

Weekly Update



Words from the Headteacher

The SFFAD event was a great success. Our Year 11 students experienced a range of A Level and BTEC lessons across the day. They were able to come in to school dressed as they would be in the Sixth Form and had their own space for the day, with the HQ being the Drama Hall. Here they had a buffet lunch and then composed and took part in a quiz. Aside from the cash prize for the quiz, there were spot prizes for best dressed student and a Go Pro Hero+ went to Taariq Fry for securing the largest number of followers on our Twitter feed.

The two Christmas Extravaganzas were a success and as in previous years another pool of performing talent has been identified for the Drama and Music departments. Thank you to Ms Clifton and Mr Pate as well as all the staff involved in organising these two evenings.

Finally this brings us all to the end of the term and the end of my time as Headteacher of Bristol Free School. This school is a wonderful place and its success rests on the dedication of all of the people who have been involved in its creation and growth. Leading the School has been a privilege and the experience of growing a school from a clear set of values and an idea on paper to the success it is today, is something I am unlikely to experience again. If I have done one thing right here then it is borne out by the realisation that I will miss the School far more than the School will miss me. This ought to be the case for any member of staff in any school and is particularly true (and a necessary case) for headteachers. I may have led Bristol Free School as the Headteacher but the School is greater than the sum of its parts and I know with absolute certainty that from January BFS will go from strength to strength, rising, as ever to whatever challenges it has to face.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Clutterbuck

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing
4 January

*There will be no after school activities. Our full programme starts again
on Monday 11 January 2016.*

Late arrival at school
 We are trialling a new automated late message system which informs you by text message when your child arrives late to school. This is to ensure you are fully in **the picture about your child's punctuality** to morning lessons. Punctuality ensures that students make full use of the learning time available to them. We would welcome feedback from parents regarding the usefulness of this intervention and any comments regarding how it could be improved. Please email any feedback to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk with 'Late message' in the subject line.

Key Stage 3 boys' PE

All boys in Years 7, 8 and 9 will need football or rugby boots for their outdoor invasion lessons next term.

Stocking filler suggestions
 Please remember that all students should bring a wide-necked refillable water bottle to school each day. There are drinking water points where they can refill their bottles.

We are pleased to see that many of our students are embracing an active lifestyle by cycling to school. They should be equipped with a helmet, a hi-viz item and a padlock.

Term 3 – Key Dates	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	
January	
Monday 4	School closed to students unless specially invited
Thursday 7	Y11: Subject Evening from 4.30
Monday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8 & Y9 girls: HPV vaccinations Parent & student information meeting for Munich trip, 6.00
Tuesday 12	Y11 GCSE mock exam at the Tobacco Factory leaving school at 9.00
Thursday 14	Industrial cadets programme launch at Airbus, am
Friday 15	Y8 & Y9 Sports Academy coaching at SGS college, pm
Wednesday 20	Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys' football vs Patchway School (away)
Thursday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9: Pathways Day Y10 & Y11 boys' football vs Patchway School (away) Y10 GCSE Music performance evening
Tuesday 26	Y9: Sky Blue Theatre Company – Shakespeare Re-wired workshop
Wednesday 27	Philosothon at King's College Taunton, 4.00 – 9.45
Thursday 28	Y11: PSHE day
Sunday 31	MUN Conference at Bristol Grammar School
February	
Thursday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge Y9: Choices Evening
Friday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8 & Y9 Sports Academy coaching at SGS college, pm Trip to Munich departs End of term 3: 3.00 pm



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