

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 23 March

All after school activities finish at 4.30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Petra Metzger, Fashion Designer (Central St. Martin's College of Art)
4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Football (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)
Girls' football
Makers Club
Litsoc (Y10)
Orchestra
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Parkour (Y9 & Y10)
Trampoline (Y9 & Y10)
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)
Film Club
Composition workshop (Y10)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club
'Grease' rehearsals (all cast)
Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)
Football Fan Forum
International Film Club
Mixed hockey
Football (Y10 boys)
Student Newspaper
Warhammer Club
Games Club
Chess Club

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

During the autumn term the English department arranged for our KS3 students to enter the Young Writers' "War of Words" poetry competition. The Young Writers' organisation runs competitions for school age children on a variety of themes across the school year. The "War of Words" competition was linked to the First World War remembrance focusing on the theme of conflict. Our students explored the concept, gaining an understanding of different types of conflict including war. In crafting their poems for the competition they practised different poetic techniques; imagery, personification and metaphor to name but a few. A large number of our students entered the competition following their curriculum work on poetry.

Last week the School received copies of the Young Writers' "War of Words" book, an anthology of poetry from the competition featuring the best entries from the South and East selected for publication. Sixty-six Bristol Free School students are now published poets and have received a copy of the book! This is a superb achievement and I am extremely proud of each and every one of them. It is also worth noting that these were the poems selected from a national competition, and the next largest number of published poets in the book is 37 from Sandringham School in St Albans.

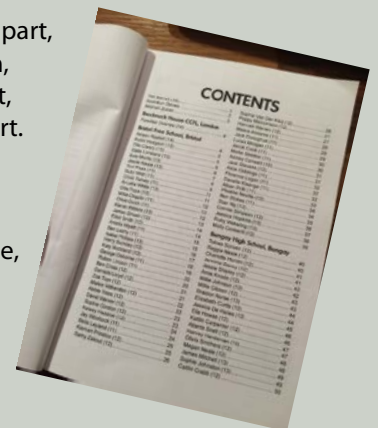
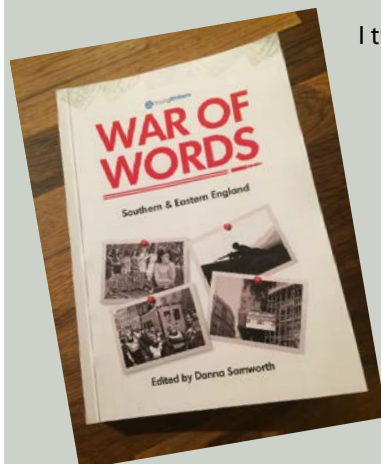
Being a published poet/author is something few people achieve in their lifetime and as such what our students have managed to do, by having their creations in print is a true legacy. I read through the poems over the weekend and was astounded by their quality and the effect they had upon me. I would like to be able to share each one of them with you such is their quality but space does not allow and besides, they're already in a book! However, I will reproduce one of them here to give you a flavour of the quality of our students' work. I did not choose the poem below as I am unable to pick one poem over any of the others so I asked a friend of mine who is a serving soldier in the British Army to choose, and I am grateful to him for doing so. I am now handing over the rest of my news to Y8 poet David Warner:

Defeat My Heart

Bombshells littered the battlefield,
I held against the line,
This war wasn't against anyone else,
It was inside my mind.

I tried and tried to play my part,
I failed and failed again,
From rage turned fright,
I couldn't defeat my heart.

The pain engulfs me,
My time is up,
Nothing will be the same,
All I want is to be free.



Richard Clutterbuck

Year 9 boys' football vs Fairfield

A determined BFS team turned up to Coombe Dingle hungry for their first win of the season. We were eager to put a stamp on the game first but were up against a large and intimidating Fairfield side. Not much split the two sides in the opening ten minutes but we looked more dangerous on the attack. Eventually the ball broke to George Bond's feet after a through ball by Dan Whetton and he slotted it home confidently. We kept the ball nicely with Michael Ebrahimi linking up well with Martin Kiss on the right-hand side and Jake Britton was making some important runs down the left. In the second half, we made a few changes and they proved very effective as Vincent Harper and Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell were incredibly strong at the back and Adrian Thompson was ferocious in centre-midfield. The second goal came after a great corner from George Bond and a neat finish by Elias Fry into the roof of the net. A big thanks to Simon Fry who coached us in the game and had a tremendous impact on all the players. 2-0 to BFS! Well done boys!
Sports Journalist: Daniel Whetton (Y9)

Y9 lunchtime concert

Last month each learning group from Year 9 performed to the rest of the School in a lunchtime concert. The standard of performance was incredibly high, from 9LG3's anthemic "Viva La Vida" to the sing-a-long favourite "Someone Like You" from 9LG5. Well done to all students involved and especially the winning group, 9LG4, with their impressive rendition of "Boulevard of Broken Dreams".
Mr Pate



| Term 4 – Key Dates | |
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| March | |
| Monday 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Petra Metzger, Fashion designer (Central St Martin's College of Art) Parent information evening for new Y7 |
| Tuesday 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 (small group) at Festival of Sport plus Sports Leaders Y7 girls' 5 a-side football vs Red Maids' School (home) Young Enterprise group, area finals |
| Wednesday 25 | Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys' and U14 girls' football vs Patchway (away) |
| Thursday 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school STEM day Full Governing Body meeting |
| Friday 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter tutor group sports competition End of term 4: school finishes at 3.00 pm |
| Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates. | |

School day eclipsed!

The science team managed to arrange a solar eclipse as a fitting finale to Science Week. Students and staff observed the solar spectacle and were amazed.



Examination invigilators

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised people to join our Examination Invigilators team. If you are interested, see last week's newsletter at https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/documents/Newsletter_130315.pdf.

'Found property'

The School's 'found property' box is overflowing. The contents will be available between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm every day next week for students and parents/carers to check and claim. Any items not claimed and not clearly named clearly will be put to other use within the School or will be donated to charity.

Cycling to school

We are pleased to see that many of our students are embracing an active lifestyle by cycling to school.

Please ensure that your child has a padlock for their bike and understands the importance of using it, as we have had intruders on the site recently who have stolen bicycles.

Students should have Bikeability Level 2 or 3 and wear a helmet and a hi-viz item.