

Weekly Update

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

Monday:

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)
Makers Club
Maths and code-breaking Club
Girls' rugby
Parkour and Trampolineing
(Y10 & Y11)
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)
'Oliver' rehearsals

Wednesday:

Orchestra
Latin (Y11)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)
Boys' football (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
Girls' football
Handball (Y9, 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
(Y7 & Y8)
Hockey
Model United Nations
Fencing

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Acting Headteacher

This week has seen the launch of our Year 9 Guided Choices programme. Students experienced a range of activities during Pathways Day. It is a crucial point in their education as they begin to define the kind of studies they would like to do. The programme included a speed networking session. Half year groups sat with STEM ambassadors, Year 10 students and university students and were able to hold rapid-fire discussions to help them shape their thinking.

We were also able to call upon representatives from Bristol, Exeter, UWE, Bath and Gloucester universities who delivered sessions aimed at raising aspirations and making clear the links between GCSE study and undergraduate life.

It was an opportunity for students to look forwards, not just to the GCSEs but beyond, into the realms of employability, university choices and life itself.

The afternoon finished with a subject fair, with students quizzing the teachers and making sure they got to know everything there is to know about their potential choices.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, our Year 11 period 7 is well and truly up and running. Students know where they should be and what they should be doing. Everything is in place for them to succeed; the one thing we can't bring along are the more abstract qualities: determination, enthusiasm and a desire for success.

With the current cold weather there has been an outbreak of the hooded contagion. Hoodies are not acceptable in school. We like robust, warm, waterproof coats. Earrings have been multiplying - one earring per ear, the usual small and plain stud with no diamante or 'bling'. We appreciate your support in these matters and ensuring that we have clarity and all students adhere to our simple principles.

Paul Jones

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Important dates for next term

The correct dates for next term's
Subject Evenings are:

Year 7: Thursday 25 February

Year 8: Thursday 3 March

Appointments start at 4.30 pm.
Students are issued with
appointment sheets about a week
in advance of the event.

Y8 Industrial Cadets award

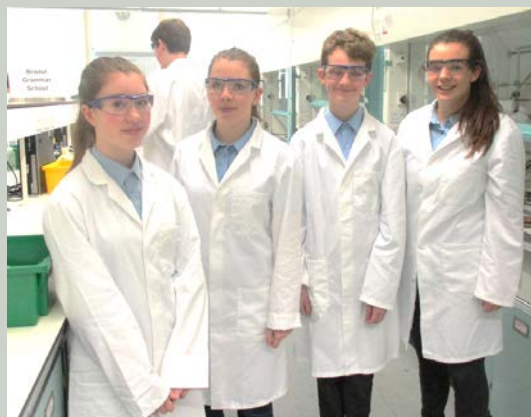
Last week a group of 12 girls from Years 8 and 9 went to Airbus Filton to learn about the industrial cadets award. During our day we did some team building activities such as building a miniature helicopter landing pad as tall as we could. We managed to come up with a good plan as a team but ran out of time and unfortunately it fell over when we tested it. We also talked with a range of different types of engineers, who told us about the different things we could do for our project over the next 12 weeks. During the next 12 weeks we are going to work as a design consultancy and will have an hour's session a week with our mentors Terry, Tim, Phil and Lorraine to try and create a design for an eco-classroom. We will then present our ideas to judges at Airbus in competition with the other teams from across Bristol. Jessica Poole (Y9)

Match Results		
Fixture	Score	Player of the match
Y11 boys' football: Henbury vs BFS	0:1	Leban Mohamud Luke Howard (Players' Player)
Y7 boys' football: Henbury vs BFS	3:0	Paddy Pearce Jojo Pickering (Players' Player)
Y7 boys' football: Patchway vs BFS	4:1	Theo Debs Karim Elsharif (Players' Player)
Y8 boys' football: Patchway vs BFS	5:4	Kian Griffiths Mason Allen (Players' Player0)
Y9 boys' football: Patchway vs BFS	0:0	Jacob Fynn Thierry Grant (Players' Player)



'Top of the Bench' competition

A small group of students participated in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition held at the University of Bristol. Our students found it exciting but also a little intimidating being in a University lecture hall and then in a working laboratory. The group excelled at the practical tasks, even being congratulated on their washing up skills! The first session involved planning and performing clock reactions and the second involved endothermic reactions. An explosive lecture by Dr Tim Harrison finished the day. The BFS team was highly placed in the competition with schools from across the South West.



Term 3 – Key Dates

Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.

January	
Tuesday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9: Sky Blue Theatre Company – Shakespeare Re-wired workshop Small group trip to attend "Interconnecting Communities" event
Wednesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y11 small group trip to 'Using your languages' event at University of Bath Philosothon at King's College Taunton, 4.00 – 9.45 Y7 girls' netball vs Henbury (away)
Thursday 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 & Y11 girls' football vs Redland Green School (away at Kellaway) Y10 & Y11 boys' football vs Cotham (home at Coombe Dingle) Y11 girls' self-esteem project
Sunday 31	MUN Conference at Bristol Grammar School
February	
Thursday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge Y9: Choices Evening
Tuesday 9	Y9: Holocaust education day
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