

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 19 May

Monday:

- **3.00 – 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Rachel McTaggart, Senior Product Manager IMDb, in C126
- **4.00 – 5.00:** Latin for Beginners

Tuesday:

Bristol University Philosophy Club
Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)
Orchestra
Textiles Club
Yoga Club
Rounders (all girls)

Wednesday:

Athletics
"Bugsy" rehearsals
Comic Book Philosophy
Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)
Science Club

Thursday:

Art Club
Dynamics Choir
Craft Club
Creative Writing
Dance Club
Cricket (Y9 boys)

Friday:

Climbing Club (Y8 & Y9)
"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

**Hope to see you at one of
next week's performances
of "Bugsy Malone"!**

Words from the Headteacher

As the School expands year-on-year we have to anticipate issues which will arise as a result of the population increasing by 150 students each year. Running lunch time in its current format with over 550 students in September is not going to be possible. In order to give students a positive lunch experience, with time to eat and relax, we are going to change the shape of the day slightly.

Unchanged, the school day will start at 8.30 am with the School opening at 8.00 am. Lessons 1 and 2 as well as break will run as presently. Changed, however, are the timings for Lesson 3, to become 10.30 am to 11.20 am and Lesson 4, to become 11.20 am until 12.10 pm. From September the time from 12.10 pm to 1.20 pm will include tutorial and lunch. Students in Years 7 and 8 will have lunch between 12.10 pm and 12.50 pm followed by tutorial until 1.20 pm. Meanwhile, students in Years 9 and 10 will start tutorial at 12.10 pm with lunch starting at 12.40 pm and ending at 1.20 pm. There will be a ten minute period (from 12.40 pm) when all year groups will be on lunch break. The timing of afternoon lessons will be unchanged, with Lesson 5 starting at 1.20 pm for all students.

The after school extra-curricular programme will run as normal.

The overall shape of the school day is not changing, nor is the length of any of the sessions. We will look at the break time service from the dining hall in September to ensure that students are able to access the snack offer with larger numbers of students; nonetheless, our priority is to ensure the lunchtime service is one which students can enjoy. If you wish to comment on the changes please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk with the email subject title "school day changes".

The table below shows the school day from September.

Richard Clutterbuck

BFS school day: School Year 2014 - 2015

Time	Period	
8:00am	School open to students	
8:30am – 9:20am	Lesson 1	
9:20am – 10:10am	Lesson 2	
10:10am – 10:30am	Break	
10:30am – 11:20am	Lesson 3	
11:20am – 12:10pm	Lesson 4	
12:10pm – 1:20pm	12:10pm – 12:50pm Lunch for Years 7 and 8	12:10pm – 12:40pm Tutorial for Years 9 and 10
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1:20pm – 2:10pm	Lesson 5	
2:10pm – 3:00pm	Lesson 6	
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Extra-curricular programme	

BFS Skiing 2015

Bristol Free School's second ski trip is running next Easter. We are returning to the vast Milk Way ski area but this time will be staying in the Italian resort of Sauze d'Oulx. The trip is open to all students currently on roll at BFS and if the trip is oversubscribed priority will be given to students who have not yet been on a BFS residential trip, followed by a ballot. A letter giving more details about the trip and how to secure a place will be available on Monday from Mr Clutterbuck at break and lunch time.

Avon Schools' Singles Tennis

On 10 May four students from BFS competed in the Avon Schools' Singles Tennis Competition held at Clifton College sports ground at Abbots Leigh. The students were Louis St Clair (Year 9), Christopher McWhan, Gabriel Lombard and Corinne Thompson (all Year 8). It was extremely blustery and the rain poured down making conditions for playing tough. After a quick warm up and a short briefing we were called out to play in a round-robin style format, playing to four games in each match due to the adverse weather. It chucked it down but we fought through it and we were determined to do our best (or to avoid any injury from slipping over!). Overall, although very wet, we thoroughly enjoyed it!
Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson



Summer weather treat

If we are fortunate to enjoy a sustained period of warm weather this term our catering team have offered to sell ice-cream at morning break. This will be at their discretion, and will be sold outside. Transactions will be on a cash only basis.

"Articulate"

Year 8 students were fantastic ambassadors of our school last week during the cross curricular English and Art trip to the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. The trip gave students the opportunity to engage with a vast array of artworks, including the new Banksy painting which has been causing controversy across the nation. Our very own

Mr Ruell made an appearance on ITV with his thoughts and opinions on the future of the art work. Throughout the day, students took part in an art treasure hunt which had them delving into the minds of the artists. Prizes for the most hardworking students on the day will be awarded by Miss Hogg and Miss Dawson next week.

Science Club

Science Club has had a Springwatch theme for terms 4 & 5, and we have been hard at work building bird boxes and using our new camera traps to see which animals are living around the BFS site. This week we have had some amazing footage of birds and squirrels, as well as some extra special night vision shots of our resident foxes!

Here are pictures of "our" animal friends. To keep up to date with our most recent pictures, follow our twitter account @BFS_SCIENCE



Term 5 –Key Dates	
May	
Monday 19	"Bugsy" performance
Tuesday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Cotham School (home at Coombe Dingle) Y7, Y8 & Y9 rounders vs St Bede's (away) "Bugsy" performance
Wednesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Morning "Think Big" trip "Bugsy" performance
Thursday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls' cricket competition at Frenchay Cricket Club "Bugsy" performance
Friday 23	End of term 5: 3.00 pm
For further dates see the calendar at < www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk >	