying goodbye to our year 13 students at their prom and leavers day celebrations. These were both great occasions and we are so excited to see what you all go on to achieve in your futures. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how you are doing.

We are looking forward to welcoming our biggest ever cohort of year 12 students in September along with our year 13 students who will be starting their final year with us at BFS. We wish all our students a restful and enjoyable summer.





BFS DRAMA



YEAR 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE



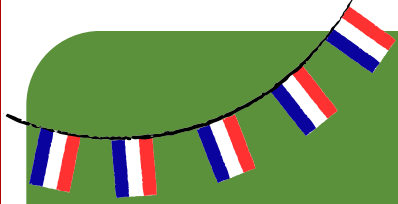
Year 12 Drama students performed their devised piece tackling social issues surrounding the growing concern about the impacts of social media on a young generation, and particularly how it impacts parent-child relationships. They have now performed to Year 10 GCSE Drama students, and a mixed audience from across Years 7 to 9, and had some excellent feedback from audience members: "what a powerful piece of theatre, everyone in the school should see it!". Congratulations on a really moving and intelligent piece of theatre.



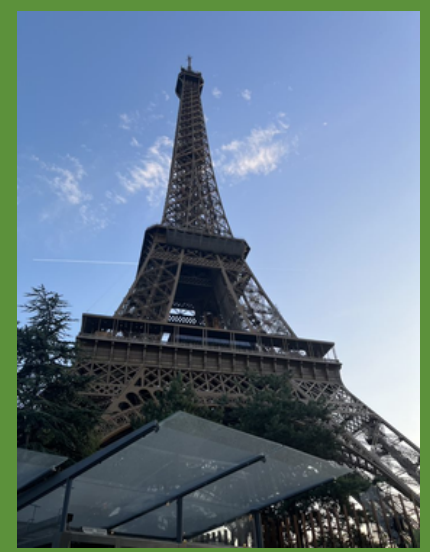


MISS COLMAN

BFS MFL



PARIS TRIP!



After a few minor transport delays, we arrived in Paris on Wednesday to glorious weather and a very welcome evening meal. The Ferry crossing from Dover was a new experience for many, and students had the first opportunity to try out some French ordering drinks and food. The Wednesday evening we spent visiting the Arc de Triomphe and strolling the Champs-Elysées on a fantastic walking tour designed by Mr Nouas with his extensive Paris experience. We saw Place de la Concorde and the Louvre and after a short coach journey back, were delighted to arrive at our hotel and get some rest for the night.



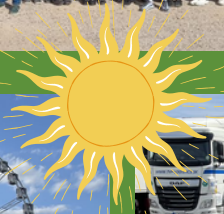
The next morning after a French buffet style breakfast, (croissants and pain au chocolats were very popular) we made our way to Parc Astérix. We will leave our readers to guess who the thrill-seeking teachers were versus the ones that minded the bags! The water rides were certainly a highlight with the students, and everyone agreed it was a wonderful, fun-packed day. After a brief stop to refuel with pasta and mousse au chocolat, we went souvenir shopping and made our way to the Eiffel Tower via a river walk along the Seine.

Day three, after a morning visit to a French supermarket, we travelled to the Cité de Sciences and attended an informative Planetarium visit in French which everyone enjoyed for differing reasons! After that, we made the long way home back to Bristol. Despite being parked up in Calais for a while at passport control (breaking into every one of Miss Coleman's emergency snacks), we kept our spirits up and enjoyed the slighter wetter crossing home as we hit the English weather!



merci!

All our students did us proud as ambassadors for BFS and we received comments from other schools and teachers about how polite and friendly they were. Merci à tous pour un voyage inoubliable.



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