

# Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing  
11 January**

**Monday:**

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

**Tuesday:**

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths and code-breaking Club

Girls' rugby

Parkour and Trampolining (Y8 & Y9)

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

'Oliver' rehearsals

**Wednesday:**

Orchestra

Latin (Y11)

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Boys' football (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

Girls' football

Handball (Y10 & Y11)

Jazz and Commercial dance

NewPals for Nepal

**Thursday:**

Art Club

Community Problem Solving Club

Warhammer and Sci-fi/Fantasy

Board Gaming

Chess Club

Hip-hop/Street dance

Boys' football (Y10 & Y11)

Badminton and Table Tennis (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Hockey

Model United Nations

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

**Words from the Acting Headteacher**

Welcome Back!

Firstly, a Happy New Year from everyone at Bristol Free School. I am hugely excited by the challenges ahead between now and July, and to be leading the School through this crucial phase. The next few months are undeniably important as our first GCSE cohort prepare for their final exams. I know that the staffing body is driven by a collective determination to ensure that every student achieves the greatest possible academic success throughout their time here; and that this is reflected in the School's GCSE outcomes this year and in all subsequent years. As ever, there is a lot of hard work ahead for students and staff and we continue to value your parental support in everything we do.

We are also thoroughly enjoying the preparation for our new Sixth Form; including the great success of our Sixth Former for a Day at the end of last term. We now have a clearer picture of the courses for which students are likely to opt. It really is wonderful to retain so many of our Founding Year into the Sixth Form – and also to be welcoming students from other Bristol schools. Building plans are moving fast for the conversion of the existing Block 2 into a Sixth Form Centre; and the expansion of both specialist facilities and dining space.

The rest of this year is going to be one of the busiest ever at Bristol Free School; and I look forward to working in partnership with you and with every member of our school community to ensure our success.

**Paul Jones**



Pictures from the Sixth Former for a Day event

**Punctuality and attendance**

Our morning lessons start at 8.30 am with students expected to be on site no later than 8.25 am which gives them five minutes to reach the classroom. Missing five minutes at the start of every day is not only disruptive to other students but equates to the loss of three days every year.

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. Parents/carers are also reminded that student sickness should be reported before 8.25 am wherever possible.

**Mobile phones**

Parents/carers are reminded that students' mobile phones should not be seen, heard or used at any point during the school day while on the school site. If students need to call their family they should go to the School's reception. Similarly, if parents/carers need to get a message to their child they should call the School (01179597200) and a message will be passed on.

**Wanted!**

This term the Science department needs a large number of clean plastic bottles. Rather than recycling plastic bottles at home please bring these in to school and take them to the science prep room. Thank you.



**Term 3 – Key Dates**

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

January	
Monday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y8 &amp; Y9 girls: HPV vaccinations</li> <li>Parent &amp; student information meeting for Munich trip, 6.00</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10 &amp; Y11 boys' basketball vs Abbeywood (away)</li> <li>Y9 boys' football vs St Mary Redcliffe (away)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 13	Small group trip to Wildlife photographer of the Year exhibition at MShed, 12.40 – 3.15
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"> <li>Y9: Pathways Day</li> <li>Y10 &amp; Y11 boys' football vs Patchway School (away)</li> <li>Y10 GCSE Music performance evening</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y9: Sky Blue Theatre Company – Shakespeare Re-wired workshop</li> <li>Small group trip to attend "Interconnecting Communities" event</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y11 small group trip to 'Using your languages' event at University of Bath</li> <li>Philosothon at King's College Taunton, 4.00 – 9.45</li> </ul>
Sunday 31	MUN Conference at Bristol Grammar School
February	
Thursday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge</li> <li>Y9: Choices Evening</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9	Y9: Holocaust education day
Friday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y8 &amp; Y9 Sports Academy coaching at SGS college, pm</li> <li>Trip to Munich departs</li> <li>End of term 3: 3.00 pm</li> </ul>



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