

# Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing  
30 November**

*All after school activities finish  
at 4.30 pm*

**Monday:**

Latin (Y8)

**Tuesday:**

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths and Code-breaking Club

Boys' rugby (Y10 & Y11)

Girls' netball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Boys' basketball (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

'Oliver' rehearsals

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

**Wednesday:**

Orchestra

Latin (Y11)

Craft Club

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Boys' rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

Girls' netball (Y7 & Y8)

Boys' basketball (Y10 & Y11)

Jazz and Commercial dance

**Thursday:**

Fencing

Hip-hop/Street dance

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Study Club will run on  
Monday, Tuesday and  
Wednesday.

## Words from the Headteacher

Attached to this newsletter is a letter to our parents and carers informing them of our consultation over the admissions policy for the Sixth Form and a proposed increase in our Published Admission Number (PAN) which currently stands at 150. The letter explains in detail the reasons behind the proposal and points readers in the direction of our admissions consultation page on the website. Please read the letter and we look forward to receiving your comments about the proposals.

On a related note, our Year 11 students continued the process of establishing routes through their post 16 education on Wednesday. Following their Maths mock exam, 40 students, across the remainder of the day, were interviewed by Martin O'Sullivan, our Sixth Form expert from RET. His interviews will be the first of many opportunities for Year 11 to firm up decisions about which courses and programmes of study they will take once they have completed their GCSEs next summer. Mr O'Sullivan will be in school every Wednesday to meet with the students and continue to help us formulate our plans for the Sixth Form. Next week he is with us for two days to finish off interviewing the students and finalise arrangements for our Sixth Former for a Day event on Wednesday 16 December. A letter has been sent home regarding this day.

Given that post 16 choice is even more important than GCSE choices in the lives of our students, Mr O'Sullivan is encouraging students and parents to contact him if they have any questions about post 16 provision and specifically about Bristol Free School's Sixth Form. His email address is: [m.osullivan@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:m.osullivan@bristolfreeschool.org.uk).

Finally, I will say thank you to Year 11, our exam team and all other staff who have been involved in making the first week of the mocks run extremely smoothly. The students have taken it very seriously and I expect this approach to continue into next week.

**Richard Clutterbuck**



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## Exams

The BFS Exams Office is now on Twitter.

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## Netball vs Patchway

On Wednesday the Years 7, 9 and 11 netball teams set out to play Patchway.

The Year 7s were first and although it was an uneasy start the team managed to gain the momentum they needed. Using space was important and after a few minutes they scored. It was an even game but fortunately we took the lead and maintained it. BFS won 6 – 2 and the player of the match went to Hope Conibear.

The Year 9s were playing next and after the previous win, they were determined. With strong shooters we managed to keep up and after a very even game the score was 6-5 to BFS. Player of the match went to Hannah Warren.

Last on were the Year 11s, however the team consisted of Year 10s and 9s due to mock exams. The game was very fast-paced and although we had possession, the team had a strong defence, therefore making it harder for us. After, many good interceptions from our defence, we managed to win 8-1 with the player of the match going to Corinne Thompson.

Sports Journalist Corinne Thompson (Y10)

## Charity fund-raising

We encourage our students to engage with charities and support various fund-raising events. Giving to charity contributes to the development of empathy in our students. We appreciate that not all students will be able to contribute to a particular charity event, whether that is buying a poppy, or a cake at a charity cake sale, or paying £1 to wear non-uniform. There is absolutely no pressure on individual students to take part in any of these events.

Our recent non-uniform day for Children in Need raised over £600 for that charity. A number of students, however, chose to wear school uniform. We would like to reassure parents that students who do not donate or who opt to wear uniform are not sanctioned or approached about their non-participation in any way. However, we do insist that if students choose to participate in non-uniform events they pay the agreed contribution on the day of the event. Our next major charity fund-raiser will be on the last day of this term, Christmas Jumper day. Students are encouraged to replace their school jumper with a festive one, and pay £1 to go to Save the Children.

## Term 2 – Key Dates

Please see the calendar at [www.bristolofreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolofreeschool.org.uk) for other important dates.

November	
Monday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Enterprise Directors visit to Netsight, 3.15 – 5.00</li><li>• Y7 boys' basketball festival at Bradley Stoke</li></ul>
December	
Wednesday 2	Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Oasis Brightstowe (away)
Thursday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y10 Subject Evening from 4.30</li><li>• Y8 &amp; Y9 boys' basketball festival at Oasis Brightstowe</li><li>• Girls' 5 a-side football tournament at Bristol Metropolitan</li><li>• Strasbourg trip departs</li></ul>
Friday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enterprise Day</li><li>• Y7 &amp; Y8 disco run by FoBFS, 7.00 – 9.00</li></ul>
Saturday 5	Young Enterprise group at St Nicholas Market, 8.00 – 5.00
Sunday 6	Y10 & Y11 GCSE Music trip to St George's (evening)
Monday 7	Strasbourg trip returns
Wednesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y11: meningitis vaccinations</li><li>• Y7 &amp; Y8 girls' football vs Red Maids' School (home)</li><li>• 9TG6 activity at Airhop from 6.00</li></ul>
Thursday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y7 trip to see 'Snow White', 1.00 – 5.00</li><li>• Cross country competition</li><li>• Full Governing Body meeting, 6.00 – 8.00</li></ul>
Friday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y10: PSHE day</li><li>• Small group trip to Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at MShed, 12.40 – 3.30</li></ul>
Tuesday 15	Y11 Maths Inspiration trip, Cardiff
Wednesday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sixth Form taster day</li><li>• Christmas Extravaganza (evening)</li></ul>
Thursday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas lunch</li><li>• Christmas Extravaganza (evening)</li></ul>
Friday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Jumper day in aid of charity</li><li>• End of term 2: 1.45 pm</li></ul>

## Makers Club

Makers Club has entered the nationwide 'Flying Start Challenge' and has been working with graduate engineers from MBDA to learn about the lift, drag, thrust (and magic!) which keep a plane in the air. Previously the group has taken on a series of challenges including making a water tower and this week the students designed paper planes capable of carrying a load.

All this engineering expertise will come in handy when they start designing their competition gliders...

Watch this space!

